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## Editorial.

### SAUL, THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL.

The Israelites were not content to be governed as God had decreed, but requested the appointment of a king to rule over them. They saw contiguous nations and tribes thus governed, and they wanted to be like them. Besides this, the kings of these different peoples were their leaders, and among them were great warriors. So the Jews wanted a king to rule over them and to fight their battles for them. In those days, kings were noted for their stature and prowess more than for their moral and intellectual worth. They were the large men physically of the nations. So God heeded the cry of the Israelites, and had Samuel anoint them a king. Thus it is often the case that God permits us to do certain things contrary to his will; but he does not approve, neither does he endorse the will that he permits us to exercise. He will reason with us and importune us, but he will not force us into his way of thinking. He deals with us as free moral agents. So Saul was anointed king over Israel. He was a magnificent specimen of physical manhood. He was tall, well proportioned, and a man of tremendous bodily strength. Had his religious and mental qualities been equal to his physical development, he would have been a wonderful man. But his higher endowments were not in keeping with his bodily strength. Nevertheless, he was a king by appointment, and the people hailed him as such. It was not long, however, until he began to show the weakness of his character. He was jealous, mean and contemptible. He was not a judge of men. Instead of drawing around him trusted lieutenants upon whom he could depend, he proceeded to alienate them and to be envious of them. He might have made a Marshall Ney out of David, but instead, he sought to kill him because the people praised him for his daring acts of bravery. Down in his little heart he was even jealous of his son Jonathan. By and by, there came a time when he needed great leaders at the head of the armies of the Lord, but they were not on hand. He had driven them from him, and they were hiding, in the distant caves, from his wrath. Then the enemy came upon him in the hills of Gilboa, smote his army, wounded him, and finally overran the country. Rather than fall into their clutches, he fell upon his own sword and died of his own hand. Such was the failure of the man who might have been a great king, had he possessed a great mind. But no man can be great who is not magnanimous. He must be able to recognize the true worth of others and use them to the fullest extent possible. Then, too, he must be able to judge the qualifications and fitness of men, and know how and where to place them in order to get the most available service out of them for their country; and when they succeed, he must not fail to show his appreciation of them, and reward them with larger responsibilities. All the great Generals in history showed their ability in these things, and they always made fast friends out of those who were brave and daring and true. But Saul failed at these points

and died an ignominious death, and brought disaster upon his country. Therefore, it is often the case that when the people are permitted to have their own way, they are afterwards made to regret that their prayers were answered according to their own desires. Better submit to the will of God, and we will then have greater success in the work of life. He knows what is best for us, and when we take matters out of his hand, and run them ourselves, we always get into trouble. The Israelites found this too true in clamoring for a king. They got him, but they got national humiliation and disgrace along with him.

### WITH OUR BEST WISHES.

Our confrere, the editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, is something of a puzzle to us. On most subjects he writes like a straightforward and kind-hearted Christian man. We have learned to admire the general temper of his paper. But in dealing with the Southern people, he seems absolutely incapable of being either generous or just. In fact, his whole attitude towards them is that of a superior being who looks down, half in pity and half in indignation, upon their ignorance, narrowness and hard-headedness. We shall not be guilty of calling him a Pharisee; but we must say that he is dangerously close of kin to the man who stood up in the temple and said, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are."

Will our brother suffer us to declare that, much as we esteem him, we must decline to accept him as a  *censor morum*  for the South? Will he also give us the privilege of adding that his pretensions in that direction, when they are not amusing, are just a little irritating? Who made him a judge and a ruler over us? Is he so vastly more intelligent, or so vastly more Christian than we as to be competent to reprove, rebuke and exhort us, with or without all long suffering and doctrine? Honestly, we can not answer these questions in the affirmative, and we suspect that when Dr. Potts comes to think about it, soberly, he may himself feel some misgivings on the subject.

These remarks are called out by a recent editorial headed, "Letting the South Alone," in which the biblical incident of the man that had an unclean spirit is pressed into service as an illustration. The use which Dr. Potts makes of the incident raises two suppositions: First, that he looks upon the South as possessed of demons; and, secondly, that he conceives himself to be invested with authority and power for their expulsion. Now, as we see it—and we are frank to admit that our vision is not always entirely accurate—the former of these suppositions violates the law of charity, and the latter is scarcely consistent with Christian modesty.

Here is one of the precious morsels on which Dr. Potts feels the prejudices of his readers: "In some Southern States schools for the negroes are cordially maintained. But on the whole, it is safe to say that the radical elements in the South do not, as a rule, favor negro education." Now, as a matter of fact, the white people of the Southern States,

though impoverished to such an extent as to be unable to give adequate endowments to the schools and colleges set up for their own children, have contributed ten times as much in the shape of voluntary taxes for the instruction of the negro as his rich friends in the North have done; and this, too, in spite of the other fact that the negroes for thirty years have arrayed themselves solidly, stolidly and persistently against all the best interests of the whites. There is not another such instance of magnanimity in history, and the refusal or failure to recognize it is the sure sign of mental and moral strabismus.

We quote another sentence: "In the eyes of some Southerners, at least, a black man with property is as legitimate a mark for the shotgun as the black man with brains or a vote." Over against this amazing declaration we put the undoubted fact that negroes in the South are the peaceful owners of hundreds of millions of property. We have never known an instance in which such ownership created even unfavorable comment, much less became an instigation to murder. If ex-Governor Russell, the last Republican executive of North Carolina, really made any such statement as warrants the comment of Dr. Potts, then he was talking wild.

Of course, Dr. Potts won't let the South alone. We do not expect him and the like of him to do any such thing. He would, no doubt, be very glad to see a new policy of reconstruction inaugurated, and to revive the evil conditions of the ten years that followed the Civil War. That awful experiment, with its attendant circumstances of pillage and robbery, has taught him no lesson. It would suit him exactly to witness the edifying spectacle of the negro and the carpetbagger once more in power, and the decent white citizens of the South forced to take back seats. But he is doomed to disappointment. In every part of the world, the white race is dominant, and rightly so. Sixty thousand Englishmen enforce the *pax Britannica* on the 250,000,000 of India, and their rule is a righteous one. In South Africa, less than 1,000,000 white men, on the negro's own soil, and surrounded by 10,000,000 natives, make and execute all the laws; and any default upon their part would be treason against civilization. In Egypt Lord Cromer and a handful of white associates have complete sway, and have given justice to the Tallaheen for the first time in 4,000 years. Why should it be otherwise in America? We have had one taste of negro sovereignty, and that is enough to last for a long time.

### THE ENEMY QUITE ACTIVE.

The friends and supporters of the movement to meddle with our local option laws in the next Legislature are busy holding meetings and planning for their campaign. At one time you find them in a star-chamber session in Galveston, then away over in San Antonio, and back in Houston, then in Dallas and Fort Worth. Recently they were in San Antonio, the guests of the vice-president of a brewing association. By him they were feasted and dined at one of the leading hotels in the city. From the Daily News we clip

the following account of this gathering: "A party of politicians, composed of Lieutenant-Governor George D. Neal, of Navasota; Senator John G. Willacy, of Portland; Senator Faust, of New Braunfels; Senator R. N. Stafford, of Mineola; Senator R. V. Davidson, of Galveston, and Senator Paulus, of Hallettsville, arrived in San Antonio to-day. After reaching San Antonio, members of this party called on various Democratic leaders of the city, and paid their respects to the judges and officials in the courthouse. Saturday night the visitors mentioned and Senator Marshall Hicks, ex-Senator Perry J. Lewis, H. P. Drought, W. W. King, S. G. Newton, of this city, and ex-Senator Theodore Taylor, of New York, were the guests of Otto Wahrmond, vice-president of the San Antonio Brewing Association, at a banquet at the Hot Wells Hotel. Members of the party stated that their visit to San Antonio had no political significance, but was purely private. Some of the visitors have been friends of long standing of Mr. Wahrmond, and the dinner was in the nature of a reunion." While it is here stated by one of their number that their presence there had "no political significance," nevertheless it was composed of the same gentlemen who are active in all the gatherings in different portions of the State in the interest of the persistent effort to have our local option laws emasculated by the next Legislature. This body is to be elected next November, but the members thereof will practically be elected in the primaries next July. For whomsoever the primaries endorse are sure of election. Hence, the meetings like the one in San Antonio are being held by a few politicians to fix their candidates for State offices, so as to rush them in through the primaries next July. And it will be their design to prevail upon the State Democratic Convention to adopt a plank favorable to their scheme, for they are bent on pulling the party into the fight on local option, if it can be accomplished. Therefore, let the people keep their eyes upon this crowd and checkmate their plans, else local option will suffer during the progress of this year. Vigilance is our watchword. On with the battle!

Great talents without culture and direction do not accomplish such definite results as smaller talents well trained and concentrated. Hence the men of transcendent genius rarely ever make life a large success.

The morals of men rarely ever rise higher than the moral of the women who make up the materials for domestic and social life. A true wife, a devoted mother, a noble specimen of society's organism, is the woman who holds the morals of men on a high plane.

From some cause or other men permit their business transactions to take more liberties with conscience than they do when dealing strictly with moral and religious questions. In the latter they adopt the standards of Church teachings, but in the former they adjust themselves to the ethics of trade. Ought this distinction to obtain? We trow not.



# Methodism's To-Morrow

Address Delivered by BISHOP C. B. GALLOWAY, D. D., LL. D., of Jackson, Miss., Before the Methodist Club of St. Louis, Jan. 11.

I am profoundly grateful for the honor of a cordial invitation to be present on this festive occasion of the Methodist Club of St. Louis. Such opportunities for helpful counsel and high fellowship I gladly embrace, and am sure they will strengthen the ties that bind together the several members of our great ecclesiastical family. And if they shall also contribute to cementing the bonds of our glorious national fellowship, every American patriot will rejoice the more. Mississippi accepts the hospitality of Missouri. The State of Robert Paine grasps the hand of the state of Enoch M. Marvin, and our prayer is that they may ever be clasped in immortal wedlock for the triumph of Methodism and the glory of our reunited republic. If, as has been suggested, "the greatest credential of any society is the possession of saints," what a magnificent title has American Methodism to be known and honored as an institution of God!

Of course, it is always a pleasure to come to St. Louis, the great and growing city of the Upper Mississippi. And in a few months our tribes will be crowding your gates by the ten thousands to see if it really be true that you have the greatest Exposition the world has ever known.

But while admiring your daring and splendid enterprise, we have been a little surprised at your seeming nervousness when Chicago determined to humiliate the pride of the Father of Waters by making it a part of her wonderful system of drainage. We, of the Lower Mississippi Valley, have claimed that magnificent commercial and scientific achievement as a great and appreciated compliment. The assurance is given that all the vitiated waters and poisonous gases of Chicago are made perfectly pure and sweet by the wholesome atmosphere and mysterious alchemy of the Sunny South. What the tides of her great lake cannot accomplish, is perfectly easy to the waters of our Southern river. By the time those turbid tides reach St. Louis, they have forgotten from whence they came, and long before New Orleans is in sight, they are like crystal drops that fall from the clouds of heaven. It gives us joy that we are able to render Chicago such a helpful service in her sore need, and thus guarantee the health, life and commercial glory of that majestic city. And so everything is improved, more or less, by going South.

In making some response to your generous welcome, I shall not adopt the common phrase of extravagant and indiscriminate eulogy, but will try to remember the wise old proverb which says, "He teaches well who distinguishes well." So, then, at the expense of appearing dull, I will endeavor to be practical, and shall offer a few suggestions on the Methodism of To-morrow.

We have had a wonderful past. No Church has ever equaled the majestic speed of Methodism's march through the century. Over our moving columns a cloud of glory has hovered by day and night, and this evening we look back over a history that is little less than a confirmed miracle. We cherish every fact of that heroic history and would emulate every apostolic achievement of our fathers. But Methodism is not a reminiscence. It is to be measured by the force of its inspirations. It had a brilliant yesterday, but ought to have a more wonderful to-morrow.

The Methodism of to-morrow will be distinguished for courageous, but cautious, statesmanship in legislation. This is demanded in adjusting our ecclesiastical policy to the pressing needs and inevitable changes of the growing years. We will not hold to a theory because it is old, or continue a statute simply as a tribute of respect to the fathers—Methodism is not a museum for mummies, but is at once an arsenal for weapons and an army to use them. Efficiency is the test of value and the tenure of service. On the other hand, we will not too readily surrender or radically modify the features of our great system that have been so marvelously vindicated by unexampled success. We will seek to know surely that every suggested change will be an improvement. The distinguishing elements of our polity—episcopacy, itinerancy and a sent, rather than a called ministry—ought to be jealously guarded. The great constitutional safeguards of our system should be securely preserved. Not every change is a reform. And on the other hand, "reforms cannot be stamped." So in modifying our wonderful system of government—said by an old friend of mine to be only excelled by the Postoffice Department of the United States—there is demand for wise and prudent reserve.

The Methodism of to-morrow will demand a revived and revival minis-

try. The fervor and fire of the fathers must ever inflame our zeal and inspire our endeavors. And for the great, essential verities of the gospel we should contend with the earnestness of apostles. Let us keep the faith in its integrity and entirety—never lowering its sanctions or compromising its divine imperatives. Our pulpit has never been disposed to—

"Smooth down the stubborn text to ears polite  
And snugly keep damnation out of sight."

In every sermon the fathers are accustomed to give the powers of darkness "a broad-side of Sinaiite thunder." Ours has been a divine antagonism to sin and not simply an "amiabile opposition." I may be in error, my brethren, but the conviction is forced upon me, that we need to re-state with old-time emphasis the awful doctrine of sin. When sin ceases to be "the sting of death," and is regarded simply as a "pardonable flaw" in human nature, our ministry has lost its mission and the glorious gospel bereaved of its redemption power.

The Methodism of to-morrow, while abating nothing of evangelistic zeal and effort, will put more emphasis upon the conservative forces of the gospel. Ours has been a swift movement—a sort of spiritual cavalry dash—winning one field after another in rapid succession and sending down the lines the shout of victory. Our revival ministry has been the secret of Methodism's marvelous growth. What we were in the beginning and through the years of a history scarcely less than a perpetual miracle, we should be now and for all time. But other agencies now demand consideration. During the session of the Ecumenical Conference, twenty years ago, in City Road Chapel, the London Times, while paying generous tribute to the wonderful zeal and majestic progress of Methodism, raised the question as to whether it had "staying powers." In my judgment, that question raised by a friendly critic, is alone to be answered by the pastoral and educational work of Methodism. If the mighty movement is not sooner or later to become a spent force—if we are to hold our position as one of the dominant evangelical powers of the world—our conquered fields must be garrisoned by strongly built and amply endowed institutions of Christian learning. No Church is any stronger than its schools of instruction.

The Methodism of to-morrow will address itself with larger faith and wiser plans to the pressing and perplexing problems of the city. The ominously rapid growth of cities is the most menacing fact in the life of our nation to-day. And when we consider the multiplied thousands of European immigrants landing upon our shores every year—many of them utterly illiterate and paupers—and take also into account the increasing migration from country to city, the Church is called upon to exercise the broadest statesmanship and show forth the most apostolic spirit. Said the late Joseph Cook, "The frontiers of modern civilization are in the great cities and America expects Methodism to man the frontiers."

The Methodism of to-morrow will get into closer co-operation and fellowship. Though the organic union of American Methodism may not be feasible in our generation, certainly there ought to be perfect unity and the closest possible federation of our forces. We have heard and read much of the "plan of separation." In my judgment, it is now time to talk of the "plan of federation." The demand of modern Methodism is not an austere isolation, but a hearty, practical co-operation. Though we may continue in distinct ecclesiastical connections, let us be one Methodist family, sharing the same priceless inheritance, animated by the same Holy Spirit, marching under the same glorious flag, and moving to the same spiritual destiny.

There is no occasion to review ancient history—to reopen the controversies of 1844 and after. In some things, I believe in the "policy of the sponge." The highest spirituality has a genius for forgetting, as well as forgiving. We may cherish the love of principles, but the memories of passion and conflict ought to die forever. If the late honored President of this great nation, himself a gallant Federal soldier, who had braved the storm of war and felt the wild shock of battle, could so magnanimously suggest that the Government should tenderly care for the graves of the Confederate dead, surely we as Christian brethren and Methodists ought to be ashamed to stir afresh the dying embers of strife. If the men of the deadly field have ceased to fight, the sons of the gospel of peace ought not to be drawing swords and wielding bludgeons. And really, this is only done by a few military anachronisms—post-bellum heroes—

whose courage is to crow after all danger has passed and the smoke of battle clears away.

The Methodism of to-morrow will forever exile the assertive, contentious little brother,

"Who'd rather on a gibbet dangle  
Than miss his dear delight to wrangle."

I approve most heartily the unanimous action of our General Conference in adopting the report of the Joint Commission on Methodist Federation. And I am glad to state to-night, that by the same unanimous vote the Commission was continued, with ample authority and the affluent blessing of the entire connection.

I would make provision in this plan for the easy transfer of ministers from one Church to the other without a surrender of credentials on the one hand or the formal recognition of orders on the other. That there should be a painful withdrawal from one Methodist Church and a formal admission into another, when both teach exactly the same doctrines and have substantially the same polity, is an ecclesiastical incongruity, if not a spiritual anomaly.

I cordially favor the action, also, that we have a common catechism, in which the essential features of our theology may be presented in a form adapted to the needs of the present generation and suitable to the families and Sunday-schools of all American Methodism. That catechism will soon be ready. Another fact I am rejoiced to state—the Methodism of to-morrow will not only sing the same glorious hymns, but sing out of the same book. A common hymnal for world-wide Methodism ought to distinguish the early years of the Twentieth Century. This, with a common order of worship, will soon make us forget Methodistically all points of the compass and all ecclesiastical parallels, of latitude and longitude.

And this plan will prevent the haste and waste of rival Methodist altars. Where one Church is doing the work expected of Methodism, the other will not fly its flag and organize a society. The Methodism of to-morrow will not tolerate the doctrine of ecclesiastical squatter sovereignty.

A few years ago I had a letter from an honored minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a brave and efficient Chaplain to our armies in the Philippines. His soul was stirred on account of the spiritual needs of the natives, and indicated how he might be of service in establishing and aiding a mission in our far-away Pacific possessions. I promptly forwarded the letter to Dr. Leonard at New York, and assured him that we had no purpose to invade a field he had already entered, and gave him full authority to use that noble brother in planting and pushing forward the missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To the intrepid Bishop Thoburn—the Thomas Coke of modern Methodism—and his apostolic co-laborers, we wish a hearty God-speed in winning those fair lands to our Lord, over which the flag of this Christian nation floats, and will long wave.

The Methodism of to-morrow will display a broader statesmanship in providing for the spiritual and educational needs of the negro in the United States. I do not undervalue the apostolic labors of the fathers. To my thought, no nobler inscription could be graven on an American monument than that carved on the modest marble shaft that marks the resting place of Bishop William Capers:

"The Founder of Missions to the Slaves of Carolina."

But for the self-denying, apostolic toil of James O. Andrew, William Capers and other choice spirits, in the humble cabins and little chapels of the negro on the Southern plantations, emancipation would have been an impossibility, or a world-wide calamity. Unconsciously, but providentially, the labors of those missionaries were preparatory to the proclamation of emancipation. They made the savage a Christian, and fitted the serf to become a citizen.

Nor would I fail to commend the large-hearted philanthropy and open-handed charity, so generously bestowed upon the negroes in the South by some noble brethren of the North. Many have given their sanctified thousands, while others have freely consecrated themselves to the cause of our black brothers' uplifting and enlightenment. Their high motives and beneficent offerings are worthy of all commendation and emulation. That plans have not always been wise, and that much honest effort and hard-earned money have gone into a bag with holes, could not well have been avoided. The passions of war were yet too fierce, and the bitter memories of the reddened field and open grave were yet too fresh for calm judgment and brotherly conference and wise counsel. But the times of such passion and prejudice ought no longer to be winked at.

My brothers, you will allow me to

repeat here what I have said at home. I give it as my deliberate judgment that there can never be any just and permanent settlement of this stupendous problem that does not enlist the cordial and confidential co-operation of the white people and whom the negroes must forever dwell, and any policy that tends to excite prejudice and widen the racial chasm postpones indefinitely, in that great section, the final triumph of the Son of Man among the sons of men. If the poor black man is never to have a brother and friend in his Southern white neighbor, one or the other must move out. Enemies cannot live on adjoining lots without perpetual conflict. We must have unity if we are to dwell together.

All true friends of the negro, North and South, will encourage a spirit of kindness and confidence between the races. We ought to seek to cement and not separate—to make brothers and not enemies. And I tell you frankly that any preacher or teacher going South, who makes denunciation of former slave owners, a part of the negro's education, and apologizes for his presence by anathematizing others for their neglect, had better stay at home. That man was an unwise champion and misguided friend of the negro, who allowed his indignation of their wrong to permit the utterance that in a conflict of races the black man will be no unequal antagonist because "a box of matches will be equal to an hundred Winchester rifles."

My brothers, let us not be too critical of each other or too impatient with the negro. The question requires long patience. The Church and the school, the Bible and the spelling book—will solve this and every other social and political question. I part company with any man, however high in the councils of his country, who discounts the Church and the school as prime factors in every equation.

My brothers, a few years ago, while on a missionary journey from New York to South America, I had a glorious vision and a never-to-be-forgotten experience. One evening, when within a few degrees of the equator, I had the exquisite pleasure of seeing at the same time, and without moving from my place on deck, the North star and the Southern cross. Just above the horizon in the Northern heavens, "the sailor's delight" still held his silvery throne, while far away to the South the arms of the cross were extended in benediction over the shimmering sea. My soul thrilled with delight at the glorious sight. But it was not so much the beautiful astronomical phenomenon that impressed me as its inspiring suggestion. I remembered that those stars of both the Northern and Southern skies were fed by the fires of the same sun, and all the silver beams they so profusely scattered were the reflections of the same shining face. And so I thought, wherever a child of God may dwell—in whatever orbit he may move as a light of the world—whether he be a North star or a Southern cross—his only power to shine comes from the one Sun of Righteousness. And then my heart turned to our two great Methodisms, in the United States, twin stars of the first magnitude—and the fervent prayer went up to heaven, that their minds might be daily filled from the same exhaustless fountain of light, and they might walk together to the same inspired music,

"Forever singing as they shine,  
The hand that made us is divine."

