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Editorial.

IS THE WORLD GROWING WORSE?

We are not an easy optimist, and we do not see how any man can be who has an open eye for the facts of human life. The presence of sin in the world is appallingly obtrusive. It shows itself at a thousand places and in a thousand ways. Let anyone that is in doubt on this subject take a single walk through the crowded streets of a modern city, and he will surely need no further evidence. The open saloons are each a breathing-hole of hell, and the brothels are a bottomless pit of moral pollution. Nor are these the only symptoms. On every hand one may witness infractions of God's law. The sights and sounds which greet us as we move about among our fellow men are enough to break our heart. If we were to give ourself up to the consideration of the darker side of things, we should lose all courage.

But there is a brighter side, and we thank God for it. In how many Churches, Sabbath after Sabbath, is a pure gospel preached, and devout worship offered. In how many millions of homes are children being brought up with a reverence for the great realities of religion, and for the duties and responsibilities of life. And what shall we say of the Christian schools and colleges in which the pursuit of truth and the formation of sound character are emphasized from day to day? Is there no meaning in the vast array of hospitals for the sick and the infirm, retreats for the poor and the aged, asylums for the insane and the orphaned? Can we pass by as void of significance the great missionary movements of the century, which seek to carry the blessings of the gospel to the remotest bounds of the earth? Is it nothing that hundreds and thousands of men and women, often the best and most highly cultivated of their circles, are willing to forego everything that tempts an ordinary ambition, and give themselves wholly to the work of making Christ known in the dark places of the earth?

Less than a century ago, lotteries were still countenanced by Churches and colleges as a source of revenue. It is within the memory of living men that Judges went on the bench intoxicated, and Congressmen and Senators reeled to their places in the National Capitol. As late as 1870 the Credit Mobillier caught in its meshes a score of the most prominent men in the country. We still have drunkenness, and gambling, and dishonesty; but there has surely been a change for the better. Public opinion is more exacting in its demands than ever before. It is the larger view that is the more hopeful. Those who shut themselves up in narrow limits, and fail to recognize the general drift of events, may think that we are going backwards. But those who are familiar with history, and know through what awful periods of debauchery and corruption the world has passed in former ages, are pretty certain to hold the belief that on the whole, and steadily if not rapidly, we are

making progress. This belief is especially becoming to a Christian, who makes it the first article of his faith that God is still on his throne, and guiding all things, oftentimes by strange ways, to good and righteous ends.

THE WAY TO THE DEATH TRAP.

On another page in this issue of the paper we publish a statement from the Women's Christian Association of St. Louis. It is a note of warning sent out by those good women to the unsuspecting girls of the country who are supposed to go to St. Louis for employment during the progress of the World's Fair under the influence of employment bureaus. It seems that the powers of darkness are behind a scheme of this sort to ruin thousands of the unwary and guileless young women of our land. The plan is in the hands of inhuman monsters who are deliberately working to accomplish this nefarious end. They will send out circular advertisements and they will seek the pages of daily papers to set forth the large salaries to be paid for typewriters, stenographers, chambermaids, waitresses and the like; but when they arrive in the great city there will be those to meet them and escort them to places of infamy where their ruin is to be compassed. At first these places will appear to them as boarding houses about which no suspicion will be aroused for the time being, but gradually and adroitly the coils of deception will be worked round the lives of the unwary victims and they will be fettered before they become aware of what is in progress. Such is the scheme now developing to carry on this work of ruin, according to the good women of that great and wicked city. Hence they send out this danger signal that mothers and fathers of working girls may know the facts and govern themselves accordingly. It is strange that men and women will become so devilish and shameless as to endeavor to carry on such a work, but St. Louis will be full of that sort and no girl will have any business to go from Texas to the World's Fair through these specious advertisements, unless she goes under the protection of some reliable and trustworthy person. Otherwise she will go at her peril. Let fathers and mothers read what the good women of St. Louis have to say on this subject and take due warning.

THE PARABLES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Viewed from a literary standpoint, the parables of the New Testament are marvelous works of art. They stand forth as the finest mental pictures ever created, for they were drawn by the hand of a consummate master. They make up the furnishings of a gallery into which we may go and find constant entertainment and pleasure. They increase in beauty as they grow older in years and the flight of time only serves to enhance their value and to deepen their effect. Their light and shade and coloring, blended into exquisite harmony, are absolutely perfect. In their composition there is no detail lacking and their delineations are the complete ex-

pressions of a mind whose conception was clear and luminous. The thoughts they convey and the impression they make are lofty, ideal and inspiring. You can take nothing from them, nor add anything to them without marring their perfection or lessening their effect. But these parables were not written simply to become literature, or to take their place as works of art. They have a deeper meaning and they were inspired by a higher motive. Their art perfection is a mere accident. Their purpose is to illustrate and make plain the great moral and spiritual truths of the gospel. They were put into this pictorial form to make the truth more readily understood. Christ dealt in the great saving staples of the truth and he sought in every possible way to make the truth take hold upon the common mind. He spoke in parables. In this way he concreted the truth and made it shine forth as a thing of life. No man ever handled this object lesson method of teaching as did the man of Galilee. In fact, he practically originated it, and since then others have followed his example. In these parables he gives us the substance and not the shadow of things, and in reading them we must not lose sight of the fact that primarily they are intended to reach the heart with their lessons rather than the mind with their beauty and perfection of art. In them we are to find life and hope and salvation. They are the power of truth applied by one who knows the needs of the soul. Therefore let them be read and studied with this fundamental fact in view.

SHAMELESSNESS OF MORMONISM.

