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Editorial.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

My Dear Brethren:

Being about to set sail for England, as fraternal messenger to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, I feel constrained to address you this brief letter. It is a source of real regret to me that anything should hinder me from entering at once on my work among you. I should have been most happy to visit the District Conferences during the summer months, and become better acquainted with the needs of the field. As it is, I shall be at home again as early as August 15, God willing, and shall then throw myself with all my strength into the discharge of my Episcopal duties. In the meantime, I beg to assure you that I have you all in my heart and in my prayers. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is also our God and our Father, be with you in your toils and enable you to triumph always.

It is not necessary for me to call your attention to the fact that your success as Christian ministers must depend largely on your personal fellowship with the Master. Apart from him, you can do nothing. The branches get their life from the vine, and the members from the head. There is no substitute for deep and fervent piety. Learning is good; diligence is important; pleasant manners count for much. But none of them, nor all of them combined fit a man to be a preacher of the gospel. I sometimes fear that this fact is not as much emphasized in the consciousness as it ought to be. Let me beg you, therefore, to take heed to yourselves, in order that you may be able to take heed to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath appointed you overseers. Be diligent and earnest in prayer; plunge yourselves with fresh purpose into the study of the Holy Scriptures; walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called; abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is God; be satisfied with nothing less than the constant witness of the Spirit that you are the sons of God.

And then address yourselves to your tasks with all your might. The men of this world rise up early and lie down late, that they may win corruptible riches. Why should not you do the same and more who profess to seek the incorruptible riches? You are to pass through the world only once. Opportunities never come back. Do what you can, and do it while you can. Redeem the time, because the days are evil. The more evil they are, the greater is the reason for striving to improve them. To grow faint-hearted and indolent is a great sin. You do not labor in vain in the Lord. Whatever is attempted in his name has his sanction. Even when your best plans seem to miscarry, you do not lose the blessing which he has promised. If hours of depression should come to you, look to him. His face is ever shining on you. When the load gets heaviest his arm is around you. The promises of

God are not yea and nay in him, but yea and amen. Not one of them has ever failed, and not one ever will.

Preach the old gospel, not necessarily in the very words in which the fathers preached it, but in the same Spirit. You speak to a generation the most alert, the most intelligent, the most active that has ever lived upon the earth. If you have a real message for it, you may be sure that it will hear you. Otherwise it will turn a deaf ear to you, as it ought to do. You have no right to expect men to listen unless you have something to say. For your mere speculations they care less than nothing, but for the assured truths, the truths that find them in the depths of their own spirits, they have the profoundest regard. Your mission is not to amuse, nor is it wholly to instruct. As ambassadors for Christ, you must persuade men to be reconciled to God. This you can not do, unless you really love their souls, and are ready, as Paul was, to spend and be spent for them.

Do not forget your pastoral work. It takes time, but the time is well spent. Of course you can not be always on the go. But neither should you be always on the standstill. It is a foolish preacher who thinks that he must never leave his library. Five or six hours a day spent, not in lounging over books, but in real, definite, consecutive study are as much as one can profitably give in that direction. Knowledge is vitalized by contact with men. What we learn by reading is converted into intellectual and moral power by the same process. Especially does a preacher get reinforcement for his pulpit in the homes of the sick, the distressed, the lowly. Whomever else you forget, do not forget God's poor and God's sufferers. I can set my personal seal to this truth, that the Lord goes with those who go on errands of comfort and mercy. The best sermons—the sermons that have the color of blood in them—are born in pastoral experiences.

Look for revivals. Methodism has lived and thriven on them, and will become afflicted with a creeping paralysis without them. Be careful to remember also that no revival runs deeper than the truth of which it is the product and the expression. Superficial preaching means shallow repentance, and shallow repentance means feeble conversion. Get a death grip upon the essential verities of the faith, and proclaim them with all the energy that you can command. Nor should you overlook the other fact that even the pure truth needs to be accompanied by the Divine Spirit to make it effective. Personality is quickened by personality. The spirits of men begin to stir with new life only when the everlasting Spirit, the Life-Giver, begins to breathe on them.

In conclusion, I suppose that I shall be guilty of no impropriety if I urge you to pay good heed to the finances of the Church. It is a doubtful sort of spirituality that gets frightened at the suggestion of money. Our people must be taught, not rudely and coarsely, but kindly and gently, that it is a high obligation and a great privilege to give of their substance for the extension of the

kingdom. Wherever it is possible the most competent laymen should be persuaded to help the pastor in raising the various needed funds. If they are trained to it, they learn to love it. What a great thing a wise and liberal official board is! How much does Methodism owe to her stewards. But where no one else will undertake the raising and handling of the collections the preacher must do it himself as well as he can.

I did not intend, when I began this letter, to make it so long. But my heart is opened to you, and my mouth is enlarged. May I ask your prayers during my long absence? I shall feel safer and better along the whole way if I know that you are mentioning my name at the throne of the heavenly grace.

Your brother always,

E. E. HOSS.

A GRANDSTAND PERFORMANCE.

The State Brewers' Association are now making a grandstand play before the public. They have defied the moral sentiment of the State for all these years and imposed upon the people of nearly every town and city the lowest class of beer dives with the worst class of men to run them to be found anywhere outside the towns and cities of Europe. And as a result the people of Texas, growing sore and disgusted with these sink-holes of vice and crime, have risen up and voted them out of two-thirds of the towns and counties of the Commonwealth; and now these overrighteous brewers, for fear of the utter extermination of their business, are turning themselves into law-and-order leagues for the suppression of the beer dives! They propose to eliminate these evil institutions by hiring lawyers to prosecute their keepers for violating the laws! This is enough to make Satan grin and turn his face to the wall. But they are innocent enough to send forth this piece of information, and they expect the local option people to swallow it without the least sign of effort. The "Secretary," with headquarters at Galveston, has issued a pronouncement on this subject, and with a great flourish of sincerity he has given it out to the public press of the State. After telling the great work of "reform" that the brewers propose to accomplish through his large assistance, the Secretary says: "You can now publish to the world that the National and State Brewers' Associations have arrived at that stage where they will take a hand in the extermination of all dives and joints which may exist in Texas. For years they have submitted to the obloquy of the prohibitionist's statement that the brewers are back of the dives. The statement was without foundation in fact, and the people who are back of these dives in many cases are the members of the Churches who rent premises and receive exorbitant rent therefor. If we should make public some of the evidence which has come into our possession of the leases and other contracts made with the proprietors of a class of resorts known as the dives, it would certainly astonish many of the good citizens of Dallas and other cities in the State." This is a wonderful stroke of enterprise upon the part of the

astute Secretary. We were a member of the Dallas County Grand Jury a year or so ago and served on it three months. That body investigated a majority of the dives that curse this city, and in nearly every instance we found that the breweries secured the licenses for them, put the furniture in them and owned it, furnished the bonds for them, and credited them with the beer they kept in stock. More than this, we found that these brewers furnished all these facilities to a number of the well known lawdy houses in that section of the city, which was a violation of the law on its very face. Now this Secretary has the brazenness of face to come out before the public with the above statement. Furthermore, we never found a single lease on one of these places owned by Church people and not one piece of property used for these vile purposes in the possession of Church people. The charge is a falsehood out of the whole cloth and a clever way to dodge the doings of these brewers. We assert that the brewers to-day are wholly responsible for these infamous dives, and they could close out every one of them inside of a week. Yet this wise Secretary wants to make the impression on the public that these brewers are now going to break up these institutions by prosecuting them! Let the brewers of Dallas go down in South end and other sections of this dive-ridden city, take the furniture which they own out of them, cancel some of the licenses they hold in their own names, withdraw the bonds which they have secured, and cease to furnish these places with beer for sale, and the dive will cease instantaneously. But they are not going to do it, and their pretense of prosecuting the keepers is a farce and fraud. If they were to secure the conviction of a few of them as a means to induce public belief in their sincerity, they would in all probability turn round and pay their fines and let them go free! Away with such specious deception. Local optionists, On with the battle!

It is very bad taste when in conversation with another person and he is leading off in the discussion to grab his words out of his mouth and say them for him. More than that, it is very discourteous and provoking. Let him finish what he has to say and then express your views. Often we have seen this piece of rudeness and we have never been able to appreciate it.

Brotherly kindness is a grace whose value is never discounted. It was first taught by Christ and the whole world accepts it as a commendable and lovable virtue. It grows out of a warm and a good heart, and the man who practices it will never have cause to regret it. Those who associate with him will esteem him as a noble and true man.

In the earlier days infidelity was coarse, irreverent and repulsive, but now it is refined, adroit and cunning. Formerly it made brutal attacks upon Christ and his teaching, but now it damns him with half praise and pretended admiration; but underneath it is the same old spirit of diabolism.

LETTER FROM NORTH ALABAMA.

It has been my pleasure and profit to worship often with our First Church people in this city. Dr. C. B. Riddick began his second term of service as pastor in December last. Twelve years previously he completed a very successful quadrennium, closing out with the completion and occupation of that elegant and spacious church edifice. He left to serve Broadway, Louisville, without an opportunity to preach in the house he had secured. For years the congregation has been anxious for his return. Their wishes gratified, great joy and thrift are manifest in all departments of Church life. The congregations tax the seating capacity of the immense auditorium and the services are full of spiritual vigor. The prayer-meeting is an occasion in the current life of the congregation. The good Doctor is proving that exceptional pastor who can build up and maintain a popular prayer-meeting. He is not only a thoughtful and suggestive, but highly spiritual, preacher. Rarely does one hear sermons with so much unction. As in other and all times such preaching impresses a community for all that is good in this life and hopeful for the one to come. Since his return he has received 125 members, many of them on profession of faith. June 1 he will move into a new parsonage. It cost \$10,000 and I don't know a more elegant structure of the kind in the South. Thus he has built a double monument to tell of hard and consecrated work for the Master in Birmingham.

Rev. W. E. Foust is serving Pratt City Station for the second year. His going there looked as if it was intended he should "lead the forlorn hope." The congregation had undertaken to build a house of worship, seemingly much beyond their financial ability. They were discouraged and divided and the enterprise had come to "a dead halt." A debt of \$12,000 confronted them. By wise management that debt has been reduced to about \$4,000 and a roomy and nice two-story parsonage built and occupied. If Foust keeps in touch with the source of all power and grace he will round out a quadrennium with a clean balance sheet and merit enough to his credit to entitle him to a first-class district. Where so much is being done there is always spiritual life. The congregations are large and the most responsive company of saints I have worshiped with of late.

Rev. J. L. Brittain is serving Bessemer Station for a second year. He is a scholarly and consecrated preacher. He is aided in his work by an exceptionally cultured and pious wife. Bessemer is one of the largest and most important adjuncts to this city. A new church edifice is needed and will come in its time. A Sunday with them was much enjoyed.

Rev. W. T. Andrews is in his fourth year as pastor of Avondale Station. Everything in the size of the congregation, their appearance and spirit, indicated harmony and growth. In some respects there is not a more delightful charge in our conference. Bro. A. has the habit of success.

Bishop A. Coke Smith spent a recent Sunday in this city, preaching in morning at Five Points and in the evening at First Church. Both were appreciated, the one in the morning having great breadth of thought and fervor in delivery. By any right standard, he is a preacher and useful Episcopos.

Bishop Wilson will be made welcome by our conference this fall. He is all the time and everywhere popular as preacher and president.

I am obliged for a copy of "Bulletin of Vanderbilt University"—Biblical Department. Every member of our Church ought to read and ponder its contents. M. H. WELLS. Birmingham, Ala.

WHERE WILL HEAVEN BE?

In Advocate of May 5th Bro. R. A. Clements writes his objections to my article of April 7th on the above subject. Bro. C. says this world was only created for a probationary state for man. "I wonder if that is true." We will see. The tree of life was in the garden at man's pleasure to eat and live forever, and there was no sin or death as a result, if they failed to eat. But after they had sinned, the Lord said, lest now they put forth their hand and eat of the tree of life and live forever, the Lord drove them out of the garden.

We can't see any probation in it. God was not experimenting with our first parents. The law of their creation and establishment in the world was to be steadfast and continual. Bro. C. objects to my view that this world will be the heavenly place, but his probationary theory will prove that it is true. In the first place, man was in close relation and communion with his Creator in the garden, as near

heaven as is possible for mortal man to be in this world. In the second place (if they are on probation) and do not sin, this world must be their heaven. It is a fact that all probationers have some kind of a promise, but these people did not have the shadow of a promise away from this world. Neither was there a revelation of any other place until they had sinned. Nor was any other place necessary, or such a thing as salvation known to man. Man was not lost, hence no need of salvation and a heaven. There is not a syllable in God's word that says that this state of things shall not continue for an indefinite period.

Now, Bro. C., where does God's word teach that when man's probation ends that the earth, sun, moon and stars will be annihilated? I wonder how he learned that? He quotes II Pet. 3:10, but does not say a word about any other star or planet but this world. The 13th verse reads, "Nevertheless, (i. e., after this burning has taken place) we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Our world is but a speck among the vast multitudes of starry worlds, and I can't see how Bro. C. ever found out that all these must be burned up because man's probation has come to an end.

Bro. C. thinks that the angels understood God's attributes. Up to the time Adam sinned God had been a God of power and justice. He administered justice to the fallen angels. But not until man had sinned do we learn of all the attributes as we understand now. God's love, mercy, forgiveness, salvation and a heavenly home were not made known until after man had transgressed. The heaven that I talk about is for redeemed sinners, to whom God had manifested his love, mercy and forgiveness in giving them His Son Jesus Christ. But none of this was necessary if man had not sinned. When man sinned the earth was cursed. Hence the purification of the earth by fire, making it new; fitting it for the redeemed of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But Bro. C. thinks that heaven can't be here, but somewhere, the locality being indicated by the word, "up." Well, then, when Bro. C. preaches he points up for heaven—at 11 o'clock, 3 o'clock and 8 o'clock. And people at the northern and southern, and on the opposite side of the world point up, and all point in a different direction. Therefore Bro. C.'s heaven is located in a different direction from all points of the world. If such be true, this world is completely surrounded by heaven. This may be true, for this world seems to be in touch with heaven. St. Paul said on one occasion that our conversation was in heaven. When the righteous close their eyes in death they are opened in heaven in a spiritual sense. Not only that, but the righteous in this world have the companionship of the heavenly host. (Heb. 1:14.) Angels are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation. (Matt. 18:10. Psa. 34:8.) We can't see them with our natural eyes. Neither can we see heaven. Not that it is such a great distance away, but the spiritual state prevents. Time and distance signify but little in the spiritual realm.

ev. 21:1-3). When John was in the spirit he saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. This is after the present heaven and earth have passed away, and the new heaven and new earth appear. Now in Rev. 21:10 John saw the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. John gives a full description, but in a spiritual sense. It seems to be a fact, so far as God's word teaches, that this world has been the great physical and spiritual base of operation. One visible, and the other invisible, one physical and one spiritual. So they appear to us. But now in the wind up the physical will give way to the spiritual. God can renovate the physical earth and make it a suitable abode for spiritual beings, even if it takes fire to do it. God can give us spiritual eyes to behold what we have only seen by faith.

There is not the least mention that God will abandon this world by transporting all creatures to some other place. But to the contrary, as time winds out all things tend towards this world. Heb. 1:12 says that the heavens and the earth shall be changed. The physical matter of the earth, the same as man, must give way to spiritual, substantial entity. When that takes place there can be no separation of heaven and earth. Neither will we lose our identity or relation to mortal existence as we were created. And this world is the essential place for all these things to be developed. Duffau, Texas. J. C. PALMER.

PLEA FOR OUR CHILDREN.

It is usual in presenting the cause of Christian education to make a plea for the schools of our Church. I desire to make a plea for the children of our Church. It is now generally conceded that a college education is indispensable for effective leadership in the thought and action of this growing age. To make our children potent factors in the advancement of our Church and country should be the desire of all who have to do with their development. Our purpose, therefore, should be to arouse in the minds of all our brighter boys and girls the purpose to get a college ed-

emphasis the refrain. Let it be the key-note to the messages sent out by our Conference Boards of Education. Let it be a part of the curriculum of our secondary schools. Let our fathers and mothers teach it to their children, talking it when they sit in their house and when they walk by the way, when they lie down and when they rise up. J. SAM BARCUS.

ECHOES FROM WACO.

Having been elected Secretary of our recent Texas Missionary Conference at Waco, it becomes my duty as well as privilege to pass back through the Advocate some of the echoes from



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ucation. Fortunately after this purpose has been fixed there need be no longer any confusion as to where this education is to be procured. Of course it should be under the auspices of our Church. No stranger, however gifted and wealthy, can take the place in our lives of father and mother, and no school, whatever its location and equipments, can ever do for our children what our own schools can. And when it is settled that a college education is to be secured and that it is to be secured under the care of our own Church, the question as to where it is to be secured is settled. In accordance with our Book of Discipline, our General Board of Education, taking the report furnished them by the Educational Commission, has classified all the educational institutions of our Church. By referring to this classification we see that there is only one institution in the State under the care of our Church ranking as a college—Southwestern University at Georgetown. So now just when an agent of the State having aroused a student's ambition to pursue a college literary course points him to the State University, we should point our students who aspire to a college education to Southwestern University. Fortunately we do not have to depend on other agencies to prepare our students for our central school. Secondary schools have been placed throughout the State where they can be easily reached by the people and a much more satisfactory preparation for college be procured than the State with her laudable effort to make practical citizens, can possibly give even in her best city schools. In the Northwest Texas Conference a good training school course can be secured at Polytechnic College, Fort Worth; Clarendon College, Clarendon; University Training School, Blooming Grove; Hughey and Turner Training School, Weatherford; Douglas and Schuler School, Waco, and the Fitting School, Georgetown. Other conferences have similar schools conveniently located. Then let us talk our schools for the sake of our children. Our future workers will come from our own Church schools. The foremost men among them will be those who are not satisfied till they have finished the college course at Georgetown before beginning their professional course or life work. Then let us all say the same thing. Let it be this ideal. Take a training course at one of our secondary schools and go on through the Southwestern University. Let the preachers on our circuits and stations declare it. Let our presiding elders as they go from Quarterly Conference to Quarterly Conference proclaim it. Let our great Church organ in Texas repeat with

that truly great occasion. The splendid report you gave in your last issue we do not count as an echo, but as a continued progression of the original notes passing out afire. As I have in childhood stood on a Mississippi hill just after the rising of the sun on an October morning and heard, first some hunter's horn, then some farmhand's song, and then the lowing of cattle, heard these familiar sounds mingle first with one another and then with their echoes and finally with reverberation upon reverberation from woodland and waters and hills and houses, wonderful indeed were the sounds I have heard and splendid the music they made. With such memory in mind, as I think of the great Waco meeting, I could wish that for a little while many, many echoes from many centers in our great State might be gathered together in the Advocate. I am sure that such echoes would make music the angels would listen to. No doubt we are in the sunrise hour of a new and better day for missions in Texas. As we go into our fields of labor in this new day the music of these echoes will do us good, make us work with more cheerful hearts. Let the echoes roll in. Who will send them? If the brethren wish they may send the echoes to me, to save you the trouble of arranging them. I will send them to you for each issue for a while, with the names attached—names of those who send the echoes. This will not prevent others from sending directly to you. Let the brethren tell of their meetings; how they conducted them and the results (for we hope every preacher who was at Waco went home and worked up a missionary meeting).

At Victoria, my own charge, the people say they got a red-hot missionary sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday after the Missionary Conference closed. Yesterday, the 15th inst., we had an unusual service. The congregation came to Church by families. To get this we asked that, if necessary, scholars should stay away from Sunday-school. The thing of first importance for that day was the missionary service, and we wanted the children as well as the parents present. We had a good attendance. Our delegates to Waco made their reports to the congregation. Then the pastor had a say. We pressed two points: 1. The missionary obligation on every conscience. 2. A missionary contribution from every member and friend. The ideas took hold of the people. We had a splendid service. We got considerable cash on the spot, and other subscriptions, and the plan is to be worked out by the Church in hand to heart work. Nobody doubts that we will succeed

in nearly every case to carry out two points, and with the understanding that this special work for missions is not to interfere with the collection of the other assessments we have to pay.

We are growing in missionary grace down here. Hoping to have many echoes to report next week, yours for these two things: 1. The missionary conscience in every Christian heart. 2. A missionary contribution from every Christian. A. L. SCARBOROUGH. Victoria, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE NOTES.

One of the new features of the Lookout Mountain Missionary Conference this year will be Field Day. The day will be given to addresses by returned missionaries from practically all mission fields.

Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., General Superintendent Sabbath-school Work of the Southern Presbyterian Church, will teach the Home Mission Study Class at the Lookout Mountain Conference.

Rev. A. W. Halsey, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, New York City, will have charge of the Foreign Mission Study Class at the Young People's Conference at Lookout Mountain. He will use as a text book the new publication of the Foreign Mission Study Series "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," written by Rev. J. H. DeForrest, D. D., of Japan.

Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D., President of Woman's College, Baltimore, who rendered invaluable service at the first conference on Lookout Mountain last year, will be present again this year throughout the entire ten days.

Rev. J. Campbell White, the well-known missionary from India, now Special Secretary of the Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church, will give his address on "Christian Stewardship" at Lookout Mountain in July.

The Missionary Institute at the Lookout Mountain Conference will be under the direction of a committee of specialists in young people's work, including Mr. J. Leighton Stuart, Mr. Lacy I. Moffett, representative of the forward movement of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. J. E. McCulloch and Mr. J. W. Shackford, of the Methodist Church. There will also be representatives from other denominations.

A strong male quartette will lead the singing at the Lookout Mountain Conference. It is expected this special music will contribute much to the spiritual power of the gathering.

C. V. VICKREY, Sec.

"THE PROTEST OF UNIVERSALISM."

An article in the Universalist Leader recently, by one of their ministers, declared that the Universalists were not going ahead as they ought, and named some of the reasons for it. This led the New York Advocate to name some reasons why Universalism has not gotten any great hold on the minds of men. In reply to this article, the Universalist Leader says:

"The protest of Universalism was not only against Calvinism which proclaimed the irrational, inhuman and undivine eternity of suffering of the many who were not elect; the vision of our fathers saw even beyond the Arminian's better position, which gave all men a chance, to the infinite purpose of an omnipotent and loving God who should so hedge round his children with influences and restraints that all should ultimately come to themselves and turn with eager feet to their Father's house."