If, as Emerson has said, "this is but the dawning and cock-crowing of modern civilization," we are called to high responsibilities—to the discharge of imperial duties. We have much to do in determining the destiny of the nation to-morrow. Mighty power has been lodged in our hands, and we must wisely and mightily use it, or vacate our claims to be an institution of God. Let us then show ourselves worthy of our high commission, and constrained by a faith that feels no flagging, and a purpose that knows no wavering, and a patriotism that is far above sectional or party lines, and sacredly enthroned in the home and the school, rise to the height of our God-given opportunity.

There is every potent reason, why as American Methodists we should get into closer federation and fellowship. Let minor differences be forgotten in a diviner sense of our great spiritual and national mission. In his immortal epic, the Paradise Lost, Milton describes the exiled pair from Eden as spending many hours in bitter mutual reproaches and accusations because of their dreadful fall. But at length Adam arose and in generous phrase thus addressed his companion:

"Rise! let us no more contend, nor blame  
Each other, blamed enough elsewhere;  
but strive  
In offices of love, how we may lighten  
Each other's burdens in our share of woe."

A like generous and loyal spirit I would enthrone as the lofty ideal of our true Methodist brotherhood. Eschewing puerile personalities, forget-

ting the passions of conflict, and aspiring after larger achievements in the name of our Lord, I would lock shields with every brave son of Wesley and with the chivalric spirit of our noble past, keep perpetual vigils over the sacred inheritance of our fathers. So weighty are our responsibilities—so high our true mission—so great the achievement before us—that we need to get into closer, tenderer, personal and ecclesiastical sympathy. The same flag floats over us, and under its silken folds we should gather for battle against a common enemy. And now, in conclusion, pursuing this military figure, let me repeat the words of a poet-soldier to his battle-scarred comrades of many a reddened field, and commend them as the sentiment of this joyous meeting of the Methodist Club of St. Louis.

Comrades known to marches many,  
Comrades tried in dangers many,  
Comrades bowed by memories many,  
Brothers let us ever be!

And if spared and growing older,  
Shoulder still in line with shoulder,  
And with hearts no throbb the colder,  
Brothers we will ever be.

## ONE LARGE NEWSPAPER.

H. G. H.

That is what "Methodist" proposes in Nashville Advocate Jan. 14. This is an old scheme, advocated before the Georgia Conference in 1858 by C. K. Marshall and opposed by Dr. Jesse Boring. The man who suggests the measure is evidently neither editor, printer, nor reporter. He does not understand meaning of a modern newspaper. There are between twelve and fifteen conference official organs. Several of these are private property. His first move would be to suspend all these, sell off at auction all the printing material and fixtures at 10 or 20 cents on the dollar, throw out of employment hundreds of men, women, boys and girls engaged in the business, cheat the proprietors out of thousands of unpaid subscriptions, defraud thousands of subscribers of many months of paid up subscriptions, create many lawsuits, cause much swearing and backsliding.

His second proposition would include each group of four conferences subscribe for 10,000 copies of central organ at \$1 per copy, \$10,000 to be raised by the four conferences annually and paid to the Publishing House. Any Book Agent who would make a verbal or written contract of that sort with four conferences would be a fool. At the end of the year there likely would be on hand to pay this \$10,000 the sum of \$2500. The Book Committee sues these conferences for the remaining \$7500 and discovers that these conferences have no standing in law. The Publishing House would go into bankruptcy in twelve months. Oh, but let these preachers pay this \$10,000 in advance and reimburse themselves as middle men by charging the people \$2 for the paper—making a clear gain of \$10,000—a whizzing scheme for these hundreds of frontier preachers on \$250 salary! Suppose your merchant charges you 100 per cent on every article you buy, how long would you trade with him? Does this wild scheme understand the meaning of "middle men," "monopoly," "high protective tariff?" All these are involved in his proposition, and are anti-Democratic, anti-Republican.

Then he proposes that each group of four conferences elect an editor, to whom all matter for the proportionate number of conferences must be sent, to fill up say eight pages for each four conferences. Before this matter could reach all these other middle men and finally reach the central organ it would be out of date and as dead as Hector. In addition, each Annual Conference must raise \$500 apiece to pay these sub-editors \$2000 annually apiece. Sometimes four Annual Conferences can be raked over, and not a man found fit for editor. If all the stuff that is sent to an editor is published just as it is sent the paper would be a mess.

This would make the central organ as big as six bed blankets, and filled absolutely with nothing but what has been sent on by the editor for each group of four conferences—no departments, scientific, theological, literary, educational, critical, correspondence, travel, editorial, temperance, book notices, etc. Why, the unventilated theories and conjectures in Methodism would mighty near cause a state of universal indigestion. The editor of the central organ would be appalled and sink into oblivion—unless perchance he should be empowered to throw out what his judgment condemns—and then soon he would have no friends on the face of the earth.

"Methodist" writes enthusiastically of the eminent practicability of his scheme. We suggest to him that he subscribe for four large weekly and four large daily secular and religious papers and give himself ten years time in which to closely study the nature and scope of the modern newspaper—and then lay the matter before his wife.

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SEVERAL THINGS.

First. Our new charge—Pittsburg District.

We are on it. It's a good one, but, the Father helping, it shall be better. It's well manned, thanks to the good judgment of Bro. Downs, our thoroughgoing and very popular predecessor. We have never been more kindly received, and the outlook is fine. If all signs don't fail two twenty thousand dollar churches will be built this year, one at Texarkana, the other at Pittsburg. But of the district and its men we will write later.

Second. The Texas Advocate. Surely it was never better. Its praise is on every tongue almost. I suppose it would hardly be safe for Dr. Rankin to hear all the fine things said of him, but I enjoy them, for he and I have a few things in common. We were both born in East Tennessee (so was Bishop Hoss). Then we are handsome alike. Fact is, I was told the other day we favored. I am taking good time on question 18 and shall try hard to increase the Advocate's circulation.

Third. Missionary Matters. Brethren of the Texas Conference, our conference treasury is empty, and our second quarter's drafts will soon be due. Many of our home missionaries are almost entirely dependent on their appropriations for their scant living. In many of our well-to-do charges money is plentiful, and every charge has some. Then our General Board needs every cent that can be collected. Let presiding elders and pastors take this matter much to heart and where it is possible get the full assessment for both foreign and domestic missions during February. O what relief it will give! Our great missionary meeting in Waco begins to waken interest already. We must "Turn Texas Loose," and have the biggest thing ever held in her great domain. Such meeting, if well attended, will set the cause of missions forward many years. I hope thousands of our people will attend.

Fourth. The Court of Criminal Appeals and Prohibition.

Every good citizen must recognize the dignity and authority of our higher courts. But it does look like our Court of Criminal Appeals has it in for our prohibition laws. We will not suffer ourselves for once to doubt their integrity, but will, and so will tens of thousands of the best citizens of Texas, doubt their judgment. Their Cooke County decision as set forth in their lengthy published opinion is, as I see from their own quotations, a reversal of all the courts of every grade that ever sat before them. It cannot be that all the learned Judges of the other courts were wrong and these two Judges of this court right. I hold them in high esteem, and recognize the presumption of amen layman ignorant of law differing with them, and yet from my heart I believe they have erred, and thereby brought trouble that should never have come. But these decisions will not down prohibition. When Texas wants a thing she will find a way to get it. In the language of the Advocate's best phrase, we say "On with the battle."

J. T. SMITH.

Pittsburg, Texas.

AN OPEN LETTER.

To the Methodists of Texas:

The celebrated Grayson County local option case is settled at last; and it is settled good. The anti's, backed by the best legal talent and "money to burn," have taken advantage of every possible technicality and used every means known to the liquorites to stave off the fatal day; but the day came, and last Wednesday night, January 20, at 12 o'clock, the Sheriff of Grayson County closed the saloons. The same day an enthusiastic law-and-order meeting was held in Sher-

Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure

Costs Nothing if it Fails

Any honest person who suffers from Rheumatism is welcome to this offer. For years I searched everywhere to find a specific for Rheumatism. For nearly 20 years I worked to this end. At last, in Germany, my search was rewarded. I found a costly chemical that did not disappoint me as other Rheumatic prescriptions had disappointed physicians everywhere. I do not mean that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure can turn bony joints into flesh again. That is impossible. But it will drive from the blood the poison that causes pain and swelling, and then that is the end of Rheumatism. I know this so well that I will furnish for a full month my Rheumatic Cure on trial. I cannot cure all cases within a month. It would be unreasonable to expect that. But most cases will yield within 30 days. This trial treatment will convince you that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure is a power against Rheumatism—a potent force against disease that is irresistible. My offer is made to convince you of my faith. My faith is but the outcome of experience—of actual knowledge. I KNOW what it can do. And I know this so well that I will furnish my remedy on trial. Simply write me a postal for my book on Rheumatism. I will then arrange with a druggist in your vicinity so that you can secure six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure to make the test. You may take it a full month on trial. If it succeeds, the cost to you is \$5.00. If it fails, the loss is mine and mine alone. It will be left entirely to you. I mean that exactly. I don't expect a penny from you. Write me and I will send you the book. Try my remedy for a month. If it fails the loss is mine. Address Dr. Shoop, Box 961, Racine, Wis. Mild cases not chronic are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

man and a joint committee for Sherman-Denison was appointed, whose business is to increase the number of those pledged to law enforcement and to raise funds to assist in the good work. And now that this course is in a fair way to be completely wiped out, I feel called upon to say a few words to whom it may concern.

Without controversy this is the finest business point in Texas. More than \$200,000 are paid out here by the railroads every month; and this is a permanent thing. The Katy shops are here; all the people who operate the several roads running out of Denison live here, and these employes run up into the thousands. They will stay here and must be clothed, fed and furnished. And they live well. They earn good salaries and spend their money freely. Somebody or bodies must supply them and make good money in doing so.

Besides this, no country on earth is better adapted to fruits and vegetables than the country about Denison. It is the home of the cantaloupe and the Elberta peach, while as fine apples are grown in one mile of this place as are found anywhere in this Southland. And there is ready sale for anything and everything raised on the farm right here at home.

Again, we have a magnificent system of public schools, and two "business" schools manned by competent teachers.

Last, but not least, we have two good Southern Methodist Churches, one of which (Waples' Memorial) is first-class in every particular.

In conclusion, now is the time for Methodist people to move to Denison. Come on; we will welcome you.

J. W. HILL.

MINEOLA.

On December 16 we arrived at Mineola, our new home for this year. The good people met us at the train and conducted us to the parsonage, where, with cheerful ladies, we sat down to a sumptuous dinner which was awaiting our arrival. They did all they could to make us feel at home with them. While we felt a little lonesome leaving the noble people of the Troupe and Overton charge, where we had been so kindly cared for for three years, our cheerful greeting made us feel that we were again in good hands.

On January 15, while we were at Church attending services, unknown friends supplied our pantry with a good supply of well-selected staple and fancy groceries. Mineola is a good town. We have a good system of waterworks, electric light and ice plant, one of the largest box factories in this part of the country, a cotton compress doing a large business, novelty works doing all sorts of tanned work and scroll work, etc., iron works, laundry doing a good business and doing it well. We have one weekly paper and one semi-weekly paper. We have a bank that is doing a fine business. We have three railroads and other interests too numerous to mention. Yes, I will mention one more; we have a public well in the street nearly 1500 feet deep, which flows free to man and beast. This water possesses valuable mineral properties. If you are troubled with that almost universal enemy—indigestion—come to Mineola and get fat. I have taken on several pounds already, and when wife and I get fat we may take a trip over Texas drumming for Mineola water. We will take for our territory North and East Texas, where we have lived and been known so long as of the lean and hungry kind, and when the people see us they will come flocking to Mineola. Then property will take a boom, and now in order that you be here and get the benefit of the boom, you can come now and buy property before the raise.

Last, but not least, we make mention of the enterprise of Mineola. We have one of the best public schools in the State. We have a new building and it is unique in its arrangement, perfectly adapted to the work that it is designed to do. It was modeled after the suggestion of that prince of teachers, Prof. B. A. Stafford, who is its honorable President, and the people will not let him leave here. In this school are twelve grades; in each of these grades there is thorough work. The high school department, I suppose, is equal to the best in the State in a public school.

Well, I suppose you are looking for the department of morals and religion by this time. One says yes, we have heard much of the wickedness of the place. Well, we judge by outward demonstration.

First item in favor of good morals. We held a two weeks' protracted meeting in the Methodist Church, and I can say that in twenty-nine years as a preacher I never saw better and more respectful conduct. I am not sure that I ever knew it equaled. Bro. J. E. Green said as much. We never were treated more courteously by all classes than here. And take the ladies of Mineola as a whole, in the different Churches, a more active set of Church

workers in the different enterprises of the Church are hard to find. We have some consecrated men, but you know men think that they can do on less piety than the ladies.

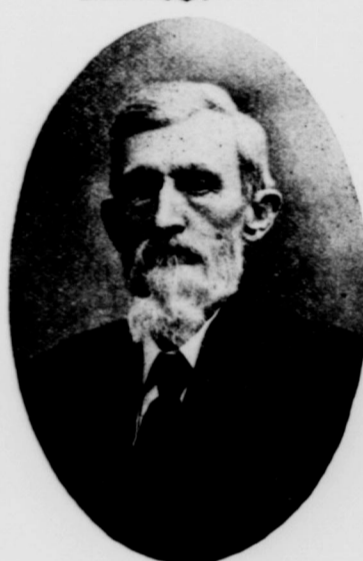
I say this that my estimate of Mineola has been constantly strengthened since I have been living among them.

Bro. J. E. Green, of Houston, our financial agent for Alexander Collegiate Institute, preached for us two weeks. While we had but few to profess conversion, there was a spiritual uplift of the Christian people. A number of the older people here say that they consider that Mineola never had a meeting that bid fair to be of such lasting benefit, and I am sure that no man ever made a more favorable impression on the entire community, as far as it reached.

Beginning on January 2, Christmas festivals and Christmas visiting not yet over, the people of the entire community were not reached until the last few days of the meeting. We had nine accessions to the Church.

T. J. MILAM.

P. S.—I say for Bro. Green: His sermons are of a high order; style unique; impresses his congregation as a man devoted to his work. Any pastor may feel himself fortunate to secure his help.



DUDLEY H. SNYDER.

Bro. Dudley H. Snyder, whose picture we present above, is personally known to many of our readers. He has been, and is still, a prominent factor in Methodism in Texas. He has been closely associated with every movement and enterprise of his local Church in Georgetown, Texas. In its early history and for many years after its establishment, no man took more interest in and spent more money for Southwestern University than did Bro. Snyder. His large benevolence and personal supervision made possible the building of the Ladies' Annex. He was a delegate for many years to the Northwest Texas Annual Conference and to the General Conferences of 1882 and 1886. He was born in Yazoo County, Miss., Sept. 5, 1833. His father died in 1849 and much of the responsibility and care of the family fell upon this son. There were years of hardship and struggle and he was thereby deprived of many educational advantages. But with energy and pluck he overcame all obstacles and gained a competency. Though over 70 years of age, he is now actively engaged in mining in Mexico and is as vigorous as many men at 40.

A SECOND YEAR ON THE SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

Mexican Border Mission Conference.

Following up the systematic work of last year, we have laid special stress on the holding of well-organized revival services in every charge, and the result has been that we have a net increase of 150 members to be reported at the approaching Annual Conference. To reach the rural population in the dry districts of Southwestern Texas there is but one means that I know of—the holding of the annual camp-meeting—when the cotton has been laid by and just before it is ready to be picked, when the ripe watermelons and abundant forage invite the socially disposed Mexican population to go to the woods and the fields to worship God after their own manner.

In the towns we proceed very differently, of course. In fact, to reach men and catch them in the gospel net one must learn the A B C of the course in Christian work—adaptability to actual circumstances. To philosophize is all right, provided one is going to follow it up with actual work in the way best adapted to the surroundings. The longer I live the more I fall out with those who say and do not. In San Antonio we have a Spanish speaking population of 10,000 souls.

To reach them we must have a centrally-located, well-lighted, spotlessly clean hall. I got the Methodist preachers of the city back of my petition to the City Council and the hall was at our disposal. It was the large auditorium at the Market House. As many as 350 Spanish speaking people were at these services at night. One visible result—the Lord only knows how much else was done—was the reception of six adults last night upon pro-

WAVES of MELODY

By Rev. J. W. Holt and Chas. Edw. Pollock, assisted by Prof. W. J. Kirkpatrick.

Part First contains 8 pieces by Chas. H. Gabriel, 9 by J. M. Black, 54 by W. J. Kirkpatrick and 70 by Chas. Edw. Pollock. Besides, it contains pieces by Adam Gelbel, H. L. Gilmour, etc. These names are synonyms of musical merit, and their productions have been selected with a view of revival and Sunday-school work. Eighty-six of these productions have new copyrights and most of the others have never appeared in any Southern publication.

Part Second contains a fine selection of old reliable hymns and tunes, making the work of ready use to choir or congregation.

"Waves of Melody is a strong work."—W. J. Kirkpatrick. "I am well pleased with the selection of old hymns."—Chas. Edw. Pollock. "No. 8 alone is worth the price of the book, and there are others equally as good."—A Member of Texas Conference, known as a good musician.

"It is correct in its sentiment and beautiful in its melody."—Texas Christian Advocate.

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fession of faith in Jesus. Never in the history of this Roman Catholic city was such a crowd seen together before to hear the old, old story in Spanish.

In the usual visiting from charge to charge I have been carrying a grip full of books. The result is that 135 Spanish volumes were sold on the district. In finances we are not a whit behind. It is true that the boll weevil and the yellow fever were both here to frighten us, but the fright soon passed over, and the reports of the 13 preachers show collections ordered by the Annual Conference all paid in full. The preachers' salaries are three-fourths up.

As an instance of the zeal and consecration of the native Christians in the bounds of the district, I have but to refer to the building of a church this year at Yancy, Texas, without help from any board or society in the United States. After each member of the Church had made a liberal cash contribution towards lumber and building, these same men went back and forth to the nearest railroad station, 12 miles distant, hauling the material gratis. And so we report at the ensuing conference what was never dreamed of at the beginning of the year—a complete, comfortable building, free of all encumbrance, worth \$800, Mexican currency. We publicly thank Brother William Newton for gift of land, Brother Jessie Newton for untiring efforts in collecting and constructing house, and Brother Jimmie Newton for a present of \$25 for my alma mater, for whose upbuilding and life my father gave his labors and his precious life. And the call to preach in this tongue comes from Louisiana, too. Through the invitation of a godly woman at Williams, La., Nieves C. Rodriguez, and the hospitable plantation owners, I spent Xmas week in that distant land among our people that have drifted there in the last two years. In the congregation were fifteen actual Church members. On a beautiful 25th of December the people were out in full force, and I was allowed to discourse to them on the visit of the wise men from the East—the first Protestant sermon ever delivered in Spanish in the bounds of that rich State. Messrs. Clyde Scarborough and W. L. Minter, who showed their interest in every way possible, but especially in kindness to a home-sick worker, will not let our people suffer for lack of gospel preaching. They promise to build a church right away. J. R. MOOD. San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 25.

THE MAY MEETING.

The four Texas Conferences have arranged for a great Missionary Conference to be held in Waco, May 2-6. The Joint Committee on Program and Arrangements met in Waco last week and fixed the basis of representation as follows: All traveling and local preachers in the State are ex-officio delegates; then each Quarterly Conference shall elect three delegates, each local Church two, each Sunday-school one, each Epworth League one, each W. F. M. Society one, and each W. H. M. Society one. All delegates to be elected by the body sending them, and not appointed by preacher in charge or presiding elder. Let presiding elders not fail to have each Quarterly Conference in the various districts to elect three delegates, then let each pastor have his congregations, or Churches, to elect two delegates, and the societies above named one each.

N. B.—As soon as delegates are elected, presiding elders and preachers in charge will please send their names to me, and I in return will mail a "credential card" for each delegate to the pastor.

Let elections be held as early as possible, and names forwarded to me, for the committee in Waco desire to know as early as possible whom to provide for. Board is promised at 75 cents to \$1.25 per day. Only members of mission boards will be entertained free. The meeting promises much for Texas Methodism. If all delegates go, the gathering will be the largest Church gathering that ever assembled in Texas.

R. C. HICKS,

Missionary Secretary N. T. C. Commerce, Texas.

LACK OF REALIZATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY.

When we stop to consider what our real duty as Church members is how many of us measure up to its requirements? We receive the vows of the Church oftentimes without a realization of the responsibilities it implies; for we are each responsible for some soul or souls, though unconscious of whom it may be. If every Church member would only be brought to realize his duty as a loyal Christian what an influence could be exerted upon the outside world.

We are so prone to turn a deaf ear to the daily calls of sin-sick humanity. The great mistake is made when we refuse to respond to the first such call. At this first refusal our conscience smites us. We heed it not. One refusal follows another, and ere we suspicion we cease to feel the pangs of conscience. We almost unconsciously grow cold. What can be accomplished with those of the world if we reach this state? Oh, if we could only realize the sense of duty that devolves on each one of us and then to the best of our ability perform these duties.

We have no time to waste in idleness. There is work for each and all. God has not placed us in this world to waste away our lives. But for each one he has placed a task, and if this task is not discovered the fault is our own.

The great need of our Churches everywhere is wide-awake, active workers. Can we not be among them? Let us enter into our work with that resoluteness of purpose that can and has accomplished wonders.

MRS. L. V. READ, Press Supt. for Big Springs Aux.

WELL TOLD.

Doctor Explains Feeding Without Medicine.

"It is a well substantiated fact," says a Maine physician, "that a very large per cent of the ailments of humanity are due to errors in diet causing indigestion and the myriad affections following in its train. It was Dr. Abernathy, I believe, who said 'One-fourth of what we eat keeps us, the other three-fourths we keep at our peril.' 'Loss of flesh from whatever immediate cause is due primarily to nutritional disturbances involving defective assimilation. With these prefatory remarks I wish to relate briefly a case of mine (not the only one by any means), in which Grape-Nuts was the connecting link between disease and health.

"It was a case of chronic gastritis where the patient had seen the rounds of much stereotyped treatment and where there was much depression caused by long persistence of distress at the stomach—pain, gas and burning soon after eating.

"Though I had been regulating the diet considerably while giving medicine it occurred to me that I would try regulating it without medicine and in looking about among the foods I soon found Grape-Nuts was the best adapted to my purpose. Starting in with Grape-Nuts alone I allowed my patient to take it first with hot water and a very little sugar at intervals of three hours. After a few days I instructed the patient to use it with warm milk. (It should have been served with cream on the start.)