Every once in a while Mormonism comes to the front and makes an exhibition of its licentiousness. Sometime ago a leading Mormon was elected to the lower house of Congress, but petitions were filed with that body protesting against his claim to a seat, on the ground that he was a polygamist and not entitled by law to such an honor. His case was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, where an investigation was made, and the facts in the protest were found to be true. A report against seating him was made, and it was adopted by that body. And the investigations brought to light the shameless violations of law by the Mormons of Utah, in that many of them either openly or secretly practice polygamous marriage. They did not hesitate to testify to this condition of things and openly confess their wickedness. Now the case of Reed Smoot, recently elected to the United States Senate from Utah, is before that body and undergoing investigation. He is not charged with a plurality of wives, but with countenancing polygamy as a high official in that so-called Church. Last week one Joseph Smith, the President of that Church, was on the witness stand several days, and confessed that he was a polygamist and the husband of five wives and the father of forty-one children! Some of his marriages took place since the Territory was admitted into the Union with a Constitution positively forbidding the practice of polygamy. But the con-

trol of the State is in the hands of the Mormon Church, and laws against polygamy are practically null and void. We do not know what the Senate will do in his case, but the facts being brought out by the investigation show that out in the Northwest there is a condition of things far more menacing to law and order than the race question in the South. There it defies morality and entrenched itself behind the passions of the vile and ignorant hordes who make up the rank and file of the citizenship, and those high in authority are equally guilty. They not only practice the same vices, but shield them in the habits of the masses. It is only a question of time when this condition of things will bring on serious trouble, or the sources of religion and morals will become hopelessly corrupted. The evil is spreading, and its shamelessness is becoming more and more open and flagrant.

THE BLIGHTED FIG TREE.

Nearly all the miracles of our Lord were miracles of ministration. They were performed in the interest of human welfare and necessity. Some one had to be healed, or fed, or delivered from impending calamity, and then it was that these great works were accomplished. But in the instance of the fig tree the miracle was destructive. He pronounced a curse upon it, and it immediately withered away and died to its utmost extremity. Why was this? Was Christ angry at his disappointment in not finding fruit? No; Christ never grew angry, as we understand that term. Sometimes he had a feeling of righteous indignation and gave expression to it; but he never indulged in fits of temper. He was above and beyond that sort of passion. Why did he pronounce that blighting curse upon the harmless fig tree? Well, it was to teach the disciples a needed lesson. The fig tree had buds and leaves upon its branches, indicative of fruit, but the fruit was lacking. There was in the tree a pretension that was not realized. It had all the conditions outwardly of figs, but when examined there were leaves only. This furnished the occasion for an impressive lesson. And the result was a parable set forth through the medium of a miracle. The truth thus impressed upon the minds of the disciples was the evil and the result of hypocrisy. He wanted them to understand that mere pretensions in his service were as disappointing to him as was the fig tree with leaves but no fruit. Sincerity is the test of good character. If you profess to be one thing while you are another at heart, it is rank dishonesty. You are not what you seem to be. You become a standing deception, and upon you will rest, sooner or later, the blighting disapproval of the Savior. Persistent hypocrisy results in an inability, by and by, to be honest and sincere. The practical death of the moral nature follows. When Christ comes to those who profess his name, he is in quest of the fruits of righteousness, and if he does not find them, he turns his back upon us and leaves us to wither and perish in our own lack of frankness and integrity.

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Notes From the Field.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DOUGLASSVILLE.

S. N. Allen, March 18: Linden Circuit is still enjoying the good blessings of our heavenly Father...

ARLESTON CIRCUIT.

E. H. Lovejoy, March 16: After traveling over Arleston Circuit for about three months visiting the people...

NAPLES.

W. H. Vance, March 16: The second Quarterly Conference of Naples Circuit convened at Omaha last Saturday and Sunday...

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giance to the cause of our blessed Master. Assembling again at 3 p. m., Bro. Smith delivered a missionary address...

PITTSBURG.

E. L. Shettles: We were read out for this station Dec 7, 1903. Left Bryan Dec 10, came here Dec 12, found our household goods had preceded us...

HOLLAND.

C. S. Cameron, March 21: I gave my Holland congregation a rare treat the second Sunday, inst., in two missionary sermons by Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D.

OVILLA.

W. H. Harris: We are still moving on nicely on our charge. The splendid church building at Sardis is nearing completion and will be ready for use...

RICHLAND.

S. L. Culwell, March 16: Owing to the many difficulties which we have had to meet, we are making "haste" only slowly on Richland charge...

LORENA.

J. W. Fort, March 14: This is our third year on Lorena charge, and it promises to be the best of all. You will not find three better Methodist towns put together in Texas...

ever saw. Then we have the Taylors, Mills', Cox's, Kincaid's, Burwells, Miles', Ridgels, and many more...

COUTS MEMORIAL, WEATHERFORD.

J. R. E. Hall: We are glad to report another orthodox pounding given the preacher by this congregation last Tuesday night...

DICKENS CITY.

J. Arthur Laney, March 14: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Dickens City March 12 and 13. Rev. James M. Sherman, our much beloved presiding elder, came to us Friday afternoon...

C. S. Cameron, March 21: I gave my Holland congregation a rare treat the second Sunday, inst., in two missionary sermons by Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

D. F. Fuller: The rain of Saturday night, and black mud, did not materially affect our service at Howe yesterday...

CRAFTON.

P. W. Byrd, March 17: I found a very kind people on my work. The officials have bought a very comfortable home and have paid for it in full...

SOUTH BONHAM AND SAVOY.

T. W. Lovell, March 21: Our second Quarterly Conference was at Savoy Saturday and yesterday. Stewards made a good showing...

ROYSE STATION.

J. M. Holt, March 21: The second Quarterly Conference for the Royse Station was held March 12 and 13. Both presiding elder and preacher in charge smiled when the 8th question was answered...

GORDONVILLE.

B. T. Hayes, March 22: The people so far as I know were glad that I was returned for another year. There have



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been substantial manifestations of appreciation shown us during the year. The people of Gordonville gave us a nice little pound...