It would be interesting to know whether the vision of the Universalist "fathers" was caused by their wishes or something else. There is nothing in the teaching of Jesus to warrant it. Where did they discover "the infinite purpose of an omnipotent and loving God," who has so hedged about the feet of his children that they are sure to come finally with eagerness to their Father's house? There is nothing in the gospel promises, invitations or warnings to warrant such a hope. It is contradicted by the direct statements of Jesus, who speaks of those who go "where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched;" who tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus; who pronounces the woe of hopelessness upon the cities which had refused to repent when they saw his mighty works; and who tells of those who should "go away into eternal punishment." It may not be a cheerful fact to contemplate, but it is best to face the truth.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

Just to be good, to keep life pure from degrading elements, to make it constantly helpful in little ways to those who are touched by it, to keep one's spirit always sweet and avoid all manner of petty anger and irritability, that is an idea as noble as it is difficult.—Edward Howard Griggs.

Devotional and Spiritual

THE YOUNG MAN COMES TO TOWN.

A young man comes to the city and gets a position. Sunday he is lonely. He misses the familiar friends and associations. He drops in at a Church. He is thinking of the eight-by-ten room at his boarding house, of the grind of work on the morrow, and of the home and friends he has left behind him. He is homesick and unhappy. He sees only strange faces at the Church. A stiff usher escorts him to a stiff seat. A stiff choir stands up and renders a stiff anthem. A stiff preacher arises and reads a stiff sermon. And the young man goes away without having had a word of friendly greeting or a hand clasp of sympathy. The next Sunday he will probably be at a theater or a saloon. People are cordial and human there, at any rate. And so the ties are quickly formed which drag him down. For everything depends on who gets a man first when he moves to a new community. A man who has attended Church six months without being greeted once, heard the minister preach on "The Recognition of Friends in Heaven." As he went out he told the usher that he "would like mighty well to have a little of it on earth." But, on the other hand, it is remarkable what friendliness will do in a congregation. Oftener than anything else we have heard given as a reason for going to a certain Church: "O, they are so sociable over there!" If the stranger is greeted at the close of the service with a smile and a hearty handshake, and a cordial invitation to come back, with perhaps an inquiry as to his location and Church affiliations, and an invitation to some social meeting of the Church, ten chances to one he will come back, and often he will come back to stay. Oh, the power of a sanctified smile and a sympathetic handshake! No music can exercise such a hypnotic influence. No sermon can work such wizard wonders. The cordial Church will outgrow any other kind. The pastor himself can do much through personal greetings. The pastor who stands at the door at the close of the service and shakes hands with the people as they go out, with a word of greeting to each, as far as possible, has created something of a tie between himself and them. Much as it is emphasized to-day, we doubt if half of our preachers appreciate the power there is in sociability. Other things being anything like equal, it is the cordial, sociable minister who will draw and hold people to him with much greater power than the unsociable man. As it is a gift that can be acquired, the unsociable minister ought, for Christ's sake, to cultivate it with all care.

Dr. Louis Albert Banks, of New York, called our attention to a valuable point a few years ago—namely, that strangers usually come to a Church service early, before the members arrive. If a pastor comes early, and greets these strangers one by one, he accomplishes two things—he will have created a tie of personal acquaintance between the minister and his hearers and he will have secured the names and addresses of people who are the most likely candidates for membership in his Church.

We have found this to be true in the years that we have followed this plan, and the results have been most gratifying. We take for granted that every preacher carries a vest pocket memorandum, in which he enrolls the name of all such strangers. These persons, together with the names which he secures in other ways, constitute the outside constituency to whom announcements of special meetings and other literature relating to the work of the Church may be sent, and from these

persons we find our roll of members is being constantly recruited.—Wilbur F. Sheridan.

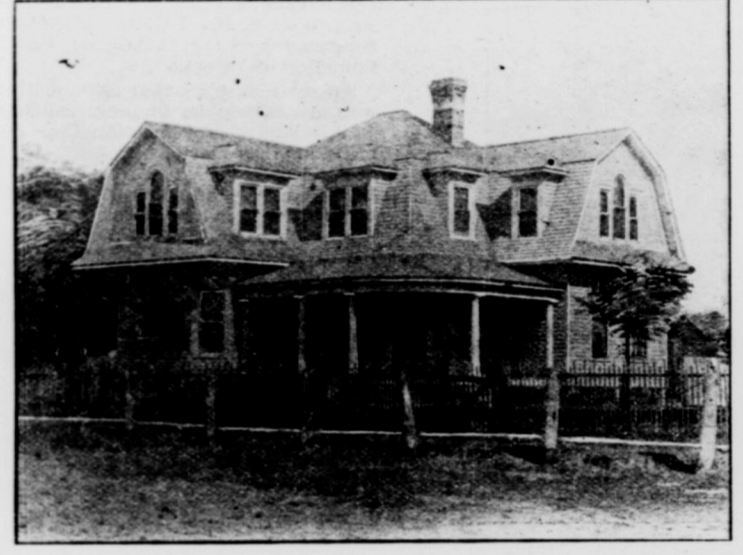
THE WORLD'S IDEAL.

The world's ideal of the Christian life is very high. The man who makes no profession of religion, who openly breaks the Sabbath and seldom visits the sanctuary, criticises with severity the sins of omission and commission that he perceives in a disciple of Christ. The faintest flaw or speck in the daily life of a Christian is magnified and held up to reproach by an unsympathetic world, ever on the alert to discover hypocrisy and condemn the sins it practices without shame.

We who belong to the Lord and

to live up to the world's ideal, but to that of the Lord Jesus. World standards of integrity may be lofty, but they do not attain to the altitude of the Sermon on the Mount. Worldly ideas of charity may be broad and expansive, but they pale before the radiant vision of love in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Christ himself is our pattern. No world ideal compares with him in purity, in unselfishness, in energy, in rectitude. Our quest for the Holy Grail evermore ends in our finding the Christ.

Young and enthusiastic recruits hesitate to join the Church, and hold back from a full and confident confession because they fear the world. "We may bring discredit on the Church," they say, keeping aloof from the communion table and disregarding the Lord's command to



Mexia Parsonage. Rev. T. S. Armstrong, Pastor.

serve him in the midst of a scolding and unfriendly world should take account of this general feeling and usual attitude on its part. Full well we know and most deeply we deplore our own inconsistencies. Many a time have we bemoaned them. Again and again have we confessed them in penitent humility at the feet of our forgiving Master. Over and over have we risen from prayer, exclaiming to the retreating adversary, almost visible before us, "Rejoice not over me, mine enemy. Though I fall, I shall rise again." The Christian, more than his censors can possibly do, laments his

own him before men. Thus the world-tyranny binds men, the world-fear eclipses their joy, the world-enmity lays a withering spell on their faith. Let the world-ideal be what it may. Our better plan is to cleave to Christ and strive after the perfection he requires.

Christ never compels us to fight the battle alone. While humanity is weak, humanity, like Peter walking on the sea, will sink through over zeal or lack of faith and need to cry, "Lord, save us; we perish." But the cry is never in vain. "Be of good cheer" comes ringing down from the sky. "The world cannot



Timpson Parsonage. Rev. J. T. McClure, Pastor.

mistakes, condemns his own cowardice, and mourns his fallibility. This should lead the Christian man, for the honor of the name of Christ and the well-being of the Church, to walk carefully amid the snares and sins of the world. Vigilance and diligence are needful for the believer if he would grow in grace and set a consistent and shining example. A city set on a hill, he cannot be hid.

Still for the comfort and encouragement of the timid and for the aid of the young disciple it should be remembered that we do not have

hurt you; I have overcome the world." Frequent prayer, constant study of our marching orders as given in the Scriptures, implicit obedience, and close companionship with those who love the Lord will help to keep up in the path of duty, the narrow path hedged in by precept, trodden by the feet of saints and martyrs, and leading at last to the home where God's redeemed abide in peace and joy for evermore. Look away from the world, think little of its mockings or its hatred; but look unto Jesus, the Author and Finish-

er of your faith; and you, wherever you are, child of God, will be brought to the end victorious.—Christian Intelligencer.

TWO FOES OF HAPPINESS.

Discontent is one enemy of happiness. Discontent is thirst. Men thirst for physical gratification, for social enjoyment and position, for worldly possessions, and for intellectual improvement. They feel their lack, their emptiness, and feel it most keenly. If they should possess all these things they would not be satisfied. The soul of man has a place for God, and so long as he is kept out of that place the soul is empty and barren. It is only when God fills the thoughts, the affections, the will, the conscience, and the aspirations that true contentment is found.

Fear is another foe to happiness. No soul can be happy so long as it is racked with fear. Fear of want, fear of evil report, fear of what men may think or say, or do, fear of loss, fear of sickness or death, and many other fears keep men and women on the rack all the days of their lives. Many schemes have been resorted to for the purpose of overcoming fear, and some have succeeded. But fear may be overcome in such a way as to leave the soul quite as desolate as it was before. One may overcome the pain of fear without touching the cause of fear. Why are we so fearful? Is it not because we have given to God such a mean and narrow place in our hearts? Perfect love casteth out fear, and God is love. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and let the King of glory come in, and fear shall fly away.—New York Advocate.

THE LAW A PEDAGOGUE.

The gospel wins its way wherever and whenever given a chance. Some years ago a heathen in Burma obtained a copy of the Psalms. It was left behind by a traveler who had stopped at his house. The man was converted, and for twenty years worshipped the God revealed in the Psalms. His custom was to use the fifty-first psalm as his daily prayer. A missionary appeared on the scene in due time and gave him a copy of the New Testament. He read the story of salvation through Jesus Christ. His heart opened to the gospel; he attained great joy. He said: "For twenty years I walked by starlight; now I see the sun." What a blessed illustration! Is it not a true example of the Pauline idea that the law, or the Old Testament generally, is a schoolmaster to lead men to Christ?—Exchange.

THE IDEAL OF LIFE.

The man who comes to know the Savior grasps the ideal of life and dares to claim it as his own. Immediately he finds the tides of life setting in toward the realization of this his chosen ideal. This is as mysterious as the co-operation of the sunshine and moisture in the realization of the farmer's ideal of the harvest, but no more so. It is not a mystery which perplexes faith; it is rather the ample justification of it. It is just because he believes in this mystery that he works and waits in hope of the harvest.

But it never occurs to the farmer that he might make his faith a substitute for the work of properly tilling the soil. On the other hand, his faith is the inspiration of all his hard and unremitting toil. It is not different with the Christian man. He counts no task too irksome, no labor too arduous, for the fullest realization of the "life hid with Christ in God." Because he feels assured that he can absolutely count upon God to supply all his needs, he dares the highest achievement, never hesitating at any cost. Thus working out his own salvation, while God works in him, he finds constant enlargement and growth; and this, in turn, re-enforces faith. And the

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THE MARRIAGE VOW.

And so the words are spoken and the indissoluble knot is tied. Amen. For better, for worse, for good days or evil, love each other, cling to each other, dear friends. Fulfill your course and accomplish your "life's toil." In sorrow, soothe each other; in illness, watch and tend. Cheer, fond wife, the husband's struggle; lighten his gloomy hours with your tender smiles and gladden his home with your love. Husband, father, whatsoever your lot, be your heart pure, your life honest. For the sake of those who bear your name, let no bad action sully it. As you look at those innocent faces, which ever tenderly greet you, be yours, too, innocent, and your conscience without reproach. As the young folks kneel before the altar-railing, some such thoughts as these pass through a friend's mind who witnesses the ceremony of their marriage. Is not all we hear in that place meant to apply to ourselves and to be carried away for everyday cogitation?—W. M. Thackeray.

Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment; trust in your friends and they will die and leave you; trust in money, and you may have it taken from you; trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it; but trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity.

WHAT THE KING EATS.

What's Fit for Him.

A Mass. lady who has been through the mill with the trials of the usual housekeeper and mother relates an interesting incident that occurred not long ago. She says:

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Secular News Items.

The first daguerreotype gallery in the world was established in New York in 1840.

Plans are on foot in New York to build a great Jewish university.

Mr. E. W. Duke has announced his willingness to give \$10,000 to Greensboro Female College, North Carolina, provided the buildings are replaced and \$90,000 more be raised for an endowment.

The death-rate from typhoid fever is less in New York City than in the farming regions of such States as Michigan and Illinois. This should lead to a fresh study of sanitary conditions in rural communities.

It is stated that Cornelius N. Bliss, after a lengthy conference with Roosevelt, has expressed his willingness to accept the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee, to succeed the late Senator Hanta.

Miss Clara Barton on May 14 resigned the Presidency of the "American Red Cross," and was succeeded by Mrs. John A. Logan, who was heretofore Vice-President of the association.

The Seventh Day Adventists are making a \$500,000 investment at Takoma Park, a suburb of Washington, D. C., building a national publishing house, a large sanitarium on the "cottage system," and other institutions, on the line of those at Battle Creek.

The medical department of Columbia University, New York, has decided on increasing the tuition from \$200 to \$250 a year, and as a result, the students have voted not to return next year, but to go to other schools.

Edward Bedell has sued St. Stephen's College, Annandale, New York, for \$10,000 damages, for allowing him to be hazed because he would not join a certain secret society, and for taking no action against the hazers.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra had an ovation on their arrival at Dublin to lay the cornerstone of the Royal College of Science. His cordial reception speaks well for the future good feeling between the King and the Irish.

Pasadena, California, a no-license city of 16,000 population, had only thirty-eight arrests last year. Stockton, a city of 17,000, with plenty of saloons, had 1,974 arrests.

Dr. Charles Fere, the French psychologist, has just issued a book on "Work and Pleasure," one of the conclusions of which is that mental work does not rest one who is physically tired and that physical work does not rest one who is mentally tired. Both kinds of work are alike exhausting, he holds.

District Attorney Jerome's bill has become a law in the State of New York. It is aimed at the high-toned gambling-house keepers who have hitherto escaped because their wealthy and "respectable" patrons would not testify against them. The new law requires witnesses to give testimony.

Chinamen in St. Louis are said to have contributed \$2000 to the Japanese war fund.

There will be needed 45,000 extra harvesters out West this summer to help save the wheat crop.

Professional gamblers are denied transportation on the White Star transatlantic liners.

It is said that nearly 700,000 persons are engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the United States.

At a cost of nearly \$30,000 Miss Helen Miller Gould has just had built a new club house for boys and young men, to be named the "Lyndhurst Club," near Irvington on the Hudson.

Jacob Riis, in a lecture delivered in Chicago recently, scored Chicago for neglecting its boys, particularly in the foreign settlements of the West Side.

It is reported that since the purchase Alaska has yielded 150,000,000 worth of gold, furs and fish, and the territory has purchased from the United States in the meantime merchandise valued at \$100,000,000. The value of the Alaskan fish sold in the single year 1903 was \$8,000,000, or more than the purchase money paid for the country. In that year we received from Alaska \$10,228,064 in merchandise and \$4,719,579 in gold.

Of the 12,703 newspapers and periodicals published in Germany more than 27 per cent are in other languages than German, 9 per cent being in English alone.

"The best time to stop a strike is a long time before you begin it, if it is Irish," said T. V. Powderly, former head of the Knights of Labor, at a Chicago labor gathering. "The labor leader who has the interest of his men at heart will fight the strike to the last ditch," continued Mr. Powderly, "for of all the costly, cumbersome, wasteful, cruel methods of settling a difficulty in labor matters the strike and lockout are the worst. Let the la-

bor unions incorporate. The union has nothing to fear from incorporation; there is nothing that the law can reach under incorporation that it can't reach now."

Samuel Bowne, a well-known farmer of Bedford township, Calhoun County, Michigan, has a remarkable family record. It is an unbroken genealogical record reaching back for three hundred years to his ancestry in England. From that time to this every member of the Bowne family has been a Quaker. Every family has had a son named Samuel.

An extraordinary rich find of precious stones has been made in Hope Valley, Orange River Colony, South Africa. The gems include rubies, sapphires, beryls, emeralds, carbuncles,

Great Britain. Of 171,088 convicted persons received in prison in 1902 no fewer than 96,863 had been convicted before, many of them twenty times. It is also stated in the report that the proportion of habitual criminals is constantly on the increase.

One of the most remarkable men in France to-day, says a Paris dispatch to the New York World, is the Rev. Charles Wagner, a modest Protestant pastor, who was an humble shepherd in Alsace some forty years ago. He left his flocks of sheep to preach the gospel to the lowly people of France, and now the good shepherd may not even count his flocks of men, for they number in the hundreds of thousands.

The Church Missionary Society began work in Sierra Leone just one

turned into a theatre and three nights each week performances will be given, free of charge, to the strike breakers.

An imperialist laments that the slaughter of American troops by the Moros of Mindanao should be celebrated by the Moro contingent at the World's Fair. The San Francisco Chronicle says: "These savages are too ignorant to understand that in the end the ambushing of our troops will be a very expensive business for them, but the American managers of this collection of Moros at St. Louis ought to be able to restrain them from an exhibition of joy over the defeat of American soldiers."

The tenth annual session of the South Carolina Division, United Confederate Veterans, was adjourned since May 18, the last of the business before the convention having been concluded. One of the most interesting features of the closing session was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous re-election of Major Gen. Thomas W. Carville, of Edgefield, commander of the State Division; Brig. Gen. Zimmerman Davis, of Charleston, commander of the 1st brigade, and Brig. Gen. B. H. Teague, of Alken, commander of the 2d brigade, United Confederate Veterans.

Apart from his wife and mother, who are said to be the only members of his family in whom the Czar can place implicit trust, his only other bosom friend is Prince Ukhtomsky, the proprietor and editor of the Viedomost, which is the organ looked to throughout the whole empire as the real exponent of opinion in court circles. The Prince accompanied the Czar when still Czarvitch on his tour in the Far East, and afterward wrote a most high-falutin' book about it. An unsparing critic of England, he is also a Teutophile of the first water, and ascribes all the present troubles to the Chinese policy of Germany. He has accustomed the Czar to regard India as the ultimate heritage of the Slav race.

THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

St. Petersburg, May 23, 11:30 p. m.—It is reported that Foreign Minister Lamsdorf has received a message from the Russian Consul at Chefoo saying that the Japanese have made a land attack on Port Arthur and that in doing so they lost 15,000 men killed or wounded. The Russian loss is placed at 3000 men. The ultimate outcome of the fighting is not stated. There was an explosion to-day on board the battleship Orel at Cronstadt and that ten stokers were killed. The vessel, the correspondent says, was damaged, and it will take weeks to effect repairs. The explosion, according to the dispatch, was the result of an accumulation of gas in the bunkers. An investigation made by the authorities into the recent attempts to destroy some vessels of the Baltic fleet at Cronstadt has resulted in the arrest of four Japanese spies who seem to have escaped detection by wearing the uniform of naval cadets, thus obtaining admission to the navy yard and access to the ships without difficulty. It is believed they are also responsible for the fire started some time ago near the naval magazine and for the opening of the sea valves of the Orel. The authorities here think the Japanese have been harbored by anarchists.

St. Petersburg, May 23, 4:30 p. m.—The report that Rear Admiral Jensen, finding it impossible to save the protected cruiser Bogatyr, which went ashore recently, in a fog on the rocks at Vladivostok, caused her to be blown up, is confirmed. The guns of the Bogatyr were removed before she was destroyed. No loss of life attended her destruction. The admiralty reports that the battleship Orel which suddenly sank at her anchorage, at Cronstadt, on the night of May 20 as the result, according to report, of her sea valves being open and which was subsequently raised, has not sustained any injuries. According to reports which have reached the Russian headquarters at Liao Yang from Chinese sources, the Japanese have made a land attack on Port Arthur but have been repulsed with heavy loss. The truth of the report is questioned here. The United States Embassy has forwarded to the Japanese Minister at Berlin the names of the officers and men captured on the transport Inkshu and other Japanese transports sunk by the Russians.

McKinney District—Third Round.
Weston cir, June 4, 5.
Allen cir, June 11, 12.
Dist. League and Missionary Institute, Nevada, June 17.
McKinney sta, June 20.
Princeton cir, Pleasant Grove, June 25, 26.
Renner cir, Frankford, July 2, 3.
Plano sta, July 9, 10.
Frisco cir, Little Elm, July 16, 17.
Wylie cir, Murphy, July 23, 24.
Celina and Roseland, Celina, July 30, 31.
Prosper cir, Elm Ridge, Aug. 6, 7.
Blue Ridge and Mission Snow Hill, Aug. 13, 14.
Copeville mis, Honaker's Chapel, Aug. 20, 21.
Nevada cir, Millwood, Aug. 27, 28.
Farmersville sta, Sept. 3, 4.
F. A. Rosser, P. E.



Laying of the Cornerstone of the New Masonic Grand Lodge Temple, Waco, Texas.

topazes, amethysts, turquoises and small diamonds. Thousands of dollars' worth were washed from a few loads of gravel and there are millions of tons of similar soil in sight.

John Findley Wallace, of Chicago, General Manager of the Illinois Central Railroad, notified the Panama Canal Commission at Washington recently of his acceptance of the post of Chief Engineer in charge of the construction of the isthmian waterway. Mr. Wallace will take up his work on June 1, at an annual salary of \$25,000. His headquarters for some time will be at the National capital. It probably will take two years for preliminary work, and then the engineer will go to the isthmus, to remain until the canal is completed. Nearly \$200,000,000 will be expended, and 50,000 men will be employed, besides skilled labor.

The latest reports from the Far East state that Mukden reports that the Japanese have turned up at six different new places, have captured Dalny and have blown up the railway line. Military authorities at St. Petersburg have discovered a plot between General Ma and the Japanese, whereby the islanders are to drive General Kourapatkin into Mongolia, when General Ma and his army will fall upon the Russians. Because of the fact that the Russians will be on neutral territory, any action by the Chinese cannot be regarded as a violation of neutrality. General Kourapatkin's position is considered desperate. Chinese bandits are showing unusual activity, and their forays are causing alarm. St. Petersburg is said to be depressed over news of the steady advance of Japanese armies.