"Improvement was marked from the first. The eructations of gas were at once greatly diminished and the terrible burning and distress were lessened in proportion while the spirits brightened. At the end of two weeks my patient had so far improved that she was allowed some chicken broth which digested perfectly. It has been over two months and she has gradually increased her diet in variety until it now includes all that is needed so avoid monotony and maintain relish.

"Grape-Nuts, however, still holds a prominent place on her table as it will continue to do, for she realizes that it is a sheet anchor." Name of the physician given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."







Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

BLANKET.

W. R. Crockett, Feb. 2: Bro. W. H. Matthews, our presiding elder, certainly gave us some good straight gospel during the Quarterly Conference. It was clear, forceful and Biblical. Blanket charge is coming to the front. Bro. Young is already planning for revival work, with six local preachers to help.

PEASTER.

J. L. White, Feb. 1: Have started off well. Find some very good people. Have been treated all right by the people on the charge, whom I had served before for two years. Our Quarterly Conference was a success. Had shouting and hand-shaking over a sermon on apostasy. Bro. Boone is still religious—very mellow indeed. Does one good to see him enjoy preaching. We don't all enjoy preaching like he does. Wish we did. Prospects good for a prosperous year. My life is empty and very lonesome since I lost my dear little wife, but the Lord is sustaining me. I need the prayers of my brethren and friends.

TURNERSVILLE.

C. H. Smith, Feb. 2: My first Quarterly Conference met at Mt. Zion Jan. 30. Our "beloved" was on hand and in fine spirit, and preached three excellent sermons which I think will bear fruit to be gathered up many days hence. The Quarterly Conference was well attended. Bro. Dudley and W. J. Price were absent. Bro. S. W. Turner looks well to all the members of the church and is loved by all on my charge. We have a noble and big-hearted people on this work to serve. Ever since we moved into the parsonage good things have found their way there, and on the 23d of December a few of our good people from Harmony Church and Mt. Zion Church pounded the parsonage and left quite a number of nice things for the family. May the Lord reward them and may I be able to minister unto them in spiritual things. Just before conference sweet little Rosa Ganaway passed away and left a broken-hearted father and mother. She was laid to rest at Picooca. We sympathize with father and mother in their bereavement.

BLANKET.

R. B. Young, Feb. 2: Our first Quarterly Conference was held Saturday and Sunday. It was the last on the round, and we were glad when the appointed day came. Bro. Matthews was at his post and gave us four excellent sermons, which, we trust, will bring good results. The stewards fixed the salary at a little less than it was last year, but in view of the fact that one point was left off the plan, the assessments were raised on each point in the present charge. Two of the points made a good financial showing the first quarter, but for some reason, we know not, the other was not represented at all. We have received twenty-three members into the charge, and by the help of Bro. Matthews we have secured in cash and subscription something over 50 per cent of our con-

ference collections. There are many people on this charge who are loyal and true to the Church, and they have shown their kindness to pastor and family, not only by giving substantial offerings at the first, but by continuing to find their way to the parsonage, bringing with them good things for the table, such as dressed chicken, spareribs, sausage, butter, pies and cakes and other things. May the Lord abundantly bless the good people and give us a great revival on the charge this year.

MUNDAY.

Ed R. Wallace, Feb. 1: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Munday Saturday. We had a good time. The stewards made an excellent report. I have as good a Board of Stewards as I can ask for. I pray that this may be a happy year with them. We now have a League that promises to do fine work. We could not expect success as we were without a church building. It was out of the question then, but now we will do something. There were five different church organizations working monthly in the public school building, holding at 11 a. m., afternoon and night. And running two Sunday-schools. And then for people who know nothing of these and other conditions to claim indifference as the cause for our not having a League is simply nonsense. Munday has a National bank with an excellent board of directors. The town and country is building up.

BARRY CIRCUIT.

J. C. Carpenter, Feb. 8: We are still moving a little down our way. The young people were called to meet yesterday at Barry, at which time we organized an Epworth League with 27 members. Outlook is hopeful. The near future set of officers will take hold with a purpose to do something for God and the Church. On last Thursday night a crowd of people came over from Cryer Creek and pounded the pastor quite liberally and spent two hours very pleasantly. We like such visits.

PEORIA.

Mac M. Smith, Feb. 2: Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Menlow Jan. 29. It sure looked good. There were so many official members present. Bro. Bolton was present and knows how to preside. We were favored with a rare treat in the presence of Dr. Horace Bishop and the great sermon he preached on missions. The presence of Rev. V. Galloway, of Aquilla charge, added much to the interest. The next Quarterly Conference will be at Peoria.

FORRESTON.

C. B. Smith, Feb. 8: We are well into our second year's work on Forreston Circuit. The charge made a fine showing last year, having met all the financial obligations placed upon it, with something over \$100 in excess. We are fairly well organized. We have good Sunday-schools at all our appointments and Epworth Leagues at two of them. We are now able to report a Home Mission Society, having organized at Nash Jan. 29, 1901, through the combined efforts of Sister P. H. Edens, of Hillsboro, and Rev. J. G. Putman, of Waxahatchee. The last named preached us a very able sermon at 11 o'clock; subject, "The Ministry of Love." The former talked to the ladies in the afternoon upon the importance of our women's work, after which Bro. Putman and the pastor exhorted and then the organization was easy. We expect to begin the work of enlarging the parsonage in a few days. We have paid our Orphanage assessment and sent a box of clothing to one of our needy preachers' family included at \$50. We have taken a few subscribers for the preacher's friend (The Texas Christian Advocate) and are making headway with the conference collections. The stewards have also made a forward move, raised the salary for preacher in charge \$100 over last year. It now reads for preacher in charge, \$200; for presiding elder, \$165; \$152.50 of this amount was paid at our first Quarterly Conference. This is a delightful charge in dry weather, but when it rains—"there you are." It covers a portion of the blackest of the black-land belt and Methodists own their share of it, and are in the main liberal with their means. We are planning now for our revival work and are expecting the Lord to pour out his blessings upon us. "So mote it be."

OVILLA.

W. H. Harris, Feb. 9: We are moving on nicely on Ovilla charge. Our first Quarterly Conference is past and was a great success. We did not get to hear our "beloved" preacher He was sick and unable to preach. But M. K. Little preaches just like a P. E. The spiritual state of the Church is good, and we are moving on material lines. We have put nearly \$200 worth of improvements on our parsonage and we have as good a home as any circuit preacher now. We are building a good church at Sardis and have raised about \$1000 on same. Then we are planning to move Hells Chapel Church house to Red Oak and make a house there larger. In fact when done will have one of the best houses on the charge. Our assessments for conference collections are a little in advance of last year and our salary considerably in advance, but the way we have started all will be met, for the stewards brought up over one-fourth this quarter. We are already planning and praying for great meetings, and we expect the greatest year of our life thus far.

AQUILLA.

R. V. Galloway, Feb. 8: Our first Quarterly Conference embraced fifth Sunday in January. Dr. Bishop preached an able sermon at 11 a. m. and took collection for our general collection, \$175 and we have raised it to about \$50. We were delighted to have him with us. Bro. Bolton preached at night and held our Quarterly Conference Monday, giving us a fine sermon at 11 a. m. We had a fine conference, only three stewards absent out of sixteen and one of them was sick. The stewards made the smallest assessment for me I have had in years; it was the best they could do, but with Bro. Bolton the good people and the stewards to stand by me my children out of school at work to supplement my salary, with \$200 or \$300 and Bishop Dineen ready to put the baremest if necessary. I feel that I am determined to do the best year's work of my life. I never saw a more inviting field for work. I am among a good people. Some life long friends are here. I have in my pastoral charge one of the only two surviving members of the first class organized in Waco. My father was their class leader. Of this I will write later. The good women have put between \$15 and \$20 worth of furniture in the parson-

age. The good ladies of Ross sent us a nice box of chickens. The pounding came and good things are finding their way in my buggy and to the parsonage. Last, but not least, we are going to build a church at Aquilla. We have organized our committee appointed by the conference and we are going right ahead. We urge all the good people who read this to pray for our success.

ROGERS PRAIRIE.

O. A. Shook, Feb. 5: I arrived here at the end of a move of 180 miles—our goods by railroad and ourselves on horse. Our people received us heartily and made us feel welcome and at home. We have visited all of the societies in the charge and find the members in a responsive spirit and ready for work. Our first Quarterly Conference came on the 12th of January and the stewards made fair provisions for us, considering the size of the charge. I am well pleased with my presiding elder. I went after Mrs. S. on the 26th of January and when we returned on the 27th we found the parsonage fitted up with new furniture and the ladies waiting to receive us. They had a nice supper set and everything for our comfort and convenience ready. They left plenty in the safe to last for a long time, such as sugar, coffee, butter, syrup, sausage, ham, fruit (canned and dried), eggs and spices. We will organize a Home Mission Society, with a near future, and although we are in the midst of the boll weevil scourge, we hope to do some building soon.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

SOUTHMAYD CIRCUIT.

W. Byron Byars, Feb. 6: We have started off very well on this work. We have had a generous pounding and hearty welcome. By the grace of God, and help of his courageous people, we mean to do a good year's work. We have a nice parsonage in Southmayd and are planning to build a nice church. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone and the proceeds, too. We have received several into the Church, and are getting ready for a meeting at this place.

COLLINSVILLE.

R. D. Hughes, M. D., Feb. 1: I do not think any charge in North Texas Conference was more grieved at giving up their preacher than we were to give up Bro. J. A. Old, for we felt that in him we had an ideal preacher and a Christian gentleman, and in his wife one of the best of Christian women and a devoted worker in the Church. Our prayers will follow them in their new work. Our new preacher, Bro. E. R. Edwards, we have learned to love and feel that he is the right man for us. His preaching is of a high order, full of the spirit of the Master. The work is starting off with renewed life and we believe there are great blessings in store for us this year. Our Sunday-school was never in a better condition. We believe this is largely due to our new plan, that of the Loyal Sunday-school Army, which we have just adopted. As to our preacher's wife, all we can say is that it is a case of love at first sight with all who have met her. Sweet, spirited, with a simple and cheerful word for every-day. Our beloved presiding elder was with us at our first Quarterly Conference and to say that he is a fine preacher and presiding officer but feebly expresses our opinion of him. His sermon on Sunday night was both rightly in spirit and argument and elevating in its character. The report of the stewards was the best we have ever had. The preacher's salary was raised \$50. The Advocate is taken in every Methodist home in town. May God bless the Advocate in its work for the Church and in the cause of prohibition.

ECTOR.

P. G. Huffman, Feb. 8: We closed out a two weeks' meeting at Ector last night. It was a great success in many respects. The Church was greatly revived, many backsliders reclaimed and sinners converted, some 30 or 35 in all. There were 13 additions to the Church, and but denounces it. Bro. W. B. McCarter, of Deport, came to us on Tuesday of the first week and stayed with us ten days, doing most all of the preaching, and it was well done indeed. He makes no compromise with work, and the people have received us kindly. We have been shown many tokens of appreciation. We desire to do the best year's work of our ministry.

FORNEY.

R. F. Bryant, Feb. 9: We have been very kindly received by the people of Forney. We found a good, comfortable parsonage and the ladies of the Home Mission Society proceeded to make it

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more comfortable by recanvassing, papering and carpeting. We have a loyal and growing membership; have had several additions since coming here. Everything points to a good and prosperous year. We have received a generous pounding indeed and many other tokens of kindness and appreciation. We hope to show our appreciation of these things by ministering to these people in spiritual things.

PONDER.

L. G. White, Feb. 1: Yesterday the fifth Sunday in January, some fifteen of the Senior League came over to our place and organized a League for us. They brought a blessing to us and seemed to receive one in return. We start out with twenty-four members. Now that we are in our new home, we feel like doing something. Bro. J. E. Naylor was elected President. Although a young convert, he will make us a good officer. The visiting League conducted our devotional service at 6:30 p. m. to show us how they did. It was a very enjoyable and profitable service. Their pastor, Bro. T. H. Morris, came with them and preached a good sermon at 7:30. At this service there were five requests for prayer. We are hoping and praying for great things here this year.

BROOKSTON AND HIGH.

T. M. Kirk, Feb. 6: The Brookston and High charge, to which I was sent last December, is a most delightful work to serve. It consists of two half stations two and one-half miles apart on the T. & P. Railroad. The parsonage is located at Brookston, ten miles west of Paris. Here we have a fine black-land country, very rich and productive, yet the cotton crop was light this year because of boll worms. Our people for the most part are wealthy, the land being in the hands of few men. When I reached the work I found the parsonage in very bad state of repair. But the people soon had it put in both a respectable and comfortable condition. They also put us in a 20-barrel cistern for water, which was badly needed. I find that my predecessors have wrought well and the people still remember them in words of kindness. Spiritually this work is not what it should be. We are praying and working for a revival that will break down the strongholds of sin and save our people from their sins. I believe it will come, for the Lord has never failed me. We have some as good people on this work as North Texas can furnish, and they have not been slow to prove it by their fruits. Our services, including the weekly prayer-meeting, is well attended and have had adult persons come for prayer in our morning service, and I think the tide is rising. Our motto is, "Brookston and High for the Lord."

BLUE RIDGE.

S. W. Miller, Feb. 1: Our first Quarterly Conference on an occasion long to be remembered by some of us. At 11 o'clock Saturday I preached, and God did most graciously bless me and others. Bro. Rosser took charge at 2 p. m. and the stewards made the same assessment of last year. The usual business was attended in good order, for that is Bro. Rosser's way. My colleague, Rev. Sammie Francis, has been rendering faithful work with me on the circuit and mission. The fact is, the entire work is properly a mission except Blue Ridge and Verona. Bro. Rosser preached us a fine sermon Saturday night and at 11 o'clock Sunday he just beat himself on the "Priesthood of Christ" and followed the sermon by the sacrament, at the close of which there was one of the most touching incidents I ever saw: A brother who had acted very wrong and whom I had visited with a committee, as Bro. Rosser was making a talk upon the communion, arose and made voluntarily an open confession of his sin and asked the Church to pray for and help him to live religiously. Many tears were shed and stout hearts trembled. Our great need here is the circulation of sound religious literature, especially our Advocate. I wish some one would put at my disposal \$50 to do missionary work in the way of circulating the Texas Advocate on this work. I would arrange for \$50 more and put the Advocate in many homes. At night Bro. Rosser preached us another excellent sermon. We will always be glad to welcome him here, especially if Sister Rosser comes with him, as she did this time. We reported a nice set of furniture bought for the parsonage and some much needed repairs and improvement done on Verona Church in the way of paint, hard-wooding and building of cupola and the putting in of a splendid new bell. I think our outlook is rather encouraging.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

ATHENS.

Clyde B. Garrett, Bro. Mulkey came to us Jan. 21 for a ten days' meeting. Gracious were the results indeed; forty-five gave their names for membership in the Churches. A sweet spirit of unity prevailed among the Churches. He raised \$150 in subscription for our new building, now nearing completion, and stirred up a fine sentiment for the work of church building. Our hearts went out to him in his intense sorrow. This is his third visit to Athens. We were well come to the conference and pounded. Are hard at work.

GROVETON.

Jesse Lee, Feb. 2: Groveton is the county seat of Trinity County and has now more than four thousand inhabitants, and is increasing at a rapid rate. It was almost religiously demoralized last May by the death of its much-loved pastor, Rev. G. E. Parsons, and a more popular man I never knew. His name is really a household word to-day in the town. His time was filled out by our new Augusta man, Rev. J. E. Luker, and he surely handled conditions here with care. He is not a rapid worker, but a permanent builder and a strong preacher. His work abides and will ever be. Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Our presiding elder, Bro. Sears, was with us three days and took in the conditions and said Groveton had better prospects than ever before. Ample provisions were made for our first conference and everything in full and full attendance. Our congregations are good and our Sunday-school better, and our Home Mission Society best. We have some as good women as you can find anywhere, and our men are above the average. We have a good Board of Stewards, and they are at work. Our next job is to enlarge our church so as to take care of our children. We have plenty of material for both Senior and Junior Leagues, and as soon as we can handle them we will organize and go to work. We hope to do much

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for the Advocate. A man gave us a jar of chow-chow a few days ago. All in all, we are getting along quite well as the average man on his first station, with plenty to do.

TYLER.

W. F. Packard, Feb. 2: Rev. J. Kilgore occupied the pulpit of Marvin Church last Sunday and preached two able sermons. No mistake was made in his appointment as Commissioner of Education. Southwestern University is sure to prosper as the fruit of his labors.

COFFEYVILLE.

W. W. Horner, Feb. 2: The first Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at Ashland Jan. 29, and was both a pleasant and profitable occasion. Bro. Downs, our beloved presiding elder, did not reach us until about 1 p. m. on Saturday on account of belated trains, but was on hand in time to preside over the Quarterly Conference, and he did this in a delightful way. He made one of the best talks to the official members on the work of the Church that I ever heard, and it was calculated to do much good. The stewards assessed the pastor's salary at \$30 and \$50 for the presiding elder, and paid a little over one-fourth of the amount at this meeting. This is perhaps the best report this work has made for ten years, and considering the condition of the work, it was very gratifying report. The six Churches paid as follows: Coffeyville, \$22.20; Cox School-house, \$18; Independent Springs, \$18.25; Ashland, \$10; Mims Chapel, \$5; Smyrna, \$13.25, making a total of \$141.80. Since the meeting I have received \$12.60 more and this is a very fine report for this work. Bro. Downs preached two fine sermons for us on Sunday which were enjoyed very much by our people. He is one of the most careful, painstaking presiding elders we have ever had, and by his genial and lovable spirit he won our love and esteem right at the start. Our people seem to be more hopeful and in better spirits than they have been for many years and it is our purpose to do the very best year's work that we can, so as to build up the cause of the Master in this part of the moral vineyard. There has been a great deal of material improvement in this country in the last twenty-five years, but I regret to say that the moral and spiritual development has not kept pace with the material progress. I forgot to say in my last report that the good people here had put a brand-new cook stove in the parsonage.

DAVILLA.

C. E. Simpson, Feb. 5: At the late session of our conference, held at Bryan, we were returned to serve this charge the third year. Many kindnesses have been shown us from each appointment, which make us feel that we are appreciated. Notwithstanding the hard times we paid all our conference collections last year. Many gave cheerfully out of their poverty to make it possible to do so. Of course we expect to do as well this year. Money for the Orphanage has been sent in. Our Quarterly Conference was the best we have had since we have been on the work. Rev. C. F. Smith, our presiding elder, was with us and did effective work along many lines, which was highly appreciated by both pastor and people. Last evening the good people of Davilla took it in hand to pound us, and right well did they do it. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Christians (Campbellites) alike joined in this, to us, pleasant occasion. We are hopeful and go forward.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

UTOPIA.

V. V. Boone: The good people of Utopia charge received us very kindly. More than \$50 has been added to the parsonage by way of repairs and furniture. Much more is yet needed. We are planning for and expecting large results this year. I shall not forget the Advocate, which I beg to say is a most excellent paper. It ought to be in every home.

HONDO AND DEVINE.

H. B. Henry, Feb. 3: The people of Hondo and Devine have heartily extended a most cordial reception to their new pastor, and a most copious pounding has appeared. When we arrived we found many good words spoken about Bro. Davis and other faithful predecessors who wrought well in this field. In the parsonage awaiting our arrival we found flour, bacon, lard, meal, sugar, coffee, dried fruit, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, butter, eggs, honey, canned goods, wood, and \$2 worth of beef paid for at the market. Since we came we have received three and one-half gallons of strained honey, butter, eggs and milk, sugar, coffee, ham sausage, backbones and two large gobblers for Christmas. Since coming our Sunday-school here in

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# The Home Circle

## DAY BY DAY.

Robert E. Goodrich.  
Slowly flows the stream of life,  
Day by day.  
Drifting to the Sea of Death,  
Far away.  
Slowly flows the moving tide—  
Passing things can not abide—  
Nearer draws the other side  
Day by day.

Change brings on new types and forms,  
Day by day.  
Childhood's eyes see Age's locks  
Turning gray.  
Time is blind; he does not know  
These great griefs that pain us so,  
As the shadows longer grow  
Day by day.

Slower beats this throbbing heart,  
Day by day.  
Soon 'twill cease, and I shall sleep—  
Not for aye.  
Far above the vale of night  
Gleams the kindly, healing light;  
Faith looks on that distant height  
Day by day.

## LITTLE DIMPLE.

By Mrs. S. E. Heartsill.

In a little blue cottage on the outskirts of Fort Worth lived Mr. and Mrs. Brown. The family being large, times were very hard for them. No one realized this like their daughter, Nell. She knew all about mother's struggles to keep the little boys, Jack and Dan, decently clothed and in school. She knew that the little coats and trousers were made from father's old ones; so nicely washed, darned and turned that no one was the wiser, not even the boys.

Nell knew about father denying himself the warm flannels that he could give more to the children. Knowing this, she thought it almost wicked for Fred—her elder brother—to think of spending his money for a bicycle, which he told her he intended doing. She determined to try and persuade him to give up the idea, and seeing him come into the gate she ran to him, saying pleadingly:

"Oh, Fred, I hope you will listen to me, and give that money you have saved to father. You do not need a wheel, and the money will be such a help to him."

"I just must get me a bike, Nell," Fred answered impatiently, "all the other fellows of my age who work in the shops own one," and with a very consequential air he ran his finger across his upper lip to find if a baby mustache could be felt there. He then continued:

"You know I'm 16 now, and I've always given my money to father, but this time I must have it. I cannot do without a bike, come what may."

"But, Fred," persisted Nell, "this is such a hard winter for father, and you have quite a nice little sum, which would help so much—please, brother."

"Can't do it, dearie. That old poverty story is so thin and worn it won't support a spider's web. I am sure father can make out some way. Now, little sister, don't push your mouth up like a knot-hole in a board and look so woe begone. I'm sure it will all come right. Good-bye, I'm off for work."

"Say, Fred," Nell cried, running after him, "wait a moment. Mother says if something good don't come our way soon father will be compelled to sell Dimple."

"Needn't try the scare racket on me, sis. He wouldn't sell her. Why, we couldn't spare her. I'm sure he'd as soon sell a chimney from the house."

With that he left poor Nell discouraged and disheartened.