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

G. W. L. Vix: I want to speak a word as to the condition of our work in this appointment. This is Bro. Scarborough's last year with us and he has had many years of splendid work as pastor and preacher...

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

W. C. Morris, March 21: Our League, recently organized, has thirty-five members. I delivered a lecture for their benefit recently on "The Lost Tribes of Israel..."

GRANITE, OKLA.

Dr. Sid Bass was first elected Treasurer of the North Texas Board of Missions, but subsequently resigned, and Bro. A. F. Platter of Bonhom was elected in his stead...

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To be sure a large amount of advertising was necessary in the first instance to bring the remedy to the attention of the public, but everyone familiar with the subject knows that advertising alone never made any article permanently successful. It must have in addition absolute, undeniable merit, and this the new catarrh cure certainly possesses in a marked degree.

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Dr. J. J. Reitter, of Covington, Ky., says: "I suffered from catarrh in my head and throat every fall, with stoppage of the nose and irritation in the throat affecting my voice and often extending to the stomach, causing catarrh of the stomach. I bought a fifty cent package of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets at my druggist's, carried them in my pocket and used them faithfully, and the way in which they cleared my head and throat was certainly remarkable. I had no catarrh last winter and spring and consider myself entirely free from any catarrhal trouble."

Mrs. Jerome Ellison, of Wheeling, W. Va., writes: "I suffered from catarrh nearly my whole life and last winter my two children also suffered from catarrhal colds and sore throat so much they were out of school a large portion of the winter. My brother who was cured of catarrhal deafness by using Stuart's Catarrh Tablets urged me to try them so much that I did so and am truly thankful for what they have done for myself and my children. I always keep a box of the tablets in the house and at the first appearance of a cold or sore throat we nip it in the bud and catarrh is no longer a household affliction with us."

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IN A CEMETERY.

By Vere V. Hunt, M. D.

Just to lie still; to close the burning eyes, fold the toil-worn hands, and let the weary spirit depart from the body that is crumbling back to its pristine clay. To drift on, drift on, out into the sea of Eternity, Eternity! How the mind staggers at the word, and yet that mind is part of something that was, is, and ever shall be. The eternity of the soul—the only thing eternal about those whom we designate "mortals"—and as eternal when enclosed in the body of a tramp as when enshrined in the earthly dwelling place of a present earth-bound saint.

"He lived through all eternity!" This is the way the ransomed describes the One whom he expects to meet "beyond the smiling and the weeping," and so "as the heart panteth for the water springs," the departing soul, slipping from the moorings of time, and feeling the great swell of the ocean-bosom of eternity, just desires above all else "to be with Christ, which is far better." What hypocrites we are!—the best of us! Now in our inmost souls we shudder at the thought of death! The man of family exclaims, "My children!" the one without, "What have I accomplished!" But deep down in the heart is the fear for ourselves!

"Nothing but leaves." What, after all, is the record of a span length of time, save as it has been spent for God? How little in the world's history are three score years and ten? Yet the striving and the struggling, the ambitions and disappointments that may be crowded into that brief span! But that the wise Creator decrees a purpose in all he does we might exclaim, "Why so short a bridge between two so vast eternities?" In this the Christian sees the loving provision of his God. Ah, the trials that test, as in a furnace seven times heated, the purity and truth of the man of God. It is when the books are closed, and the partings of the ways have arrived, that he can say, "I have fought a good fight." Had it been a longer one, how might we not all have suffered in the sanctification of our faith?

"I would not live always," sighs the dying saint. Ah, no! All the steps of those who pass life's natural limit are upon the dead. The octogenarian is far more at home in the cemetery than upon the street. Beneath many a green mound lies his generation. The girl he wooed in early youth, and the rival that won her from him. The father and mother who were laid away when they were not as old in this world's counting as he who kneels above their long home now. The tender sister, and the brothers—big, sturdy fellows—with whom he used to share the sympathies that come of a common faith; some of them older than himself, he has gained on them in the certain race of the living with the dead. For death means to cease growing older. A sigh sweeps through the yews and cedars, and forth comes the wife that once was his, the one upon whom his fondest thoughts were centered, and who was but long enough with him to make the world all the more barren by her departure. O! the wife of his youth, whose pledges of affection, had they lived, might have sustained with hope the declining days of his journey. Yes, the cemetery is of his world, of his day and generation. That world that lies "beyond the mountains," towards which his faltering footsteps are bearing him through the night of time. Ah, truly may he exclaim, "I would not live away!"

And as he reviews the scenes and memories, the church-yard mounds remind him of, O! what a flood of recollections they seem to bear on their pinions over the destroying floods of years! Can it all have happened within four score years? It seems long enough to have filled five centuries! And if the message would but come, he need but to lie still upon the mossy bank, close the burning eyes, and fold the toil-worn hands. Then the weary spirit would depart, with a cry of joy, from its worn-out old sepulcher and rejoin the many spirits of the bygone, that would be waiting him above the resting places of their former clay. And would it not be a happy reunion! O, to clasp the bright, beautiful dead once more in his arms. To feel the warm, strong hand-clasp of yore. He had seen many of them fade away into the mists surrounding the tomb. Some with a last glance of recognition, some with a faintly whispered word, some with a feeble pressure of the fingers, and—they were gone! Forever gone in the flesh! Never more to be seen by him in the actual forms he loved so much as themselves, so apt are we to confuse the house with its tenant. And now, if we could see them in all the glorious manhood and lovely womanhood of his own long departed youth; hear again the accents of voices that would place before him some of the most cherished vistas of the past! Ah, the wind sighs low—"Nevermore!" Nevermore shall those vanished scenes re-

turn; nevermore shall those events recur again! No, not even after the numbering of the just made perfect. We cannot live our lives over again; neither in this world, neither in the world to come. The incidents of one's past life are the only things connected with one that absolutely and forever die. Not one atom of the house in which he lives, not one particle of that composite body, but that will live on, in some form or other, as long as this old world lasts; for matter is indestructible. But the events of our bygone journeys leave nothing behind but the print of feet in the sands. And the old man raises his streaming eyes, as he seeks again to picture his marriage morn. But "beyond the smiling and the weeping there is neither marriage nor giving in marriage," and how will the fair young creature he laid in her grave ere her twenty-fifth year had come, recognize in the hoary old man of eighty the handsome fellow that, in all the glory of manhood's early prime, cried in heart-broken tones, "My wife! my wife! Stay with me!"