According to a Berlin dispatch in the New York Sun, Dr. Wolff, a well-known authority on the subject, calls attention to the high mortality from cancer in the beer drinking districts of Germany. He instances Bavaria and Salzburg, both great beer drinking centers. Both of these districts show high mortality among cancer patients.

The twenty-first annual conference of the Florence Crittenton Missions assembled in New York April 24-29. There are now sixty-four of these missions in the large cities of the country. Mr. Crittenton still gives personal attention to the work and assumes large financial burdens every year. Friends of the work are urged to liberality in support of the enterprise.

The town council of Prague, Bohemia, says a special dispatch to the New York World, has voted that women no longer shall be permitted to drag the trains of their dresses in the streets and parks. Bills proclaiming this regulation have been posted on all the walls and obedience will be enforced by fines. The women, of Prague, are highly indignant.

The mistake of sentencing habitual offenders to short terms in prison is clear from the criminal statistics of

hundred years ago. Arrangements are being perfected for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary in a manner worthy of the occasion.

Including the higher officials, London has over 16,000 persons on its police force. A policeman's pay is at first only \$3 a week; rising to \$8. Inspectors get \$1000 a year; the Commissioner's salary is \$13,500.

Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, the American author, is enjoying unusual social attention in London. On April 21 the exclusive Writers' Club, composed wholly of women, will give a luncheon to her—the first thing of the sort they have ever done. This club has one large public dinner annually, but hitherto has conservatively refrained from entertaining guests in a similar way at any other time. People who are acquainted with British conservatism will appreciate the honor thus paid to an American woman author.

According to a special dispatch from Naples, Italy, to the Chicago Record, great excitement has been caused by the report that the large wooden statue of Christ upon the cross, which for many years has been venerated, on the road between here and Torre Annunziata, was shedding tears. Thousands of persons proclaiming the miracle ran to the place, and it was with great difficulty that the police preserved order. The ecclesiastical authorities were immediately notified and it is expected the crucifix, which many have regarded as miraculous, will be placed in some church in order that it may be preserved properly.

Walter Williman says in his Washington letter to the Chicago Record-Herald: "Judge Parker is still the most likely winner of the Democratic Presidential nomination, but he is far from being assured of the prize. The St. Louis Convention is only sixty days away, and Democratic opinion has not as yet sufficiently crystallized to indicate unmistakably what its action is to be. The most that can be said is that Judge Parker is in the lead, and that his chances are better than those of any other man. But he is not as strong as he was three weeks ago, when the New York Democratic Convention declared for him. And it is an open question whether or not he can gain enough between now and the meeting of the convention to make sure of the victory. The best judgment here is that it is Parker against the field, with about an even chance between them."

In order to make further improvements in the harbor the Senate of Hamburg has just asked the House of Burgesses to make an appropriation of 1,250,000 marks (\$297,500). Hamburg is spending vast sums of money in correcting and improving her harbor.

The Illinois Steel Company has hired vaudeville performers to entertain the non-union strike breakers now corralled in the mills at South Chicago. The officers' club house has been

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Mount Calm, June 11, 12.
Hubbard City, June 12, 13.
Hewitt, at Oak Grove, June 18, 19.
Penelope, at Penelope, June 25, 26.
Peoria, at Cedar, July 2, 3.
Whitney, July 3, 4.
Austin Avenue, July 9, 10.
Fifth St., July 10, 11.
Lorena, at Moorville, July 16, 17.
Abbott, at Honest Ridge, July 23, 24.
Rosqueville, at Evergreen, July 28.
Morrow St., July 30, 31.
Elm St., July 31, Aug. 1.
Mart, at Mart, Aug. 6, 7.
Axtell, at Axtell, Aug. 7, 8.
Morgan, at Eulogy, Aug. 20, 21.
Aquila, Aug. 27, 28.
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Bowie District—Third Round.

Alvord, June 4, 5.
Chico, June 5, 6.
Fruitland, June 11, 12.
Bowie, June 12, 13.
Boyd, June 18, 19.
Rhame, June 19, 20.
Bridgeport, June 25, 26.
Paradise, June 26, 27.
Jacksboro, July 2, 3.
Bryson, July 3, 4.
Henrietta, July 9, 10.
Benvenue, July 10, 11.
Blue Grove, July 16, 17.
Bellevue, July 17, 18.
Iowa Park, July 23, 24.
Wichita Falls, July 23, 25.
Holiday, July 29, 31.
Archer City, July 31, Aug. 1.
Craifton, Aug. 6, 7.
Gibtown, Aug. 7, 8.
Decatur cir, Aug. 13, 14.
Decatur sta, Aug. 14, 15.
T. R. Pierce, P. E.

SANTA FE EXCURSION RATES.

Houston—Account Oil Mill Supt. Association Meeting, one and one-third fare, May 31 and June 1, limited June 4.
St. Louis—Account World's Fair, various rates and limits, now on sale.
Austin—Account Commencement Exercises State University and Summer School, convention rates, June 4, 5 and 8; limited July 23.
Dallas—Account Christian Endeavor, convention rates, June 9 and 10; limited June 13.
Springfield, Ill.—Account National T. P. A. Meeting, one fare plus \$2, June 4, 5, 6, limited June 18.
Chicago—Account Summer Schools, one fare for round trip, June 10 to 17, limited Sept. 30.
Atlantic City—Account Annual Meeting American Medical Association, one fare plus \$2, June 1 to 4, limited June 16.
Paris—Account Grand Lodge Colored K. of P., convention rates, June 10, 11, limited June 19.
Laporte—Account Annual Encampment B. Y. P. U., convention rates, June 20, 21, 25 and 27, limited July 10.
For further information ask any Santa Fe agent or write W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Merkel Circuit. A. C. Bell, May 21: Rev. C. L. Ballard was with us at Tye from the 8th until the night of the 13th, preaching a series of doctrinal sermons. Evidences are obvious of great and lasting good. At the close of the 11 o'clock service Friday twenty-two infants were baptized and two additions to the Church. Bro. Ballard is an able defender of the doctrines of Methodism. The Methodist dynamite works, by the way. Twelve reasons why I am not a Campbellite, and the Campbellite defeated, or God's altar established, were extensively circulated; more than two hundred copies were sold. Evidences are such that indicate the prosperity of Zion in the Merkel Circuit. We have built two splendid new churches, costing within the bounds of \$2,500. Our protracted meetings will soon be on hand and will be held as follows: Will hold one week at each place, beginning at Cross Roads the first Sunday in July, Tye the second Sunday in July, Stith the third Sunday, Midway the fourth Sunday in July and Mulberry Flat the first Sunday in August.

Graham Mission. G. W. Shearer, May 21: Our second Quarterly Conference was held to-day. Bro. Boone, our presiding elder, was on hand and the business of the conference was conducted with due respect to brevity. We are always glad to have Bro. Boone on our charge. He draws us closer to Christ and encourages us to undertake greater things for our Lord. To us this has been a pleasant year. Few shadows have fallen across our pathway. Our people have been kind to us, and while they are not all that they ought to be, we thank God that some are growing in the grace and increasing in the knowledge of God. There are three Sunday-schools on the work; some are doing good work in bringing the people nearer to their Lord. There have been few additions to the Church so far. We are asking God to give us a great number of converted souls during the year. We want them to be converted. The Churches are burdened with a great multitude of dead spirits already. We are indebted to Bros. Cox and Goode for much valuable aid

in the management of the affairs on the circuit. They have not only advised, but they preached to the instruction and edification of all. God bless Bro. Goode; he has been a father to me. Bros. Briscoe and Paschal, two consecrated laymen of Bro. Cox's Church, have rendered valuable service in our meetings on the charge. The work will prosper whose laymen are consecrated. May God give us all great revivals and all the collections.

Evant Mission. Oliver C. Swinney, May 19: We believe we can safely say that the mission is on the upgrade in every respect. We believe we are making some advancement financially because we paid about eleven times as much last year on the general claims of the Church as the work paid the year before, and expect to beat last year's report at our coming Annual Conference. Little Cowhouse has bought a splendid organ the last month, which we expect to have on hand at our next meeting at that place. We also expect to build a good church house at that place before fall. We have raised our sites at Evant and expect to have a church house here by the time the new preacher arrives on the scene. One point has paid nearly four-fifths of the pastor's salary and only one-half of the year is gone, and all of the other points are doing excellent on the same line. We have bought some splendid furniture for the parsonage. We believe we are making progress spiritually because the people as a rule are taking more interest in our services. Our congregations at every point, with but one exception, are very good. At one point, Little Cowhouse, we do not have as much as standing room and at times a good many are left outside. We had four bright conversions at this point last Sunday evening, for which we praise God and take courage and press on in the battle for our Master.

Granger. A. L. Moore, May 23: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Jonah May 14. Dr. J. S. Chapman was on hand, looking carefully after every interest of the Church. The stewards made a splendid showing for the second quarter. The presiding elder gave us two fine sermons that inspired us all. The church building at Jonah has been overhauled inside and out, and painted, which makes it look almost new. The credit is due the good women who raised the money and had the work done. Yesterday at 11 o'clock Children's Day was observed at Jonah. The program was well carried out. The effect was splendid; collection very good. Last night, the pastor preached the first sermon in the new church at Granger to a large congregation. The house is an ornament to Granger and a credit to Methodism. The material progress on our charge has been good, yet we have not neglected the spiritual interests; have had about forty additions; fine prayer-meetings, good Sunday-schools, a live Home Mission Society. We give God all the praise and trust him for strength to carry out year's work.

Dalhart. C. E. Lindsey, May 20: Our work here moves steadily on. We have had several additions to the Church, and have made some material progress this year. Recently we papered the parsonage and put electric lights in church and parsonage. We have made a payment on our church furniture. Our Home Mission Society is one of the best, both in material and spiritual things. The women are having a splendid prayer-meeting weekly. Recently my wife and I made a visit to Crowell, where we have many friends and where, in the cemetery, are the remains of our precious little Roy. Bro. Moody, our pastor there, is doing well. He and his wife are in high favor. We had a delightful visit there. On our return we were given one of the most pleasant surprises of my life: On Tuesday evening our people gave us a real reception at the parsonage. Ladies and gentlemen and children came; refreshments were served, music rendered and a most enjoyable time it was. But greatest of all, when they had left, we found that they had brought some \$30 worth of groceries. This encourages us to go forward and try to do our best in their service. Dalhart is rapidly being transformed; our moral conditions are greatly improved. I serve a good people; we expect a good year. Our meeting begins Sunday.

Blanket. R. B. Young, May 23: Some weeks ago the pastor and his family were invited to take dinner with one of our lady members, and after enjoying the hospitality of the home, we returned to find that a number of women had forced their way into the parsonage (just think of it! "Women!") and changed nearly everything in the house, leaving a carpet nicely spread on the floor of the family room, an ex-

tension table in the dining-room, and several pieces of nice furniture in the sitting-room. The Home Mission Society is chargeable for it all. Our second Quarterly Conference was held last Wednesday. Bro. Matthews preached an excellent sermon, which will probably do much good. The business of the conference was transacted in the usual way. Bro. Merrell Smith, pastor of the M. E. Church, Ackley, Iowa, and son of one of our most esteemed members, Bro. W. T. Smith, of Blanket, preached for us yesterday at eleven. His sermon was full of thought and pathos, and was enjoyed by a large congregation. Our Children's Day service was held last night and the programme was rendered in a beautiful and efficient way. The success was due largely to the untiring efforts of Miss Clara Cook, who trained the little ones for the service.

Mart. A. E. Carraway, May 22: Saturday and Sunday last the second Quarterly Conference of my charge met with the Riesel congregation. Bro. Bolton, our presiding elder, was on hand, together with Bro. Chas. Davis, a former pastor of the charge. Our good people of Riesel had been fixing for the occasion for some weeks and things were in fine order. New carpet, new lamps and new pulpit, made by one of our stewards, Bro. M. R. Wallis, are some of the things which greeted our eyes. I tell you, things were fine. That pulpit made by one of our good stewards is the prettiest piece of furniture of its kind I ever saw. Bro. Wallis is a genius and ought to be at work in some big factory. On Sunday Bro. Bolton preached us a good sermon on "Missions" and took a collection for this great cause, and the people responded quite liberally, with more to follow. Upon the whole, we had a good time. When bankers and business men will leave their work and attend Quarterly Conference on Saturday afternoon our Church work is upon their hearts. Our church at Mart has just been completed; one room of our parsonage papered and painted; a very handsome set of oak furniture added to our parsonage furniture. Our Mart Sunday-school has a movement started to add a nice library to the school. The Riesel school observed Children's Day Sunday night. A fine program was rendered well to an overflowing house. Our circuit is in fine shape. Already we have had conversions and are expecting more as the days go by. God send us a great revival at both places. Expect to begin meeting at Riesel fourth Sunday in July.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

New York Circuit. A. Nolan: Our second Quarterly Conference convened at Murchison May 14. Our new presiding elder was on hand, looking after every interest of the work and preaching with great power. He preached us a sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock that captured everybody. The stewards raised the assessment for the preacher in charge \$75 over last year. We are praying for a revival all over the circuit this year and expecting great things of the Lord. This circuit occupies a good country and is composed of good people. We predict it will soon become one of the best circuits in the district. Our people agreed to pay their preacher's expenses to Georgetown. We pray the Lord will make us worthy of the appreciation and confidence of these good people and may so direct our labors among them that they will be repaid for their interest in us.

Jewett. G. W. Riley, May 21: Last year our people at Jewett sold their old parsonage and bought a new one. It is well located in the most desirable part of the town, has a spacious lot for garden, orchard, poultry yard and barn lot, all of which appurtenances are very well improved. The house was new and unfinished inside. This year, thanks to a faithful working W. H. M. Society, we have finished the inside with paint and paper from parlor to kitchen, so that the preacher's wife has a cook room just as neat and tasty as her front room. We will next get some needed new furniture, and then paint the house outside, which we expect to do before the end of this year. We will entertain the Calvert District Conference in Jewett next month, and we extend a cordial welcome to the Advocate force to attend and enjoy the hospitality of our good people.

Willard Circuit. B. C. Ansley: After three pleasant years spent on Queen City Circuit, where there are many good people whose kindness to us will remain in memory's book while life lasts, we were sent from last session of Texas Conference to take charge of Willard Circuit in Palestine District. Found a newly formed work with small mem-

bership in a thickly populated district, so found, of course, plenty of work to do, but under rather difficult circumstances, as our people are largely migratory, this being in the sawmill district; but we hope to accomplish something for the Master in spite of all the disadvantages surrounding our work. We feel hopeful for the little success already attained; have received twenty into the Church since conference—three by baptism and the rest by certificate. Baptized two infants; collected and paid Conference Treasurer little over \$100 on conference collections, which is almost two-thirds of amount assessed on the work. Our stewards assessed \$600 for support of the ministry. Our second Quarterly Conference is just past. Amount reported up to date, \$227.70. We have also raised \$59 for parsonage furniture, though we have no parsonage. Have held no protracted meetings yet, but will open up soon and are hoping and praying for a great revival. The Lord grant it may come. Look out for J. B. Sears' district report at next conference. He is doing heroic work and we all are backing him to the best of our ability. May the Lord give us all success.

Whitehouse. P. R. White: May 7th and 8th our second Quarterly Conference met at Omen, Texas. Bro. Solomon, the elder, was on time, very successfully doing the work of a presiding elder. We are a little ahead this year to what we were this time last year in most things, yet there is room for improvement. The first Sunday in this month we held our first service in our new church at Flint. Some of the good people at Flint have made a great effort to get the church, and they are now rejoicing over their success. When completed, the church will have cost near twelve hundred dollars. The good women of Whitehouse, led by Mrs. Ida Myrick, and of Noonday led by Miss Dollie McMinn, have been placing some nice new furniture in the parsonage this year. We are praying for and expecting a revival in the work this year. We people down here think the Advocate all o. k., and its editor up to date.

North Side, Marshall. W. W. Gollighugh, May 24: We have held two meetings—one at Lodwick, the other at Northside in Marshall. Both were good meetings. Bro. W. W. Horner, of Coffeeville, helped me at Lodwick. We ran the meeting eight days. Many were converted and reclaimed and four joined the Church. Bro. Horner is good help. The people at Lodwick gave him a free will offering of \$12. Lodwick is a big sawmill and we have an afternoon appointment there once a month. The meeting here at Northside was one of the greatest meetings ever held in Marshall. It was of the old-time type. The people came to the altar and



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staid until they got religion. We failed to keep the number of professions through the meeting, but one thing we do know, fifty-three joined our Church here at Northside and others joined other Churches in town. I baptized forty-five infants. The meeting ran two weeks and closed Sunday night and at the close of the meeting I received forty-seven into the Church at one time. One peculiar feature of the meeting was that about two-thirds of the converts were men. Five of them were over fifty years old. Bro. L. P. Davis, of Harrison Circuit, preached three times and Bro. J. B. K. Spain, of First Church, preached two times. These five sermons and one from a brother Campbellite was all the ministerial help I had. The Lord has been very good to us indeed. At the close of the last service I called the attention of the people to the fact that the church had not been large enough to accommodate all who came to the service. I then offered a plan to remodel the church and make it more accommodating and more modern, which was accepted with great enthusiasm. I then took a collection which amounted to \$615. We are going to raise it to \$1,000 and then sing, "Wife, I have found the model church and worshiped there to-day."

Bryan. Abe Mulkey, May 23: This closes our tenth revival since January 1st. Forty years ago I visited this place as a teamster, hauling cotton from Waxahachie. Don't suppose there is a Continued on page 13.

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THE LIGHT THAT IS FELT.

A tender child of summers three,
Seeking her little bed at night,
Paused on the dark stair timidly—
"O, mother, take my hand," said she,
"And then the dark will all be light."

We older children grope our way
From dark behind to dark before,
And only when our hands we lay,
Dear Lord, in Thine, the night is day,
And there is darkness nevermore.

Reach downward to the sunless deep,
Wherein are guides as blind as we,
And Faith is small and Hope delays;
Take thou the hands of prayer we raise,
And let us feel the light of Thee!
—Whittier.

A REAL, LIVE STORY.

"Oh, dear me," said little Annabel Harvey, as she looked out of the window at the puddles that the rain was making on the sidewalk, "it's gone and rained, and now Bertha and Ella can't come over!"

"Yes," said Auntie Bell, who sat sewing near her. "To-day you will have to play indoors. What would you like to do? Wouldn't you like to have me read you a story?"

"No," said Annabel, "I'm just tired of book stories about little boys and girls I don't know. I wish I could have a real, live story with Bertha and Ella and me in it, doing things right in the story."

"Very well," said Auntie Bell. "You shall have a live story, and you shall be in it. If you will amuse yourself with this picture-book for a little while I will get a live story for you." Annabel did not know what her Auntie Bell meant, but she sat down by the window with her book.

After a while Auntie Bell came back. "The story is going to begin now," she told Annabel, "and when I tell what things you do and say, you must do and say them, but must not do or say anything else. Then you will be in a real, live story."

Then Auntie Bell began the really, live story:
"Little Annabel Harvey sat in a chair by the window of her Auntie Bell's room, looking at a picture-book. She rocked back and forth as she turn-

ed over the leaves of the book. As she was looking at a picture of a mother bear and her two baby bears, she heard a rap at the door.

Sure enough, just then there came a rap at the door.

"Annabel ran to open it, and who should be there but her two friends, Bertha and Ella Bond, who had put on their waterproofs and rubbers and come over in the rain. She took a hand of each and pulled them into the room, saying:

"Oh, I'm so glad you've come! Did you bring your dolls?"

"No," said Bertha, "we did not bring our dolls, but I have brought a box and Ella has brought a long yellow stick. I do not know what is in the box, and Ella does not know what her stick is for."

"Oh, it's a live story, a live story!" cried Annabel jumping up and down.

"In stories," said Auntie Bell, "little girls do not say or do anything except what is in the story, so you must remember that or you will spoil the story."

Annabel did not want to spoil the story, so she promised to remember.

"Open the box, please do!" said Annabel in the story.

Bertha opened the box, and in it was a fuzzy black and white dog that looked real enough to be alive.

"Oh, isn't he dear?" said Annabel. "Let us take it out!"

"I think," said Ella, "that my stick must belong to the dog. I will hitch the stick to the dog and put it on the floor and see what happens."

"She did so and pushed the stick along, and the little dog stood on his hind legs and walked along on the floor.

"They all laughed to see the funny dog. They made him walk on a chair, on the sofa, on Auntie Bell's desk, on the piano keys, and on the window-seat. They thought it the funniest plaything they had ever seen.

"By and by Ella said:

"When I came through the hall, I saw something round done up in a paper."

"Let us see what it is," said Annabel.

"They all ran out in the hall and soon came back with the bundle. When they had cut the string and unrolled it they found a big ball made of thin

rubber and filled with air. It was so light that it could be played with in the house without any fear of breaking things. The little dog was put away in his box, and the three girls played with the ball until they were tired and sat down in the window-seat to rest. As they sat there Auntie Bell brought them a square box. They opened it and found in it seven pieces of flat wood, all of different shapes and sizes. Auntie Bell told them if the pieces were put together in the right way they would form a square, so the little girls tried to place them so as to make a square. They worked a long time, and were just going to give it up when Bertha sang out:

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!" Then they all laughed and began over, and all at once they found the way to make the square.

"They were putting the pieces back in the box when there came a rap at the door. Annabel ran and opened it, and there was Mary, the cook, with a tray full of dishes and things to eat, and behind her was Brother Ben with a little table. Auntie Bell put a cloth on the table, the cook put the dishes in places, and Brother Ben brought the chairs.

"There were three places, one for each little girl, but they were polite little girls, and they asked Auntie Bell and Brother Ben and Mary, the cook, to take tea with them, but they all asked to be excused. Such a nice supper as the cook had brought for them! Under one napkin were little stuffed baked potatoes, under another were some round muffins. There was a little glass of red jelly, and a plate of three-cornered bread and butter sandwiches. In the middle of the table was a plate with three cakes shaped like hearts.

"The children found it very hard to remember that they were as much a part of the story as periods, exclamation points and paragraphs could be. They kept from talking, but they did dance about the room and clap their hands.