Dimple was the only pet those city children had to love—their gentle Jersey cow. Dan and Jack loved her dearly, and she loved them. When they came home from school in the evening she would look at them and moo softly, as much as to say, "Boys, I'm so glad to see you." They would put their arms around her neck, and even get upon her broad back for a ride around the lot. And, oh, the good milk and butter! No wonder Fred said a chimney from the house before Dimple. How could they spare her?

Things for this family kept growing worse. Something must be done.

The large packing companies of Swift and Armour had just come to Fort Worth, and were offering good prices for fat cattle. Mr. Brown concluded now was the time to sell the cow. He reasoned with himself that vegetables would soon be in, and the family would miss her less now than any other time. He also thought that in the fall he would be able to buy another as good. So when he told the family that a man from the packery would be out some time that day for Dimple there was a terrible panic. Mrs. Brown remonstrated, Nell pleaded, and the two small boys cried. Fred did not hear the bad news, as he left for work very early.

Dan and Jack, after kissing their dear pet a dozen times, went off to school, crying like girls, for they were sure they would never see her again.

When Fred came home at dinner he

found the lot deserted, and the old gate open, swinging on its hinges. He rushed in the house with a question on his lips:

"Mother, where's Dimple?"  
"Your father sold her to the packery. A man came an hour ago and took her away."

"How much did he get for her?"  
"Twenty-five dollars. So little, but she had to go."

"I have that much, mother. I'll save her if possible. If I'm not too late," and he went out of the house like Tam O'Shanta's goblins were at his heels.

Arriving at the packing house, Fred accosted the first man he met, asking:

"Was there a fat, red Jersey cow brought here two hours ago?"

"Yes, she's a beauty, too. They have just driven her in the slaughter house."

"For mercy sake! save her. She's my mother's cow. Here is the money paid for her this morning," said Fred in an agitated voice.

"All right then. Hurry up, my man, for it don't take Simpson long to kill them."

Fear lent speed to Fred's feet, and he rushed into the packery just as Dimple was driven up the platform to be slaughtered. The man (Simpson) swung the immense hammer around, but Fred screamed in agony.

"Stop! Stop! For God sake don't kill that cow!" Just in time to save her! How proud Fred felt when he drove her in the little lot at home. His mother and Nell cried and laughed all in the same breath.

The old bicycle idea was completely snowed under, though this fact did not trouble Fred, now that he had saved their gentle dumb friend.

Dan and Jack danced a jig, and when milking time came they piled Dimple's feed box so full of bran and cotton seed. I am sure she wondered, for she moored softly and licked Dan's head affectionately.

When Mr. Brown came home at night he was greatly surprised to see the little cow again in her lot, for he was sure he sold her, as even now the silver dollars made sweet music in his pocket. But after all was explained by the glad, eager children, he was also elated, and said to Fred:

"My son, you certainly made the bridge which carried us safely over this trouble, and we sincerely thank you for your great self-denial. Truly a good son maketh a glad father."

## OUR PRESIDENTS.

If a little collection of trustworthy maxims could be published under the title, "How to Become President," it would be a help to those rare boys who begin early to think of what they would like to be, and it might set some boys to thinking of presidential chances who now never give the matter a passing thought. But the winning of the presidency is not one of those exact arts for which the directions can be set out like lessons in a school book. Thus far we have had but twenty chosen presidents; for five of the Presidents, so-called, have been vice-presidents, succeeding to the powers and duties of presidents who died within their terms of office. Twenty is a small number from which to extract a rule for the selection of presidents, and six of the twenty had already been chosen under the social distinctions prevailing down to the time when Jackson, an idol of the rude and hardy settlers, who were transferring the political supremacy from the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi valley, brought in the era of the "poor boy." Yet the reasons why the twenty chosen ones became preferred to others must throw some light on the kinds of men and lives most likely to lead to the presidency.

Washington was chief of the men who had carried the young nation to independence through the Revolutionary war, and when the people decided to have a president they had no room in their minds and hearts for anybody but him. He would have been a president for life if he had not insisted upon retiring when he felt that he could leave the office without injury to the country.

Presidents John Adams, Jefferson and Madison were all illustrious statesmen of the revolutionary period, and each was the natural and proper choice of the party that elected him in behalf of the nation. Presidents Monroe and John Quincy Adams were both statesmen of distinguished character and service, with high claims upon the whole people, and stronger claims than any of their competitors upon the party to which they belonged.

President Jackson, coming up early from the humbler ranks of the people, had gained great fame and popularity as a military and political leader at the time of his election. He was a man of violent passions and prejudices, but, like the gentler Lincoln of after years, a man of many virtues and of a rare strength of character, and a lover of truth, honesty, and the interests of his country. Following the examples of Washington and Jefferson,

he refused to serve for more than two terms, and gladly went into retirement at the zenith of his power over the government and people.

President Van Buren was a man of winning manners, and of great popularity; he was renowned as a manager of political affairs, and having been a loyal and most valuable helper to Jackson, the latter, in return, did all he could to make his friend's successor to the presidency easy and sure.

President William Henry Harrison was much like Jackson in the great hold he had upon the masses through his military fame; but he was a well-bred man, and amiable to all men and parties. He was old when the great office came to him at last, and died only a month after his inauguration.

Presidents Polk, Pierce and Hayes were men of esteemed private character and creditable standing in politics. Their positions in public life were too moderate to give them hopes of the presidency, but their party leaders chose them as compromise candidates when unable to agree upon statesmen of greater fame.

President Taylor and President Grant were military men who had become popular heroes through famous victories, for which reason they were taken into politics and made presidential candidates, as being more likely to defeat the civilian candidates of the opposite parties.

President Buchanan, Garfield, Benjamin Harrison and McKinley were public men of long and prominent service, who, without surpassing other men of their own parties, perhaps, were plainly in the front rank. They were finally preferred in the nominating conventions because well and strongly supported by their adherents, and because their prospects of success favorably impressed the members of the conventions.

Presidents Lincoln and Cleveland were public men who each made a rapid rise to national importance because he seemed to be the very man to deal with questions out of the ordinary line of politics, which engrossed the popular mind at the time.

Now let us see what our twenty examples can teach us about how to attain the presidency. First, we must put aside Washington, Taylor, and Grant as exceptional instances; for we shall hardly again have a creator-in-chief and founder of the nation; and only on rare occasions can some conqueror, by force of popular fervor, supersede the statesman and stride like a victor to the White House. From the seventeen examples that remain we learn that a coming president must be in political life, whether as an illustrious statesman, to whom the office comes like a natural promotion with hardly an effort, or as a suddenly risen man of fame, to whom the popular feeling decrees it. If he be neither of these then he must be a statesman distinguished beyond the average, or one of average yet real distinction, who in either case must reach out for the coveted place, with a general feeling of the propriety of his having it. If such a one, in the course of events, has had an opportunity to successfully turn his hand to warfare, after the fashion of public men in this land of citizen soldiery, his martial popularity will count largely in his favor. Or an average statesman will have a useful lead if he possesses those personal qualities, such as tact, patience, and grace—the iron band in the velvet glove—that enable him to manage all sorts and conditions of men, and so to make himself quietly predominant.

Lastly, to be modestly and honorably in politics, with attractive personal qualities and good claims to private esteem, is to be hopefully in waiting for the day when a party, torn by the rival contentions of the principal men, shall look over into the next rank for a substitute candidate, and thus bring the honor suddenly.—Charles F. Benjamin, in St. Nicholas.

## A FEATHERED MIRIAM.

A gentleman traveling in the South, in a letter from Mississippi, gives the following description of a thrilling scene in bird life:

"While digging flowers I heard the flutter of a bird and its cry of distress. Looking up I discovered a mocking bird plunging rapidly downward, then scaring only to dive again upon some enemy in the grass. I left my work and moved quietly to the spot where the bird had made attack. The mocker, confident that I was her ally, upon my approach alighted on the bough of a mulberry and waited results. At first I failed to discern the cause for alarm, but in a moment I saw in the grass near the water's edge an ugly, looking moccasin, with his dirty, dull, obscurely blotched erotoline skin. Mr. Moccasin was in the act of swallowing young, half-grown mocking bird."

"I thought the bird was as good as dead and was anxious to see how Mr. Snake would manage such a mouthful, for he had bitten off more than he could chew. So I stepped back, not wishing to disturb the moccasin, lest he should dart into the water with his prey. When the mother bird saw my move her anxiety was renewed.

Again she flew down, pouncing upon the snake, picking at it, clawing at it like an angry woman, all the while making a piteous, yet harsh cry. Soft-hearted I certainly was when that bird suddenly flew to me, alighting upon my shoulder just a second, then back to the branch of the mulberry. Yes, I understood. It was the plea of a mother heart. She was powerless, and grief robbed her of fear. She made this eloquent plea for aid when she saw I had refused help in the first instance.

"I picked up a stick and, edging near the river to prevent retreat, I came near the moccasin, and before he was aware of my presence, wily and alert as they generally are, save when gormandizing, I readily dispatched him and sent him where all bad snakes belong. The bird released, I picked it up. No bones were broken, the feathers were hardly ruffled. It was barely more than a callow fledgling, and feeling its tiny heart throb. I knew that it was alive. I laid it upon the grass, not knowing what to do to resuscitate the half-dead creature, and retired to watch. The mother bird flew to it, tenderly pecked at its plumage, and in soft notes, dulcet and luscious, cooed and solaced the sufferer. Soon it stirred, then staggered to its feet, then with help and the most endearing encouragement from the mother bird, tried its wings and feebly flew beside the now happy mother."

"I turned again to the prosaic labor of digging plants, but I heard swelling from distant mulberry tops the joyous song of the feathered Miriam, whose liquid notes were burdened with, 'Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.'"

How human seems this bit of bird life, and who can say that the heart of the mother bird was not filled with a prayer that found a timely answer as she bravely fought for the life of her fledgling? If so little a creature could accomplish her hard task, how much can human determination do when it begins to "fight and pray?" The liquor moccasin would receive some killing blows from men high in power, and that very speedily, if these good men could realize the keen anguish of the mother heart, instead of watching to see what the snake would do with the bird.—Mary E. David, in Christian Advocate.

## AN AFTERNOON'S AMUSEMENT.

How slowly the hours passed! Only 2 o'clock, and it seemed day to Harry since morning!

Poor Harry had been sick; and now, although he was much better, he had to lie in bed from morning till night. Mamma had read to him and told him stories and he had looked at pictures; but now there seemed nothing left to do.

Two big tears slowly found their way out from under the eyelids which were shut tight to keep them back, for Harry was not a very little boy and would have scorned to cry had he been strong and well. Now he felt so weak and tired!

Just then mamma came up to the bed, and somehow her bright smile cheered Harry up wonderfully. She had both hands behind her and Harry wondered what she had for him.

"You can never guess," said mamma. "It is round and lighter than air, and is a bright red."

"It is—no, it can't be; but I can never guess it, I know!" exclaimed Harry.

Just then above mamma's shoulder Harry saw it—a bright red toy balloon—"Why, what am I to do with it?" he asked.

Mamma held the balloon by a string about a yard long, which was fastened to it. "You hold on to the string," she told Harry, "while I get some paper."

Harry watched her. She tore quite a good-sized piece out of a newspaper, and then she took the balloon and tied the paper to the end of the string and let go. Harry thought, of course, it would go up to the ceiling; but, no, down it came, until the paper rested on the floor.

Then mamma tore off some of the paper to make it lighter and let it go again. It was going up this time, surely; no, down it came and again rested on the floor. Some more paper was torn off, and this time it did not go to the floor, but sailed about the room as the little currents of air moved it.

Harry watched it. It hovered over the bed, and then moved away again. It would be so quiet for several minutes, and Harry would wonder if it would again come toward the bed; and soon back it would come.

Before Harry knew it, mamma brought him his supper, and the lights were lit and the long afternoon had passed.—Exchange.

## "IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I WAKE."

There is a very striking incident "going the rounds" of the papers, which so illustrates a lesson that

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should be learned by people of all ages, that it has seemed worth while to incorporate it in these heart talks. The story first appeared in the Well-spring.

"'F I should die 'fore I wake,' said Donny, kneeling at grand-mother's knee, 'I should die 'fore I wake—'

"I pray—" prompted the gentle voice, "Go on, Donny."

"Wait a minute," interposed the small boy, scrambling to his feet and hurrying away downstairs. In a brief space he was back again, and, dropping down in his place, took up his petition where he left it. But when the little white-gowned form was safely tucked in bed, the grandmother questioned with loving rebuke concerning the interruption.

"But I did think what I was sayin', grandmother; that's why I had to stop. You see, I'd upset Ted's menagerie and stood all his wooden soldiers on their heads, just to see how he'd tear round in the mornin'. But 'I should die 'fore I wake,' why—I didn't want him to find 'em that way, so I had to go down and fix 'em right. There's lots of things that seem funny if you're goin' to keep on livin', but you don't want 'em that way if you should die 'fore you wake."

Donny's comment on his prayer strikes the root of the whole matter. There are some things that may seem funny, if you are going to live; but—you are going to die before you wake, why—they will not seem so funny. You can take this boyish way of putting it and go far into the whole manner of living and praying—and dying—and you cannot fail to be helped. Who is there among us, who is not waiting for some better day in which to do things that ought to be done—to-day; the neglect of which, should we die before we wake, will leave some sad hearts behind us, and perhaps give some restless twinges in the dying pillow.—The Baptist Young People's Union.

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THE SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

This newest institution of the Methodist Church in Texas asks to be heard from. It has already proven itself worthy and well qualified to take its place among the great enterprises which have been born in the providence of God for the good of humanity. At the last commencement of our Southwestern University, after mature deliberation, the Curators representing the several Annual Conferences in Texas judged the time had come to inaugurate the Medical Department of our University. It is known to the better informed part of our members that it was contemplated in the founding of the University by our fathers, nearly forty years ago, that there should be such a school as a part of our educational system. Indeed the title "University" is a misnomer without affiliated professional schools, and so it was provided in the original charter that when in the progress of events the time should justify such a course there should be schools of medicine, of law, as well as schools of physics, languages and theology. It is the conviction of those who ought to know, and who do know, that we have reached a point that we can no longer remain stationary. We must go forward or retrograde. Stagnation is death. The procession is moving on and will leave us far behind unless we keep step with God's beckoning hand.

The evidence our Lord gave of his divinity was, "Go show John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them." The Church has a work to do upon the bodies of men as well as their souls, and Christ reached their souls through their bodies. Our Baptist brethren, be it said to their everlasting honor, are awake to this divine order of procedure and have established a medical college in Dallas in connection with their Baylor University, and have invested some thousands of dollars in a hospital, and will give \$100,000 more. It is known to all thinking minds that nothing appeals to the people in behalf of the Roman Catholics as their hospitals and orphanages. We plead for an awakening on the part of our people, not in the spirit of rivalry or sectarian competition, but because it is God's work, which we can no longer ignore or neglect, but must address ourselves to or another will take our crown. When our brethren at Georgetown last June concluded to inaugurate this school a committee was appointed to act in connection with Dr. R. S. Hyer, the Regent, in selecting a place. After visiting several cities and studying the advantages they unanimously decided upon Dallas, and adopted a school of medicine already organized, consisting of the foremost men in the profession, in Dallas. On the first day of last October the school opened its doors with a full faculty of forty members, and only a small matriculation. A great many applicants were turned away for want of preparation. It is the policy of the college to do first-class work or none at all, and confident that merit would in the end win, they preferred to bide their time. The school has increased almost seven-fold, and its reputation for thorough work has already gone abroad, and is winning it friends among the physicians of the State and in other States as well. The college challenges investigation, and we believe if those who are looking to the medical profession as a life work will acquaint themselves with the high character of the professors, together with the hospital and clinical advantages, they will find it to their best interest to enroll themselves as students at its next session. Full information can be had by addressing the Dean, Dr. John O. McReynolds, who will soon have a new catalogue ready for distribution. By the grace of the editor of the Advocate I shall follow this paper with others, showing what has been done and what it is proposed to do, with the help of a broad-minded constituency. I may say in concluding this article that at the solicitation of those in authority I have consented to act as Secretary of this educational branch of our University. Any information I can give will be cheerfully furnished. Address H. A. BOURLAND, Secretary of Education for Medical College, 164 Thomas Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

THOUGHTS ON A CALL FOR SAN ANTONIO RESCUE HOME.

In the Advocate of Dec. 10, 1903, is a call from Bro. B. Harris for the Rescue Home in San Antonio. Another very much like it appeared about a year before on the same subject and by the same man. In each an appeal was made for second-hand goods. As I read his appeal each time there

was strong objection to it in my mind. As a Methodist and a professed Christian, I object to bringing half-worn or soiled, cast-away clothes to God's altar as an offering, notwithstanding it will be used gladly by one who is struggling against the world, the flesh and the devil to deliver herseif from the estate of a literal outcast of the earth. Likewise I object to the same manner of sacrifice being offered by my wife. I think it is a disgrace and shame upon any woman to get rid of worn or faded garments and shoes thus, in the name of charity, and then go shopping to supply herself with new and fresh ones. And it is no less so upon any man to allow his wife to do so.

I have never yet heard of any such stuff being offered for sale at a bazaar, etc., conducted in the name, and for the benefit, of the Church; furthermore, I never expect to. Why? Because they are dealing with the public which may refuse to trade, in the one case, instead of a poor outcast struggling for existence and a higher life, in the other case, and who must accept such charity(?) or be an outcast still for time and eternity.

One of the sisters last year asked me if my wife would give some second-hand something for a box that was being filled for the Rescue Home. I said, "No, madam, that is too much like feeding slop to hogs. I'll give you something new." And I am stronger in that belief the more I think about it.

I think there is a sure basis for the preceding remarks and opinions in the account of the prodigal son in Luke 15. The account says he wasted his substance with riotous living and the elder brother said it was with harlots. So he must have been no better than the worst of these poor women in Bro. Harris' charge. Also, he admitted he was not worthy to be called a son nor be treated as one, but was glad to be allowed second-hand treatment; just as, no doubt from the appeal, these poor women admit. But would that have justified the father in treating him so? What did the father think, and how did he say to treat the young man? "But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

Now, if (as is commonly taught), this earthly father represents the heavenly, with the Church professing to be in God's stead and doing his work on earth at the present time, where is the place for second-hand clothes and shoes? One thing certain, it is not in the Rescue Home. We ought to furnish that home with as good as we wear at home. That was the father's way of dressing his son, and I don't think it was second-hand either. Other thoughts might be written with profit, but I will stop.

J. A. BROWN.

Blanco, Texas.

205,902 METHODISTS IN TEXAS. AWAKE!

In the Christian Advocate, published at Nashville, Tenn., G. C. Rankin, D. D., states in the issue of January 7, 1904, that there are 205,902 members of the M. E. Church, South, in Texas, in whose ears—through our over 700 pastors—I would echo an alarm which was sounded in the Texas Christian Advocate of the 14th of this month by Edward P. Ingersoll, Secretary of the American Bible Society, in response to a resolution passed by the late session of the North Texas Conference, asking the society to place an agent in Texas and returned to Rev. L. S. Barton, whose wisdom is seen as he sends to the Texas Advocate for publication. Our editor in the same connection publishes a statement from Mr. Wm. Foulke, Treasurer of said society, to which I call attention, as follows:

1. "The income last year fell over \$50,000 below an average for ten years." Such a statement of fact should awaken and alarm our pastors and members and excite and inspire prompt and liberal collections.

2. "The regular gifts from individuals and Churches must greatly increase, and also large and special gifts must increase before April 1 proximo, or the work at home and abroad of the American Bible Society will be seriously curtailed, to the injury of the missionary work of the American Churches."

Two hundred and five thousand nine hundred and two Methodists should at least pay 5 cents per head. This would help much. The minutes of the late session of the West Texas Conference shows a membership of 24,500 in round figures, and yet we only raised a little over \$300. Brethren, let us all do our duty. There were fourteen pastors who took no collections. The cause of Christ suffers when we fail to be true to our opportunity. This cause is worthy. Send collections to Wm. Foulke, Treasurer American Bible Society, Astor Place, New York.

H. B. HENRY.

REMINISCENCES OF FRONTIER LIFE.

No. 6.

We are now getting pretty well supplied with church buildings in this region of our great and growing State, both in the towns and rural districts. Some of these houses are neat and commodious, a few are elegant and costly. To one who lived here when this country was a frontier and who lives here now, the wide contrast between the former and the present places of public worship affords matter for gratifying reflection. The early settlers met to worship in family homes, in rudely constructed log school-houses and under brush arbors; even Sunday-schools as well as preaching were at times conducted under brush arbors, so anxious were the people to impart religious instruction to their children. The first churches built were very unpretentious structures indeed.

Fairview Church, erected in Comanche County in 1866 or 1867, was a very fair specimen, so far as the writer's observation extended of those early churches. It stood upon an elevated plateau that furnished a fair view of a good deal of the adjacent country. It was constructed of large hewn logs, roofed with boards and floored with puncheons which were fastened to the sleepers with wooden pins instead of nails. The rough benches, consisting of split logs, were without backs. The pulpit was built out of some old household furniture donated by a kind sister. Such was the house and its equipment. It was often thronged with eager hearers hungry for the bread of life. Gifted preachers from time to time occupied the pulpit and seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord visited his people and souls were saved at Fairview. Would that the old time power might come upon us now more abundantly.

Soon after Fairview Church was built a Sunday-school was organized in it that prospered greatly. There were instances of families coming to this Sunday-school in wagons drawn by oxen for several miles. They would bring their dinners often and eat on the ground. On Sundays when there was no preaching the superintendent sometimes held two sessions of the school. Children attending this school committed to memory, I suppose, thousands of verses of Holy Writ. One girl I recollect repeated at one time one hundred and forty verses. A library of seventy-four volumes was procured from the Book Concern at Nashville. Those books circulated in the families composing the Sunday-school and accomplished much good. Many of the children trained in the Fairview Sunday-school embraced re-

ligion while young and became stable and useful members of the Church.

The first itinerant preachers at Fairview were Revs. P. W. Gravis and J. M. Johnson. Both of those beloved brethren served for many years on the frontier as presiding elders and pastors. They were widely known and loved and were distinguished for their abilities and usefulness. They were abundant in labors and often made narrow escapes from the Indians while going to their appointments. After those, other brethren beloved preached at Fairview or on Fairview campground. I recall the following: Revs. Wm. Monk, M. O. Coker, W. V. Jones, N. F. Law, E. A. Bailey, J. T. Graham and other true and tried ministers whose praise is in all the Churches.