"Shall we know one another?" With a great cry of agony the old man bounds to his feet, extending his trembling arms, "O, God, give us that comfort at least!" Then he thinks of those who knew him in manhood's declining years; the sister whose hair was turning gray, and whose one-time marble brown was wrinkled, when she crossed the mystic river, in the dim light of the early morning, she might prefer the white-haired man to the young widower that had become unfamiliar to her as her youth. The difference it makes to live on in this world after those we love are gone! Ah, the changes!—and the pity of it; the pity of it!

A lily of the valley smiled at him from the shade of a weeping willow above a little grave. He stooped down and kissed the petals, typical of the pure white little angel whose dust rested below.

"Shall we know one another?" The lily and the daisy spring from a common bed, and so, too, the passion flower. In the same form that they die will they return. Can this not be the fate of man? And man has so much to long for in the return of his lost!

I know not the night or morning
My lost will return to me;
They will come with God's light
adorned,
Solving the mystery.
The tears I have shed, and the heart-aches,
Will fly like the clouds of night,
No more the grim call to depart
breaks
On the ears of those in God's light.
Over the moaning river
We pass to a sun-kissed shore,
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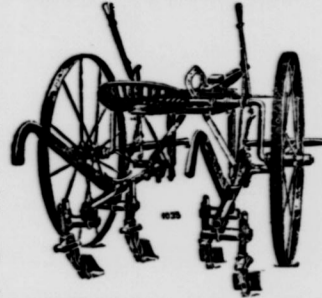
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Through life's dark hour-glass steals the sand, Still guarded by my Father's hand; Within whose hollow lies imperiled The mighty billows of the world;

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MY LADY.

She walks unnoticed on the street; The casual eye Sees nothing in her fair or sweet; The world goes by, Unconscious that an angel's feet Are passing nigh.

She little has of beauty's wealth; Truth will allow Only her priceless youth and health, Her broad, white brow; Yet grows she on the heart by stealth, I scarce know how.

She does a thousand kindly things That no one knows; A loving woman's heart she brings To human woes; And to her face the sunlight clings Where'er she goes.

And so she walks her quiet ways With that content That only comes to sinless days And innocent. A life devoid of fame or praise, Yet nobly spent.

-Pall Mall Gazette.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, April 15-22, in Troost Avenue Church.

All who expect to attend this meeting, send names to Mrs. Z. M. Williams, 3117 Lydia Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

MISS BELLE BENNETT, Pres. MRS. FRANK SILER, Rec. Sec.

At a meeting of the executive officers of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, held recently at the home of the President, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, in Plano, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Conference Society, June 4-8, the place of meeting, as fixed at last annual meeting, being McKinney. The gratifying fact was learned at this executive meeting that Miss Hughes, one of the missionaries under control of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, now on leave of absence from her work in China, will be at the annual meeting of the Conference Society. Miss Hughes will be in the territory of North Texas Conference from April 23, visiting by invitation various points in the conference in the interests of foreign missions. She will also attend the Missionary Conference at Waco, having been appointed a place upon the program.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, Texas Conference, will be held in Cameron, Texas, April 26-29. Opening service will be held on the evening of the 26th, and closing service Friday afternoon, the 29th.

Every auxiliary will be allowed two delegates. The delegates are urged to come for the first service and stay through the last.

The ministers are especially invited to attend. Homes will be provided for all whose names are sent to Mrs. George Call, Orange, Texas, by April 15th.

MRS. ALEX WOLDERT, Pres. MRS. GEORGE CALL, Conf. Sec.

To the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

Dear Sisters—I have just been reading of the boll weevil famine of some of our southeastern counties, and my heart goes out for them. Sisters, I can see where we can do so much, and we must be up and doing. Just think of so many people living on cornbread and water. They are only asking for cotton seed to plant. If each member of each auxiliary will donate even 25 cents, and have your Treasurer send it at once to those people, you don't know how many hearts will be made glad. We always feel better when we help

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some one else. We that never want for the necessaries of life don't know how to sympathize with the poor and needy. Let us not go to our husbands and ask them to help, but just go to our society with our little offering, and have it sent at once to where it is so much needed. If each auxiliary will do this at once they will hear of great results. Some of us are able to give more than 25 cents. Let each one give as they feel like. "God loves a cheerful giver."

We, of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Margaret, are a band of only 9 members, but will do our part. Sister Bloodworth organized our society last October, and we thank God for ever having such a sweet, consecrated, Christian sister with us. We miss her so much, but we know she is in another field at work. Hoping and praying that each one of you, dear sisters, will take hold and do your part. MRS. L. E. DUNN, Margaret, Texas.

ATTENTION, PRESS SUPERINTENDENTS!

Auxiliaries W. H. M. Society—West Texas Conference.

Frequent requests come to me for information concerning the duties of Press Superintendents in our Auxiliary Societies.

The Auxiliary Superintendent of Press Work and Literature must present to the members of the society, in their monthly meeting, the items of the Monthly Bulletin which I send to her, and any other information concerning the work that she may glean elsewhere. She must not read, but tell the facts in her own words; and if she is skillful enough to use a blackboard, they will be the more effective.