"Auntie Bell waited on them, and when she passed the cakes she said: "There is a white candy in one cake, and a pink candy in another, and a brown candy in another. The one whose cake has the white candy may have the little dog, and the one who has the pink candy may have the ball, and the one who has the brown candy may have the puzzle square."

"They were not long in breaking their cakes and finding the candy. Bertha found the pink candy, and she had the ball, and Ella found the brown candy, and so she took the puzzle square, and Annabel found the white candy, and she had the dog. By the time they had finished eating the cake the clock struck five, and it was time for Bertha and Ella to go home."

"Oh," said Annabel, as she hugged both her friends, "don't you wish it would rain every day, so we would be in a real, live, Auntie Bell story?"—Elizabeth Flint Wade, in Youth's Companion.

A DINNER PAIL STORY.

Bessie Jones and Sallie Wattles lived so far from school that every day they took their dinner with them. And such nice dinners, too—snowy bread, spread with sweet, golden butter; toothsome chicken, or beef, or hard-boiled eggs; great pieces of cake, a big apple or two, sometimes grapes and sometimes strawberries and pickles! Certainly the little girls never lacked for enough to eat, and almost always they ate together.

"I wonder why it is," asked Sallie Wattles one noon, "that Kattie Burns always goes off by herself all alone to eat her dinner?"

"It is funny," answered Bessie. "Only yesterday I asked her to eat with us; but she blushed red as a peony, said something I could not understand, and then went off alone, and I thought she was crying after she left me."

"Perhaps she hasn't much to eat," exclaimed Sallie, "and is ashamed."

"Oh! And that makes me remember," said Bessie. "Once last week I saw her stub her toe, and all the dinner fell out of her pail. But there were only a couple of slices of bread, with no butter on them that I could see."

"That's just it!" said Sallie.

For a moment the little girls lunched away, and then they both spoke at once:

"I say, Bessie!"

"I say, Sallie!"

Then they laughed, and Bessie said: "I know, Sallie, that you were going to say just what I was—that we'd take some of our fruit to poor Kattie Burns. There she is now by the big elm-tree, and eating alone, as usual."

After hastily brushing up the crumbs and putting away their pails, they ran over by the big tree.

"Oh, Kattie," Sallie exclaimed, "here is a red apple, more'n we could eat, and you must help us out with it. And can't you come over Saturday afternoon and go with me to Bessie's? We'll have such a nice time."

Just then the teacher unexpectedly

passed by; and, whether she did it purposely or not, I can not say, but she was humming loud enough for the little girls to hear:

"Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make this world an Eden,
Like the heaven above."

That noon-hour was the beginning of a new life for Kattie, and wonderfully did she develop under its happy influence. And the widowed mother sung many a song when by herself because of what Sallie and Bessie had done for her little fatherless girl.—Chas. H. Dorris, in General Thoughts.

A TRUE GENTLEMAN.

"I beg your pardon," and with a smile and a touch of his hat, Harry Edmond handed to an old man, against whom he accidentally stumbled, the cane which he had knocked from his hand. "I hope I did not hurt you. We were playing too roughly."

"Not a bit," said the old man, cheerily. "Boys will be boys, and it's best they should be. You didn't harm me."

"I'm glad to hear it," and lifting his hat again, Harry turned to join the playmates with whom he had been frolicking at the time of the accident.

"What do you raise your hat to that old fellow for?" asked his companion, Charley Gray; "he's only Giles the huckster."

"That makes no difference," said Harry. "The question is not whether he is a gentleman, but whether I am one."—Exchange.

GETTING READY FOR BOARDERS.

"What are you going to do with all that string?" a friend asked.

She happened in while I was rolling up a piece of pink twine—the kind that storekeepers use to tie bundles.

"I am getting ready for my summer boarders," I answered.

"Are you going to feed them on strings?" was the laughing query.

"No, but they like to furnish their own rooms, and I like to help them."

"Furnish their room with—strings?"

My friend evidently thought that I had taken leave of my senses, so I hastened to tell her that my boarders were little feathered people, who preferred nests to houses.

"Oh—the birds?" she queried.

"Yes," I replied. "I had six families to provide for last spring, and I expect twice that number this season. In order that they may not be forced to locate elsewhere for lack of good furnishings near by, I am laying in a stock for them to select from." I explained.

"I have found that the orioles like a bit of brightness in their homes, although they are inclined to use it sparingly. So I hang an occasional colored string among the lineful of white ones that I always keep displayed in the nesting season. Fine raveled cloth and horsehair are also used at a certain stage of building; these I also display in abundance. You would be surprised to see the quantity of cotton that the yellow birds and redstarts use. They seldom select any color," I remarked, noticing that her eyes were taking in the wads of fleecy white cotton upon the table.

"The robins are not so particular—almost anything serves their purpose, provided there is enough of it. I have even thrown out strips of cotton cloth, which I have seen streaming from their bills as they struggled through the air, and out of which they manage to weave a comfortable, if rather inartistic, home. One nest that I recall displayed flying white streamers all summer that would almost have suggested a crow's nest if I had not happened to see Madam Robin at work upon it.

"Here is my basket of supplies," I said, displaying a basket with a tight-fitting cover, in a corner of my work-room. "I always begin early, and put into it whatever I think will be appreciated by my little friends. Strings, horsehair, bits of cloth, wads of cotton, pieces of old lace—all go into this basket. Then, in May, I make a tempting display of my furnishings in every available spot in the yard. I hang some on a line, some—wads of cotton, for instance—I tie to the limbs of trees, and I throw a quantity on the ground. But wherever I display my finery, I always take pains that it shall be in places on which I can keep an eye. In this way I not only find out what birds take certain things, but in most cases I have been able to see where they locate, and to watch them at work. Several nests have been left in such a fine state of preservation after the summer campaign, that I have been able to secure them, and to examine them more closely. I once found a bit of crocheted lace woven into a robin's nest, and a leaf from my diary in a vireo's, while a piece of fine blue veiling adorned the side of an oriole's hanging cradle.

My friend was so interested in my work and its results, that she showed me, when I returned her call, material in abundance with which she intends to set up an "opposition boarding-house," now that the season has come round.—Helen M. Richardson.

DYSPEPSIA

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"That won't be hard," said Harry.

"Harry, you and Helen feed the chickens for mother."

"All right; come, Helen."

"Mamma, where is my hat; I want to go down to the post office with papa?"

"Just where you left it, son."

"There, that counts \$1.00 off from my watch. Oh, dear, dear!"

It took Harry a week to pay for his watch.

Don't you think that after this he will hang up his coat and hat?—Selected.

A REAL LITTLE HERO.

A few years ago a fire broke out in a charming little Swiss village. In a few hours the quaint frame houses were entirely destroyed.

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Just as daybreak came, however, he heard a well-known, sound, and, looking up, he saw his favorite cow leading the heard, and coming directly after them was his bright-eyed little boy.

"O my son! my son!" he cried; "are you really alive?"

"Why, yes, father. When I saw the fire I ran to get our cows away to the pasture lands."

"You are a hero, my boy!" the father exclaimed.

But the boy said: "Oh, no! A hero is one who does some wonderful deed."

"Ah," cried the father, "he who does the right thing at the right time is a hero."—Rams' Horn.

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WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Waxahachie District Conference was called to order by Bishop Duncan at 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning, May 10, in Ferris, Texas.

The presiding elder, Rev. O. F. Senabugh, announced the following committees: License to Preach—Jerome Duncan, Geo. F. Campbell, J. K. Parr.

Conference Records—C. B. Smith, W. E. Wallis, H. F. Moore, J. R. Pratt, J. W. Hudson, C. W. Hill.

Admission on Trial—M. K. Little, W. C. Hilburn, O. P. Kiker.

Deacon's and Elder's Orders—J. G. Putman, I. E. Hightower, C. L. Brown.

Financial Systems—J. K. Parr, W. H. Berry, C. B. Smith, A. A. Hayden, W. I. Marshall.

Missions—Horace Bishop, C. A. Clark, J. L. Smith.

License Committee for the Year—Jerome Duncan, M. K. Little, R. B. Bonner, W. C. Hilburn, R. E. Goodrich.

In his address to the conference, the presiding elder stated that, as a whole, the work had made a marked advance over all previous years.

All of the preachers save one were present and made encouraging reports on their respective charges.

Upon the recommendation of the committee, the conference granted W. C. Wallis and Solon Johnson license to preach.

The following are the delegates elected to the Annual Conference: JNO. D. PITTS, J. L. SMITH, H. H. SIMMONS, H. T. MOORE.

Alternates: F. P. Works, D. S. Switzer.

A number of visiting brethren dropped in on us during the session: Dr. Watkins, representing the Superannuates' Fund; Uncle Dick Thompson and Bro. W. H. Vaughan in the interest of the Orphanage; Bro. Geo. Owens and Dr. Rankin, of the Advocate; Rev. H. A. Boaz, of Polytechnic College; Bro. D. S. Switzer, of the Switzer Woman's College; Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, in the interest of his rescue work in Fort Worth; Bro. Reedy, of the Dallas House; Dr. W. L. Nelms, representing the Summer Institute of Theology, and Rev. J. Sam Barcus, of Corsicana. Bro. Barcus spoke on Tuesday night. His theme was "Christian Education," and at the close of the address, the conference raised \$1000 for the endowment of an F. A. Mood Scholarship in Southwestern University, thus taking first place among the districts in raising the money for this great purpose.

The conference adjourned at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening with the benediction by Dr. Nelms. However, most of the brethren remained over Wednesday night to attend the dedication of the beautiful church which Bro. Bonner and his faithful people have built at a cost of more than \$3000. Bishop Duncan preached one of his characteristic sermons to a crowded house, after which he sanctified the new temple to the worship of our God.

On going into the homes of Ferris we were greeted with a cordiality that reached our hearts. We thank God for the great inspiration of the occasion. Ennis is to entertain the next conference.

ROBT. E. GOODRICH, Sec'y.

RADIUM.

In any review of the scientific events of the year that has just drawn to its close, it is certain that the determination of the extraordinary properties of radium should hold the first place, both in point of fascinating interest and of far-reaching effect.

The new element possesses so many startling properties, some of which threaten to overturn our whole system of chemical physics, that it easily takes rank as the notable scientific discovery of the year, and promises to be the scientific sensation of the twentieth century.

The story of the discovery of the new element is too well known to all for any repetition here. Let it suffice to say that after months of patient research, the story of which is one of the most interesting in the annals of laboratory work, M. Curie and his wife succeeded in precipitating a few crystals of salt, whose properties were so subversive of many of our accepted theories of force and matter as to produce a veritable panic among both masters and disciples in the world of natural physics.

It is impossible within the limits of the present review to enter in detail into a description, to say nothing of a discussion of the new element; but there are two of its properties which, because of the fact that they seem to completely overturn two fundamental propositions in natural science, serve to give to radium its chief interest.

In the first place, then, it has been proven that radium has a temperature and, won-

derful to relate, that it maintains this relative temperature constantly without any sensible loss of weight; that is to say, the loss of weight so infinitesimally small that the figures which express it become purely symbolical. Now, here is a fact which alone was sufficient to strike a staggering blow to one of the foundation postulates of modern science, namely, the theory of the conservation of energy. It was as though M. Curie had held up to the view of the world a small fragment of burning coal which burned but was never consumed, or was consumed so slowly that according to an estimate of the loss of weight by radium made by Becquerel it would take thousands of millions of years before it was entirely burned away. We were but just recovering from the first rude shock, when Prof. Ramsay rendered confusion worse confounded by stating that he had been able to find in the spectrum of the gaseous emanations of radium the characteristic yellow line of helium. He promptly announced that discovery before a learned society, and in the course of his address did not hesitate to voice broadly the thought that must have been uppermost in the mind of his audience, when he exclaimed, "what is this but an actual case of that transmutation of one element into another in which the ancient alchemist believed?" It is natural that in the presence of these disturbing facts, the scientist should search for some explanation which will reconcile the apparent contradictions, and permit our present theories of force and matter to remain as part of our scientific creed. Thus it has been suggested that radium possesses the power of intercepting and making manifest certain invisible and hitherto undetected rays of the sun, and that the wonderful heat phenomena displayed by the new substance are derived from the sun—radium playing

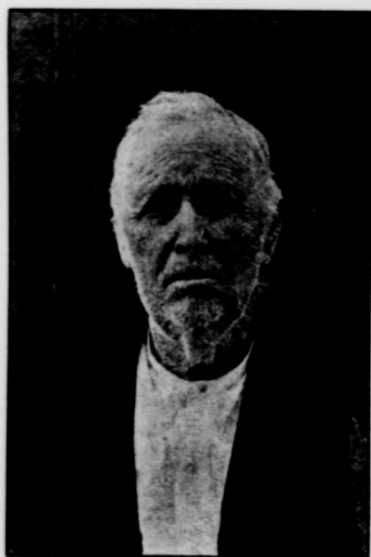
the same part with regard to the sun that the fluoroscope does to the X-rays. The mystery of the transformation of radium into helium is more difficult of solution, and, indeed, no explanation that is worthy of consideration has been offered. It is true, however, that the presence of the helium line in the spectra both of radium vapor and the violet rays of the sun and of radium rays of the same curative qualities, suggest that they have a common origin. The new element emanates three different kinds of rays, one of which travels at the speed of 100,000 miles per second. It is already recognized as likely to have a useful place in the treatment of certain diseases, particularly those that live near the surface of the body. If small animals are exposed to its action for a few hours, it will prove fatal, if not during the application, at least within a measurable time thereafter. Its discoverer had occasion to carry a small tube containing radium in his vest pocket during a journey to London;

In rebuttal and his own testimony, the Select Number were absolutely convinced that he is radically sound in the faith concerning Christ and him crucified, in the inspiration of holy men who wrote the Scriptures, and that the Bible contains the only revelation imparting special information concerning God in Christ. . . It is settled, however, that liberty—not license—is the heritage of Methodism."

The New York Tribune comments: "Upon the result Dr. Bowne is himself to be congratulated. Still more, in some respects, is the Church to which he belongs to be congratulated upon what is not only its acquittal of him, but also its vindication of itself."

And the New York Observer (Presbyterian) says: "The great Methodist Episcopal Church is, at the core, thoroughly evangelical, but its governing theory seems to be to allow all reasonable freedom from scholarly research while insisting strenuously on the doctrines of grace and the fundamental positions of New Testament Christianity. The Methodist Church, as represented in this conference at least, declares that it regards sound logic, acute reasoning, and profound scholarship as entirely compatible with piety and spirituality, and even as aids to growth in the religious life. The result is not one which is intended to encourage amateur heretics, nor is it meant necessarily as an indorsement of the Bowne position in philosophy, but it is indicative of the desire of a great Church to allow a reasonable degree of liberty in the use of the human reason in reverent study of the words and works of the Creator, who is the Source of all being and the Inspirer of all true thought."—Western Advocate.

A plant for drying the leaves of the sugar beet has been erected near Göttingen, Germany. The factory began to be worked at the opening of the beet season, and is proving very satisfactory. The fodder obtained is excellent, contains much nutritive property, is very dry, and is eaten readily by cattle. It has also a pleasant smell, similar to that of fresh sweetbread. The government and agricultural authorities are taking much interest in this invention, which will notably increase the profits of the beet industry.



Henderson Hillin.



Mrs. H. Hillin.

"E'EN DOWN TO OLD AGE."

The photographs of Brother and Sister Henderson Hillin, of Pinehill, Rusk County, Texas, are hereby presented to the Advocate readers. They came to Texas from Alabama in 1847 and settled in "Rake-Pocket" neighborhood, now Pinehill. He said to the Advocate Agent Abroad, when he and Bro. Ross Williams were at his house: "I came here in May, 1847, when corn was about head high, and could have bought land then for fifty cents an acre. A large tract was offered me at that, but I didn't have the fifty cents. The regular price for a section-certificate then was forty plugs of tobacco—but I didn't have the tobacco, either! We had no papers to read, no books except what some folks had slipped in boxes to stuff things and prevent breakage, and few people—nothing but grass, and woods, and hills, and religion!" Brother Hillin is a man of influence, and Brother Ross Williams

rightly counts him as his right hand in that section. He was born in North Alabama December 11, 1824. Sister Hillin was born in South Carolina in 1832, and they were married in Alabama in 1846 and came to Texas the next year. They have had eleven children, seven of whom grew up and married. Hon. Curtis Hancock, Representative in the Legislature from Dallas, is a grandson of these fine old Christians. They have a son, Dr. S. H. Hillin, practicing medicine in Houston. Rev. J. R. Wages, of the North Texas Conference, married one of their daughters. They have two sons, J. C. and T. J., in Pinehill, and a daughter, Mrs. Martha Buckner, there. They are all members of the Church, and their love and loyalty to their pastor speaks volumes both for their religion and for Bro. Ross Williams. This old couple have always been Methodists. WM. A. BOWEN.

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PROFESSOR BOWNE NOT A "HERETIC."

It was a surprise to many that Dr. Buckley should appear as counsel for Professor Bowne in the trial for heresy at the York East Conference session, and yet every one will recognize that it was a master stroke of policy on the part of Professor Bowne to secure Dr. Buckley before the other side got hold of him. And whether or not Dr. Buckley is entirely, or only partially, or not at all in accord with the views of Professor Bowne, it is evident that he was convinced that the professor had not exceeded the due limits of his liberty as a teacher under a broad interpretation of Methodist orthodoxy. We add, from Dr. Buckley's own editorial summary of the situation these words: "On the evidence adduced, and especially upon the quotations from Dr. Bowne's works

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Table listing district conferences: Pittsburg, Gatesville, Bowle, Brownwood, Abilene, Weatherford, Austin, San Augustine, Beaumont, Paris, Calvert, Sulphur Sp'gs, Marshall, Huntsville, Dublin, Palestine, Tyler, etc.

DR. CRANFILL BIDS ADIEU TO JOURNALISM.

Dr. J. B. Cranfill, for years connected with the Baptist Standard, now published in this city, has sold his interest in the paper to George W. Carroll, and announces his withdrawal from newspaper work. That Dr. Cranfill has been a successful newspaper man and that he has given to his Church a good, clean paper, no one will question. We have not always agreed with him in many of his positions, but his relation to us has always been that of a brotherly man. He has kept the Standard above personal journalism and made its columns stand for the principles represented by his Church. There are reasons why we personally regret to see him step aside from a business he has made a success, but owing to the unfortunate trouble between him and Dr. Hayden, which had its culmination in a deplorable collision not long since, Dr. Cranfill, no doubt, thought it best for himself and the Church that he retire. His step is perhaps a wise one, but we bear testimony to his kind and courteous bearing toward his editorial brethren during his long career as editor of the Standard. We have never taken any part or sides in the troubles between him and his brethren; perhaps they all made mistakes. Our relations with all of them are pleasant, and we do not hesitate to say that personally Dr. Cranfill has always made himself agreeable to us, and in this respect we shall always remember him kindly. He is a man of great force of character and wonderful capabilities.

The following Bishops have been elected by the General Conference of the M. E. Church at Los Angeles: Joseph F. Berry, D.D.; Henry W. Spellmeyer, D.D.; W. F. McDowell, D.D.; Jno. W. Bashford, D.D.; William Burt, D.D.; Luther B. Wilson, D.D. and James Ray, D.D.

A SUNDAY AT CHICO.

Chico is an interesting town fifty miles west of Fort Worth, on the Rock Island Railroad. We ran up there last Saturday to put in the Sunday with the pastor, Rev. W. Lee Airheart, and his people. It was about eleven o'clock at night when we reached the place. The pastor and his wife were at the depot to meet us and to see Rev. Gibbs Mood off on the same train. He had been spending the day with a Sunday-school Institute for the charge. We were taken to the hotel owned and run by Brother Brown and his son, who are both leading members of our Church. They keep a good house and we have never had a more royal welcome. Chico is a town of eight hundred or a thousand population, including the near-by vicinity. It has a good public square surrounded by very substantial business houses. Brother Brown went there twenty-five years ago and bought the ground, laid off the town site, sold lots and started the community. There was no railroad there then, and nothing else but a country place. Soon it began to grow. Then the Rock Island came and more people came also. A good school was built, churches went up, and now they have a prosperous town with good advantages. Our church is a good wooden structure, well finished and furnished, and we have a membership of two hundred and upward. Among them are most substantial people and good citizens. This is Brother Airheart's first year and he and his wife are held in high esteem. He has two or three country appointments in connection with his charge. On Sunday morning the house was crowded and we had a delightful service. At four in the afternoon we spoke to a large gathering of Epworth Leaguers. At night another large audience filled the house and we had a good service. We hope the work received some benefit from the service rendered. The people and pastor were highly appreciative and made my stay delightful. We had the pleasure of taking tea with Brother J. H. Arnn and family. They are running a most excellent hotel. I met many readers of the Advocate and felt that I was no stranger among them.

A NIGHT IN COOPER.

Last week we ran up to Cooper and lectured for the Woman's Home Mission Society. We went by way of Terrell and had two hours to lay over. We put in the time profitably in calling on the Transcript force. That is a live daily paper and it is making a success. It is on the right side of all moral questions. Then we sat for a good time with Dr. Sid Bass, who is one of our wide-awake laymen and very much interested in all Church work. From there we took the Texas Midland, a well equipped road, and made the run to our destination. At Commerce we were joined by Rev. J. J. Clark and wife on their way for a visit to Paris, their old charge. At Cooper we were met by Rev. J. A. Old, the pastor, and given good entertainment in their cozy parsonage. We found there Rev. J. H. Hunter and wife, and with them and the pastor's good family we had pleasant communion. At night we had a full house to hear the lecture, and we hope the women made it a financial success. After a pleasant night's rest and a most delightful parsonage welcome we left early next morning for home. Brother Old is well received at Cooper and he is doing a fine work. He has had the parsonage and its enclosure painted and everything has a neat and attractive appearance. Sister Old knows how to care for the home of the preacher. At Greenville we had a lay over of several hours. We called on Brother Harris of the Greenville Herald. He is making a good paper and he is a royal good fellow—if he is glad that we have turned the Austin Commissioner loose. He expressed himself as finding the Advocate one of his most interesting exchanges. We also spent an hour or so pleasantly with Brother Tisdal, who is a live local preacher and busi-

ness man. We met Rev. J. L. Pierce pastor of Wesley Church, and had a delightful little chat with him. His Church work is prospering and his people speak in high terms of his preaching and work generally.

THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

In another place we give the proceedings of the presiding elders' meeting with the members of the Board of Trustees anent the best plans for making the Episcopal Residence enterprise a success. A large number of the presiding elders met the Executive Committee of the Trustees in Dallas last Thursday, and they carefully went over the enterprise together. They also visited the property purchased by the Board and into which \$2,000 has been placed, and after Dallas laymen came up and pledged the Methodists of the city for \$3,000, they unanimously agreed that it was best to keep the property and pay for it. After selling off a lot in the rear of the residence, which can be done without any injury to the property, the price, less what has been already paid on it, will bring the amount to be raised below the maximum limit mentioned in last week's issue, were the old enterprise abandoned and a new one projected. Then, too, the present property is worth a good deal more than could be bought for the \$12,000 proposed for a new deal. So the action of the Board of Trustees was approved and plans adopted for proper apportionment of the amount to be raised among the several conferences. The presiding elders, who represent the ministers and laity of the Church throughout the State, are now in hearty sympathy with the enterprise, and they propose to make it a success. Henceforth the undertaking will not be a question. Bishop Hoss assured the meeting by letter that he wanted the home not later than the 15th of November, about which time he will go to permanent housekeeping in Dallas. We are glad the presiding elders called the meeting and that they have so heartily given their cooperation to the movement. Their course is highly commendable and the project will immediately come to a successful issue. The Episcopal Residence is now an assured fact. See the picture of the Bishop's home in this issue. It is a substantial brick residence in a good location in the city.

THE CHILDRESS INDEX.

Says the above paper: "The Index is an admirer of O. B. Colquitt, and has been for years. We feel sure if Dr. Rankin could recall his letter, and thereby blot out the whole incident, he would willingly do it." It might be well for the Index to express its own convictions without trying to read the minds of others. At least that paper is not the mouthpiece of the Advocate on Mr. Colquitt and some other men and things we might mention. The Advocate went into that controversy intelligently and with its eyes wide open, and having accomplished what it started out to do, is very well satisfied with the result. Were we to go over the business again, the only change we would make in our utterances would be to add to them at some points and to strengthen them at others. Many things have come into our possession since the controversy closed, the use of which would make a controversy of that sort far more interesting. But it is over now, and if Mr. Colquitt's friends are satisfied, we have no ground for complaint. But we wish to add that personally we have nothing but the kindest feelings for Mr. Colquitt. We differ from him on several issues, but this is a difference of judgment and not of friendship. Mr. Colquitt happens to be a leading member in the same Church represented by the Advocate. He has been honored by the people of the State in his present high position, and he can well afford to attend to the duties of that office without allowing himself mixed up with a few disgruntled politicians. In his race for the Railroad Commission we

heartily supported him; but any man who knowingly or unknowingly permits himself to be drawn into circumstances involving the question, directly or indirectly, of our local option laws as they now stand, will certainly find opposition in the Advocate. If the papers friendly to the future aspirations of Mr. Colquitt are wise, they will cease stirring the embers of a controversy that has ceased so far as we are concerned; for if the fire should break out again, it might reach further than its former limits. We are perfectly satisfied as it now stands, but we have never sounded a retreat from our position formerly taken.

THE SOUTHWESTERN SUMMER INSTITUTE.

The Summer Institute of Theology will be ready to open promptly on time, just after the approaching commencement. All the plans are about perfected and the program is complete. Those in charge of it have left nothing undone to make it the most successful term in its history. They have engaged a few men of National reputation in their departments to deliver a course of lectures and it will be a great opportunity for our young and even older preachers. Dr. Denny, of the Vanderbilt, is one of the most interesting and accomplished men we have ever heard and he will do some very fine work with his series of subjects. Bishop Hendrix has no superior in his line and his lectures will be alone worth the expense of a trip down there. Then the brethren managing the Institute have gone outside of the Church to get two or three men of great ability as scholars and teachers, to say nothing of the able home talent to take charge of the conference courses. To date something over two hundred have already matriculated and the attendance will be large. If our young men fail to get the advantage of this session, they will miss a wonderful opportunity.

WE CAN MORE THAN MATCH HIM.

Says an exchange: We know a preacher who is a chronic place-hunter in his Church, under whose preaching there has never been a real conversion, who is a common liar when criticising people who believe in real local option, who proves himself a coward by hiding behind his profession to abuse them by falsification, and who is so distressingly ugly of face and figure that only a red rag tied around his head above the ears would dress him as the fellow who plays the devil in Faust, but not better than does this preacher in the Church. Yet we know good men who are such fools as to believe the fellow brave, pious and truthful!

We know an editor that embodies all these traits, qualities and phenomena, and more besides, but the best of all is we do not know any good men fools enough to believe one word that he says about local option and he does not need a red rag to complete his make-up.

"DOCTRINAL INSTRUCTION," ETC.

Says our wide-awake and interesting contemporary, the Greenville Herald: Dr. Rankin, the talented and zealous editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Methodist Church in Texas, announces that he has concluded his arraignment of Mr. Colquitt, which will be agreeable news to thousands of Methodists in this State who read the Advocate for doctrinal instruction and spiritual edification, and not for guidance in matter of State politics.

The Herald and the Advocate usually agree on most matters, but this time it was the Herald's ox that got gored, and hence the little piece of gratuitous advice found in the conclusion of the above paragraph. Well, if the Herald does not want its thoroughbred specimens tossed on the point of the Advocate's horns, it had better keep them out of the local option pasture. However, if the Herald really gets hungry for "doctrinal instruction and spiritual edification," we have no idea but that it will be able to find all the pabulum of this character that it will be able to digest in every issue of the Advocate, even when we are chasing its stock off of our local option provender. Therefore we advise the Herald not to mistake its own mind for

that of "thousands of Methodists in the State" touching our little episode with Col. Colquitt; for the Advocate has never done anything that has so fully met the approval of its constituents as in the case that has apparently disturbed the "spiritual" appetite of the esteemed Herald.

A KIND WORD FROM A NEIGHBOR.

Not long since the New Voice published an abusive communication against us which was written and sent from this city. We have already expressed our opinion of the Voice for its course. Touching the matter, we clip a kind word from the Interstate Sentinel, published at Texarkana, Ark., as follows:

"The Advance and the Prohibitionists of Dallas deserve credit for their prompt action regarding the letter written by a New Voice correspondent in which both Gov. Lanham and Dr. Rankin are grossly misrepresented and calumniated. The New Voice is too great a paper, probably the greatest in the world of its kind, to have in its employ such a narrow-minded, splenetic partisan bigot as its Dallas correspondent must be, if he is not an ignoramus. He may be a new man in that field and may have been misinformed, and in turn, imposed upon his paper. Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, is to-day making the strongest fight against the saloon of any man in the State. To the Advocate and the Methodism of Texas, which the Advocate represents, will be due a large share of the praise for an ultimate and complete prohibition victory in the Lone Star State."

INDIANOLA AND OTHER POEMS.

The above is the euphonious title of an elegantly bound volume, written by Jeff McLemore, a man well known to the journalism of the State. The author is a man of richly endowed poetic genius, and were he to turn his attention exclusively to this class of literature he would win fame, if not fortune. This volume possesses genuine merit, though he informs us that it is the result of scraps of time taken from an otherwise busy life. The leading poem, from which the book takes its technical name, "Indianola," is short, rhythmic and mellifluous, and it is a description of the town of that name once promising down on the Bay. It figured in the war between the States, and then it became historically tragic because of the awful storm that almost blotted it from the earth in 1875. Mr. McLemore in beautiful verse gives a graphic account of its origin, its war history, its destruction, with reflections upon its present melancholy solitude by the sea. As an illustration of the excellence of the poem we quote the following stanza:

"O'er the fathomless waters of the dark, blue ocean,
Like the song of a bird when its mate is no more;
When its carols are filled with a soul-sad emotion
As it faintly would call back from the desolate shore,
One note it had known of the song that is ended,
When it sighs for that death which can bring only rest,
So the echo of sweet peace in that moment was blended
While hope turned to grief in each fond Southern breast."

The other poems are numerous, the most of them brief, and many of them addressed to those whose faces or suggestions inspired them. In the one entitled "The Negro's Lament" there is genuine pathos. One verse reads as follows:

"There's a dear old cabin home, and it's many miles away,
Where the mocking birds are singing in the trees;
Where the skies they seem the brightest in the merry month of May;
Where the vesper bells are dying on the breeze,
'Tis my dear old cabin home; 'tis the dearest spot on earth,
And the flowers they are growing by the stream;
And the cricket still is chirping on the old familiar hearth—
And it lingers in my memory like a dream."

Then the one entitled "Old Songs" ends with these touching lines:

"There's something in the dear old songs
No words can ever define;
They bring sweet memories from the past
And make our present shine.
They fill our souls with peace and love,
And drive away all woe;
So give to me the old, old songs,
And let the new ones go."

We might quote further from the volume, but these will suffice to give the reader a taste of the style, subject matter and contents of the book. It is a genuine exhilaration to read it,

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and at times we almost weep, and then at other moments we are made to smile. We are glad that Mr. McLe- more has collected his writings, many of them having appeared from time to time in the papers, and thus given them out in a beautiful volume. As we read them we almost regret that he does not give his attention to poetic literature instead of to politics and such like things. Into his poems he puts the sweetest spirit and the kindest sentiments, but into his politics he puts his prejudices, his dislikes and his personal grievances. The for-

vocate a very pleasant visit. Dr. La- mar is a most unassuming, genial and business-like man, and he is the right man in the right place.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, D.D. of Geor- getown, was in the city this week look- ing after matters conected with the Summer Institute and he made the Advocate a good visit.

Brother T. M. Worthington, of Or- phans Home, Dallas County, called to see us this week. He is seventy-five years old, was converted in 1847, made a steward in 1855, and has held that position to this good day without in-

CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

Bishop Warne says that there are 500,000 villages in India without a single Christian.

Dr. J. D. Barbee, who has been se- riously ill with pneumonia, is rapidly recovering his strength.

Miss Lizzie L. Johnson, of Casey, Illinois, a bed-ridden sufferer, has con- tributed to missions since 1901 \$4,810, which she has earned by making book-marks.

A Los Angeles business man—Mr. Frederick Rindge—one of the speak-

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Your annotator was so rushed last week that he forgot to mention the most important event in college circles—the anniversary of the San Jacinto Society, and the address of Rev. Glenn Flinn. It was an excellent address, and both interested and stimulated his audience—two qualities a college ad- dress should always have.

Miss Howard, of Austin, gave an elocution recital last Saturday night that was a great success. She takes a diploma in that department this year. Miss Howell, of Houston, gradu- ate in vocal music, also gave a recital on Monday night, and delighted all with her beautiful songs.

The following letter has been sent out to all the alumni whose addresses could be procured:

Georgetown, Texas, April, 1904.— We have two objects in writing you this letter: First, to inform you that the annual dues of the Southwestern University Alumni Association—one dollar—are now due. Last commencement the association decided to be- come a more active factor in the life of the University, and so, for running expenses, it was unanimously agreed to pass a law making the annual dues one dollar. This amount should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer, Miss Stella Foster, Georgetown, Texas.

The second object is to extend to you a most hearty invitation to come to Georgetown this commencement, June 2 to June 6. A strong effort is being made to have every alumnus of the University present at that time. The alumni portion of the program will be given great prominence. The address will be delivered by Rev. A. L. Scales, A. M. '99, Friday at 8 p. m. Immediately after the address there will be the alumni banquet, where, in addition to something to eat, there will be songs and toasts and the initiation of the class of '04. All alumni and alumnae, together with their respec- tive wives and husbands, if they have them, are invited to the banquet. On Saturday afternoon the class of '04 challenge the entire association to a game of baseball. So drop business for this once and come back again to the old Alma Mater; she will welcome you. Georgetown will welcome you—it's the same old town; the faculty and students will welcome you; old friends you haven't seen for years will welcome you, and we will sing "Shall Auld Acquaintance be Forgot" and talk over the old times, and for a day or two at least you can be a boy again.

If you know the address of an old classmate, drop him a line telling him to meet you here. He will come if he knows you are coming.

At least two weeks before com- mencement you should write to Mrs. W. C. Vaden, Georgetown, who will see that all provisions are made for your entertainment at the banquet.

We hope very much you will come.

CHAS. A. WILCOX, R. F. YOUNG, J. C. HARDY, MRS. W. C. VADEN, STELLA FOSTER, Executive Committee.

W. F. M. SOCIETY, N. T. C.

Mrs. J. H. Bowman, President W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, requests and urges that the lady man- agers of each Juvenile Society elect a delegate to the annual meeting at McKinney, June 4-8, and come pre- pared with a report or a recitation for the exercises.

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. G. F. Boyd, of Valleyview, made the Advocate a helpful visit this week.

Rev. E. W. Alderson, D. D., of the Sherman District, was in the city last week and made the Advocate a pleas- ant call. His work is progressing sat- isfactorily.

Many of the presiding elders of the different conferences were here last week in the interest of the Episcopal Residence, and we had delightful greetings with them all.

Rev. A. J. Lamar, D. D., one of the Agents of the Publishing House, was in the city last week looking through the branch house. He expressed him- self as well pleased with the condi- tion of things here. He made the Ad-

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termission; has taken the Advocate for forty odd years, never swore an oath in his life, does not use tobacco, never was in a theater, does not know one card from another, and never entered a saloon for the purpose of taking a drink in his life. Who can beat that record?

Rev. W. F. Bryan has just closed a very successful meeting in Ervay Street Church. About twenty-five conversions and seventeen accessions thus far. His conference collections are all provided for.

Rev. J. W. Rowlett, of Weatherford, came over last Tuesday and called pleasantly on the Advocate. He has one of the best works in his confer- ence, and he is meeting the demands of it as a preacher and pastor.

Rev. James E. Clark, D. D., editor of the Cumberland Presbyterian at Nash- ville, Tenn., now in attendance at the General Assembly of his Church in this city, and W. C. Morgan, assistant editor, both made the Advocate a delight- ful call.

We regret to see the death of Rev. E. W. Simmans reported in the pa- pers. He was a superannuated mem- ber of the Northwest Texas Confer- ence and a very useful man in his ac- tive days. Some one will furnish an obituary later.

Brother Jno. Spurlock, of Hunt County, and father of Rev. E. L. Spurlock, of the North Texas Conference, called to see us this week. He is at- tending the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly in the city, as he is a member of that Church.

In this week we give several good cuts of parsonages and church build- ings. The parsonage at Mexia was largely planned by Mrs. Armstrong, and it is a model of convenience. The fact is, a woman knows more about such things than men, anyway.

Bishop Hoss has appointed Rev. T. F. Sessions, of Seguin, to the princi- pality of the San Angelo Training School. He will take charge at once. Brother Sessions is a capable man and his appointment to school work will be a loss to the pastorate, but it will be a gain to the educational work.

Vociferation is not a virtue in prayer.—Ram's Horn.

ers at the reception—has given \$25,000 for Sunday-school work among the colored people.

The Garrett Biblical Institute has conferred the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Stephen J. Herben, Assistant Editor of the New York Christian Advocate.

Prof. J. A. Faulkner, of Drew Theo- logical Seminary, who has made a re- putation as a student and writer on Methodist history, has sailed from New York, and will spend the sum- mer in study in Europe.

Bishop Day, who was elected re- cently to the Episcopacy by the Gen- eral Conference at Los Angeles, has declined the high promotion to devote himself to the educational work of the Church. No other election will take place.

Rev. John W. Butler, D. D., dele- gate to the Los Angeles General Con- ference from Mexico, was on the train which met with a terrible accident near Zacatecas, Mexico, in which eight were killed and fifty-five were wounded. Dr. Butler was uninjured.

The quadrennial address of the M. E. Church Bishops shows that the present membership is 3,031,918, an increase in past four years of 138,025. This is an increase of four and four- tenths per cent or an annual increase of one and one-tenth per cent.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South, which was held in Nashville the 27th and 28th ult., the gratifying information was elicited that during the past five years of our Church's history in educational work there has been an increase in assess- ments of \$53,865.11, and an increase in collections of \$45,091.08.

President Roosevelt sent his greet- ings through the Daily Advocate to the General Conference. He said: "It is impossible for any student of the social and religious growth of our people to fail to understand the tremendous influence of Methodism in shaping this growth aright; and I therefore, on this occasion, congratu- late, not merely you, but all our coun- try, on what you have done. I wish I could be with you in person, as I am in spirit."

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The Sunday-School Department

Second Quarter, Lesson 10, June 5.

CHRIST'S TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

Mark 15:1-15.

Golden Text: "Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man."—Luke 23:4.

Time: Friday, April 7, A. D. 30.
Agony in Gethsemane, midnight to 1 a. m.

Arrest, about 1 a. m.
Trial before Jewish authorities, 1:30 a. m. to sunrise, 6 a. m.

Trial before Roman authorities, 6:30 to 8:30 a. m.

Place: The trial before Pilate was probably in the Tower of Antonia, just outside of the northwest corner of the temple area, in Jerusalem. Possibly at Herod's palace on Mt. Zion, overlooking the temple area, and connected with it by a bridge.

The chief priests and the rulers of the people had already passed judgment upon Christ, and so far as they were concerned, he stood condemned. They tried him upon the charge of blasphemy, in that he claimed to be the Son of God, and arrogated to himself the right to forgive sins. In the esteem of the Church authorities this was a capital offense, but they had no authority to pass death upon any accused person. The Roman authorities alone could do this in a civil capacity. Hence, after they were through with their trial of him, they passed him on to Pilate, but under a different charge. They well knew that an offense on religious grounds would not obtain before Pilate, for he cared nothing about these matters, and the Roman law took no cognizance of them. It let a man believe what he pleased, so he did not become a law-breaker. So, when they took him before Pilate, they charged him with sedition and insurrection, saying that he was a king and that they recognized no king but Caesar. Pilate listened to their testimony, and calmly told them that he found no fault in Christ, that he was guilty of no crime against the law. But they raised their voice and cried out vociferously, "Crucify him! crucify him!" And they went so far as to shout to Pilate if you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. This alarmed him, for he wanted to stand well with the powers at Rome. So he finally yielded to the clamor, and turned him over to them to be crucified, but washed his hands, and said that he was guiltless of the man's blood. Thus was Christ condemned not on evidence but to appease public sentiment.

The Epworth League Department

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

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NOTES.

Sulphur Springs District will reorganize at Mt. Vernon the last of June, so writes Presiding Elder Fladger.

The Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate of May 12 objects to the practice of various and sundry announcements being made from the pulpit, on account of occupying time belonging to the preaching hour, and recommends that the Epworth Leagues issue a weekly Church bulletin for distribution at the doors to the departing congregation.

Rev. Joseph F. Berry, D. D., editor of the Epworth Herald, has been elected a Bishop in the Northern branch of the Methodist Church.

The South Georgia Leaguers believe in advertising. They utilize a two-inch double-column space in the Wesleyan Christian Advocate in which to announce the coming session of their annual meeting. It is booked for Waycross, Ga., June 16-19.

The Alabama Christian Advocate reports the health of State League President H. M. Andrews as being greatly impaired.

The Alabama State League Conference meets at Court Street Church in Montgomery, June 22-24.

Houston, Laporte and Waxahachie have extended formal invitations to the State League for this year's meeting.

The tenth annual session of the Sherman District League Conference was held in Sherman last week. The attendance was fair and the interest good. Eleven chapters were reported in good condition with a membership of more than 300. Rev. J. W. Hill, Dr. Alderson and Rev. P. C. Archer occupied stated places on the program and a number of addresses were made by laymen and others. President Halsell was on hand with his enthusiasm at high tide and aided much in the success of the occasion. The big rally service of Sunday afternoon was conducted by Henry M. Benton, of Van Alstyne, and was the occasion of a general shaking up, such as Methodists enjoy. The following officers were elected: President, Prof. J. L. Lovelace, of Whitesboro; First Vice-President, John Davis, of Sherman; Second Vice-President, Miss Mary Everheart, of Bells; Third Vice-President, W. S. Moore, of Van Alstyne; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Anna Archer, of Sherman.

Clarendon District League has elected the following officers: President, Rev. George Harris, of Clarendon; Vice-Presidents, James Hughes, of Hereford; Mrs. A. W. Hunt, of Plainview; and Mrs. A. Ernsberger, of Canyon City; Junior Superintendent, Miss Gable Betts, of Clarendon; Secretary, Miss Julia Price, of Hale Center.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate contains the following report of the recent session of the Louisiana State League, viz.: "The Louisiana State Epworth League Conference, which met in Felicity Street Church, this city, adjourned on Sunday night. Dr. H. M. DuBose delivered an address. The conference will meet in Crowley next year."

The general minutes are about ready for distribution by our Publishing House. Each member of the Methodist Church, especially Leaguers, should procure a copy and learn what Methodism is doing.

G. W. T.

Terrell District.

The Terrell District Epworth League Conference will meet in Terrell June 1-3.
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WHAT THE CHURCH IS DOING FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

(A paper read at a recent meeting of the Epworth League, Haskell, Texas, by Elsie Malone McCollum.)

The Church is like a wise and loving mother, for she throws her protecting arms around her children and into their ears she breathes words of warning, as well as of encouragement, thus shielding them from many dangers that lie in wait for the unsuspecting, and pointing them to the rewards that are laid up for the finally faithful. She furnishes all necessary recreations, although she places some restraints around her children, that they may not go beyond the proper limit.

Are you surprised that I say the Church looks after the physical well-being of her children? She certainly does this when she enjoins upon them a life of temperance, and forbids their indulging in pleasures and pastimes which would surely wreck their constitutions.

Then is it not providing for their physical wants when she opens schools and colleges which prepare her children to fill lucrative positions of honor and trust? The Vanderbilt University of the M. E. Church, South, and the Georgetown University of our own State of Texas are standing proofs of the fact that, in an educational way, the Church is doing much for the youth of the land.

For additional proofs, look at the various mission schools and night schools in most of the cities, along the coasts, and in Cuba. Then you will realize something of the magnitude of the advantages offered by the M. E. Church, South, alone.

Many other Churches are doing a similar work, until now it is rarely if ever the case that any boy or girl reaches the age of mature manhood or womanhood without some opportunity for mental improvement.