The pioneer preachers are rapidly disappearing. My heart was saddened when I heard of the death of Rev. M. O. Coker. He was a member of the Quarterly Conference that licensed me to preach. We were intimate friends for forty years. Bro. "Mans" Coker (I love to write his name) was a pioneer local preacher to Comanche County. Notwithstanding his health was always delicate and he had the care of a large family, yet he preached extensively on the frontier. He also did supply work. Bro. M. O. Coker was a favorite preacher with the people and they heard him gladly. He was a sweet singer, a fluent, forcible, effective preacher. Best of all, he was a good man; those who knew him best loved him most. But he is gone and the leader ear of death is deaf alike to the voice of praise or censure.

The pioneer preachers "did well, acted nobly." The fruits of their labors abide. Their heroic achievements for the betterment of humanity may not be perpetuated in marble or sung by poets or embellished by historians, but their record is on high. They will live in the traditions of the country and gratefully embalmed in the affections of the people whom they loved and served so well.

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We attended the communion service at First Methodist Church in the city last Sunday, and it was a delightful occasion. There were perhaps seventy-five or a hundred young men who were participants in the Lord's Supper. It was a striking scene.

The meeting of our Connectional Committees, which is booked for Waco in May, will take place the second and continue till the eighth of the month. A number of the preachers have written to know the exact date, and we give the above as the correct time. Let all the presiding elders and the pastors remember this and make their appointments accordingly.

We have been engaged in spring cleaning in this office and moving a part of our belongings to a more private room, where a part of the work can be carried on without interruption. But in the shuffle, we have lost about six pounds and a half of poetic manuscripts, which we have had on hand for some time. A diligent search has failed to locate this precious matter, and this will explain to the divers and several authors why it is neither printed in the Advocate nor returned to them.

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### SAYS HE IS NEITHER PRO NOR ANTI.

Recently there was a gathering of politicians in San Antonio, and they were the guests of the Vice-President of the Brewing Association. He took them in hand and showed them the courtesies of the city. Concerning their visit the San Antonio Express said, "It has been commonly reported that they have been visiting the leading men of the party for the purpose of discussing the advisability of inserting an anti-prohibition plank in the next Democratic platform." That sounded very well over in San Antonio; but when the news of it reached Central, Northern and Eastern Texas, it sounded very differently. So Senator Davidson, of Galveston, when he reached home from the San Antonio gathering, made haste to have himself interviewed in the Daily News in the following language:

Senator R. V. Davidson was asked yesterday whether there was any truth in the statement, as intimated in a San Antonio publication, that politics was discussed at the dinner given by Otto Wahrmond at the Hot Wells Hotel. The San Antonio Express stated: "It has been commonly reported that they (the politicians) have been visiting the leading men of the party for the purpose of discussing the advisability of inserting an anti-prohibition plank in the next Democratic platform." Senator Davidson stated that politics was not discussed at the dinner given by Mr. Wahrmond; that he had not been approached either directly or indirectly by either prohibitionists or anti-prohibitionists. The Senator concluded: "If I should be elected Attorney General of Texas I would enforce the law. I am not identified with either side of the prohibition question and don't propose to be as a candidate."

So "as a candidate" he is neither pro nor anti. But what was he doing in San Antonio the guest of a leading officer in the "Brewing Association" and associated with the leading politicians who are doing their best to create sentiment in favor of the Willacy bill? But all this aside, how did the Senator vote on the Willacy bill in the last Legislature? The records of that body show that he voted for that bill. Has he had any change of heart since then? At that time he was representing Galveston, but now he is seeking a State office at the hands of all Texans, and he wants it understood that "I am not identified with either side of the prohibition question, and don't propose to be as a candidate." Maybe he does not, but in the great big Democratic counties of this end of the State we will be sure to "identify" him with one side or the other. It was not our purpose to mix this issue with State politics, but these few politicians are mixing it and we will be very apt to look after our side of the question. How do you stand on the local option law, Mr. Candidate?

### UNCLE SAM TAKES A WHACK AT THEM.

So the express agents in Texas and elsewhere who have been acting as agents for wholesale liquor dealers, and thus aiding liquor men to violate our local option laws with impunity, now have to settle with Uncle Sam. Not that Uncle Sam has any local option laws on his statute books, but such is his interest in his revenue resources that he does not allow any man to sell intoxicating spirits in local option territory or in any other territory without first paying \$25 for a revenue license. So it has been called to the attention of our Uncle Samuel that in the local option territory of Texas and other States the wholesale liquor dealers have been using the express agents as their agents to sell their wares to the thirsty denizens of these forbidden regions, and these agents failed to take out a license from Uncle Sam, as all other bar-keepers have to do; and so the old gentleman with shad-belly coat and chin whiskers is after these express agents with a sharp stick, so to speak. Now these agents are in the middle of a fix, for if they have been acting as the agents of these whisky dealers and the proof can be made clear to that effect, they will serve a spell in the penitentiary.

And we entertain no sort of doubt but that scores of these express agents in Texas have been guilty of this very offense against the United States Government, to say nothing of the outrage they have perpetrated on the people. Now read the following:

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 4.—Wholesale indictments in Kansas City, throughout Kansas and in the prohibition counties of Texas of dealers who have been shipping liquor into these prohibition States are imminent, the result of a movement started by John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington. The local agents of three large wholesale liquor houses, it was announced today, were indicted yesterday and arrested, and released on their own recognizance, and additional bills will, it is said, be found against the agent of every express company in Kansas City, in the State of Kansas and in the prohibition counties of Texas who have acted as agents for the liquor houses in selling whisky, as fast as the evidence against them can be presented.

For years past all the express companies in this part of the Southwest have acted as agencies for liquor companies who have sold liquor in Kansas and Texas, the express agents of the different companies acting nominally as agents at the various points, thus practically nullifying the prohibition laws. To avoid the law, the whisky was sent in sealed packages, addressed to fictitious names and sold by the agents for "express charges." Millions of cases of whisky have been sent into Kansas yearly, and for each case disposed of the agents were allowed 50 cents. This naturally has proven not only a violation of the prohibition laws of the States named, but has deprived the Federal Government of an immense amount of revenue. It is stated today that the Federal Government has sent dozens of agents into Kansas and the parts of Texas to gain the evidence upon which to convict the offenders.

Now then, if these express agents who have been guilty of this offense desire to keep it up in the future, they will have to pay a revenue license, and it will be their duty to post this license in a public place in their offices. This is the law. And our highest courts have held that the presence of such a license in a man's place of business is prima facie evidence of the sale of intoxicating drinks in such place of business. Therefore, it will be an easy matter for people who live in a local option district to visit the express office and see if the agent has his license from Uncle Sam. If so, it will then be a very simple matter to handle him in our State courts, on the charge of violating the local option law. It seems, then, that light is breaking upon the problem thrust upon us by the express companies. In the meantime let the people give Uncle Sam's officers every help possible to run down these guilty express agents and mete out to them the punishment that their crimes merit. But we are glad to add that in Texas we have many express agents who have flatly refused to become the tools of wholesale whisky dealers in these matters. But the guilty ones need no mercy. On with the battle!

### TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. L. A. Hanson of Merit was in the city recently and gave us a good account of his work.

Rev. C. W. Dennis, of Floyd, dropped in to see us the other day. He is starting off well as he begins his second year on that charge.

Rev. E. M. Sweet, Jr., one of our pastors in Muskogee, I. T., was in the city last week and made the Advocate a good visit. He and his people are contemplating a new church enterprise in their portion of the city of Muskogee.

In a private note from Rev. J. G. Miller, of the Vernon District, he adds: "The preachers are all at their posts and the work moves off well. Finances in advance of last year at this time. We are planning for a forward movement along all lines."

Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., is ill at his home in this city. Several days ago he had an attack of erysipelas, which has given him some trouble for several days, but we hope he will soon be himself again. He is improving at this writing.

Bishop Merrill is to retire from the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Church at the next meeting of the General Conference. He is in his seventy-ninth year.

### CHURCH NEWS.

The Scarritt Collegiate Institute, located at Neosho, Missouri, says the Wesleyan Advocate, has closed its doors. Rev. John E. Brown, an evangelist, is the President.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Lee, pastor of St. John's Church, St. Louis, will preach the annual commencement sermon at Millsaps College on Sunday, the fifth of June.

Rev. J. O. Branch, of the South Georgia Conference, is dead. He was one of the most prominent members of his conference, and well known throughout the Church.

The editorship of the Sunday School Times, left vacant by the death of Dr. Henry Clay Trumbull, has been filled by the election of Charles G. Trumbull, son of the former editor, to that responsible position.

Dr. James Atkins will deliver an address on "The Field of Hope in the Work of Religious Education" before the National Congress of Religious Education, which meets in Washington, March 1st to 3rd.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate, will lecture at the Tabernacle in Nashville this month in the interest of the new Rust Hall, Walden University, which was recently destroyed by fire.

Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, once of Georgia but now of Texas, has been compelled to take a year's rest, and is in Atlanta for treatment. We are glad to report that he is fast regaining perfect health.—Wesleyan Advocate.

Chancellor Day, of the Syracuse University, said, a few days, that it takes \$15,000,000 to support the ministers of the gospel and \$25,000,000 to support the pet dogs. And yet there are those who say preachers preach for money.

Rev. Alonzo Monk, son of Dr. Alonzo Monk, of Fort Worth, Texas, has been placed in charge of Many Circuit, succeeding Rev. Harry W. Riekey, transferred to the Mansfield Station, Louisiana Conference.

Dr. Cuyler, whose name appears more frequently perhaps in the religious press of this country than that of any other religious author, celebrated his eighty-second birthday at his home in Brooklyn, New York, Sunday, January 10. Though weak in body his mental power seems unabated.

Rev. Frank Talmage recently resigned his Church in Chicago and accepted the call of a Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, California. It now appears that the call was not unanimous, and that there is some prospect that the presbytery will not ratify the call. Mr. Talmage seems to have been ignorant of the true situation.

### PARAGRAPHS 455 AND 458 INTERPRETED.

By Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.

A ministerial brother, a pastor in active service, whose zeal for the Church is notable, and who has "a good business head on him," as the saying goes, submits a question to me concerning the transfer or sale of Church property, which demands careful consideration by all concerned. My answer is given only as my individual opinion. The only one of my colleagues from whom I have heard takes the same view of the matter that I do. But let opinions differ as they may, the importance of a right understanding and uniform action will be conceded by all. Practical unanimity, I trust, will follow due inquiry.

The question refers to the inalienability of funds arising from the proceeds of the sale of a Church building or of parsonage property. To me it seems clear that neither in the one case nor the other can such funds be diverted from the object for which they were originally contributed and invested. The law in the case is found in paragraphs 455 and 458 of our Book of Discipline.

Paragraph 455 provides that in all conveyances of grounds for the building of houses of worship, or upon which they may have been already built, this "trust clause" shall be inserted at the proper place: "In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and by the An-

nual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situate."

Paragraph 458 provides that in all conveyances of ground for the building of dwelling-houses for the use of the preachers, or upon which they may have been already built, that the following clause be inserted at the proper place: "In trust; that such premises shall be held, kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who may from time to time be appointed in said place; subject to the usage and discipline of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situate."

It will be observed that the same language is used in both paragraphs 455 and 458, except that a different kind of property is named. The same interpretation therefore seems to be called for prima facie.

The author of both of these paragraphs (adopted in 1866) was Judge Merritt, a reputable lawyer and jurist, whose testimony as to their intent might be accepted as conclusive by all interested persons. He says: "The language used was to prevent the alienation of funds in either case. The wording of these paragraphs, correctly interpreted, will not permit Church funds to be put into a parsonage or parsonage funds to be put into a church building."

This means that funds arising from the sale of parsonage property must be reinvested in the same kind of property. In other words, paragraph 458 is as binding in this particular as paragraph 455.

The law seems to be explicit in its provisions. The interpretation given by its author seems to be that which is natural and inevitable. Good faith toward the donors in all cases would seem to point to the same conclusion.

A recent utterance by the Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate presented what seemed to me the right view of this matter. After due consideration by his editorial colleagues, it is hoped that there will be general agreement of opinion on their part. I also indulge the hope that throughout our whole Church there will be agreement in opinion and action. And if there should be any entanglements or embarrassments among our people anywhere growing out of former transactions in this matter, the exhibition of a spirit of patience and conciliation, and the exercise of a reasonable share of common sense, ought to prevent hard feelings and harsh measures in all cases.

### REVIEW NOTICES.

February Success is replete with most excellent reading matter, and it is handsomely illustrated.

There are a number of remarkable articles in Leslie's Monthly for February, as well as nine short stories. The magazine sent a special correspondent to Montana to investigate the conditions there in the struggle between Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper Company backed by the Standard Oil interests, and his article is a most startling story of industrial warfare, and one that is particularly interesting from the fact that the contest is still at its height. "Does it Pay to be a Doctor?" takes up the rewards, pecuniary and otherwise, of the medical profession from a novel point of view, and "Making Flowers on Broadway" and "Imported Americans" are two attractive and vivid descriptions of working life and of immigrants.

Scribner's Magazine for February begins one of those series which from the days of the Thackeray Letters to the Waddington Letters have been characteristic of this Magazine. Mrs. George Bancroft's Letters from England are a worthy successor to these notable literary achievements. Mrs. Bancroft was a brilliant woman, born in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and all her life associated with people of distinction. As a young girl she was a great friend of Emerson and his wife, and of many of the Brook Farm people. She married George Bancroft, the historian, in 1838 and when he was sent to England as Minister in 1846 she wrote these letters, principally in diary form, to her children. The Bancrofts knew all the eminent people in politics, society and literature. It was the age of Samuel Rogers, Macaulay, Lord and Lady Holland, and Palmerston.

American Review of Reviews for February is before us and the principal features of this number are an illustrated article on "Korea as the Prize of War," by the Hon. J. Sloat Fassett; an article on "The Railways of China," by Dr. A. J. Brown (with map and other illustrations); an account of Governor Taft's administration in the Philippines, by Frederick W. Nash, with new portraits of Gov-

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ernor Taft and his family and of the members of the Philippine Commission; character sketches of the Confederate Chieftains, Generals Gordon and Longstreet, by John S. Wise; brief studies by W. T. Stead of Lord Escher, Sir George Clarke, and Admiral Sir John Fisher, the members of the Commission now engaged in the task of reconstructing the British army; the scientific description of the cotton boll weevil and the methods adopted for staying its ravages, by Entomologist Howard, of the United States Department of Agriculture; and an illustrated article on "Windmill Irrigation in Kansas," by Philip Eastman.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP WALDEN.

My attention has been called to your comments on what purported to be public utterances of mine at the Austin Conference. You will be pleased to know and to have your readers know that in no public way did I refer to the alleged causes of the division of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844-6. If I mentioned that division it was only as a recognized fact. In an interview I furnished some facts as to the extent of our Church and school work in the fifteen Annual Conferences and two missions among the whites and the seventy colored Annual Conferences within the Southern States, but I made no statement as to the controverted points of history. Since the Cape May Commission it has not been needful to discuss those issues, and I have had neither time nor disposition for such discussion. I lived in the South during one quadrennium and have held all of the conferences referred to above—some of them two or three times, and have had no occasion to depart from this habit.

I do not controvert your comments, but may properly state that the Methodist Episcopal Church having maintained conferences in the Border Southern States, felt justified in extending that work further southward as the way opened. With her view of the facts involved in and connected with the division she was consistent in pressing her Church and school work into every Southern State as opportunity indicated her duty. With her view she could not and did not question the right of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to carry her work into Northern States, as has been done. If, notwithstanding her views of the division, duty calls the Church, South, to Illinois, Montana, and elsewhere in the North, is it not equally proper for her sister Methodism to maintain her more extended work in the South? The relative size of the Austin or of the Illinois Conference, or any other, has no bearing on the question of inherent right, however related to high expediency and other cognate matters.

The supreme mission of these great Churches in the sections where they are respectively the stronger, all must recognize. All may well rejoice in the growing good feeling between them. All ought to promote practical fraternity in every possible way. Having traversed the North and South for more than forty years, I am settled in the belief that, notwithstanding some friction incident to the common occupancy of our country as a whole by the two Churches, they know more about each other's worth and there is a far better feeling between them today than could have been possible had Mason and Dixon's Line become a wall of demarcation between their respective fields, and had the South been thus deprived of the educational and Church work maintained by the Methodist Episcopal Church among the negroes in every Southern State and in several of these States among the whites. God has too large purposes for Episcopal Methodism in our land to have permitted these things did they not all in all make ultimate good. All Methodist forces are fairly well aligned to share largely in the evangelization of America.

JOHN M. WALDEN. Cincinnati, Ohio.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

To the Preachers of the West Texas Conference: Let all your applications to Church Extension Board be in the hands of Rev. H. G. Horton before the first day of March. THEOPHILUS LEE. Burnet, Texas.

PREACHER WANTED.

For the South Heights and South Flores Street charge, San Antonio. There is an appropriation of \$250 and the charge will pay as much. There is a new four-room parsonage. Applicants will enclose necessary reference. W. J. JOHNSON. West End, San Antonio, Texas.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALEX. COCKRELL, Candidate for SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY. Your support will be appreciated. Subject to Democratic Primary Election, Saturday, July 3, 1904. Love never joins in the chorus when malice sings.—Sam's Horn.

NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. Anna Chambers Ketchum, authoress of "The Bonnie Blue Flag," died in New York, Thursday last, in her eightieth year.

Illinois will erect a \$150,000 monument at Vicksburg, Mississippi, in honor of her 38,000 sons who participated in the siege of that city March 29 to July 4, 1863.

Lieutenant-General Chaffee, as Chief of staff, has made a report to the Secretary of War which will be transmitted to Congress urging an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the purchase of four tracts of ground, one in each of the four quarters of the United States, for military manoeuvres. Tracts desired must be from three to four miles wide.

Another portion of the track of the Ogden-Lucien cut-off of the Southern Pacific Railway across the northern end of Great Salt Lake—the costliest piece of railroad engineering recently undertaken in the West—has sunk. The trouble occurred far out in the lake.

Recent despatches from Russia state that conditions in the Caucasus almost approach anarchy. Bandits are making raids on banks and railway stations. An attack was even made on the residence of the Governor of Tiflis. Anti-government tendencies are coming to manifestation all over the Russian Empire.

Mrs. Maybrick was removed from Aylesbury Prison, January 25, and, while mystery still surrounds her case, it is thought that she has been released on "ticket-of-leave," on condition that she will not write a book or appear in public in any way calculated to create a sensation.

The American College for Girls at Erzeroum, Turkey in Asia, a fine modern building built in 1903, has been destroyed by fire.

Election disturbances occurred recently at Cienfuegos, Cuba. One man was killed and several persons were wounded in a riot which broke out in the central part of the city.

The Kaffirs have joined the Hereros, and the uprising in German Southwest Africa now assumes more serious proportions. Okahandja is surrounded by Kaffirs and Hereros. The German Government is taking energetic measures to put down the rebellion, which is in part the result of commercial oppression by German traders or settlers.

Unanswered Letters.

- Jan. 21.—R. L. Jameson, sub. J. E. Walker, subs. C. D. West, sub. T. W. Ellis, subs. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. E. L. Egger, subs. J. S. Huckabee, subs. W. J. Hearon, sub. J. D. Worrell, subs. J. W. Bowden, subs. W. R. Rosser, sub. Has attention. C. L. Browning, sub. J. M. McCarter, sub. C. B. Smith, sub. M. C. Dobbs, subs. E. G. Roberts, sub. L. L. Naugle, subs.
Jan. 22.—W. H. Carr, subs. H. B. Smith, subs. F. L. McGehee, sub. B. H. Passmore, sub. J. M. Linn, subs. M. L. Lindsey, subs. P. C. Archer, sub. L. A. Hanson, sub. C. H. Armstrong, sub. A. W. Wilson, sub. D. D. Mullins, sub. D. L. Coale, sub. O. T. Hotchkiss, sub. Has attention. Ross Williams, sub. R. A. Waltrip, subs. J. M. Alexander, sub. W. A. Govett, sub. J. A. Old, sub. Has attention. M. L. Story, sub. J. R. Ritchie, sub. J. C. Huddleston, sub.
Jan. 23.—John Moore, subs. C. R. Gray, sub. J. E. Morgan, subs. J. H. Braswell, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. Has attention. Marcos Williamson, sub. J. T. Weems, sub. T. M. Kirk, sub.
Jan. 24.—J. M. Perry, sub. J. J. Morgan, sub. T. W. Ellis, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. J. W. Story, sub. T. B. Anderson, sub. M. L. Moody, subs. W. A. Derrick, sub.
Jan. 25.—Alonzo Monk, subs. O. P. Kiker, sub. J. R. Wages, sub. Dr. T. H. Hall, subs. Henry E. Carter, subs. J. W. Bowden, subs. J. W. Story, sub. S. L. Burke, sub. M. T. Allen, sub. L. C. Matthis, sub. W. A. Pritchett, sub. H. R. Kimbler, sub. J. M. Smith, subs. Gus Garrison, sub.
Jan. 27.—A. D. Langston, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. Jas. W. Allbritten, sub. J. H. Watts, subs. Jas. M. Baker, subs. Thos. Hanks, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub. G. E. Irvin, sub. Has attention. D. L. Coale, sub.
Jan. 28.—J. T. Bludworth, sub. W. L. Nelms, subs. J. A. Laney, subs. M. A. Turner, subs. R. L. McIntyre, sub. W. W. Gollighugh, sub. S. P. Brown, sub. A. L. Scarborough, sub. Has attention. J. W. Bridges, sub. T. B. Vinson, sub. N. M. McLaughlin, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. F. L. McGehee, subs. Eugene W. Potter, sub. C. H. Adams, trial sub.
Jan. 29.—S. W. Lowe, sub. J. E. Short, sub. Leon Henderson, sub. K. Jno. E. Roach, sub. J. T. Osborn, sub. M. C. Dobbs, sub.
Jan. 29.—A. G. Spriggs, sub. J. D. Odum, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. E. W. Nation, sub. J. J. Creed, sub. R. B. Bonner, sub. Has attention. W. D. Mountcastle, sub. W. H. Vance, sub. M. L. Moody, sub. trial sub. J. C. Huddleston, sub. A. A. Kidd, sub. J. T. Trice, sub. W. S. Esterling, sub.
Feb. 1.—A. C. P. Schmidt, sub. C. W. Perkins, trial sub. T. W. Lovell, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. J. L. Murray, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. J. O. Gore, sub. A. Methvin, sub. J. A. Biggs, sub. J. M. Perry, sub. Leon Henderson, sub. W. P. Garvin, sub. H. J. Hayes, sub.
Feb. 2.—R. L. McIntyre, subs. J. J. Canafax, sub. W. B. Wilson, sub. J. T. Hooks, sub. Geo. W. Kincheloe, subs. R. B. Moreland, subs. Clyde B. Garrett, subs. J. N. Hunter, sub. W. H. Long, sub. D. H. Aston, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. W. W. Moss, sub. J. E. Stephens, sub.
Feb. 2.—Dr. T. H. Hall, subs. C. E. Lindsey, sub. T. W. Lovell, sub. O. P. Thomas, sub. C. R. Gray, sub. W. R. Rosser, sub. H. K. Agee, sub.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MRS. W. C. YOUNG.

(Adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the City Mission Board, Dallas, January, 1904.)

Whereas, God has called our First Vice-President, Mrs. W. C. Young, from her labors to her reward; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we each feel a personal loss in her removal from our number. That we shall miss her words of counsel and her ready sympathy. That by her example we are inspired to endeavor to live more closely to Him whom she served, and who made bright for her the mystic passage from this life to the life more abundant. That we tender our sympathy to the sorrowing ones who have lost her for a while. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family. They shall also be spread upon the minutes of the Board and published in our Texas Christian Advocate. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. S. D. THRUSTON, MISS ESTELLE HASKINS, MRS. J. L. TICHENOR, For the Board.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY—A PROPOSITION.

We all believe in two things, namely: We should secure an endowment for Southwestern and we do honor the man who has refused other positions with larger salary through loyalty to this institution.

I propose, therefore, that we raise in cash and good interest bearing notes by Sept. 1, 1904, the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of endowing the R. S. Hyer Chair of Physics in Southwestern University. I will give \$200 on it, and will join, without remuneration, the efforts of our Commissioner wherever I can be of service in securing the amount.

I believe a fair division of the amount to be raised would be:

- West Texas Conference ..... \$ 8,000
Northwest Texas Conference... 12,000
North Texas Conference ..... 10,000
Texas Conference ..... 10,000

After making a start toward the endowment of San Antonio Female College, I laid the matter aside for the purpose of helping to endow Southwestern, and I flatter myself with the belief that I can raise the \$8,000 in West Texas Conference.

J. E. HARRISON. San Antonio Female College.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

The Waco District Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute convened Jan. 28 at Elm Street Church, Waco, Texas, and continued two days. All of the pastors were present but two. Bro. Caraway was in the midst of a revival and Bro. Dunn was sick. Dr. Bishop was present the second day, being detained the first day at the funeral of our beloved Bro. Duncan. His work as Missionary Secretary can not be measured by the dollars invested. He is a benediction to every preacher that rubs up against him. Waco District always halts his coming with delight. Bro. Bolton presided in that easy manner as to make all feel at home. An interesting program had been arranged some time previous and every preacher came loaded and many interesting gospel truths were spoken. We can not go into details and tell you of the good things said—they were too numerous. Bro. Bolton gave a most flattering report of the district. The increase the past four years under his leadership has been marvelous. Every charge has made progress in nearly all lines. Some charges have swarmed and made two distinct charges. Our preachers are progressing with the charges. It was remarked on the conference floor by one of our leading preachers "That he had been in Waco District four years, and never saw preachers progress and grow as ours had during this quadrennium." So you see our charges are going on to perfection and so are our preachers. Fortunate is the preacher that can grow. He always has the best. At the close of the session many of our preachers said this was the best institute they ever attended. Every one was enthused and a determination for all things in full at Mineral Wells next November welled in our hearts. C. BRUCE MEADOR, Sec'y.

MAGAZINE NOTICE.

The February number of the American Home Journal is before us. Its front page is adorned with the face and form of a Valentine Girl, pierced by an arrow. The opening story is "A Western Pastoral," by Alec Bruce. It is a well-written piece, and appropriately illustrated. So is "A White Butterfly," by Hilton R. Greer. "Tony and the Artist," by Lydia Felicia Perkins, is true to life and touching. On the eighth page are five faces of young ladies, and under them is an article "An Attempt to Be Beautiful," by Marion Martinau, telling how to make the face beautiful. The Home page is edited by Homer Price, and it contains many home suggestions. "Talks With Girls," by Hester Gray, is helpful to the class addressed. "The Baby Show" department has a number of beautiful baby faces, with the names of the little folks thus illustrated. "Their Experiences," by Mrs. Elsie McCollum is laughable and humorous. Other departments are up-to-date and full of interest. The American Home Journal is published in Dallas, and a very creditable monthly magazine.

OUR GREAT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

I am just home from Waco, where I have been in attendance on the meeting of the Executive Committee, whose business it was to complete the program for our great Missionary Conference to be held in May.

All members were present except Dr. Bishop, who was detained at home on account of sickness. Much enthusiasm regarding the coming conference was manifested, and a splendid program, with the liveliest missionary topics, was complete with the best speakers to be had in the whole connection to discuss them. Among them Bishops, Governors and Judges. Leading Texas men and women have places on the program. According to the basis of representation there will be between 9000 and 12,000 delegates. If 50 per cent of them attend it will be by far the biggest thing of its kind ever held in Texas.

The Executive Committee urge that presiding elders, pastors, missionary societies, Sunday-schools and Leagues begin at once to elect delegates and send their names to their respective Conference Missionary Societies, and certificates of membership will be sent them as fast as possible.

Waco Methodism is determined to do all in its power to make the meeting a great success. Board and lodging will be put at the minimum. The Committee on Transportation is conferring with the railroads, and feel sure that a low rate will be given.

The delegate idea is not intended to cut any one out from going who may not be elected, but only to put the responsibility of attending on some one. It is really desired that just as many people as possible, whether they be delegates or not, attend.

J. T. SMITH.

Pittsburg, Texas.

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Advertisement for Texas and Pacific Railway, highlighting 4 important gateways and 2 fast trains daily for St. Louis, Chicago, and the East.

Advertisement for Walter Baker & Co. Ltd. featuring their finest cocoa and chocolate, with 40 highest awards in Europe and America.

Advertisement for Fruit Trees, offering direct sale to planters of various fruit trees and supplies, including catalogs and shipping information.

Advertisement for Gaston & Ayres, Bankers, and Sap, featuring a general banking business in Dallas and a promotion for a sewing machine.



The Sunday-School Department The Epworth League Department

First Quarter, Lesson 8, Feb. 21.

JESUS AND THE SABBATH. Matt. 12:1-13.

Golden Text: "It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days."—Matt. 12:12.

Topical Outline: I. The Accusation of the Pharisees (vs. 1, 2). II. The Answer of Jesus (vs. 3-8). III. A Confrontation Miracle (vs. 9-13).

Time: A. D. 28. Places: Near Capernaum, and in the synagogue of that city. Memory Verses: 6:8. Reference Word, "Sabbath." Lesson Hymn, No. 255.

Dr. Paul Whitehead, in the Sunday-school Magazine, says:

Keeping the Sabbath day holy is, by the Bible, put among fundamental morals, being one of the Ten Commandments delivered to Moses on Mount Sinai. Our Lord contradicted and condemned the Pharisaic idea of Sabbath keeping, while in practice and by precept obeying the law fully. He lays down three principles for the proper interpretation of this command, all of which are set forth in this lesson.

1. That "the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day;" that his authority in religion and morals is ultimate, not admitting appeal or reversal. No institution of religion, no part of God's service can be higher than he is. "A greater than the temple is here." The visible Church and house of God in the world is subject to his command and disposal. If God spoke to Moses on the mount and wrote laws upon stone tables, he "hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son," whose utterances must take precedence of all other revelations. Whatever is his doctrine on this subject may not be set aside.

2. That "man was not made for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath for man," whose nature, sphere and destiny must color all our just interpretations of Sabbath law. In these must be sought and found the confirmation and verification of all true Sabbath keeping. We should suspect the soundness of particular interpretations which are contrary to common sense in human life and destructive of the necessary welfare and ordinary comfort of the human family.

3. That "it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath day," relieving urgent distress even of dumb animals, how much more of human beings, by what appears to be work on that day. The kind of work involved in worship and religious assemblies, and efforts to instruct men in Christianity and thus lead them to Jesus the Savior, is especially justifiable. Very pertinent is our Lord's illustration: "The priests in the temple profane the Sabbath (by work in preparing and offering sacrifices, kindling and maintaining fires, and other such labor), and are blameless." The intent of the law, judged by the supreme standard of benevolence, does not cut off by a narrow view this great good to mankind.

Nevertheless, care must be taken not to abuse this principle. The grand purpose of rest and worship for the tolling thousands of earth, whose sacred time ought to be secured against invasion, must be upheld, so that men may not be driven by a lash of conscience to exhaust themselves in fruitless efforts to compress a world of well-doing into a single day. There is such a thing as destroying by a multiplicity of public demands and labors all opportunity for private retirement, for self-seclusion and communion with God, for which the Sabbath day ought to be "a high day." Let us also regard the beast's right to a rest day. Do not take him from the field to doom him to a merciless driving in travel on the Sabbath, in comparison with obedience to ceremonial rules. Mercy expresses that spirit of love to the fallen which seeks their restoration.

"What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?" (Verse 11). This problem of an animal fallen into a pit on the Sabbath was one of the stock subjects of discussion among the Jewish rabbis, and some had with bitterness maintained that to lift out such an animal would be a sin, and then with an ingenuity of hypocrisy had invented means for evading the law. But later rabbinical law forbade the owner of a beast that fell into a pit to lift it out; he might, however, bring food, or even lay planks for the beast to come out on.

WHISKEY CURE.

I wish to call the attention of the Advocate readers to my "Home Cure" for whiskey. This is my latest and greatest discovery. It can be taken without loss of time or inconvenience to persons taking it. DR. J. S. HILL, Greenville, Texas.

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

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Topic for February 21: "Defenses Against Temptations."—Ps. 26:4-12.

"Vain persons" are those who are inflated with vanity and "dissemblers" are those who deceive. They pretend one thing and do another. No such people are fit companions for young people who profess godliness. To "hate the congregation of evil doers" is not to entertain malice toward them, but to hate their practices. The Christian man or woman can hate the sin and wickedness of people and at the same time love those who do such things and try to save them. Such Christian men and women will wash their hands innocently of such things, but do their best to rescue the fallen. Then they are prepared to publish salvation with thanksgiving and tell of all the wondrous works of God. To love the habitations of "Thy house" is to attend upon its services and co-operate with its ministers in promoting God's cause. No people who love the Lord want their souls gathered with the wickedness of sinners and with the lives of bloody men. Mischiefs and bribes have no place in the life and heart of righteous people. They walk in their integrity and their "foot standeth in an even place." Therefore, this lesson is a beautiful one for our young people to study.

NOTES.

A movement is shaping to take a special car of Texas Leaguers to the World's Fair at St. Louis. Plans are not fully developed as yet, but details will be announced in due time so we are informed by the promoters. If you think you may want in the crowd, drop me a card and I will send your name to headquarters and you will be kept posted.

Brother J. A. Old, pastor of our Church at Cooper, dropped in to see us recently. He reports two flourishing Leagues, a Junior and a Senior, the best he ever had. He is in hearty accord with the district organization movement and will assist in organizing his district at once. G. W. T.

FORWARD DAY.

The second Sunday in March is here, by designated as "Forward Day" in the North Texas Conference. On that day let our Leaguers undertake three things, viz.: 1. Hold an open session of your League, prepare a special program and add as many new names to your membership as possible. 2. Organize new chapters where needed. 3. Increase your Epworth Era list 25 per cent. A report of what is done will be appreciated for publication in this department. Write to Dr. H. M. DuRose, Nashville, Tenn., if special literature is needed.

GUS W. THOMASSON, Pres. N. T. C. E. L.

LEAGUE WORK.

I am at home this afternoon with a case of the grip and of course in a good condition to write on League work. Bro. Miller, the presiding elder, recently appointed me District Secretary for the League work and I sat down and wrote to the several pastors in the district relative to the League work in their respective charges, and their answers gave me much encouragement. One brother has not yet answered, but he will most likely answer or tell me when he comes to District Conference why he did not. Another writes me he has recently set some League eggs and when they hatch (?) he will inform me, etc. He did all this in a good, brotherly spirit just like he does everything, but this put me to thinking and I said I wonder how much time he will give those eggs to hatch? Is his incubator first-class? Will he conclude after a certain time the eggs were not sound and put some more eggs in the nest? Are they to be turned over in obedience to the laws governing such questions? Wonder if this brother will turn these eggs quarterly, at each conference, or will he try and look after them every Sunday until he is convinced they have "lost their days of usefulness?" etc. We hope they will hatch out some nice Leaguers. We have in the district 325 Leaguers, seven Senior Leagues, four Junior Leagues and seventy-two Eras taken.

This is no bad showing, and yet I rather think we could put 500 Eras in the homes of the people if we would get real enthused on this question. Can be had at 75 cents per copy in clubs of ten or more. There is no use to try to run a League, a real League, without the paper. The League has a logical place in our great Church. It is not "red tape" any more than is the Sunday-school. Some say it takes so much work to run it, etc. It takes work to run anything in this wicked world. If we were in heaven or some other good place where the atmosphere would be congenial to our spiritual growth instead of against it, the League would grow on the same principle that it does not grow here, exactly. Yes, work daily at it. We want to rally at Chillothe, likely, the fifth Sunday in May. Let every Leaguer get ready and let us go down and storm Bro. Carlton and have a good, religious time. Why not? J. T. BLOODWORTH, Childress, Texas, Jan. 30.

MARRIAGES.

Motsonbocker-Stanfield—At the home of the bride's parents, near Bridgeport Texas, Jan. 10, 1904, Mr. L. M. Motsonbocker and Miss Hattie Stanfield, Rev. Jesse G. Forester officiating. Griffith-Poteet—At the Belle Plains Methodist Church, Jan. 4, 1904, Mr. E. E. Griffith and Miss Nannie Poteet, Rev. J. M. Armstrong officiating. Hand-Poen—At the residence of the bride's father, in Taylor County, Texas, Jan. 2, 1904, Mr. Meret Hand and Miss Amanda Poen, Rev. C. A. Evans officiating. Booth-Evans—At the residence of Prof. C. E. Evans, in Merkel Texas, Mr. Charles Booth of El Paso, Ark., and Miss Laura Evans of Merkel, Texas, Rev. C. A. Evans officiating. Rankin-Brown—At Howe, Texas, Jan. 6, 1904, Mr. Geo. O. Rankin and Miss Lela Brown, Rev. D. F. Fuller officiating. Thomas-Whitten—At the Hotchkiss Memorial Church in Austin, Texas, Jan. 4, 1904, Mr. John A. Thomas of California, and Mrs. M. E. Whitten of Austin, Rev. H. M. Sears officiating. Johnson-Drummond—At the parsonage, Milton, Texas, Dec. 29, 1903, Jas. Johnson and Mrs. Willie Drummond, Rev. J. O. Gore officiating. Swift-Owens—At Larissa, Texas, Dec. 27, 1903, Mr. W. H. Swift and Miss Judith Owens, Rev. W. F. Brinson officiating. Russell-Wood—At Methodist parsonage, Hockabay, Texas, Jan. 7, 1904, Mr. A. H. Russell and Miss Vinie Wood, Rev. M. C. Dickson officiating. Sartin-Jackson—At the residence of the bride's father, Bro. Barton Jackson, in Coke County, Texas, Mr. A. M. Sartin and Miss Georgia Jackson, Rev. G. C. Field, L. E., officiating. Hartgrove-Beeton—At the home of the bride's parents, Dec. 29, 1903, Mr. C. A. Hartgrove and Miss Lizzie Beeton, Rev. M. T. Allen officiating. Lowe-Henry—At the Church in Eola, Texas, Dec. 24, 1903, Mr. E. E. Lowe and Miss Bertha Henry, Rev. M. T. Allen officiating. Bunton-Patterson—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Patterson, Eola, Texas, Nov. 29, 1903, Mr. Ashley Bunton, of Rock Springs, Edwards County, and Miss Eula Patterson, Rev. V. V. Boone officiating. Dillard-Wood—At the Christian Church, Sabinal, Texas, Nov. 25, 1903, Mr. G. R. Dillard and Miss Adaline Wood, Rev. V. V. Boone officiating. Wentworth-Fisher—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. S. Fisher, near Upton, Texas, Dec. 23, 1903, Mr. H. M. Wentworth and Miss Lizzie Fisher, Rev. V. V. Boone officiating. Ware-Hodges—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, Upton, Texas, Dec. 24, 1903, Mr. Oscar Ware and Miss Eva Hodges, Rev. V. V. Boone officiating. Bradford-Rowan—At the home of Judge Rowan, in Jasper, Texas, Jan. 29, 1904, Mr. Frank H. Bradford of San Antonio, and Miss Irene Rowan, Rev. M. L. Lindsey officiating. Gibson-Irby—At the residence of Mr. Meadow, in Haskell Texas, Jan. 26, 1904, Mr. S. R. Gibson, of New Mexico, and Miss Maggie Irby, Rev. J. H. Chambers officiating. Coker-McCoy—At the bride's home near Cossatot, Texas, Jan. 27, 1904, Mr. White Coker and Miss Eunice McCoy, Rev. S. N. Allen officiating. Hopper-Holdman—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. John Holdman, De Witt County, Texas, Jan. 25, 1904, Mr. Adam Hopper and Miss Cordelia Holdman, Rev. H. M. Glass officiating. Booth-Cope—At the parsonage gate, Cedar Street, Jan. 17, 1904, Mr. Hubbard J. Booth and Miss Willie G. Cope, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating. Gammage-Davis—At the home of the bride's father, near Monaville, Texas, Dec. 24, 1903, Mr. William Gammage and Miss Lula Davis, Rev. C. H. Adams officiating. Arendale-Givans—At the Hotel Logan, in Houston, Texas, Jan. 9, 1904, Mr. Morris Arendale and Miss Bettie Givans, both of Waller, Texas, Rev. C. H. Adams officiating. Boulware-Gladish—At the home of the bride's parents, Waller County, Texas, Dec. 29, 1903, Mr. Faison J. Boulware and Miss Regina Gladish, Rev. C. H. Adams officiating. McConnell-Bunting—At the home of the bride's parents, Dec. 23, 1903, Mr. Wm. McConnell and Miss Ira Bunting, Rev. C. H. Adams officiating. Kink-Stokes—At the residence of Mr. Cornelison, Stockdale, Texas, Dec. 15, 1903, Mr. John C. King and Mrs. Zella Stokes, Rev. C. Williamson officiating. Walters-McGee—At the bride's home, near Stockdale, Texas, Jan. 11, 1904, Mr. C. Walters and Miss Verge McGee, Rev. C. Williamson officiating. McIntire-Johnson—At the bride's home in Wilson County, Texas, Jan. 14, 1904, Mr. Joseph McIntire, and Miss Mahaly Johnson, Rev. C. Williamson officiating.

Russell-Pool—At the residence of Dr. J. M. McBride, Como, Texas, Jan. 4, 1904, Mr. F. Russell and Miss Della Pool, Rev. J. B. Adair officiating. Mathews-Life—At Como, Texas, Jan. 4, 1904, Mr. J. M. Mathews and Miss Lula Life, Rev. J. B. Adair officiating. Lewis-Broden—At Como, Texas, Jan. 31, 1904, Mr. J. W. Lewis and Miss Callie Broden, Rev. J. B. Adair officiating. Hunter-Warren—At Joshua, Texas, Jan. 25, 1904, Mr. Edgar E. Hunter and Miss Bena A. Warren, Rev. J. P. Mussett officiating. Elkins-Mitchell—At the residence of E. J. Sterling, Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 18, 1904, Judge James A. Elkins, County Judge of Walker County, and Miss Isabel F. Mitchell, of Galveston, Texas, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating. Prayer-McCade—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James McCade, near Campbellton, Texas, Dec. 28, 1903, Mr. Tom Prayer and Miss Lizzie McCade, Rev. L. K. Waller officiating. Scott-Creech—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. R. Creech, Floresville, Texas, Jan. 6, 1904, Mr. R. J. Scott and Miss Gilbert Creech, Rev. L. K. Waller officiating. Morgan-Kirkpatrick—At the parsonage gate in Coffeyville, Texas, Jan. 21, 1904, Mr. J. P. Morgan and Miss Madie Kirkpatrick, Rev. W. W. Horner officiating. Rayburn-Conner—At the home of the officiating minister, Jan. 29, 1904, Mr. W. D. Rayburn and Mrs. Jennie Conner, all of Star, Texas, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating. Thompson-Garley—At Becker Church, Jan. 14, 1904, Mr. Will S. Thompson and Miss Ada Garley, both of Green, Texas, Rev. Atticus Webb officiating. McWhirtor-Cage—At the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. Henning, Kemp, Texas, Mr. G. F. McWhirtor and Miss Bessie Cage, Rev. Atticus Webb officiating. Thompson-DeWalt—At the residence of the bride's father, near Reagan, Texas, Jan. 28, 1904, Mr. E. G. Thompson and Miss Clyde DeWalt, Rev. J. W. Treadwell officiating. Gayle-Provine—At the home of the bride's parents, near Edna, Texas, Jan. 6, 1904, Mr. Geo. S. Gayle, Jr., and Miss Lillie Pearl Provine, Rev. C. F. Annis officiating. McMurray-McIntosh—At the residence of the bride, Dec. 23, 1903, Rev. H. McMurray of Grayville, Texas, and Mrs. Lizzie McIntosh, of Harrison County, Rev. W. W. Horner officiating. Fox-Simmons—At the parsonage gate, Leander, Texas, Jan. 3, 1904, Mr. McClure Fox and Miss Willie May Simmons, Rev. J. A. Bittick officiating.

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The rolling sun with golden light, The moon and planets of the night, And myriad orbs with sparkling rays, Shine forth Thy universal praise.

The earth and heavens are full of Thee, Thou great mysterious Deity; Thou lifts the mountain's crested head, And charrest ocean to his bed.

When mighty thunders are Thy voice, The shiner trembles—saints rejoice; The frighten'd sailor calls to Thee; When furious storms have rent the sea.

Thy bounteous hands on mortals pour The fruitful harvest's golden store; Both man and beast receive supply, And even ravens when they cry.

If round Thy throne archangels sing The glories of their sovereign King, What human tongue might praise Fit tribute in a song of praise?

ARE YOU GETTING GO FORWARD?