It is very desirable that she edit a given space, weekly, in her secular paper, giving items of interest concerning the local or general work of the H. M. Society in short, pointed paragraphs, never longer than ten or fifteen lines.

She should, in every way possible, encourage the reading course, and stimulate the zeal of all the members of her society by making them know the great things that have been already achieved, and the pressing needs of the work throughout the field.

Items of special interest, connected with her Auxiliary Society, will be gratefully received by the Conference Press Superintendent.

MRS. LEILA E. WERLEIN,

Supt. Press Work and Literature, Conference Society, Austin, Texas.

ATTENTION, W. H. M. SOCIETY!

Corresponding Secretaries, or Second Vice-Presidents, of W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference:

If one person fails in her duty, it is felt all along the line. Who is to blame, that the auxiliaries have not heard from me on the subject of titling? I have received notices from about fifteen Secretaries in the conference. Please, at once, let me know the auxiliary Second Vice-President, that the work may not suffer. Will the Presidents of auxiliaries instruct either the Corresponding Secretary or Second Vice-President to send me the proper address at once. MRS. E. W. ROSE, Dallas, Texas.

To the Third Vice-Presidents of Auxiliaries, W. H. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference:

My Dear Sisters—If you have just been elected or re-elected to this responsible office of Third Vice President, I want to give you a hearty handshake, and pronounce a "God bless you" upon you, and offer a prayer to our Father in heaven that he may make you an ideal officer in the W. H. M. Society. It is a great mistake if you think that the Third Vice-President has nothing to do, and that the society just elected you because the By-Laws required an election to that office. Yes, indeed, the Third Vice-President has great responsibility. But, if you have consecrated yourself to God and his Church, you can bear the responsibility in such a way that will bring great success to our cause, and especially to your auxiliary. What is your duty? The By-Laws reads thus: "The Third Vice-President shall have in charge the Baby Roll and the Life Membership Certificates. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the Auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of dues to correspond. She shall at the same time send a list of names and addresses to the Conference Superintendent of Baby Roll. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of baby boxes, and turn money collected monthly in them over to Auxiliary Treasurer; it shall be her duty also to interest, enlist and organize the children and young people. According to the statement of the last sentence in above, the McEachern Mite Box Brigade falls into your hands. Do I hear you ask, What about the Brigade? and what is it for? A Mr. and Mrs.

McEachern lost their only little girl—little Florine—and, in memory of her, they gave to the Board of the W. H. M. Society \$10,000, on condition that it would raise the same amount to build a hospital. The Board accepted the gift, and set about at once to collect the money. They adopted the beautiful idea of letting the children help to raise this \$10,000; so it was decided to make a little mite box, to bear the face and name of dear little Florine, and then organize the children into Brigades. To join the Brigade, each child must pay an enrollment fee of ten cents, and then it is furnished with one of the beautiful mite boxes, in which to collect money to be used in building the hospital. When you have secured names of your Brigade, send a list of names to me, as your Conference Superintendent. Give the ten-cent enrollment fee to your Auxiliary Treasurer, then encourage the children to collect all the money they can in their boxes. Each child that enrolls in this Brigade will have its name enrolled on the walls of the hospital when built. This idea enthralls the children as nothing else will. Now, dear sisters, we are just beginning a new year in Home Mission work, and let us resolve together to make this the very best of our lives, by doing our whole duty as officers of the great Woman's Home Mission Society. While our attention is being called to the new work of the Mite Box Brigade, let us not neglect the Baby Roll; neither one interferes with the other, and both can be worked nicely, if only you try hard enough. In many places it requires very little effort to get either organized; in other places it takes more. If I can be of any help to you, write me. It rejoices my heart to get a letter of inquiry concerning the Baby Roll or Brigade, and will do my very best to help you. May the Lord bless each of you in our work for him this year.

MRS. J. T. BLOODWORTH,

Supt. Baby Roll, Conference Society, Childress, Texas.

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

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

March 19.—O. P. Thomas, sub. J. E. Roach, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. R. V. Gallaway, sub. L. A. Reavis, sub. J. T. Hicks, change made. M. S. Hochkiss, sub. R. F. Dunn, o. k. H. H. Vaughan, sub. I. F. Harris, sub. W. E. Wilson, sub. and change. C. H. Ledger, sub. F. I. Sisk, sub. Charlie Hughes, sub. H. E. Carter, sub. R. H. Passmore, sub. W. C. Bracewell, sub. W. S. Easterling, sub. S. C. Vaughan, sub. J. L. Massey, o. k. J. H. Stewart, sub.

March 11.—J. L. White, sub. L. P. Smith, sub. L. P. Davis, sub. J. B. Adair, o. k. J. F. Sherwood, sub. J. D. Whitehead, sub. R. J. Tooley, o. k. J. N. Hunter, sub. A. S. Whitehurst, sub. A. A. Shook, sub. L. A. Clark, trial sub.

March 12.—C. C. Williams, sub. L. E. Kiddle, sub. G. J. Irwin, sub. Sam J. Franks, sub. J. C. Mimms, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. S. R. Day, sub. has attention.

March 14.—J. M. Perry, sub. T. H. Davis, sub. W. B. Martin, sub. A. S. Whitehurst, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. J. S. Huckabee, sub. J. M. Baker, sub. J. S. Williford, sub. W. H. Carr, sub. Jno. W. Goodwin, sub. R. E. Porter, change in address of two papers is made. W. Wootton, sub. J. D. Dorsey, sub.