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Besides fitting young people to fill all honorable vocations, the Church herself furnishes many of these vocations. Among those who receive employment from her hand, are ministers, missionaries—both home and foreign—teachers, trained nurses, employes in day nurseries, kindergartens, printing offices, etc. In the Sunday-school, the League, the Young People's Foreign and Home Mission Societies, and in the Y. M. C. A., as well as in the main organization, the Church is looking after the spiritual welfare of her children and is obeying the Divine command: "Bring up a child in the way he should go."

I have recently read (I believe it was in the Texas Christian Advocate) of a little girl who, upon being asked what she would have to remove from a Christian town to make it a heathen town, replied: "The Church." "Yes," said her father, "and the public schools; for there are no public schools in heathen lands; then the public library, the hospital, the old ladies' home and the orphan home must go." "Why, father," exclaimed the child, "there would not be a good thing left," and so it would be.

In fact, it is through the Church, directly or indirectly, that we obtain all that is good in life; for "every good and perfect gift comes from God" and the Church is but his handmaiden.

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Cold the grave, aye, chill and lonely;
If to life this earth was all,
Bitter then would be the anguish;
Not a ray beyond the pall.

God be praised; death is but seeming;
Grief need not become despair;
For the shadows can be lifted
In the hour of loss and care.

Flowers, that she loved so fondly,
Plant upon the silent tomb.
That their smiles and fragrant promise
May rebuke the barren gloom.

In your hearts are planted hopes that
Have survived the frosts of years;
Cherish now their perfumed blossoms,
Let their fragrance ease your tears.

Christ is risen! He, the first fruit;
He, divine, of woman born;
Hearken to the blessed tidings
Of that other Easter morn.

Hear the glad hosannas ringing
All along the course of life;
Know yet not the chords responsive
To the song of faith sublime?

Rich indeed, the blood-bought promise,
Part revealing Heaven's plan;
The prophetic balm of Gilead
To restore the health of man.

She who looked beyond the river
With no tremor in her soul,
Half-unloos'd from earthly shackles,
Saw in faith celestial goal.

Call ye not the heav'nly vision
Product of disorder'd brain;
More was this than stricken fancy,
Else these longings are in vain.

Open'd wide the shining portals
Were to eyes of faithful love;
Then forgot, the earthly shadows
In the glories of above.

And the glad transfigured faces
Of the lov'd ones gone before
Were the earnest of the welcome
Waiting on the other shore.

Glory be to God forever;
Sound His name in loving praise,
For a faith triumphant, able
To reveal eternal days.

Death has taken; nay, an error;
Naught has pow'r to take from you
One whom years of loving service
Bind with bonds forever true.

Not that she had tired of service;
Willing ever were the hands
That, delighted in their labor,
Sought to serve her heart's commands.

Silent are her gentle foot-falls;
Empty is the sacred chair;
Yet in silence is her presence;
In the stillness, she is there.

Be but true, in grateful mem'ry
She will live forever near;
And a halo will encircle
What in life to her was dear.

Daughters, son, she gave you being;
Fierce indeed the pangs of birth;
Of her heart-throbs came your lifeblood
Let your lives reflect her worth.

War-worn soldier, bow'd in sorrow,
Broken with the march of years,
Raise thine eyes unto a vision,
Wipe from them the dimming tear.

Many battlefields have called thee
To a manly, noble part;
Dangers oft and e'en disasters
Thou hast met with dauntless heart.

Weep, but do not mourn a victory;
She has conquer'd now the grave;
Victor greater than the greatest,
She the "bravest of the brave."

Soon to thee will come the summons
To rejoin the comrade wife,
Who, in love, is waiting for thee,
You beside the true of life.

Where the purified battalions
Will be form'd in deathless ranks
Where the hosts of Heaven muster
On the calm eternal banks.

Sweeten'd sorrow is your portion;
Joy is blended with regret;
God who gave is He who taketh;
This, you can not now forget.

In your Father's house are mansions,
In that realm of perfect day;
And your hearts have naught of doubting,
Christ himself has shown the way.

"It doth not," to you "beloved,"
Yet "appear what" you "shall be";
But you know, when you are like Him,
Your departed you will see.

Grandview, Tex. R. A. HEARON.

AD ADAMS.

Will you permit me to say something about the life and character of my dear life-long friend whose name heads this memoir? He was the son of Abel and Betsy Adams, born in Thomas County, Ga., in 1839; came with his parents to Jasper County, Texas, in 1848, where he lived for thirty-four years, and then moved to Hays County, living at Dupree for several years, and then to San Marcos, where he quietly fell on sleep April 24, 1904. What a shock it was to me to read a telegram on that quiet Sunday evening stating, "Ad Adams died to-day." He was in his sixty-fifth year of age, a Methodist, Mason and an uncompromising foe to the liquor traffic in all its phases. I knew him intimately for fifty-three years; our fathers were neighbors, and we were schoolmates and true loving friends. I was glad to receive a letter from his dear wife, saying: "Please write his obituary, for he loved you and you knew him better than most any one else." It is a melancholy duty yet a pleasure to me to offer this tribute to his memory. He spent nearly four years in the Confederate army as First Lieutenant of Co. E., Whitfield's Legion, Ross' Cavalry. He was a brave, fearless soldier and was loved by his comrades in arms and fought bravely from Shiloh to Frank-

lin. In 1867 he was happily married to Miss Roxie Phynes, this writer of-ficiating. Four children were born to them—three daughters and one son, the son dying when quite young. The precious girls were all by him as he closed his eyes in death. He leaves three brothers, three daughters, a loving, devoted wife and many relatives to mourn his absence. As a husband he was unsurpassed, anticipating every want of his dear wife and providing abundantly for her comfort and happiness and aiding her in all the affairs of the household. She depended on him and he was ever responsive. She did much in her quiet way in directing his moral and religious life. He loved his children dearly and they lavished their love upon him in return. As a neighbor he was kind and generous; as a friend he was true and unflinching. He came from San Marcos to my home not long ago, just to see and converse with me, and after three days of great pleasure and profit to me we parted in tears, promising each other to meet again after the toils of life are past. Now he has gone, while I wait in hope, pure and refining, I feel sure he is at rest, as his faith in the Lord was well grounded, and as we talked of the future he assured me he was ready. His health began to decline about a year ago. During the winter he had la grippe, followed by a trouble of the liver, and finally a painful kidney trouble set up and it produced excruciating pain, producing unconsciousness, and he passed away to his reward. He was a merchant and farmer for many years, but had retired from business and spent his time at home attending to the daily affairs of the home in the company of his loving companion and daughters. No wonder his wife writes, "I am so sad and lonely; I do not know what to do. He was so good and kind to me, and I never had to depend upon myself for anything." While he was positive, plain and outspoken in his intercourse with men and always clearly defined his position, he possessed a kind, generous nature and a due regard for the opinion of others. He was a liberal supporter of the Church and always kept open house for the entertainment of the ministry. His home was ever my home, and I recall many happy hours spent by me in the past. I shall soon join him and other loved ones gone before. May the protecting arm of the Lord be thrown around the lonely wife and the precious girls of my dear friend.

E. L. ARMSTRONG,
Corsicana, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS.

At the last meeting of the Missionary Social Union the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom and love has removed by death our beloved sister, Mrs. W. C. Young; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our sister the community has sustained the loss of a true Christian woman, the Church a zealous laborer in the Master's vineyard, and the Missionary Social Union a most efficient officer and faithful member, whose tireless devotion to the cause of missions will ever remain an incentive to those with whom she labored, to renew and redouble our efforts in our Master's service. She was intelligent, consecrated, earnest and devout in her Christian life. As a wife, mother and friend she had no superior. Her place in all these spheres will be hard to fill.

Be it further resolved, That we furnish the Texas Christian Advocate a copy of these resolutions with a request to publish.

Be it further resolved, That a copy be sent her family and that we extend to them our sincere love and sympathy in their great sorrow and irreparable loss.

Be it also resolved, That a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Missionary Social Union.

MRS. H. H. SMITH, Secy.

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CHORUS.
Swing wide the golden gate;
The angels watch and wait;
All heaven sings the glad refrain—
Swing wide the golden gate.

In sunshine and in shade
She toiled and filled her lot;
A beautiful, white robe she made
That shines and changes not.

A life so fair, so true—
A lily's not more fair—
Brings heaven down to mortal view,
Sweet rest awaits her there.

Sweet land, sweet land of rest,
Swing wide the golden gate,
And welcome home the shining guest
To her immortal state.

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It is often the case that persons pronounced to have heart disease (some who

have had their physician call in relation to see them) are practically cured in fifteen minutes' time, all being necessary was simply to resupply the blood's circulating agent and keep it supplied, the patient leaving the bed and going about her work. One lady whose testimonial I have, was in above condition and in less than a week's time was doing her entire household duties, including a large washing. Her physician had called in her people three times. Her blood only lacked its circulating agent. Man not only has power to control this circulating agent, but he also has power over his vitality. Vitality is the opposite of fatigue, pain and weakness of all organs of the body or of the nerves, muscles and organs. Almost all diseases depend upon its deficiency. This discovery gives man immediate power, the above being true, to govern these things, hence he becomes master of the diseases generally pronounced incurable. The diseases of women and sexual weakness in men are directly dependent upon a deficiency of the circulating and vitalizing agencies and Natural Law Discovery has direct and immediate effect. The two accomplishments of Natural Law Discovery (supplying the vitalizing and the circulating agents) are the two in which medicine is absolutely powerless. These two accomplishments can be had only by employing the natural law producing them. Natural Law Discovery teaches this natural law. An extreme case is here given by Prof. R. A. Long, Terrell, Texas: "Thirty days ago my wife was a confined invalid. To-day she and I walked over my farm, at least two miles, and she felt no fatigue, and she is apparently well. So far as money goes, one thousand dollars would be no inducement for me to part with the information." Space forbids a further description, but will be proud to send every one interested a circular.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

As the month of April comes we Home Mission people begin to turn our longing eyes and ears toward the Board meeting. This time Kansas City was our Mecca, and putting ourselves in the care of the "Katy" we quickly and comfortably reached our goal. The thing that distinguishes Kansas City is the fact that there is domiciled our Scarritt Bible Training School. What a delight that school is and how we do covet for our consecrated, intelligent Christian young women the knowledge and training and testing which is received there. Reaching Kansas City a little ahead of schedule time we made a visit to Scarritt a possible joy. We found all busily at work and very interested in the approaching meeting. Texas is fortunate in having 14 bright daughters there under training; the only regret is that we have not doubled and trebled that number. Bro. Mounzon, whom we have lent for a time to Kansas City, gave the students a lecture on the Epistle to the Hebrews, which we very much enjoyed; only regretted we could not hear the rest of the series, and so have some knotty points cleared up. The whole day before the opening of the Board meeting proper was taken up by a meeting of the Committee of Control of Deaconess Work. It was with grateful hearts we heard the reports of the work done by our deaconesses and also received from the faculty of the Training School the record made by those who were ready for consecration at this time. Uncle Sam is not willing to send out even to fight against the weak, undisciplined Filipinos raw recruits without some months of training, though they be led by West Point officers, yet some of us are ready to rush out as teachers of God's forces against a foe alert, aggressive, organized, equipped, entrenched and relentless. Then when we make blunders and failures and go down before the enemy we blame God. The cry of the Church and the call of God is for trained, tested, consecrated workers. But you want to hear of the Board meeting. On Friday morning we were glad to find a goodly company gathered in the beautiful little church on Troost Avenue. For a time we were happily busy meeting those whom we have learned to love during former meetings and greeting those who had come for the first time. In looking around the church we noticed two new things. One was the press exhibit all arranged so that the work of each conference could be seen at a glance. Such an array of papers and clippings! One conference exhibit was especially attractive. Instead of the whole paper being shown the Home Mission items were clipped out and each pasted on a page, and the whole made into a book with covers decorated with the conference flower and a picture of the Conference Residence. Wasn't that a beautiful idea? There were so many beautiful ideas at this meeting! The other was "Our Working Order," 2 Cor. 6:1-10, printed on cloth in good sized type. Miss Bennett used this in the opening service and struck full and clear the keynote, which was sounded again and again in the days that followed. After the usual preliminaries on organization Miss Bennett gave her message, which was cheerily encouraging, thoroughly grateful and helpfully suggestive. This latter part was referred to the various committees to be used in the planning the work for another year. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, our General Treasurer, gave a report of our finances. Dues, \$29,281.76; cash from other sources, \$30,033.22; from vouchers for city missions, \$11,110.23. Total, \$70,525.21. While we rejoice in that we have made substantial increase, yet we are far from reaching our ideal. The expenditure for city missions has just about doubled. Our Treasurer showed, in spite of some reports not yet in on time, that she had faith in us and was ready to face another year with courage and hopefulness. The General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, prefaced her report with these words: "We spend one year as a tale that is told," so says the Psalmist. The chapter this year has not been sensational nor has the plot greatly varied. Earnest effort, material growth and good accomplished, mark each page. The blessing of our God has been upon us and we may truly say "there hath not failed one word of all his good promise." It was a glad report of advancement made. The Florinne McEachern Brigade has been very popular and 15,000 mite boxes have been distributed. We have had to give up the Flat Top Coal Mines and the Choctaw work. The first for lack of means and enough

trained efficient workers, and the second because the Indians have been removed to reservations. We have helped 150 parsonages during this year, the amount of money donated to them being \$13,122.96. We have a numerical strength of adult auxiliaries, 1809; members, 33,919; young people and juvenile members, 3503; total members, 37,088. Baby Roll members, 2,010; Florinne McEachern Brigade, 2,114. Mrs. MacDonell, in her own gentle, loving way, told of her visits to our different institutions, and how rejoiced she had been to see the deep consecration of our teachers and city missionaries. She spoke especially of her visit to the A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School of Dallas, and of the beautiful spirit shown in that work. Mrs. Trueheart was next introduced, and brought loving greetings from the Foreign Mission Society. She emphasized the thought that the two societies were really and truly one, and that only for convenience in the management of the work was there any need for the two separate organizations.

When the time came for the devotional hour Rev. Howard W. Pope, Secretary of the Northfield Extension, was introduced. His subject was "Spiritual Gifts." In a plain, practical, forceful way he opened to us the Scripture and taught us out of the Word concerning God's gifts to us for service. Every one has some spiritual gift. No one should feel proud of gifts, for it is nothing we have done, but only that which has been put into our hands to be used for the Master. We were told to stir up the gift that was in us and to minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. During this first morning so many things showed us with what consideration and loving thoughtfulness our coming had been planned for, but nothing could be more beautiful than the programs which were given to each member of the Board. These were in hand painted covers, each one more exquisite than the other, and all fragrant with Christian love. The lunch hour came, and we were conducted down stairs and seated at dainty tables, where we were waited upon, not by hired servants, but by loving friends, the queens and princesses of the beautiful homes surrounding Troost Avenue Church. The time passed swiftly. We were soon again seated in our places. Mrs. Trueheart, the General Secretary of the W. F. M. Society, led our thoughts to spiritual things. The Board went into a Committee of the Whole to consider the application for aid for parsonages. We had a feeling of helplessness as we saw the long list of about 50 and the amount that in each case was "absolutely essential," amounting to more than \$14,000, and we only had \$4000 to grant. Patiently each case was considered, and the cutting and scaling down began. We found ourselves only half through when the hour came for adjournment. At 8 o'clock we were again in the church listening to the music and being welcomed by Mrs. I. P. Ryland in her own sprightly way, and Mrs. J. F. Bryan, who welcomed us in behalf of the Southwest Missouri Conference, was very warm in her expressions of pleasure at our presence. The response by Miss Ada Lewis, of Beard, Kentucky, was pleasant and thoughtful. We were made to feel that we were in the midst of friends and that the words spoken were just the crystallizing and voicing of the welcome that had been in the music and flowers and kind attentions already received. The pastors of our Churches in Kansas City were very good to us. They met the trains and in every way possible looked after the comfort of all. Mrs. Yarborough told of her delight at seeing "a green badge with a preacher onto it" coming towards her as she landed in the crowded depot at Kansas City.

Miss Bennett gave an outline of the work and growth of the Home Mission Society that was very much enjoyed. Saturday morning the devotional service was led by Miss Gibson, the Principal of the Training School. The report from Miss Helm, Editor of "Our Homes," was very gratifying. The circulation is now 9,267. Miss Helm wants to reach 12,000, and then will follow the enlargement of the paper. The paper is paying its way and this year puts \$1000 into the work.

Mrs. Luke Johnson made a very interesting report of the growth and development of the Press Work, and then gave a very helpful illustration of the way in which to use the blackboard in presenting the items from the monthly bulletins.

Mrs. Yarborough in her own inimitable way made her report as Superintendent of Supplies. We laughed and cried with her as she told of the year's work; 585 boxes, valued at \$19,339, have been sent this year, an in-

crease of 244 boxes and \$4,918.97 in value.

The report of the Committee of Control of Deaconess Work brought in a report and presented four candidates for election to the office of deaconess. These were all trained, tested women. Two were from Texas—Miss Maria Elliott, of Dallas, and Mrs. Tonbl, of Del Rio, Texas. The other two were Miss Olsen, of St. Louis, and Miss Lockard, of Kansas City. After their election, Miss Gibson, in tender words, presented those who had been under her care for two years.

Again Dr. Pope talked to us for an hour, the subject being the "Conditions of Success in Personal Work."

After lunch the parsonage applications were again taken up, but only a short time could be given to committee work, because of a reception given at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. The Board went in a body. No one that could go was willing to miss this opportunity. All enjoyed it most thoroughly. Sunday morning was bright and clear. Mrs. Siler (nee Miss Emily Allen) talked to the children in the Sunday-school. At the close of the address, which interested the children very much, Mrs. McEachern, the mother of the Florinne McEachern Brigade, was presented to them.

Bishop Hendrix preached the annual sermon. It was helpful and spiritual. One thought that was especially good was the optimism of Christ; that though he knows us all together, knows how weak and sinful we are, yet he had faith in us and committed his work into our hands and holds out to us the hope of being one with him.

The consecration of the four deaconesses followed. It was an impressive service. Sunday night Dr. Pope and Dr. Reid, of Oakland, California, and Miss Bennett held services in different Churches. On Monday the regular work was taken up. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, to the regret of all, was not able to be present, and give in person a report of the Mission Home in Dallas; but the President, Miss Bennett, and the General Secretary, Mrs. McDonnell, both talked of the work, and very great interest was manifested by all. The hats worn by the officers of the Board, and which were made by the class in millinery, were passed around and much admired. The King's Messenger was spoken of and received its meed of praise. Miss Haskin was asked to take the names of subscribers. A better equipment and a cottage were spoken of as the great need of the Mission Home.

Miss Bruce, Superintendent of Cuban work, was present and gave an account of the school under her care. All are doing good work; 529 have been enrolled this year in Ybor City, Tampa and Key West. Miss Bruce has been amid all her other labors acquiring the Italian language that she might reach a colony of Italians. The need of a day nursery was so pressing that an offering was made by some of the Board and \$300 was raised in a few moments. This will be sufficient to build the small house necessary. Miss Bennett, as Superintendent, made a report of the Mountain work. The London School has an enrollment of 239, and the normal class more than 70. These normal students are the district school teachers, and so our influence is extended through them to perhaps 3000 children and young people. The boys' dormitory is to be built this year. The Bervard School has made a fine beginning with 104 students. This new work is of great promise. The report of the Paine Annex as read by the Secretary shows that work to be meeting a great need among the colored girls; 137 have come under instruction in laundry and sewing and cooking. The religious development has been most marked. Some one said this was the most selfish of our institutions, because there was nothing we so much needed as good servants. Miss Ellen Young, who is in charge, is doing a great work for her sisters. A library is needed very badly, and as Miss Bennett spoke of this several books were promised and next year will see them better supplied.

Dr. Pope used the devotional hour in talking and reading Scriptures on "Introducing a Soul to Christ." He showed how helpful the little tracts were, and gave many practical suggestions of just how to meet the objections and queries that come from those we would lead to Christ. Philip said to Nathaniel, "Come and see."

Monday night Dr. Reid gave an address on "Our Foreign Population." He told us of the great influx of Japanese this past year, 2,900 having landed at San Francisco and 1,172 of these are from provinces where our Church has mission headquarters. We have now two Japanese Churches.

Tuesday we had a report on literary and a short time was given to discussing this pertinent question and to personal testimony. We have a list of 2,997 known tithers, but North Texas alone should have that number. Mrs. Hammond, Editor of Leaflets, was not with us on account of ill

health. This we very much regretted and a telegram was sent to her and to our dear Mrs. W. H. Johnson.

Dr. Pope's subject for Tuesday was "Wide Open Doors." He was not speaking of a Church's opportunity, but of personal work and of the way in which the Holy Spirit would lead us if we would only listen to him to enter many unexpected doors leading out to larger usefulness and leading into many lives. In the afternoon the Workers' Conference was entered into heartily, and many practical plans were suggested. A question box was used to bring out helpful ideas and to clear up some difficulties.

Tuesday night the City Mission work was reported by missionaries and Presidents of City Boards of Missions. This was a very interesting meeting and gave us a real insight into this gracious work. The evening was not half long enough to hear from 17 cities, and about 75 workers, who have gone into 12,300 homes and conducted four day nurseries, eight kindergartens, 15 industrial schools, six night schools, nine boys' clubs, two girls' clubs, seven mothers' clubs, one young woman's club, six Sabbath-schools and one Door of Hope. Part of Wednesday morning had to be used in these reports, and then began reports of committees.

Dr. Pope conducted the devotional hour Wednesday; the subject was, "Relation of Prayer to Personal Work." "More things are wrought by prayer than the world wots of." These addresses were all very thoughtful and practical and will prove a great blessing.

We found it impossible to finish on Wednesday and had to go on until Thursday afternoon. It is impossible to give you anything but a faint outline of this meeting and just a hint of the feast enjoyed. After a charming display of pyrotechnics of wit and pleasantry, Montgomery, Alabama, was chosen as the next place of meeting. Several committees and Superintendents were elected, but very few changes were made. The good-byes were reluctantly said, and we all went our different ways determined by God's help to do more and better work.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
First Vice-President.