At the recent sessions of the Texas Conferences we have sought to enlarge the subscription list of Go Forward, our missionary periodical. Many of the brethren subscribed. I write this note to urge two or three things.

1. Send us your correct address. If you have moved, or if you have failed to receive your paper promptly, send us a card giving your old and your new address. We are doing our best to get the paper regularly into the hands of all subscribers.

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loss of so much life and property. Still, if the word of command went forth tomorrow, there are multitudes and multitudes of Japanese who would gladly count it a privilege and an honor to die for their nation's safety and glory.

But Russia's policy is procrastination. She practices her aggression with unceasing audacity, and yet all the while holds out promises of a full and speedy surrender to all the rights and privileges which belong to others. If war is declared, all the world must know that the whole responsibility rests upon her shoulders.

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HAPPINESS. What is your opinion of happiness? What are the essentials upon which you think it depends? Money, love, health—nine out of ten persons would say.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN. Many inquiries reach us from friends in the home land regarding the question of war between Russia and Japan. A few months ago it seemed imminent.

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## CHRISTMAS AT THE SCARRITT BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

When planning to write my Texas friends a letter, I had intended saying that there was so much of joy and gladness pervading the atmosphere of the Training School that no girl, even though it were her first Christmas to spend away from home, could feel gloomy or homesick. But ah! close as we may walk with God, he never tells us all he plans for our future. On Tuesday, December 22, we finished up our school work—the holidays had come and we felt that they were well earned, and so intended to enjoy them to the fullest extent.

But that evening the sudden announcement that our loved and worthy matron, Mrs. Hicks, of Austin, Texas, could not live through the night changed the household joy into grief. She had been sick since Saturday, but had not shown alarming symptoms until the day of her death. Anxious to shield us from every unnecessary sorrow, Miss Gibson had not told us of the change; so we were unprepared for the bitter shock—for the next morning our fears were fully realized. She who had for three years been the mother, the head of the household duties, and whom we had expected to be the center of a large part of the Christmas joys in store for us, was gone to spend her Christmas in heaven. While we grieved for her, yet as a Christian household we felt that we must cast aside our own sad feelings and strive to make others happy.

On Thursday afternoon you should have seen the girls starting out on errands of love, carrying baskets of dinners, fruit, etc., to those found in our mission work who would not have otherwise had any of the Christmas good things. I carried some fruit to a poor, sick girl in whom I am interested, and only those who have experienced the same can understand my joy on seeing her poor, wan face light up when she saw that some one was interested in her and remembered her. Friends of the school furnish the means for filling these Christmas baskets every year.

On Christmas morning we went into the dining room to find a pretty little booklet at each plate, remembrance from our loved principal. Also the head of each table had been remembered by the girls, and she, in turn, had little gifts for each of us. I will say by the way, that Miss Smith, returned missionary from Brazil, has charge of our table. She is teaching us to speak Portuguese, and we absolutely refuse to pass things unless asked for in that language, so well understood by all of us (?). She of course presents her work in Brazil to us in a most attractive light, hoping to take us all back with her, when we are old and wise enough.

I must not neglect to mention the gift to each one in the home from one of the pastors in the city, who sent out little cards with a bunch of pressed flowers, which really grew in Palestine. These are highly prized by us all.

After the gifts had been examined and many loving greetings and thanks exchanged, breakfast being over, a number of the girls attended a praise service, led by Bishop Hendrix, at our neighborhood church. They had a good service and a sweet, spiritual uplift.

An epidemic of tonsillitis has been in the school, and I was so unfortunate as to be stricken with it just before Christmas, so had the pleasure of spending the time in bed. But every one is so loving and kind to us when sick that it is really pleasant to be thus afflicted, but far more pleasant to be up, seeing, hearing and helping. A large tray of dinner came up to me, so I saw some of everything, if I did not indulge in eating it.

But though I missed being down with them, one of the girls faithfully told me what they did. All of our eight tables were thrown together in the long, spacious dining hall and were beautifully decorated with holly. As the girls entered they drew for their places at the table. First came oyster soup, followed by the bountiful dinner. Then came the desserts, after which were passed the fruits, nuts, and candies. Between courses came a real treat from Miss Gibson in the way of a talk; greetings from mission aries in China and Mexico. There was also a toast by one of the "sons-in-law" of the principal. Then a talk from a returned daughter, Miss Wright, deaconess in St. Louis.

After dinner the girls had leisure until 5:30, usual chapel time, when they assembled in a meeting led by Miss Gibson, who asked the question, "What has Christmas meant to each one of you to-day?" The answers were inspiring. Even though a number of us were spending our very first Christ-

mas away from home, yet many said, "Miss Gibson, this is the best Christmas I ever spent. Although it has been quiet and sad, yet it has been sweet and precious, and I am learning the real meaning of Christmas to a Christian."

Several of the girls went out in the evening to Sunday-school Christmas trees, etc. Those who stayed at home went into the dining room and had lunch, all gathered around the table in an informal manner.

So Christmas is gone; but we are still having holidays all this week—just resting. We can even sleep late if we wish—if we prefer a nap to breakfast, and the 10 o'clock rule is suspended! It is so good to be here.

There are fourteen of us girls from Texas this year, but can't there be twice the number next year? To any girl reading this who may be debating in her mind about coming, let me say to you that no greater blessing can come into your life than to come and spend two years in the Training School. Whether you have decided to become a missionary or not, it is the best place Southern Methodism has for the training and development of the Christian character of young women. I ask the prayers of every Christian who may read this.

SOPHIA MANN'S.  
Kansas City, Mo.

We must again ask our sisters to send all resolutions of respect in memory of departed members to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication. Instead of this department, and all such will receive prompt attention under the regulations found under the head of Obituaries.

Notice of a missionary rally of the W. F. M. Society of Paris District to be held at Centenary Church, Paris, Feb. 10, reached us last week too late to appear in the Woman's Department for that week. We are sorry, but hope the rally will be a success in every sense, and would be pleased to get an account of the meeting in due time for this department. All matter for this department should be in the hands of the editor of this department not later than Monday of the week to insure its appearance for that week. We must ask, too, that those who have sent in papers for publication be patient, as we have at this time several contributions of that kind, which we hope to give to our readers just as soon as it is found convenient to have them appear.

## UNION MEETING.

In response to a call from presiding elder, Corsicana District, Northwest Texas Conference, the W. H. M. and W. F. Societies of the district met in a joint meeting with the Preachers' Missionary Institute, Jan. 21, 22, 1904. Place of meeting, First Methodist Church, Corsicana, Texas.

Meeting called to order by Presiding Elder J. M. Barcus. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," we were led in prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in all the work which we would undertake. After a few remarks from the presiding elder, the meeting for this hour was turned over to the women. Mrs. A. C. Johnson, our District Secretary of the W. H. M. Society, came forward and presided over the meeting in her usual happy style. Mrs. Sensabaugh, Conference Vice-President, was present and read a very fine paper on her department of home mission work.—Tithing. By a unanimous vote of the body, her paper will be published in the Texas Advocate.

Mrs. Read, District Secretary of the W. F. M. Society, then came forward and read a splendid paper on the work being done by this society. She made a very urgent appeal to the pastors of the district for their assistance in organizing more of these societies, both for the good of the women and the heathen abroad.

At this juncture Dr. Horace Bishop, Missionary Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference, was introduced to the audience and addressed us for a short while on the subject that seems to be nearest his heart, that of missions. In the course of his remarks he referred to woman as being an invention of the nineteenth century, and from many of his expressions we feel quite sure that he heartily endorses the work of these two societies, which is being carried on by this nineteenth century invention. (?)

At night Mrs. J. S. Mimms gave a highly interesting and profitable talk on the newest department of the two societies, i. e., press work. In the course of her remarks she showed how this new department could be made a most important factor in bringing our work more prominently before the public, and impressing upon them the fact that in the name of our Master, we are striving to do something for poor, unfortunate humanity.

Dr. Bishop again addressed us on the same subject as that of the afternoon, this time making his remarks plainer and more forcible by the use

## EXTRAORDINARY MERIT

## Of a New Catarrh Cure.

Physicians are slow to take up new and untried remedies, until their value has been established by actual experiment, and they are naturally skeptical of the many new preparations constantly appearing and for which extravagant claims are made.

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of maps. It now being time for adjournment, the presiding elder announced that the second day we would hold our meetings separate, so we leave the good brethren and tell something of what we are doing as W. H. M. and W. F. M. Societies.

The morning session of the second day was devoted almost entirely to the reading of reports from the various auxiliaries in the district, these being interspersed with some lively discussions on the different phases of our work. Eleven societies reported the following for the fiscal year 1903: Leaflets distributed, 335; visits made to sick and strangers, 841; copies of the organs of the two societies taken, 47; amount of money raised, \$969.73.

The afternoon session was called a workers' meeting and was given entirely to a discussion of such subjects as the following: "How can I increase my auxiliary?" "How to obtain prompt quarterly reports." "Literature," and other like important topics. If any one should be skeptical on the subject of women presiding over meetings of this kind with ease and womanly dignity, they have but to look in on these two District Secretaries to be convinced that it can be done.

Time flew as if on wing and ere we were aware it was time for many of the delegates to hurriedly catch their trains for home, so in the midst of some confusion we sang the doxology and were dismissed by repeating the Lord's prayer in concert. It was the unanimous verdict of every woman who had time to express herself that the meeting had been one of both profit and pleasure, and with many hearty thanks to those who had so kindly entertained us we bade them good-bye, returning to our homes with pleasant memories of the two days spent in the meeting and with strong resolutions to do more and better work for God in the future.

MRS. W. P. GARVIN, Sec.  
Corsicana, Texas.

## MRS. M. E. STEELE.

To the Members of the W. F. M. S. in the Texas Conference:

Shall we forget her? Last June, when we met in Palestine, and the loved and honored Treasurer, who had served us so faithfully for twenty-one years, quietly said to her friends that we must not vote for her, since the state of her health made it impossible for her to serve us, we did not realize the whole truth. We knew she would not refuse any possible service, but thought she would still do much, and would after resting be able to do full duty in some department of our work. During those years she handled and reported accurately more than \$35,000 gathered in large or small sums from large or small societies, from individuals, and from congregations. No, we cannot forget her while a trace of our Conference Society remains in any memory. Shall we build a monument? Suppose we raise a large sum, and buy a white stone of great size, engraved with suitable emblems, and with her name and age, and deeds of love inscribed? We could not get one large enough to hold them.

Her alabaster box was too large, and her ointment too precious to be so represented. Such a memorial would not have been chosen by her sanctified and practical judgment in life. "Let marble crumble," but let us build for her a monument of "living stones." At our annual meeting, when the names of our own missionaries were called, some one pathetically said, "Two of them from St. John's Church." Mrs. Steele whispered softly to those who sat near her that those two had come out of her Sunday-school class.

An intimate acquaintance and correspondence of fifteen years does not enable this writer to say which field she loved most. All were dear, for His sake, whom she loved alike when represented by any nationality. Miss Park represents her in Mexico; Miss Tarrant in China. Let us all unite to place a memorial for her in South America. We are striving to erect a building for our school in Juiz de Fosa, Brazil, the school to be named in honor of Bishop Hendrix's mother. Let us make some part of that school honor Mrs. Steele's memory. All who will give a dollar for that purpose are requested to send the money at once to her worthy successor, Mrs. C. C. Stoddard, 412 Magnolia Street, Palestine, Texas. MRS. S. PHILPOTT.  
Dew, Texas.

## BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Brethren of the West Texas Conference: Appeals have been coming in to this Secretary to stir up the collecting of missionary money so that our missionaries may receive the first quarter's drafts. I have not heard from the Treasurer, but am informed that the drafts have not yet been sent out, which of course means that sufficient money has not been sent in to pay them. Will not every pastor of the conference take his domestic mission collection at once? Pay all your assessment if possible, and if not all, then all you can. Our missionaries need the money and it is due. Don't be afraid to send in a few dollars at a time as you get it, and don't keep the few dollars back from the Treasurer in waiting to get more.

A. L. SCARBOROUGH,  
Victoria, Texas, Missionary Sec.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.  
Linden, at Linden, Feb. 5, 6.  
Atlanta sta, Feb. 6, 7.  
Naples, at Omaha, Feb. 12, 13.  
Texarkana, Rose Hill, Feb. 19, 20.  
Texarkana, State Line, Feb. 20, 21.  
Winfield, at New Hope, Feb. 26, 27.  
Mt. Pleasant sta, Feb. 27, 28.  
New Boston sta, at Daniels S. H., Apr. 23.  
New Boston sta, Apr. 3, 4.  
Leesburg, at Union Ridge, Apr. 9, 10.  
Pittsburg sta, Apr. 19, 21.  
Musgrove, at Shady Grove, Apr. 16, 17.  
Gilmer, Apr. 23, 24.  
Gilmer sta, Apr. 21, 25.  
Quitman, Apr. 29, May 1.  
Cason sta, May 7, 8.  
Queen's City, May 7, 8.  
Redwater sta, May 11, 15.  
Dalby Springs, May 21, 22.  
Daingerfield, May 28, 29.

To the Stewards: Dear Brethren—You made a fine beginning on first round, I have rarely seen a better. Now, if you will push the battle with equal vigor on this one your work for the year will be well ahead and success in the end almost assured. Don't forget to pray for the spiritual success of the work. We ought to have full 2000 conversions and 1000 added to the Church on profession of faith. Let nothing but providential hindrances keep you from attending your Quarterly Conference.

J. T. Smith, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.  
Waelder, 4th Sun Feb.  
Segon, 1st Sun Feb.  
San Marcos, 2d Sun Feb.  
Luling, at Luling, 3d Sun Feb.  
Euda, at Science Hall, 4th Sun Feb.  
Dripping Spgs, at Wimberly, 1st Sun Apr.  
Staples, at Long Branch, 2d Sun Apr.  
Pleasant Grove, at P. G., 3d Sun Apr.  
Kyle, 4th Sun Apr.  
Felmont, at Oak Forest, 1st Sun May.  
Gonzales, May 1, 2.  
Tillmon, at Harwood, 2d Sun May.  
Lockhart, May 3.

Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

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San Marcos District—First Round. Gonzales, at Hico, p. m. Feb 12, 13. Lockhart, at Hico, p. m. Feb 12, 13. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round. Travis Park, 11 a. m. Feb 12, 13. Sherman St., 8 p. m. Feb 12, 13. West End, at San Antonio, Feb 12, 13. Laredo, at San Antonio, Feb 12, 13. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

Austin District—First Round. Tenth Street, Austin, Feb 12, 13. First Street, Austin, Feb 12, 13. E. S. Smith, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round. Eagle Lake, at R. Island, Feb 20, 21. Columbus sta, at Weimar, Feb 20, 21. Weimar cir, at Weimar, Feb 20, 21. La Grange sta, at Winchester, Feb 20, 21. West Point cir, at Winchester, Feb 20, 21. Smithville sta, at Winchester, Feb 20, 21. Bastrop sta, at Winchester, Feb 20, 21. Crow Creek cir, at H. Prairie, Feb 20, 21. Elgin sta, at H. Prairie, Feb 20, 21. McAdams cir, at Beakiss, Feb 20, 21. Manor sta, at Beakiss, Feb 20, 21. Webberville cir, at Osburn, Feb 20, 21. Manchaca cir, at S. Chapel, Feb 20, 21. South Austin sta, at Morrilltown, Feb 20, 21. Walnut cir, at Morrilltown, Feb 20, 21. H. Memorial sta, Austin, May 1, 2. Tenth St., Austin, May 1, 2. First St., Austin, May 1, 2. E. S. Smith, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round. Alice, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Corpus Christi sta, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Corpus Christi mis, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Mustangs, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Goidad, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Beeville, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Oakville, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Rockport and Aransas Pass, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Kenedy, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Pleasanton, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. S. Springs, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Laverina, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. Stockdale, at Beeville, Feb 20, 21. District Conference will convene at Stockdale April 22, at 8:30 a. m. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round. Yoakum, at Cuero, Feb 20, 21. Hallettsville, at Hope, Feb 20, 21. Nursery, at Mission Valley, Feb 20, 21. Fort Lavaca, at Lone Tree, Feb 20, 21. Victoria (at night), at Lone Tree, Feb 20, 21. Shiner, at Mouton, Feb 20, 21. El Campo, at Ganado, Feb 20, 21. Palacios, at Markham, Feb 20, 21. Cuero, at Cuero, Feb 20, 21. Clear Creek, at Cuero, Feb 20, 21. Leesville, at Hancock, Feb 20, 21. Rancho, at Dewville, Feb 20, 21. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round. Liberty Hill, at Leander, Feb 20, 21. Bertram, at Bertram, Feb 20, 21. Sunny Lane, at Pebble, Feb 20, 21. Mound, at Pebble, Feb 20, 21. Burnet, at Marble Falls, Feb 20, 21. Kingsland, at Mary's, Feb 20, 21. Chapel, at Mary's, Feb 20, 21. San Saba mis, at Colony, Feb 20, 21. San Saba sta, at Colony, Feb 20, 21. Cherokee, at Valley, Feb 20, 21. Springs, at Valley, Feb 20, 21. Rock Springs, at Valley, Feb 20, 21. Barkdale, at Valley, Feb 20, 21. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Vernon District—Second Round. Vernon cir, Feb 27, 28. Chillicothe cir, Feb 27, 28. Quanah sta, Feb 27, 28. Childress cir, Feb 27, 28. Childress sta, Feb 27, 28. Wellington mis, Feb 27, 28. Wellington sta, Feb 27, 28. Seymour cir, Feb 27, 28. Munday cir, Feb 27, 28. Spring Creek mis, Feb 27, 28. Ladueh mis, Feb 27, 28. Natarator cir, Feb 27, 28. Crowell cir, Feb 27, 28. Vernon sta, Feb 27, 28. Seymour sta, Feb 27, 28. Vernon District Missionary Institute and Preachers' Conference will meet at Chillicothe March 2, 3. Vernon District Sunday-school and Epworth League Conference will be held at Seymour Wednesday and Thursday, April 27, 28. Let each pastor take due notice and govern himself accordingly. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round. (In part.) First Church, Feb 28. Courts Memorial, Feb 28. Mineral Wells, Feb 28. Alwido, at Denbrook, Feb 12, 13. Santo, at Santo, Feb 12, 13. Millsap, at Mt. Vernon, Feb 26, 27. Palo Pinto, at Vaughan, Feb 2, 3. Weatherford mis, at Bethel, Feb 2, 3. Gordon, at Gordon, Feb 15, 17. Crystal Falls, at Yellow Fork, Apr 21. Breckenridge, at Eolian, Apr 21. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round. Mulkey Memorial, Feb 28, Mch 2. Peach Street, Feb 28, Mch 1. Polytechnic, Feb 7, 8. Glenwood, Feb 7, 8. Missouri Ave, Feb 15, 16. Trinity, Feb 15. Arlington, Feb 21, 22. North Fort Worth, Feb 22, 23. First Church, Feb 29, 30. Riverside, Feb 29. Mansfield, at St. Paul, Apr 1. Kennedale, at Forest Hill, Apr 3. Azle, at Harwell Chapel, Apr 4, 5. Smithfield, at Oak Grove, Apr 4. Grapevine, at Enless, Apr 7. Cresson, at Bruce, Apr 11, 12. Bono, Apr 13. Joshua, at Burleson, Apr 14. District Conference and Missionary Institute at Kennedale will begin Tuesday at 11 a. m., April 21. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round. Fifth Street, Feb 14, 15. Austin Avenue, Feb 21, 22. Morrow Street, Feb 28, 29. Hewitt, at Spring Valley, Feb 5, 6. Lorena, at Bruceville, Feb 12, 13. Hubbard City, Feb 19, 20. Penelope, at Penelope, Feb 26, 27. Mount Calm, Feb 27, 28. Morgan, at Walnut Springs, Apr 2, 3. Axtell, at Kirk, Apr 9, 10. Peoria, at Peoria, Apr 16, 17. Whitney, Apr 17, 18. West, at West, Apr 23, 24. Abbott, at Willow, Apr 30, May 1. Elm Street, May 5, 6. Besqueville, May 14, 15. Mart, at Riesel, May 21, 22. Aquilla, at Wesley Chapel, May 28, 29. District Conference at West April 21-24. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.