March 15.—Sam'l Weaver, sub. J. D. Majors, sub. T. N. Weeks, sub. have attention. H. G. Horton, sub. J. R. Atchley, sub. M. F. Daniel, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. W. W. Horner, trial sub. J. M. Smith, sub. G. W. Kinchloe, sub. D. A. McGuire, sub. H. B. Owens, sub. J. N. Sample, o. k. J. W. Bowden, sub. H. B. Henry, sub. M. J. Allen, sub. and trial sub. E. L. Spurlock, sub. has attention. J. F. Archer, has attention.

March 16.—T. N. Lowrey, sub. W. P. Edwards, sub. J. K. McMillan, sub. has attention. S. J. Vaughan, sub. C. W. Daniel, sub. G. W. Riley, sub. J. P. Rodgers, sub. E. S. Hursey, sub. M. H. Road, sub.

March 17.—W. K. Simpson, sub. M. E. Hawkins, sub. G. W. Harris, sub. J. C. Moore, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. Dr. T. H. Hall, sub. S. J. Franks, sub. S. L. Culwell, trial sub. C. B. Garrett, sub. C. R. Wright, sub. Thos. Hanks, sub. J. J. Creed, sub. P. R. White, sub. has attention.

March 18.—J. A. Laney, sub. W. F. Brinson, sub. O. P. Thomas, sub. D. F. Fuller, sub. W. F. Gibbons, sub. B. H. Passmore, sub. C. H. Armstrong, sub. J. T. Weems, sub.

March 19.—H. L. Hare, has attention. J. W. Treadwell, sub. M. H. Neely, sub. J. E. Adair, has attention. D. J. Martin, sub. J. F. Tyson, sub. J. F. Archer, sub.

March 21.—T. M. Kirk, sub. Sam'l Weaver, sub. have attention. C. Williamson, sub. T. H. Davis, sub. W. H. Carr, sub. E. G. Heent, change made. A. L. Scarborough, sub. F. M. Boyles, sub.

March 22.—Lee Sanders, sub. and change in address. J. C. Mimms, sub. G. W. Kinchloe, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. D. S. Pearson, sub. M. F. Daniel, change made. M. A. Turner, sub.

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Cruthers-Robinson—At Hitchcock, Texas, March 20, 1904, Mr. Theodore E. Cruthers and Miss Lucy Forrie Robinson, Rev. J. T. Huffmaster officiating.

Harris-Alred—At the home of the bride's mother, Argyle, Texas, March 9, 1904, Mr. J. J. Harris and Miss Mollie Alred, Rev. W. A. Pritchett officiating.

Yeary-Adams—At the Methodist parsonage, Beaumont, Texas, March 6, 1904, Mr. Joe Yeary and Miss Mamie Adams, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

Fields-Smith—At the parsonage, Beaumont, Texas, March 10, 1904, Prof. C. R. Fields and Miss Ella May Smith, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

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 Northwest Texas Conference Sunday-school Institute meets at Cisco, Texas, April 27-29, 1904. Prof. Hamill and wife will be present again this year. Our entire teaching force should plan to go to Cisco. A splendid program will issue in a few days. Reduced rates will be secured on railroads.

Read "Cleburne Echoes" below.
 C. S. FIELD, Sec'y.

ECHOES FROM CLEBURNE.

Prof. V. M. Fulton.
 The Northwest Texas Conference Sunday-school Institute, held in Cleburne, Texas, April, 1903, was a great blessing to all the Sunday-school workers of our city. The meetings were well attended by our local people and several hundred delegates, representing the best Sunday-school talent of our conference, assembled here. A broader view was obtained by coming in contact with men and women whose lives have for years been devoted to this particular field of activity. The attendance was not restricted to Methodist people, but the teachers in other schools of our city attended regularly, and were glad to say that they were greatly benefited.

The great work of the Sunday-school teacher was idealized by Dr. Hamill; a genuine love for the work was aroused among the teachers and workers who attended. Practical plans of organization were presented in such an earnest and masterful manner as to engage the earnest attention of all who were present.

In this way a great enthusiasm for Sunday-school work was aroused throughout our city, in the homes of the unconvinced as well as in Christian homes, and the good influence abides with us. Mrs. Hamill, a gifted teacher, a consecrated Christian worker, a primary specialist, gave an impetus to primary teaching that still lives to bless the little ones of our Sunday-school. A primary "union" was organized in Cleburne by Mrs. Hamill and she was a source of inspiration to that work.

Dr. and Mrs. Hamill took leading parts in the program, and their model teaching aroused great enthusiasm. The very finest talent from various sections of the Northwest Texas Conference was utilized on the program from day to day.

After the lapse of a year we have very few teachers who meet their classes with an apology for not having made a careful preparation of the lesson. The spiritual touch of many consecrated workers came as a blessing to us and the influence abides. Go to Cisco April 27-29, 1904.

"This has been one of the most profitable and delightful occasions of my life."
 -Supt. M. M. Pittman, at close of Cleburne Institute, 1903.

"I never so fully realized that the Sunday-school was the biggest and best thing in the Church."
 -Rev. C. E. Brown, at Cleburne Institute, 1903.

Go to Cisco, 1904.