Dodd City, Texas.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting W. H. M. Society of the Northwest Texas Conference will be held at Clarendon, May 31st, June 1, 2 and 3. All auxiliaries are urged to send delegates, as the rates secured should make it possible for each auxiliary society to be represented.

Please send delegates' names to Mrs. J. M. Clower, Clarendon, Texas.
MRS. A. B. HONEYCUTT, Pres.
MRS. FLORA N. HEY, Cor. Sec.

For the above occasion the principal railway lines centering into Ft. Worth have agreed to make the low rate of one and one-tenth fares for the round trip. (This does not mean rates on the certificate plan, but you must purchase a regular round-trip ticket.) Ask your ticket agents for tickets authorized under this rate.

The Ft. Worth & Denver Railway has two daily trains leaving Ft. Worth for Clarendon, scheduled to leave at 9:45 a. m. and 8:40 p. m.

In consequence of the very low rate it is to be hoped that all who can will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending. MRS. W. H. PURCELL,
Chairman Transportation Com.
Cleburne, Texas.

NOTICE.

All officers, delegates and visitors expecting to attend the annual meet-

ing W. F. M. Society. West Texas Conference, to be held in Austin, June 9-12, will please send their names to Mrs. Jefferson Johnson, 203 E. 9th Street, Austin, that homes may be assigned them. Also, where possible, state at what hour and on what train you may be expected.

MRS. E. C. NICHOLS, Pres.
San Antonio, Texas.

To West Texas W. H. M. Workers:

After June 1 all communications to me should be addressed to San Angelo, Texas.
MRS. T. F. SESSIONS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual meeting Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Conference, Corsicana, Texas, June 21-24.

We extend a cordial invitation to delegates and visitors to attend this meeting. All names should be sent to Mrs. J. W. David, or to Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Corsicana, Texas.

CITY MISSION BOARD, DALLAS.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held at the Settlement Home, corner Collin and Magnolia Streets, the President, Mrs. L. H. Potts, in the chair. The routine business was transacted, the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. S. D. Thurston, showing total collections for the month to be \$105.83, and total disbursements \$94.14.

The city missionary, Miss Estelle Haskin, recently returned from the annual meeting of the General Home Mission Board of the Southern Methodist Church, held in Kansas City, Missouri, made an encouraging report of the work under charge of the General Board. The pleasing information was also received that Miss Haskin has been reappointed by that Board to city mission work in Dallas.

The most important item of business of the monthly meeting was a decision to buy a lot on which to build the new and permanent quarters for the Settlement Home. A member of a real estate firm of the city was present, and to him was entrusted the purchase of the lot, subject to approval of the Executive Committee or the City Mission Board.

MRS. W. H. HOWELL,
Reporter for the Board

NOTICE.

To the Members of the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference: We have secured rates for the annual meeting at McKinney June 4-8, inclusive, the rate to be one and one-third fare for round trip on all roads over which our delegation will travel, namely, H. & T. C., Cotton Belt, M. K. & T., Santa Fe Ry. Co., Texas Midland, Fort Worth & Denver Road, T. & P. and T. & N. O. We have also received copy of letter or order from Santa Fe Railroad in which they state children's rates will be one-half of adult rate, adding 2½ cents when necessary to make rate end in 0 or 5. This rate applies to children of five and under twelve years of age. So lady managers will please take notice and ask for the children's rate also, as it is supposed the orders from the other roads are the same. We hope to have many juveniles in attendance and a large delegation of adults. The railroad officials have been very kind and prompt and we appreciate their courtesy to the fullest extent, and pray God's richest blessings on them for their contribution toward the cause of missions.

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN,
Plano, Texas. Pres. Conf. So.

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building standing now that was erected then. This was the terminus of the H. & T. C. Railroad at that time. Fourteen years ago I came presenting a different commodity. The Church was not suitable to hold our meeting in—used a tent. Many who were converted then are working in our present meeting. Bro. Follin, the pastor of our Church then, is now in heaven; also Bro. Mason Cole, at whose home we were so hospitably entertained. The city of Bryan has undergone many changes. Bro. Shettles, the pastor of last four years, built a magnificent church with all modern improvements. Dr. Bells, the present pastor, is a transfer from California. (With these two men they certainly had the long and short of it here). You all know Shettles. I am a big man compared with Dr. Bells—see? With his management this has proven to be one of our most delightful meetings in every respect. Our charge here is well pleased with the new transfer. He is well able to grace any charge in Texas. Sister Bells is not one whit behind. The ladies pronounce her a charming woman and accomplishing much in the Church societies. If California has any more such fruit, let them ship them down. Our home is with Mr. Ed Hall and family, which consists of wife and Baby Francis, and if I pass this way again, I will turn in thither. Hear me! Our meeting has resulted in many conversions and reclamations, who joined the various Churches in the city. I open up on the 27th in the big missionary tabernacle at Waco. From the ads they have given me they expect me to reproduce the interest and enthusiasm of all those big men and crowds who assembled there on May 2.

Clayton Circuit.

J. R. Ritchie, May 21: After three very pleasant and, I trust, profitable years at Hemphill, I was read out at the last session of the Texas Conference for Clayton Circuit. We arrived here the last of December and found the charge in a somewhat discouraged condition. But I believe the work is taking on new life. The stewards fixed the preacher's salary at \$400 and made a good report at first Quarterly Conference in answering question 8. Up to date we have had nineteen accessions to the Church, paid off an old church debt, placed a bell on our church at Clayton, and are taking some steps towards building a parsonage, which we expect to have completed by fall. Last Sunday was a great day for us at Wesley's Chapel. The occasion was the dedication of our new church at that place. Between 8 and 9 o'clock a. m. the people began to pour in from all points of the compass, and by 11 o'clock there were at least 1,000 people assembled to hear the great sermon which was delivered in the Spirit's power by Rev. J. T. McClure, of Timpson. At the close of the sermon the officials presented the church to Bro. McClure to be dedicated to the service of God. After the service was over the great crowd gathered around the table which was groaning under its load of good things and there ate until their appetites were fully satisfied. At 2:30 p. m. the congregation again assembled for children's service, which was conducted by Bro. T. S. Garrison, of Timpson. It was truly a treat to listen to the well-rendered addresses delivered by Bros. McClure and Garrison. At the close of this service Bro. Garrison took up a collection of \$80 to be used in putting the finishing touch on the new church. At night this scribe preached to a good congregation, thus closing the work of a great and profitable day at Wesley's Chapel.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Mabank.

J. O. Peterson, May 18: Our people received us very cordially. The generous pouncing that came soon after our arrival gave tokens of their love and respect. We received many good things, and our flour bin was filled so full that it has not yet been emptied. On one of our trips to Bethel, one of our appointments, a good Methodist brother slipped into our buggy a nice "home-cured ham" and we brought it home with us—but it's not here now. We have some splendid people on Mabank charge. We are praying and hoping for a good year. Our second Quarterly Conference was held April 30 and May 1. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Peterson, was with us and preached us two good sermons, both of which were spiritual and instructive. We were glad to have Bro. Webb, the pastor at Kemp, with us, and he, too, preached us a splendid sermon. We had a good conference and it did us good. All the stewards were present but one, who was kept away on account of sickness, and they brought up the preacher's salary in advance of that of the second quarter

last year. The presiding elder told us that we had the best financial report of the district. We have paid our foreign mission and Orphanage assessments up in full and have paid some on the district parsonage assessment. We received a letter from the Treasurer of the Board of Missions dated May 16, stating that Mabank charge was the first that had paid the foreign mission assessment in full. We are proud of this report, and I want to say for the charge that we expect to pay all our assessments. The Woman's Home Mission Society has canvassed and papered three rooms of the parsonage and carpeted one room, and are now fixing to paint and paper the church. We have built a belfry spire to the church, which was very much needed, and at the cost of about \$135. Everything is moving along very nicely. We have received eighteen into the Church and have dismissed twenty-six. We will commence our protracted meetings next month. We are praying for and expecting many souls to be saved, and the Church to do better work than she has ever done before. Not because of the preacher, but because the older we get the more good we ought to be able to do.

Douglas Mission.

W. T. Gray, May 20: Our second Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past, our P. E., Bro. Casey, was with us and at his best. He preached three fine sermons and administered the Lord's supper. Everybody was pleased with the session of the conference. On the third Sunday we had our children's day services, and everybody said it was the best day they ever saw. There was somewhere between 1,000 and 1,200 people here, and everything went off nicely. We had dinner on the ground and spent the whole day at the church. Everybody was delighted with the way everything went off. It has added greatly to the moral uplift of our town, for which we are very thankful to the Lord. We are getting along all right this year on our work. We have built a parsonage, put an organ in our church at Avery, and organized three Sunday-schools, one prayer-meeting and received fourteen in the Church and dismissed three. The stewards have raised the preacher's salary \$90 over last year. My Sunday-school at Avery paid my way to the Sunday-school Institute at Paris, and my Church at Lydia gave me a twelve-dollar overcoat last winter, that was greatly appreciated, and there have come to our home so many nice things I have not space to mention, but will say it makes us feel under obligations to give these people the best service under God we can. I will mention some nice furniture the girls put in the parsonage: One bedstead and mattress and springs, and two nice rockers. May the Lord ever bless these people and our work.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Willow City.

M. J. Allen: I am helping Bro. W. F. Gibbons at this place in one of the most powerful meetings this country has ever witnessed. Many old feuds that have held for years have been settled. Some fifty converted; thirty-four additions up to date; a number reclaimed and the meeting still goes on. Glory, glory to God! Praise his name! Bro. and Sister Gibbons are much loved.

San Marcos.

P. G. Verduzzo, May 17: We are always glad to read the notes from the different charges, and no doubt the many readers of the Advocate will be glad to hear from our Mexican work at this place. We had a revival here last week. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. R. Mood, was with us, also Rev. J. P. Rodriguez. Both of these men have consecrated their lives to God; we will say that they preached good sermons. Our services were well attended. We must remember that our people are living on farms owned by some Americans that still think more of the cotton fields than of the advancement of God's kingdom. We will say right here that while there may be some that are willing for the poor Mexican man to take his family to Church, they are outnumbered by those that refuse to lend a horse on Sundays. No one but those in charge of Mexican Churches in Texas know the great difficulties that they have to encounter. Let every Christian in Texas do something to help our Mexican people come to a level with their own people. They are living in your towns and are the citizens of the State; then why not treat them right? Let all say a kind word, do some good deed, show that as Christians we are working for the same cause. We are God's children; we must help all those around us. Last Sunday we had children's day service. All the little girls and boys spoke well; they are bright little boys and girls and can learn as well as any one if they are taught. We can accomplish so much if we have some

Fight Fire With Fire! Nature's Decay with Nature's Remedy. FIGHT Nature's Decay with Nature's Remedy. Follow the example of the plain men and use the weapons which nature has placed in your hands! You can't sweep back the tide with a broom. You wouldn't try, nor should you try to resist, to sweep back disease with a bottle of alcohol and sarsaparilla or a package of soda and stras. If your lungs were burning you would not fight the flames with a bottle of Eau de Cologne, and when YOUR INTERNAL HOUSE, the dwelling place of your life, your vitality, is burning and being destroyed by the ravages of wasting, insidious diseases, it is just as foolhardy to attempt to check the flames, to stop the destruction, with a sweet-tasting, sweet-smelling pill, tablet or compound made to sell and to sell only. Nature has provided a cure for your ills, has combined the subtle elements of IRON, SULPHUR, and MAGNESIUM, elements which are to the fires of disease in the system as is the fireman's hose to the burning building, and combined them in a manner of her own which man's inventive and creative genius has been unable to duplicate or counterfeit. She placed it in the ground where it was found, for what purpose, if not to relieve and cure the ills of mankind. You can test it, can judge for yourself, and NEED NOT RISK a cent to do it. It is different from all others and can be offered in a different way, a way that "sellers of medicines" dare not duplicate. If you are sick and tired of quacks, sick of doing yourself day after day, with each sunrise finding no change in your condition, if you are sick of being imposed upon, try this natural curing and healing ore. IT WILL NOT FAIL YOU. Read our special offer.

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one that will take the trouble to teach the children. By teaching the little ones to sing, it will make them come to our Sunday-school; their parents come to hear them sing, and in this way our Church will always be full of people that come to hear God's word preached. Our church at this place is well fixed, and we have bought new seats. Our good Brother W. J. Joyce bought ten benches for us, and we are happy to say that since he gave them to us they have always been occupied at every service. This is a large charge, as we have to visit Seguin, Luling, Kingsbury, Kyle and San Marcos; so you see that the preacher in charge is always on the road visiting the different places. There is much interest manifested in all the circuit. We are making preparations to hold a camp meeting at Seguin. We want all our readers to help us with their prayers. We want to see our people converted, but we must have help from those around us. Let us from this day on think less of self and more of others. INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE. Granite, Okla. W. C. Morris, May 17: We have now the prettiest church in Greer County. Mr. C. H. Myers, our Sunday-school superintendent, has just had the church beautifully papered at his own expense, and Mr. K. C. Cox has had the woodwork carefully hardoiled. We also have a fine new organ, which the League intends to pay for. Granite, Okla. W. C. Morris, May 23: Yesterday was a red-letter day for Granite Methodist. I took in fifteen members in the forenoon and five at night, ten of whom are adults, the material being first-class. Nine were baptized. Three were from the M. E. Church, two were Disciples of Christ, one was a Congregationalist and one an Episcopalian. The Rev. J. S. Burke, of Rusk, Texas, and Mr. Clay Bentley, of Lamar County, Texas, Cumberland Presbyterian evangelists, closed a meeting of great power here a week ago. My people cooperated heartily. Fifteen of the twenty converts united with us. Bro. Burke is sound in his methods and teachings, and has a wonderful gift of narration. Bro. Bentley is a splendid choir manager. Both men are lovable and made hosts of friends here. Thursday night, after choir practice, we had our second storming, in which we were the recipients of many good things. So far there have been eleven conversions and forty-six additions on this charge. I thank God and take courage. Church Pews Wanted. Who can supply me with church pews, seating capacity of about two hundred? Address, E. L. Silliman, Woodbine, Texas.

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BEAGLE.—Rev. John A. Beagle, D. D., son of John and Eliza Beagle, was born at Flag Springs, Ky., in 1844, and died at Franklin, Texas, March 15, 1904. His parents came to this country from Scotland and were among the early settlers of Kentucky. They were of the old Methodist type and were very religious. They were blessed with four sons, three of whom became ministers of the gospel. John A. Beagle, the subject of this sketch, was converted and joined the Methodist Church at the age of seventeen. At his time of life for a young man to acquire an education meant much hard labor and self-sacrifice. This he was more than willing to make, and having a mind quick of perception he soon acquired a sufficient knowledge of the English branches to enable him to teach school, which he did that he might be enabled thereby to continue his work at college. By hard work and persistent effort he succeeded in securing for himself a good education. As a teacher he was sought after and was secured to take charge of a school in Illinois. It was while teaching this school that he felt keenly the call to preach the gospel, and was licensed by a Quarterly Conference of which Rev. M. R. Janes was presiding elder. This was September 27, 1863. He was admitted on trial in the Illinois Conference that same fall. He was received into full connection and ordained deacon by Bishop George F. Pierce October 16, 1870. He was ordained elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire in 1874, and was transferred from Illinois to the Missouri Conference and was stationed at Gallatin, where he labored four years, and was then sent to Chillicothe, where he remained two years. He was stationed at Fulton one year; Columbia, two years; Richmond, four years; Hannibal, two years; Liberty, one year; Weston, two years; Moberly, one year; St. Joseph, two years; Charleston, two years. It was here that his health failed him and thinking a warmer climate would restore to him his health he was transferred by Bishop Hendrix to the East Texas Conference and stationed at State Line Church in Texarkana, where he remained two years. He was then sent to Crockett Station, where he remained two years and was sent to Jefferson and at the close of his second year the East Texas and Texas Conferences having been united by the General Conference, held their first session at Crockett, from which conference he was appointed by Bishop Hendrix to Franklin Station. This was his last charge. He had entered upon his second year, having been appointed by Bishop Duncan at our last session which was held at Bryan. As was our brother's custom, he began at once to plan for the year's work, and his plans were well laid, and he was working to them when the summons came. He had just closed a good revival in his Church, which was the very last work he did. Dr. Beagle was confined to his bed for nearly a month and his sufferings were great, but not a word of complaint was heard from his lips. It was the writer's good fortune to be with him the last weeks of his earthly life, and I have never witnessed a more triumphant death than his. At times he would shout and praise God and say, "The Lord is overpowering me with his presence. He comes without my asking; praise His name." What a comfort to him to know that his work had not been in vain. He said: "I have seen thousands of souls converted and I have been blessed of God in raising much money for the Church." For hours at a time he would repeat the promises of God and the old Wesleyan hymns. Calling the writer to his bed one day, he said: "Tell my brethren that the Lord makes all my bed in my sickness." He died well because he had lived well. Dr. Beagle was far above the ordinary as a thinker and preacher. There was no effort at display; his aim was to preach the gospel. This he did, and did it well. He was scholarly, logical and eloquent. For a number of years he was President of the Board of Education of the Missouri Conference and was largely instrumental in putting our schools of that conference on the broad and solid basis that they now enjoy. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him in his early ministry by Illinois College, at Salem, Ill. In 1877 he was happily married to Miss Hanna Waples, of Liberty, Mo. To them were born three daughters,

two of whom, together with the mother, survive him; the other daughter had gone before and was waiting to welcome father home. To the sorrowing wife who stood so faithfully by our brother for twenty-seven years and shared largely all his burdens and helped him in all the great work of life, and to the daughters, who have so well reflected the good influence of a religious home, we extend our deepest sympathy and commend them to the same God who gave so much comfort to husband and father in his last days. R. A. BURROUGHS.

MATTHEWS.—There are many throughout Texas who mourn the death of Anna Chreitzberg Matthews. Her life touched many lives and all of them helpfully. She was born at Georgetown, Texas, May 31, 1874; was graduated from Southwestern University in 1893, and was married to her childhood sweetheart, Jacob Matthews, June 18, 1901. When all hope of recovery was gone she was carried to her old home in Georgetown, and there breathed her last on April 22, 1904. She was the only daughter of Judge B. E. Chreitzberg, deceased, and Mrs. B. P. Chreitzberg, to whose toil and sacrifice in its early years Southwestern University is much indebted. Her Grandfather Chreitzberg is a Methodist minister in high esteem in South Carolina. Her Grandmother Perkins is rounding out a life full of good works in Chappell Hill, Texas. With such parents and such ancestry it was natural that Anna's thoughts should turn early to religion, and she gave her heart to God when eleven years of age and joined the M. E. Church, South. So perfect has been her Christian life that it left its impress on all who met her. I never heard her name mentioned without some tribute to her lovely character being added. Comforter and helper to her mother, little mother as well as sister to her brothers, helpmeet indeed to her husband, unselfish to her friends, thoughtful always of others before herself, cheerful under all circumstances, life was made better and happier by this sweet, Christian girl. She was much in our home and we called her my mother's favorite child, but she was the favorite of all of us. The affection between my sister and her was rare and beautiful. Affliction came when life was brightest and sweetest with a devoted husband and beautiful baby girl, but she never murmured, nor questioned God's goodness. For two years she fought death bravely for the sake of her loved ones—so bravely and cheerfully that I could not help speaking wonderingly to her about it. Smilingly she answered: "What is the use to worry?" Bro. Wootton, the pastor at San Angelo, where she spent last winter, wrote of her: "She was always so resigned and even cheerful under her affliction that it was helpful to visit her. I am sure I received more benefit from her sweet, gentle, Christ-like spirit than she did from me." Her will was lost in God's. When she knew the end was near she seemed to grow perfectly happy. She told her husband and mother that there was a mansion prepared for her and she would soon be there. At times she would say, "Glory, Hallelujah!" Rev. W. L. Nelms, said of the scene: "When I entered that room I never thought of prayer. There was no occasion for it. The victory had been won." Her last words were: "Not my will, but thank God." After an interval of unconsciousness she turned her head to one side and was not, for God took her. We laid her body to rest covered with the flowers she loved so well and returned home to miss her more and more as the days go by. God make us willing to bear the pain that she may have the glory. BELLE G. RAGSDALE. Dallas, Texas.

PETTY.—Sister Sophronia Petty was born in Alabama; raised in Mississippi and Alabama. She married when only 16 years of age; moved to Texas seven years later and settled near Petty, Texas, which was named for them. In 1860 she lived in Wichita County, where she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Bro. Riddle. She testified in public and private to her experience of a saving personal faith in Christ. Her last intelligible sentence was to her daughter after a prayer: "I can't pray much longer; you will soon have to pray for yourselves." To me she said it was well with her soul at the time of a pastoral visit just before her last sickness. We buried her at Forest Hill Cemetery May 2, 1904. She suffered a great deal during her sickness of four weeks with the grip. She was 72 years old. She had her trials and her sorrows, but was sustained by her faith after conversion. She was a devoted mother, a kind neighbor, a lover of the Church and her Savior. She leaves seven children, who feel their loss. May the Father sustain and lead them to the mother's home. M. P. HINES.

GUFFIN.—Mrs. Euna Guffin (nee Williams) was born June 5, 1885, and passed triumphantly to heaven March 29, 1904. She was united in marriage to Henry Guffin December 13, 1900. In the summer of 1896, in Altus, Okla., she was happily converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. I. N. Crutchfield. Until the day of her death she lived an exemplary Christian life. A husband, mother and brother, besides an infant girl, Gladys, are left behind. She knew for some while that the time of her departure was at hand, and said repeatedly that she was ready to go. The chamber of death was the antechamber of heaven to Euna. She opened her eyes once and declared she heard the angels singing "Whiter Than Snow." After this she repeated and sang these words, and the song of which they are a part. Subsequently she sang "Ready To Go," "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Just As I Am," and at times clapped her hands and shouted "glory to God." Her husband and brother were earnestly entreated to repent and meet her in heaven. The sustaining grace of God was so abundant that during a painful surgical operation she broke forth in song again, this time singing "In the Sweet By and By." With uplifted hand she said, "O Lord, let me die easy." These were her last words, and God, who loves to answer prayer, graciously granted the request. May the God of all grace bring all the loved ones to a happy reunion in the glory world. W. S. P. McCULLOUGH.