Dublin sta, at Dublin, Feb 20, 21. DeLeon sta, at DeLeon, Feb 20, 21. Clairette, at White's Chapel, Feb 5, 6. Hico, at Hico, p. m. Feb 6, 7. Dufau, at Britton's Chapel, Feb 12, 13. Eastland, at Pleasant Grove, Feb 19, 20. Cisco cir, at Delmar, Feb 26, 27. Cisco sta, at Cisco, p. m. Feb 27, 28. Carbon mis, at Kokomo, Apr 2, 3. Carbon and Gorman, at Carbon, Apr 9, 10. Stephenville, at Stephenville, p. m. Apr 15. Morgan Hill, at Wesley Chapel, Apr 16, 17. Green's Creek, at Bunyan, Apr 23, 24. Desdemona, at New Hope, Apr 30, May 1. Iredell, at Iredell, May 7, 8. Carlton, May 14, 15. Fairy and Lanham, at Fairy, May 21, 22. Huckabay, at Corinth, May 28, 29. Granbury, at Granbury, p. m. May 30. Glen Rose, June 1. Bluffdale, June 4, 5. Delegates to District Conference to elect this round. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round. Claude, at Fairview, Feb 13, 14. Memphis, at Newlin, Feb 20, 21. Clarendon, at Newlin, Feb 27, 28. Amarillo, at Amarillo, Feb 27, 28. Plainview, at Plainview, Feb 27, 28. Lockney, at Lockney, Feb 27, 28. Floydada, at Floydada, Feb 27, 28. Dickens City, at Spurr Ranch, Feb 27, 28. Lubbock, at Lubbock, Feb 27, 28. Hale Center, at Center Plains, Feb 27, 28. Dalhart, at Dalhart, Feb 27, 28. Dumas, at Dumas, Feb 27, 28. Channing, at Channing, Feb 27, 28. Stratford, at Stratford, Feb 27, 28. Alanreed, at McLean, Apr 9, 10. Higgins, at Higgins, Apr 16, 17. Canadian, at Miami, Apr 19, 20. Cataline, at Cataline, Apr 26, 27. Silverton, at Silverton, Apr 26, 27. Rowe, at Rowe, May 7, 8. Hereford mis, at Summerfield, May 14, 15. Hereford sta, at Summerfield, May 14, 15. The District Conference will convene at Silverton April 28, at 8 o'clock a. m. J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round. Alma, at Alma, Feb 13, 14. Barry, at Drane, Feb 20, 21. Blooming G. cir, at Barton's C., Feb 27, 28. Frost, at Emmet, Feb 27, 28. Brandon, at Rienz, Feb 27, 28. Blooming Grove, at Blooming Grove, Feb 27, 28. Thornton, at Steel's Cr., Feb 27, 28. Dawson, at Mt. Zion, Feb 27, 28. Pleasant Grove, at Eureka, Feb 27, 28. Kerens, at Bazette, Feb 27, 28. South Corsicana, at South Corsicana, Feb 27, 28. Cotton Gin, at Cotton Gin, Feb 27, 28. Armour, at Prairie Hill, Feb 27, 28. Richland, at Birdston, Feb 27, 28. Wortham, at Woodland, Feb 27, 28. Groesbeck, at Groesbeck, Feb 27, 28. Horn Hill, at Ben Hur, Feb 27, 28. Mexia, at Mexia, Feb 27, 28. Corsicana First Ch, at Corsicana, May 1, 2. Delegates to District Conference will be elected on this round. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Milford, at Milford, Feb 28, 29. Foreston, at Falls, Feb 5, 6. Venus, at Cahil, Feb 12, 13. Ferris, at Ferris, Feb 19, 20. Bristol, at Bristol, Feb 26, 27. Maypearl, at Maypearl, Feb 26, 27. Hillsboro, at Hillsboro, Apr 4, 5. Italy, at Italy, Apr 11, 12. Lovelace, at Lovelace, Apr 18, 19. Itard, at Itard, Apr 25, 26. Bardwell, at Byrd, Apr 25, 26. Palmer, at Palmer, Apr 25, 26. Ovilla, at Sardis, Apr 29, May 1. Midlothian, at Midlothian, May 7, 8. Ennis, at Ennis, May 14, 15. Alvarado, at Alvarado, May 14, 15. Grandview, at Grandview, May 21, 22. Waxahachie, at Waxahachie, May 28, 29. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round. Comanche sta, at Comanche, Feb 21, 22. Santa Anna, at Salem, Feb 27, 28. Glen Cove, at Midway, Feb 5, 6. Bangs, at Cleveland, Feb 12, 13. Indian Creek, at Winchel, Feb 19, 20. Robert Lee, at Sanco, Feb 26, 27. Wingate, at Decker, Feb 26, 27. Winters, at Bowman, Feb 26, 27. Ballinger, at Ballinger, Feb 26, 27. Cross Plains, at Drayton, Apr 9, 10. Rising Star, at Rising Star, Apr 16, 17. May, at Byrd's Store, Apr 23, 24. Sipe Springs, at Sand Hill, Apr 23, 24. Gustine, at Energy, Apr 30, May 1. Comanche cir, at Comanche, May 7, 8. Proctor, at Downing, May 14, 15. Coleman mis, at Indian Creek, May 21, 22. Coleman sta, at Indian Creek, May 21, 22. Blanket, at Blanket, May 28, 29. Brownwood, at Brownwood, June 4, 5. Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference will be held at Brownwood March 16 and 17. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. Carlton cir, at Carlton, Feb 13, 14. Bluffdale cir, at Tolar, Feb 20, 21. Glen Rose cir, at Glen Rose, Feb 27, 28. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round. Granger cir, at Granger, Feb 13, 14. North Georgetown cir, at North Georgetown, Feb 17, 18. Hutto cir, at Hutto, Feb 20, 21. Taylor Bohemian mis, at Taylor, Feb 24, 25. Moody sta, at Moody, Feb 27, 28. J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Graham mis, at Connor's, Feb 13, 14. Graham sta, at Connor's, Feb 14, 15. Farmer, at Red Top, Feb 18, 19. Throckmorton, at T., Feb 18, 19. Ellasville, at Ellasville, Feb 20, 21. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Ablene District—Second Round. Spring Creek, at Bethel, Feb 27, 28. Clairmont, at Double Mountain, March 5, 6. Aspermont, at A., March 6, 7. Haskell sta, at Haskell, Feb 27, 28. Albany and Moran, at A., Feb 27, 28. Haskell mis, at Ward's, Feb 27, 28. Stamford, at Stamford, Feb 27, 28. Anson, at Nienda, Feb 19, 20. Big Springs, at Big Springs, Feb 26, 27. Buffalo Gap, at Andra, Apr 2, 3. E. A. Smith, P. E.

Gateville District—First Round. Pearl, at Blue Creek, Feb 13, 14. Oglesby, at Oglesby, Feb 20, 21. China Springs, at China Springs, Feb 27, 28. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round. Grandview, at Green Brier, Feb 13, 14. Covington, at Covington, Feb 13, 14. Blum, at Blum, Feb 20, 21. Cleburne, at Cleburne, Feb 21, 22. Cleburne Mission Chapel, Feb 21, 22. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Ablene District—First Round. Truby, at Delk, Feb 13, 14. Baird, at Baird, Feb 20, 21. Lyon and Terry, at Gomez, regular Sun in Feb. B. A. Smith, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District—First Round. Floyd, at Floyd, Feb 5th Sun Jan Kingston, at Kingston, Feb 12th Sun Feb Fairlie, at Fairlie, Feb 19th Sun Feb Campbell, at Campbell, Feb 26th Sun Feb Neola, at Bethel, Feb 26th Sun Feb Greenville mis, at Concord, Feb 26th Sun Feb Wolfe City, at Wolfe City, Feb 26th Sun Feb Quinlan, at Quinlan, Feb 26th Sun Mch Lone Oak, at Lone Oak, Feb 26th Sun Mch O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Cooper sta, at Sulphur Springs, Feb 20, 21. Sulphur Bluff, at Sulphur Bluff, Feb 27, 28. Birthright cir, at Sulphur Springs, Feb 27, 28. Yowell cir, at Sulphur Springs, Feb 27, 28. Bonanza mis, at Sulphur Springs, Feb 27, 28. Klondike mis, at Sulphur Springs, Feb 27, 28. Lake Creek cir, at Sulphur Springs, Feb 27, 28. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round. Chisholm, at Allen Chapel, Feb 13, 14. College Mound and Elmo, at College Mound, Feb 20, 21. Crandall, at Seagoville, Feb 27, 28. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Marysville, at Marysville, Feb 13, 14. Koston, at Hood, Feb 20, 21. Woodbine, at Woodbine, Feb 27, 28. Montague, at Montague, Feb 5, 6. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Bagwell, at Bagwell, Thurs, Feb 11. Chicota, at Palestine, Feb 13, 14. Emberson, at Tabor, Feb 20, 21. Albion mis, at Albion, Feb 27, 28. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Argyle, at Argyle, Feb 13, 14. Grace Church, 11 a. m., Feb 21. Ervay Street, 7 p. m., Feb 21. First Church, at Fairview, Feb 28, 29. Clark's Chapel, 7 p. m., Feb 28. Trinity, 11 a. m., Feb 28. Oak Lawn, 7 p. m., Feb 28. Denton, at Denton, Feb 13, 14. Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth, Feb 13, 14. Oak Cliff, 7 p. m., Feb 28. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Crafton, at Crafton, Feb 13, 14. Gibtown, at Gibtown, Feb 20, 21. Decatur cir, at Shiloh, Feb 27, 28. Decatur sta, at Shiloh, Feb 27, 28. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Augustine District—First Round. Lufkin cir, at Kelly's, Feb 13, 14. Erskine cir, at Huntington, Feb 20, 21. Geneva cir, at Geneva, Feb 27, 28. Clark's Chapel, at Clark's Chapel, Feb 27, 28. Hemphill, at Hemphill, Feb 27, 28. Appley, at Appley, Friday, Feb 27, 28. Cushing, at Lynn Fiat, Feb 13, 14. San Augustine sta, Wed., Feb 13, 14. Clayton cir, at Bethlehem, Feb 13, 14. Carthage sta, at Carthage, Feb 20, 21. Minden, at Bethel, Feb 26, 27. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round. Rosebud sta, at Rosebud, Feb 12, 14. Travis, at Travis, Feb 17, 18. Durango, at Durango, Feb 20, 21. Lott and Chilton, at Lott, Feb 21, 22. Marlin sta, at Marlin, Feb 24, 25. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Houston District—First Round. League City, at Genoa, Feb 13, 14. Wharton, at Wharton, Feb 20, 21. Sandy Point, at Rice-ton, Feb 27, 28. Angleton, at Angleton, Feb 27, 28. Alvin sta, at Alvin, Feb 13, 14. Tabernacle Church, at Tabernacle, Feb 13, 14. Cedar Bayou sta, at Cedar Bayou, Feb 13, 14. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Palestine District—First Round. Augusta cir, at Enterprise, Feb 13, 14. Kennard cir, at Center Hill, Feb 13, 14. Alto cir, at Cold Spring, Feb 20, 21. Rusk sta, at Rusk, Feb 27, 28. Mt. Seiman cir, at Walnut G., Feb 5, 6. Jacksonville cir, at Providence, Feb 12, 13. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Harrison, at Karmack, Feb 13, 14. Hallville, at Winterfield, Feb 20, 21. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Feb 27, 28. Beckville, at Pisgah, Feb 27, 28. Church Hill, at Oak Hill, Feb 27, 28. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round. Cleveland, at Magnolia, Feb 13, 14. Prairie Plains, at Johnson's chapel, Feb 20, 21. Zion, at Lake Grove, Feb 27, 28. Cold Springs, at Cold Springs, Feb 5, 6. Midway, at Midway, Feb 12, 13. Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round. Orange, at Orange, Feb 13, 14. Call, at Cairo, Feb 20, 21. Wallisville, at W., Feb 27, 28. Liberty, at L., Feb 27, 28. Silsbee, at Silsbee, Feb 27, 28. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. Caldwell mis, at Caldwell, Feb 13, 14. Caldwell sta, at Caldwell, Feb 13, 14. Lexington, at Lexington, Feb 20, 21. Rockdale, at Rockdale, Feb 21, 22. Nriano, at Nriano, Feb 27, 28. Maysfield, at Maysfield, Feb 27, 28. C. F. Smith, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round. Queen City, at Park, Feb 13, 14. Cason, at Allina, Feb 20, 21. Daingerfield, at Hughes Spgs, Feb 20, 21. Redwater, at Redwater, Feb 27, 28. Dalby Spgs, at Dalby Spgs, Feb 27, 28. J. I. Smith, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round. Whitehouse, at Lane's Ch., Feb 13, 14. Big Sandy, at Big Sandy, Feb 14, 15. Albion, at Red Hill, Feb 20, 21. Meredith, at Mallard's Prairie, Feb 27, 28. Troup and Overton, at Arp, Feb 27, 28. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

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Any one desiring help from the Church Extension Board, Conference or Parent Board, should remember,

1. To send application made to Parent Board to Ira M. Bryce, Henderson, Texas, before the spring meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. That this spring meeting, according to Discipline, is held in March.

3. That this committee will not consider applications to Parent Board made out on Conference Board blanks.

4. That when the answers to printed questions are correctly answered, it counts with the committee in favor of the application.

5. If application is not sent before spring meeting, it should not be sent at all.

6. That applications to the Conference Board should be sent to Ira M. Bryce, Henderson, Texas, as soon as possible.

7. That the Conference Board will not consider any application made to it on Parent Board blank.

8. That no application will be considered by this Board which has not received the approval of the presiding elder and of the preacher in charge, and has not the certificate of County Clerk or Register properly filled out and signed.

9. That the Board adopted the following rules, which will be strictly observed at its next session, to be held in March, at the time of our Annual Conference:

a. Every application properly filled out and properly approved shall be carefully considered in open session; provided, that it has been in the hands of the Secretary not less than ten days before the Annual Conference.

b. No appropriation shall be made to any Church before that Church has actually raised at least one-half of total cost.

c. If any Church, to whom donation has been made, shall be sold, it will be asked to return said donation, or an amount proportionate to price of church as the donation is to cost.

d. No appropriation shall exceed one-fourth of cost of building. "Total cost" here is understood to mean money actually collected (not lumber or work contributed as such).

e. If for any cause any Church does use money appropriated, before next regular meeting of the Board, this money must be returned.

10. That the Secretary has to buy Conference Board blanks, which cost in Nashville two cents each, besides postage, and that he is ready to furnish them at this price, while the Executive Board blanks cost him nothing but postage.

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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

To the Superintendent of the Hamilton Methodist Sunday-school:

Whereas, It has pleased our good Father in heaven to remove from our midst to her "heavenly home" our dearly beloved school and class mate, Miss Wilhelmina Edson, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we recognize in "Mina" as we all affectionately called her, a model of virtue, modesty and sweetness of disposition, and one of the brightest jewels of our school.

2. That while we feel very, very sorry for her having been called by her heavenly Father from our circle so early in life, yet we believe she is better off than we, and we hope, by a like exemplary life, after awhile to join her in the "sweet bye and bye" and together with her, rest in the arms of our blessed Savior.

HALLIE KINSEY, WELLA MERRILL, MARY CROPPER, GEO. F. PERRY, Committee.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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Devine has more than doubled in attendance. At Hondo our Sunday-school has more than tripled in actual attendance. We have built and paid for a barn, with an apartment separate for corn, hay, two horses, a buggy and cotton seed bin, and horse lot and cow lot separate. Our stewards assessed our salary \$20 above last year and \$12.50 above last year for the presiding elder. They paid more than one-fourth at our last quarterly Conference. Our presiding elder, Bro. W. J. Johnson, was with us and preached us the old-time gospel in power. He worked our home and foreign mission, Rescue and Orphanage assessments are paid and in excess, and all other conference assessments provided for. We have secured six new subscribers to Texas Advocate. We have had one conversion and adult baptism and received fourteen new members. Our good women have organized a W. H. M. Society with fifteen members and they have three subscribers to "Our Homes." Our Senior League had an entertaining Christmas in 1903. At our presiding elder left us he said our charge was the banner for good reports in everything so far on his district—and we thanked him. We are among the most cordial people we have ever served, and they are taking up our work for Christ very earnestly and hopefully. We are well and happy and expect "a good year. Bishop."

YOAKUM.

F. E. Buchanan, Feb. 1: We have just closed in Yoakum what is termed the "greatest revival" known to the old-timers of this Church. Rev. A. F. Lowrey, who was with us within a few days and more than met our expectations. We unhesitatingly endorse his preaching and his methods of conducting the meeting. He is a man of faith and preaches with power. There is no clap trap or showy work, but the old-time gospel and the old-time "mourner's bench." He insists upon genuine repentance and as a consequence the converts become ready workers in the interest of the salvation of others. We had a revival from the first service. The church took on new life and under Bro. Lowrey's direction went to work. A business man turned over a part of his place of business for a men's prayer-meeting and furnished the room for the purpose. Our prayer-meetings for women were held in different parts of town each afternoon. From those meetings the workers went forth and looked for unsaved men and women. On the second Sunday of the meeting the "Sunday-school" was organized, and at the close of the lesson there were twenty-three scholars standing in line, giving their hearts to God and their lives to his Church. Old men who had been in Sunday-school work for years said they had never seen such a school. The young people made effective workers in the regular services and at some of the night services of the meeting it looked like a hive of bees at work. We purposed to reach every sinner in town if power and in obedience to this purpose a band of nine of our pure-hearted, consecrated women went out one afternoon to the dens of vice and sought to save by prayers and tears and pleadings their fallen sisters. Family altars that were broken down have been reared and altars have been erected. A young people's prayer-meeting has been organized to meet at the parsonage on Friday nights. At the first meeting there were twenty-eight young people present and twenty-five of them took an active part in the service either in testimony or prayer or both. The children of the Church from ten to thirteen years of age voluntarily organized a prayer-meeting to meet on Saturday night of each week. Twenty members have been added to the Epworth League with the Juniors yet to be heard from. On account of an epidemic of measles that has been raging here for a month our Sunday-school attendance was cut down yesterday to ninety-one scholars, which is less than 50 per cent of the enrollment. Eighty-five of the ninety-one stayed for the Church service. Nearly one hundred of our members were out of town or were kept away from the meeting by sickness. But we had a great meeting and the Church is on higher ground. There were fifty-four accessions to our Church. This pastor is happy and busy.

There is hardly an article of domestic use in this country better known or more familiar to housekeepers than "Baker's Baking Powder." It is a blue wrapper with a yellow label. The high reputation and constantly increasing sales of this article have led to imitations on a very extensive scale. To distinguish their product from these imitations, Baker & Co. Ltd. have enclosed the pound packages in a new envelope or case of stiff paper, different from any other package. The color of the case is the same shade of deep blue heretofore used on the Baker package, and no change has been made in the color (yellow) and design of the label. On the outside of the case, the name of the manufacturer is prominently printed in white letters. On the back of every package a colored lithograph of the "Baker Girl," "La Belle Chocolatier," sometimes called the "Chocolate Girl," is printed. Vigorous proceedings will be taken against any one imitating the package.

Whereas, It has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved sister, F. A. Lane, the following resolutions have been adopted: Resolved, That in the death of Sister Lane our little band has lost an earnest and zealous worker.

2. That while we sorrow that she will be no more with us to cheer and encourage us with her bright face and helpful words, we rejoice to know that another has joined that ever-increasing band that sing around our Father's throne.

3. That we most fervently pray that the Holy Spirit may set apart some one to take up her work who shall be as pure in heart, as gentle in spirit, as strong in faith, and as faithful in the discharge of all the duties and obligations of life as was this loving, faithful spirit, this mother in Israel.

4. That we tender our heart-felt sympathy to her bereaved family and friends, and pray that God, who doeth all things well, may sanctify this great affliction to their everlasting good.

MRS. G. A. SULLIVAN, MRS. R. B. SMITH, Committee.

NOTICE.

While Dr. J. S. Hill's manufacturing plant is at Greenville, Ill., his Texas office and home address is Greenville, Texas.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

In the Advocate of last week appeared the general outline of work for the next session of the Summer School of Theology. Many had expressed the fear that the high standard of excellence set last year could not be maintained. We have now gone far enough in the arrangement of the program to be able to promise a course in every way equal to the one given last session. Since the article which appeared last week was written we have secured the services of one of the greatest Biblical scholars in America. As soon as we can hear definitely from one of our general lecturers—a man of international fame—we will be ready to publish our program in full. The letters from the brethren could not possibly be more cheering. Prof. McSwain or myself will gladly answer any inquiries relative to this work or cheerfully serve in any way in making arrangements for those desiring to attend the school. W. L. NELMS.

REPORT OF TREASURER, DECEMBER 15TH TO JAN. 30.

Houston District—R. W. Allen, Wharton, Bishop's Fund, \$1; conference claimants, \$; Orphanage, \$1. S. R. Hoy, Shearn, domestic missions, \$99. Beaumont District—J. C. Stewart, Kountze, Orphanage, \$9. M. L. Story, Call, Bishops' Fund, \$2.50; foreign missions, \$; Orphanage, \$2.50. Brenham District—C. E. Simpson, Davilla, Orphanage, \$10. C. U. McLarty, Caldwell, domestic missions, \$; Orphanage, \$5. San Augustine District—L. Christian, Hamphill, Orphanage, \$7.50. T. B. Vinson, Tenaha, foreign missions, \$35; Orphanage, \$12. Calvert District—J. W. Treadwell, Bremond and Reagan, Orphanage, \$15. Huntsville District—A. S. J. Haygood, Hempstead, Orphanage, \$19.75. C. H. Adams, Waller, foreign missions, \$; domestic missions, \$; Orphanage, \$10. Palestine District—L. T. Pace, Brushy Creek, foreign missions, \$25.40; Orphanage, \$12.60. J. E. Morgan, Grapevine, foreign missions, \$23.50. Tyler District—A. Little, St. Paul, Orphanage, \$5. J. B. Turrentine, Willis Point, conference claimants, \$23; Orphanage, \$12. W. M. Sherrill, Golden Mission, education, \$11. Pittsburg District—E. L. Shettles, Pittsburg, domestic missions, \$25. Jesse Willis, Leeburg, domestic missions, \$22. S. H. Morgan, Daingerfield, domestic missions, \$10; Orphanage, \$10. J. M. Mills, Dalby Springs, Orphanage, \$8. Jos. B. Swain (Palestine) to be carried as "Special," \$10. Total, \$106.45. L. L. JESTER, Tyler, Texas. Treas. Tex. Conf.

F. E. B.

We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February—Feb.—means Freeze every body, and that man looked frozen in his uster. It was apparent that he needed the kind of warmth that stays, the warmth that reaches from head to foot, all over the body. We could have told him from personal knowledge that Hood's Sarsaparilla gives permanent warmth, it invigorates the blood and speeds it along through artery and vein, and really fits men, women, boys and girls, to enjoy cold weather and resist the attacks of disease. It gives the right kind of warmth, stimulates and strengthens at the same time, and all its benefits are lasting. There may be a suggestion in this for you.

ALEXANDER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

As chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Alexander Collegiate Institute, located at Jacksonville, Texas, and in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, I make through the Advocate the following statement: Rev. Jno. E. Green having been appointed at our last conference by Bishop W. W. Duncan Financial Agent for Alexander Collegiate Institute with a view to raising money to erect upon the beautiful campus a suitable building for the school, we commend him to the good graces of all our people. In connection with his work he will be glad to hold meetings for the brethren and any money paid him will be promptly sent to the Treasurer of the Board and after his salary is paid will be promptly applied to the building fund. Bro Green is a fine revivalist and by employing him you can do your charges good and help your own training school. E. M. GRIMES, Jacksonville, Texas.

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MINUTES OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

By the time this notice appears all the minutes will have been sent out. The delay was caused by the fact that just in the midst of the work our printer, Bro. Moore, was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia and has been ordered to California by his physicians to recuperate his health. He and I both regret the delay, but it was unavoidable. If you do not receive your minutes very soon kindly let me know and I will look into same. The minutes for the preachers in Dallas have all been sent to Smith and Lamar, 296 Elm Street, and by calling there they can get them. ROBERT GIBBS MOOD, Sec'y N. Tex. Conf.

DEDICATION.

Our church at Ponder will be dedicated by Bishop Joseph S. Key, D. D., on Sunday, February 11. All former pastors invited to be present. L. G. WHITE, P. C.

The new Secretary of War, Judge Taft, announces his policy to be: The Philippines for the Filipinos, but says that the investment of American capital in the islands will be to the natives' interest.



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