PREACHERS' CONFERENCE AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Preachers' Conference and Missionary Institute for the Tyler District met at Tyler March 2 and continued in session until Friday night. It was an enjoyable, and we believe, profitable occasion. The presiding elder set the pace with a very fine sermon on Wednesday evening which was sustained until the very last feature of the program. Indeed, as we listened to the gracious words of "our old man eloquent," Rev. John Adams, many of us felt our hearts strangely warmed, and we realized that as in the long ago the best was saved until the last. The mission cause never had a warmer advocacy than then, when the ripened wisdom of this faithful servant of Christ and the Church was poured out in such Niagara volume upon us at that time. God bless Bro. Adams. May his bow abide in strength, and may he be spared many years, is the fervent prayer of those who know his great value to the Church. Every preacher save two was present. That is, we mean every preacher in charge of a work; but we regret to say our local preachers were conspicuous by their absence. This is to be much regretted. Our local brethren are rapidly acquiring the habit of staying away from the conferences of the Church, very much to the aggravation of the vexed question, "The Local

Preacher" problem. My brethren of the local ministry, these things ought not so to be. We want your presence and your counsel and advice. Let every local preacher in Texas make up his mind right now that, Providence permitting, he will attend his District Conference this year. Tyler District is in fine shape. The preachers are hard at work, and as usual their reports at conference will be "everything up in full." We are praying for a great revival in the District with a full thousand accessions to the Church on profession of faith. So mote it be. The presiding elder is the right man in the right place. The preachers are all satisfied and determined, by the grace of God, to make this the best year of their lives. Of course we have all been pounded, but most of us have been wise enough to keep it to ourselves. If there is anything humiliating and embarrassing to a delicate sensibility, not to use a much stronger term, it is the habit some preachers have of reporting a pounding, sparrings, backbones, sausage, soap, starch and bluing—until the public is disgusted. The people admire usefulness in a man, even a preacher, and this bazaar spirit is contemptible. One can be appreciative and still be a nobleman. Why should a preacher feel poor and little? The people gladly show these little courtesies and feel like they are honored in so doing. Let the preacher learn the same lesson. We are not beggars. We are children of the King. We are getting ready for the great Waco meeting. Tyler District will be there. Success to the Advocate.
 J. B. TURENTINE.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Missionary Institute for the Marshall District of the Texas Conference met in the Kelley Memorial Church in Longview, Texas, Feb. 17 to 19, 1904. Rev. J. W. Downs, our wide-awake presiding elder, had arranged a most excellent program, assigning each pastor in the district some important subject. Bro. Downs was present and occupied the chair, and well did he preside over the meeting—there was not a dull moment from first to last. True it rained and it was very cold, but the preachers in attendance were in their places and did their work well. But owing to the wet, cold weather, but few of the citizens of Longview attended the meetings. The following pastors were present: Rev. J. B. K. Spain, First Church, Marshall; Rev. W. W. Gollighugh, North Side, Marshall; Rev. J. W. Cullen, Kelleyville; Rev. R. C. George, Jefferson; Rev. J. W. Holt, Hallville; Rev. C. J. Oxley, Longview; Rev. E. H. Lovejoy, Arleston; Rev. W. W. Hornier, Coffeyville; Rev. A. C. Biggs, Church Hill; and Rev. M. F. Daniel, Kilgore.

Mrs. C. J. Oxley and Miss Constance Oxley were present most of the time and contributed much to the interest of the meeting. Rev. O. T. Hotaling, of the Pittsburg District, was present part of the time and there, as elsewhere, he made himself felt.

Rev. W. A. Bowen (Agent of the Texas Christian Advocate) was present and took part in discussions and in other ways aided in the work.

From all indications the brethren will raise their assessments for missions this year; in fact, some have paid both foreign and domestic missions in full; others will pay in full by March 31.

Rev. J. E. K. Spain was requested to send the sermon he preached on the night of the opening of the Institute to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication. We were all well entertained by the good people of Longview who did all in their power to make our stay among them pleasant. All in all, the Institute was a blessing to all who attended.

M. F. DANIEL,
 Kilgore, Texas, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

North Texas Sunday-school Institute will be held at Paris April 25-27. All pastors, superintendents, teachers and other Sunday-school workers will please bear this in mind and make your arrangements to attend. Dr. and Mrs. Hamill will conduct the Institute. Bishop Hoss has also promised to be with us. We want to have the greatest Institute ever held. You can help make it such by attending and see to it that all your Sunday-school workers are there. Paris will furnish free entertainment. The railroad will make special rates. Program will appear later.
 B. M. BURCHER,
 Chmn. N. Tex. Conf. S. S. Board.

HURRAH FOR CISCO!

Cisco is the place; April 27-29 the time. Northwest Texas Conference Sunday-school Institute, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill will be there.

Say, you Cisco Sunday-school folks, do you know you will have a great treat in Sunday-school work? Get a move on you. Every Sunday-school teacher and officer in Abilene District must be there, and the pastors please put them on notice. How about you, Abilene, Colorado, Earl, Stamford, Albany and all the rest? Will you be there? Get after your superintendent and tell him to attend; and tell him your school needs new life and he will run up against some live wires at Cisco.

Come along, pastor; come along, superintendent; come along, teacher, and let us improve the efficiency of our Sunday-school work.
 W. E. HAWKINS,
 Fort Worth, Texas.

PASTORS' INSTITUTE.

I have just returned from Chillicothe, Texas, where we spent two days in the Pastors' Institute of the Vernon District. Chillicothe received all who attended with open arms, but her arms of hospitality were not long enough to reach some of the brethren. The occasion was rich and helpful to all who attended. A good program had been arranged and many subjects discussed to the profit of all. We have had two Pastors' Institutes in Vernon District and both have been of great value to the pastors who attended. Resolutions regarding the absence of some of the pastors were passed and ordered to be sent to the Advocate for publication. We have made wonderful advancement in the last year in the Vernon District under the wise leadership of Rev. J. G. Miller. Light was turned on to the effect that the pastors had been laid twice as much as they received last year at the same corresponding date. At this rate Vernon District will soon be ready to go out of the mission business. Bro. Moody, Ferguson, Curry, Stewart, Hicks, Jamison, Carlton and the writer were on hand and all filled their places to the credit of themselves and to the Church except one sleepy brother who never did anything real well. I think that sleepy brother got wonderfully enthused and I hope it will last longer than a summer camp-meeting. I know the brother real well or I would not dare

Order of Worship

Let all our services begin exactly at the time appointed; and let all our people kneel in silent prayer on entering the sanctuary.

- I. Voluntary, instrumental or vocal.*
- II. Singing from the Common Hymnal, the people standing.
- III. The Apostles' Creed, recited by all, still standing.
 I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
- IV. Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, repeated audibly by all, both minister and people kneeling.†
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- V. Anthem, or Voluntary.
- VI. Lesson from the Old Testament, which, if from the Psalms, may be read responsively.‡
- VII. The Gloria Patri.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- VIII. Lesson from the New Testament.
- IX. Notices, followed by collection; during or after which an offertory may be rendered.
- X. Singing from the Common Hymnal, the people standing.
- XI. The Sermon.
- XII. Prayer, the people kneeling.§
- XIII. Singing from the Common Hymnal, the people standing.
- XIV. Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction. (2 Cor. xiii. 14.

* Parts enclosed in brackets may be used or omitted.
 † Let all our people be exhorted to kneel in prayer, keeping their faces toward the minister.
 ‡ In the afternoon or evening the Lesson from the Old Testament may be omitted.
 § The order of prayer and singing after sermon may be reversed.
 ¶ An invitation to come to Christ, or to unite with the Church, should be given when this hymn is announced.

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thus speak. The sermon on water baptism by Rev. G. N. N. Ferguson was up to high water mark. It was full of rich thought. Dr. H. Bishop was present and did fine work on the subject of missions. He is a man full of information on this great theme and is able to impart the same to the people. An anti-missionary never gets much comfort under his sermons. Six of the pastors were not on the scene. It was learned that some of these pastors were unavoidably kept away and could not come to the call of the presiding elder.

Bro. Carlton showed us every possible kindness and if he has no appointment to fill fourth Sunday in May and will attend District Conference in Childress, we will try and return the compliment. It is hoped he will take a notion to attend the District Conference, and I believe he will, for I learn he is at his post wherever duty calls.

J. T. BLOODWORTH,
 Childress, Texas.

ATTENTION! PASTORS WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
 Dear Brethren: The American Bible Society is facing a financial crisis just now. Already it becomes necessary to reduce the supply of Bibles for brethren hands 10 per cent, and unless financial support comes immediately the reduction will be still greater after the 31st of March.

Our conference is assessed, and we are pledged to raise the sum of 2 cents per member this year, and then to ask each of our Sunday-schools to make a thank offering to the Bible cause sometime during the year. To date only one pastoral

charge, namely, Port Lavaca, has paid the assessment and no Sunday-schools have done so.

Brothers, this is a debt we owe, and the work is being crippled because of our tardiness and is in imminent danger of being worse crippled unless we bestir ourselves.

Why not aid the work as far as we can and save our own honor by paying our debts promptly? May we not, in view of this crisis, be pardoned for appealing to our brethren to take the collection for this worthy cause at once, and to forward it to the Conference Treasurer? The amount of the assessment is small, and when our people understand the gravity of the present situation, there is no doubt that they will pay it promptly.

With a prayer that there may be a prompt and hearty response to this appeal, we are sincerely yours,
 J. T. H. MILLEK, Chmn.
 J. E. BURK, Sec'y & Treas.
 American Bible Society Board West Texas Conference.

CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION OF ALEXANDER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.
 The Board of Trustees for Alexander Collegiate Institute, in session at Jacksonville, Texas, Thursday, March 17, elected Rev. W. K. Strother to the position of principal of the A. C. I. to succeed Prof. E. R. Williams, who will retire from that position May 31, 1904. Bro. Strother is a stalwart product of Texas, and of Texas Methodism. He was born in Dallas County and educated at Georgetown, where he graduated with distinction in the class of 1886, taking the A.

B. degree. After spending some time in teaching he entered the itinerant ministry in the North Texas Conference, and after several years of successful pastoral work, was called to the Presidency of Chappell Hill Female College, where he has spent two successful years filling the place to its utmost capacity and doing an eminently satisfactory work. We bespeak for him the confidence and hearty co-operation of the patrons of the A. C. I. and of the members of the Texas Conference, which owns this valuable school property. He will enter upon his duties the first of June for a vigorous campaign in behalf of the school.

Prof. E. R. Williams, our present principal, has served the Church in this position for eight consecutive years, in which time he has succeeded in building for the school a character for scholarship unsurpassed by any secondary school in the land. His work has been painstaking and thorough to the entire satisfaction of all who are associated with the enterprise, and he retires with the unqualified endorsement of the Board of Trustees expressed vigorously in resolutions, signed by the several members, and unanimously adopted. We bespeak for him the confidence of any people wherever he may go, as a teacher of unquestioned ability and a Christian gentleman of sterling integrity.
 G. W. RILEY,
 Pres. Board Trustees, A. C. I.
 Jewett, Texas.

CHARGE SUPPLIED.
 Rev. J. J. Barnes has been appointed to the Midway charge, Huntsville District. His postoffice is Iola, Grimes County, Texas.
 CHAS. A. HOOPER, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Second Round. Crow Creek cir. at H. Prairie, Mch 26, 27...

Morgan, at Walnut Springs, Apr 2, 3. Axtell, at Kirk, Apr 9, 10. Peoria, at Peoria, Apr 16, 17. Whitney, Apr 17, 18.

One Oak, June 25, 26. Opening sermon of the District Conference by Rev. J. R. Wages, Friday, April 22, at 8 p. m.

Travis, May 7, 8. Reubens sta, May 8, 9. Durango, May 13. Lott and Chilton, at C., May 14, 15.

Zion, at Cotton, May 14, 15. Midway, May 17. Cold Springs, at Shepherd, May 21, 22.

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FORT WORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

First Church, Mch 27, 28. Riverside, Mch 27. Mansfield, at St. Paul, Mch 30.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District—First Round. Lone Oak, at Lone Oak, 4th Sun Mch O. S. Thomas, P. E.

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