HALL.—Thos. J. Hall was born in Gibson County, Ind., May 4, 1836, and died at Wills Point, Texas, May 7, 1904. He was converted in early manhood, joined the Church and ever afterwards lived a devoted Christian life. He served his country as a soldier during the war between the States, and during that time contracted a disease from which he was ever afterward a sufferer. He bore his afflictions with much Christian fortitude. In his last years he was an almost continual sufferer, often suffering excruciating pain. He bore his afflictions patiently, often speaking of the time when he would reach that heavenly clime, where sickness, pain and suffering would be no more. He was married to Mary E. Braselton April 9, 1864. After this he moved to Texas, then returned to Indiana; from thence he moved to Arkansas, and from there he returned to Texas, where he lived until May 7, 1904, when God said, "It is enough; come up higher." S. W. LOWE, P. C.

JONES.—Death angels visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and took from them little William Erfin. He was born October 8, 1903, and died May 14, 1904. He was sick but a short time when God took him to himself. O how he will be missed; he was unusually bright and the pet of the family. Dear father and mother, cheer up as best you can, though the light of your home is gone; he is safe in the arms of Jesus; free from sorrow. Let your hope mingle with your sorrow and cause you to look forward to a better world than this, where little Erfin will be first to welcome you. LONE OAK, TEXAS. BETTIE ZUBER.

POWELL.—Mrs. Sallie, the wife of D. G. Powell, departed this life May 12, 1904; was 36 years old; had been a member of the Methodist Church at Huckabay for several years; in early life professed faith in Christ and was faithful unto the end. She leaves six children—four boys and two little girls. The passage over the river was quiet; gently she was wafted over into the eternal peace. We sometimes can't understand why it is that God takes the loved ones away and leaves our homes desolate, but we only see through a glass darkly. In the great eternity we shall see face to face. Then we can see that God doeth all things well. MATTHEW C. DICKSON.

DAVIDSON.—Miss Mary Davidson was born in North Carolina July 5, 1872. Her parents came to Texas when she was one year old. Her mother died when she was three years old. Her father married again and gave her to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tilow in 1887. She was converted at Buffalo Campground. She departed life October 7, 1903. This writer preached her funeral service at Center Point Church to many weeping friends. The last year of her life she read her Bible every day. No one can fill the vacant chair; no one can fill her place in your hearts. It will be a blessed recollection that she grew up to love and be loved by those who will ever so tenderly cherish her sweet and pure memory. She was a noble Christian girl. Let us be faithful and after a while we will sweep through the pearly gates into the paradise of glory and meet her again. H. T. HART.

SHEPARD.—Sister Sarah Jane Shepard was born January 16, 1836; was married in 1852; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, about 1856. She with her husband settled in Gunsight, Stephens County, Texas, in 1879, and died in great peace February 28, 1904. She is resting from her labors and her works will follow her. She was one of those who have endured the hardships of the frontier life without murmuring, one of the heroes of the Confederacy who fought the home battles, staying by the staff. But now the battles are all over and she is resting under the shade of the trees. We would say to the sorrowing ones, weep not, but press on to meet her on the other shore. B. R. WAGNER.

JONES.—Mrs. Cora Jones, wife of M. P. Jones, died at her home near Butler, Okla., March 12, 1904. On August 18, 1871, God sent her to bless the home of Benj. F. and A. J. Kiker. She was a devoted daughter and a loving sister. On October 9, 1890, she was married to M. P. Jones. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when a little girl and lived a true Christian life. She leaves a husband and five little children, a father, mother, three brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss. Weep not, dear ones, she has only outstripped you in the race for the heavenly land. She is sleeping the quiet, peaceful rest and will never suffer again. O what a sweet thought, rest, friends and loved ones, heaven and home. When we gathered round to take a last look at one so dear, her little children would put their little hands on her forehead and say good-bye, mamma; we will meet you again. O God, help us to look up. A skilled physician and loved ones did all that could be done, but of no avail. She quietly passed away and is now waiting to welcome us who are coming some time. Bro. Moss Weaver preached her funeral in the M. E. Church, South, at Butler to more people than could get in the house, and we laid her to rest, just as the sun was setting in the West, in the Butler Graveyard. HER LOVING SISTER.

ELY.—Bro. L. W. Ely was born in Lee County, Virginia, January 13, 1829. He was married to Miss Laura Page, August 2, 1853. To them were born fourteen children, nine boys and five girls, twelve of whom still live to mourn their loss. He moved from Virginia to Georgia in 1852, and from Georgia to Texas in 1882. He went home from Ely, Texas, May 11, 1904. He passed away praising the Lord. He was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, near Whitewright, Texas, in the presence of a large concourse of weeping friends and relatives. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Spragins and the writer. Bro. Ely was a devoted father and husband. He lived in the Church for more than fifty years. He raised a religious family. His children are all members of the Church. Two and the father have gone home to God; twelve and the mother are following after. He has one son in the ministry, Rev. R. L. Ely, now on Gober charge, North Texas Conference. But few men leave such a blessing to the world. All his sons are strong men in the Church. He lived and died in the Lord, rests from his labors and his works follow him. He served four years in the Southern army under R. E. Lee. May the blessings of heaven rest upon the bereaved wife, twelve children, forty-nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. And may every one of them meet him in the realms of glory. J. R. ATCHLEY.

HUNDLEY.—Little Mildred Arlene, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hundley, was born January 2, 1903, and died April 6, 1904. She completely captured father and mother and the children in the home, after which Jesus called her spirit to its long abode in the skies. If the rosebud had bloomed here it must have of necessity faded here, but now it shall bloom to perpetual fragrance, beauty and life in the garden above. We so often appear anxious to know what infants will be in heaven when it is likely they will be the greatest characters there. Their growth and development is in the other world and is unobstructed by sin. Sin has never nor will it ever help any to good. Those of us who have grown up into God our living head have done so despite evil. Therefore those who struggle with the wicked one for years can have no advantage that I can see over the infant passing immediately into the realms of glory and into the perfect conditions of spiritual achievements. God will do what is right about them and you need not expect them to be as you saw them last. Little Mildred will be all that God wants her to be and that that will be enough. May the consolation of the Gospel of Christ be with the bereaved ones for the little spirit gone. J. T. GRISWOLD, Pastor.

HARRINGTON.—Mrs. Mary Harrington was born at Carlisle, Pa., August 30, 1821, and died at Cameron, Texas, February 24, 1904. She was twice married; first to John Carothers in 1843. A few years later they moved to Peru, Ill., where her husband died in 1853. In 1860 she was married to Stephen F. Harrington, and for many years they lived happily together, when she was again left a widow. After Mr. Harrington's death the widow came to Cameron, Texas, where she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Stafford, till death released her. Sister Harrington lived and labored a consistent and useful member of the Church for more than sixty years. Her house was always a home for the preachers, young and old, and the precious memories of these heroes of the earlier days of Methodism were to her in her latter days a perpetual delight. She was guileless, holy, harmless and worshiped God without cant or hypocrisy. She was a perfect Christian and knew it not—the salt of the earth. She leaves behind her three sons and one daughter—L. W. and J. D. Carothers, of Saltillo, Mexico; Geo. H. Carothers, of Newton, Kan., and Mrs. T. C. Stafford, of Cameron, Texas. Her name is as ointment poured forth, and her reward is eternal life. J. L. MASSEY.

CONLEY.—Fred W. Conley was born in North Carolina Aug. 29, 1828; moved with his parents to Georgia when only three years old and there spent his boyhood days. In 1852 he moved to Texas, and has spent most of these years in Hopkins County. He was converted in 1860 and joined the Methodist Church, where he lived a faithful, consistent life until his death, which occurred at Evans Point, Texas, March 1, 1904. For over twenty years Bro. Conley served the Church as steward and ever met the arduous responsibilities of this office faithfully and lovingly. Nothing but a providential hindrance would keep him from the Quarterly Conference and his brethren always expected to see his face in the congregation. His home was the preacher's home and many an itinerant has found rest in the warm, friendly atmosphere underneath his roof. He was married three times and God blessed his fireside with eleven children, three of whom preceded him to the better land. Bro. Conley was a faithful Christian, a true husband, a loving father. God honored his life by calling one of his sons to preach the gospel and another has taken his father's place as steward. May God's blessings rest upon his widow and eight children, whose hearts are most broken, and some sweet day may they form an unbroken family in heaven. C. R. GRAY.

MARTIN.—Hassie Gertrude Martin, daughter of Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Joanna Martin, was born in Hopkins County Aug. 24, 1892. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in August, 1903, and departed this life March 4, 1904. Her mother and her sister had preceded her to the land of rest just a few months. She was an obedient and dutiful child and until the time of her death was her father's little housekeeper. They miss her so much in the home circle, but our Father, who doeth all things well and who is too wise to err, saw best to call her home. She is now with her loved ones, in a land free from all sorrow and pain. We know not what temptations might have come to her here, but we do know that she is happy now and ever will be. She has gone to behold her Father's face and to dwell with the innumerable hosts whose robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. We extend to the grief-stricken loved ones our deepest sympathies and shall pray that God will sustain them by His grace and lead them by His Spirit to a happy reunion where they will never say good-bye. C. B. FLADGER.

TEEL.—Sarah Tinsley (Grandma) Teel was born in Jackson County, Tennessee, November 15, 1825; married to William Teel April 3, 1845. They moved to Texas in their early married life and have lived in this community all these years. Her husband has long since gone to his reward. On May 13, 1904, she too, after a long siege of suffering, passed away. To this happy union there was born nine children, two of whom preceded her to the better world. The remaining seven are loyal to Christ and the Church. She has over 100 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and most of them are noble Christian boys and girls. Grandma was converted and joined the Church at the age of 12. I have never known a more loyal Church member. She said she loved all her preachers and she showed it in every possible way. We extend our deepest sympathies to the much loved children and relatives of this departed saint. Your mother has wrought well and died sweetly. She is in heaven now awaiting the gathering in of all the family. T. E. BOWMAN.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District-Third Round. West Point cir, June 18, 19. Smithville sta, June 25, 26. Cedar Creek cir, July 2, 3. Eastrop sta, July 16, 17. Elgin sta, July 19, 20. McDade cir, July 23, 24. Manor sta, July 30, 31. Webberville cir, Aug 6, 7. Manchaca cir, Aug 13, 14. South Austin sta, Aug 14, 15. Hotchkiss Memorial sta, Aug 21, 22. Tenth Street sta, Austin, Aug 27, 28. First Street sta, Austin, Aug 28, 29. J. S. Smith, P. E.

Beeville District-Third Round. Alice, May 29, 30. Beeville, June 1. Rockport and A. P., June 25, 26. Lavernia, July 2, 3. Oakville, July 9, 10. Pleasanton, July 16, 17. Berclair, at M., July 23, 24. Stockdale, July 30, 31. Kenedy, at C., Aug. 6, 7. S. Spring, at Caddo, Aug 13, 14. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Llano District-Third Round. Blanco, at Live Oak, June 4, 5. Johnson City, at J. C., June 11, 12. Liberty Hill, at Marvin's Ch, June 18, 19. Bertram, at Strickling, June 24, 25. Burnet and Marble Falls, at B, July 2, 3. Sunny Lane, July 9, 10. Kingsland, July 16, 17. San Saba sta, 8 p. m., July 22. San Saba mis, 3 p. m., July 23. Cherokee and Valley Springs, July 30, 31. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Cuero District-Third Round. Hallettsville, at H., 5th Sun May. Nureys, at Terryville, 1st Sun June. Yoakum, at night, 1st Sun June. Shiner, at Sweet Home, 3d Sun June. Port Lavaca, at Traylor C., 4th Sun June. Victoria, Wed. night, June 23. El Campo, at Louise, 1st Sun July. Palacios, at Dew Br., 2d Sun July. Leeville, at Union Camp, 3d Sun July. Rancho, at R., 4th Sun July. Clear Creek, at Seal's C., 5th Sun July. Cuero, Wed., Aug. 3. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Angelo District-Third Round. Paint Rock, at the Hills, 5th Sun May. Water Valley, Grape Creek, 2d Sun May. Ozona, June 19. Goldthwaite, 3d Sun June. Lampasas, June 23. Lometa, at Clayton, June 25, 26. Mico, June 29. Mason, at Bethel, July 2, 3. Brady sta, July 4. Milburn, at Bethel, July 9, 10. Pontotoc, at Couch Chapel, July 16, 17. Brady cir, at Carrol Colony, July 21. Center City, at Big Valley, July 23. Sterling City, at Stiles, July 31. Sonora, Aug. 3. Menardville, at Long Mt., 1st Sun Aug. Junction City, at Copperas, 2d Sun Aug. J. D. Scott, P. E.

Northwest Tex. Conference. Dublin District-Second Round. Huckabay, at Corinth, May 28, 29. Granbury, at Granbury, p. m., May 30. Glen Rose, June 1. Bluffdale, June 4, 5. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Brownwood District-Second Round. Blanket, at ... May 28, 29. Brownwood ... June 4, 5. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Vernon District-Third Round. Quanah sta, May 28, 29. Chillicothe cir, June 4, 5. Wellington mis, June 10. Wellington sta, June 11, 12. Childress cir, June 18, 19. Childress sta, June 25, 26. Munday cir, July 2, 3. Seymour cir, July 9. Spring Creek mis, July 9. Seymour sta, July 9, 10. Crowell cir, July 16, 17. Vernon sta, July 23, 24. Matarador cir, July 30, 31. Paducah mis, August 6, 7. Vernon cir, August 13, 14. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Abilene District-Third Round. Clairmont mis, at Jayton, June 12, 13. Haskell mis, at Marcy, June 16. Anson, at A. Ch., June 18, 19. Spring Creek, at Fairview, June 19, 20. Stamford, June 25, 26. Putnam, at Piggah, July 2, 3. Big Springs, at Piggah, July 9, 10. Colorado mis, at Iatan, July 12. Haskell sta, July 16, 17. Merkel and Caps, July 21. Buffalo Gap, July 23, 24. Gail, at Light, July 28. Snyder and Dunn, July 30, 31. Colorado sta, July 31, Aug 1. Midland, Aug 2. Truby, at Nugent, Aug. 6, 7. Sweetwater and Roscoe, Aug 11. Roby cir, Aug 13, 14. Sweetwater mis, Aug 16. Merkel cir, Aug 19. Baird, Aug 20, 21. Clyde cir, Aug 23. Abilene, Aug 27, 28. Lynn and Terry mis. E. A. Smith, P. E.

Fort Worth District-Third Round. Mulkey Memorial, May 28, 29. Missouri Avenue, June 12, 13. Trinity, June 12. Riverside, June 15. First Church, June 19, 20. Arlington, June 25, 26. Other appointments to follow later. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

San Marcos District-Third Round. Luling, at Soda Springs, 2d Sun June. San Marcos, 3d Sun June. Dripping Springs, at Fitzhugh, 4th Sun June. Buda, at Lytton Spring, 1st Sun July. Belmont, at Nixon, 2d Sun July. Pleasant Grove, at Martindale, 3d Sun July. Kyle, 4th Sun July. Staples, at Harris' Chapel, 5th Sun July. Filmon, at Clarke's Chapel, 1st Sun Aug. Lockhart, 2d Sun Aug. Gonzales, 3d Sun Aug. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Clarendon District-Third Round. Clarendon, May 28, 29. Canyon City, May 29. Memphis, at Union Hill, June 4, 5. Amarillo, June 11, 12. Tulla, at Hart, June 18, 19. Plainview, June 22. Hale Center, June 23. Lubbock, at Block 20, June 25, 26. Floydada, at Bethel, June 28, 30. Dickson, at Waks, July 4, 5.

Lockney, at Mellor, July 6. Silverton, at Red Hill, July 9, 10. Catalina, at River Side, July 16, 17. Alanreed, at Heald S. H., July 18. Stratford, at Huff's Chapel, July 23, 24. Dalhart, July 27. Channing, July 28. Dumas, at Palo Duro S. H., July 30, 31. Canadian, at Miami, Aug. 6, 7. Higgins, at Second Creek, Aug. 9, 10. Hereford, Aug. 13, 14. Hereford mis, Aug. 15, 16. Rowe, Aug. 20, 21. James M. Sherman, P. E.

San Antonio District-Third Round. Cotulla and Millett, at M., 5th Sun May. Uvalde, 2d Sun June. Del Rio, 3d Sun June. Eagle Pass 4th Sun June. Carrizo Springs cir, at Dilley, 1st Sun July. Bexar cir, at Bexar, 2d Sun July. Hondo and Devine, at D., 3d Sun July. Pearsall, at Buck Horn, 4th Sun July. Utopia cir, at Leakey, 5th Sun July. Moore cir, at Big Foot, 1st Sun Aug. West End, 11 a. m., 2d Sun Aug. South Heights and South Flores St., 8 p. m., 2 Sun Aug. Laredo, 3d Sun Aug. Travis Park, 11 a. m., 4th Sun Aug. Prospect Hill, 8 p. m., 4th Sun Aug. Sherman Street, Aug. 31. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

Gatesville District-Third Round. Meridian, 1st Sun June. McGregor, 2d Sun June. Crawford, at Osage, 4th Sun June. Others later. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Weatherford District-Third Round. Aledo, at Annetta, June 18, 19. First Church, June 25. Coats Memorial, June 25. Weatherford mis, at B. Bridge, July 2, 3. Mineral Wells, July 9, 10. Palo Pinto, at Oram, July 12. Millsap, at Breck, July 16, 17. Saxon, at Lipan, July 23, 24. Gordon, etc., at Strawn, July 26. Ranger, at Necessity, July 28. Breckenridge, at Eureka, July 30, 31. Crystal Falls, at Baker, Aug. 2. Peaster, at Poolville, Aug. 6, 7. Whit, etc., at Whit, Aug. 9. Springtown, at Goshen, Aug. 13, 14. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Corsicana District-Third Round. Barry, at Love's Chapel, May 21, 22. Blooming Grove sta, May 28, 29. Brandon, at Brandon, June 11, 12. Front, at Salem, June 18, 19. Dawson, at Harmony, June 25, 26. Blooming G. cir, at Dresden, July 2, 3. Thornton, at Locust Grove, July 9, 10. Cotton Gin, at Cedar Island, July 16, 17. Camp-meeting at Porter's Bluff, July 18-24. Kerens, at Bazette, July 21, 22. Pleasant G., at Lone Prairie, July 24-30. Groesbeck, July 30, 31. Horn Hill, at Central Institute, Aug. 7, 8. Richland, at Pursley, Aug. 13, 14. Armour, at Dover, Aug. 20, 21. Wortham, at Wortham, Aug. 27. Mexia, Aug. 28, 29. Corsicana, First Church, Sept. 3, 4. Corsicana, Twelfth Avenue, Sept. 4, 5. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Dublin District-Second Round. Dublin sta, at Dublin, June 11, 12. DeLeon sta, at DeLeon, June 11, 12. Clairette, at Pleasant Hill, p. m., June 25, 26. Hico sta, at Hico, June 26, 27. Stephenville sta, at S., July 1. Duffau, at Oden Chapel, July 2, 3. Eastland, at Slaton, July 2, 3. Carbon mis, at Alameda, July 9, 10. Cisco, mis, at Bedford, July 16, 17. Cisco sta, at Cisco, p. m., July 17, 18. Carbon and Gorman, at G., July 19. Desdemona, at Victor, July 23, 24. Green's Creek, at G. C., July 25. Morgan Hill, at Sylvan, July 30, 31. Iredell, at Iredell, Aug. 4. Fairly and Lanham, at Lanham, Aug. 6, 7. Bluff Dale, Aug. 13, 14. Huckaby, Aug. 16. Carlton, Aug. 20, 21. Granbury, Aug. 25. Glen Rose, Aug. 27, 28. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Georgetown District-Third Round. Salado cir, at Corn Hill, June 18, 19. Florence cir, at Young's Port, June 25, 26. Rogers cir, at Glorietta, July 2, 3. Holland cir, at Three Forks, July 3, 4. Temple sta, First Church, July 9, 10. Taylor sta, July 9, 11. Belton sta, July 23, 24. Bartlett sta, July 30, 31. N. Georgetown cir, at Summersett, Aug. 6, 7. Georgetown sta, Aug. 13, 14. Temple sta, 7th Church, Aug. 20, 21. Granger cir, at Granger, Aug. 27, 28. Troy cir, at Eddy, Sept. 3, 4. Hutto cir, Sept. 10, 11. Taylor Bohemian mis, Sept. 14. Pendletonville cir, Sept. 17, 18. Moody sta, Sept. 24, 25. J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Texas Conference. Calvert District-Third Round. Rogers Prairie, at Gum Springs, June 3. Centerville, at Evans Chapel, June 4, 5. Leon Mis, at Pleasant Ridge, June 9. Jewett, at Oakwoods, June 11, 12. Hearn and Wheelock, at Mt. Vernon, June 18, 19. Franklin sta, June 27. Franklin cir, at Concord, June 28. Pyburn, at Steward's Mill, July 2, 3. Kosse, at Eureka, July 8. Bremond and Reagan, E., July 9, 10. Brewer, at Union, July 12. Fairfield and Dew, at F., July 16, 17. Calvert sta, July 20, 31. Rosebud sta, Aug. 6, 7. Travis, Aug. 9. Lott and Chilton, at C., Aug. 11. Durango, at Pleasant Valley, Aug. 13, 14. Marlin sta, Aug. 20, 21. Petteway, Aug. 27, 28. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Tyler District-Third Round. Willis Point cir, at Independence, June 21, 22. Willis Point sta, June 25, 26. Canton and Edgewood, at E, June 28. Edom, at Ben Wheeler, July 6. Tyler cir, at Pleasant Retreat, July 9, 10. Emory, at Sabine Pass, July 14. Golden, at Boyd, July 15. Mineola, July 16, 17. Cedar Street, July 17, 18. Big Sandy, at Hawkins, July 22. Grand Saline, July 23, 24. Lindale, at Sabine, July 26. Mt. Sylvan, at Oakland, July 30, 31. White House, at Liberty Hill, Aug. 3. St. Paul's, at Chandler, Aug. 6, 7. Athens, Aug. 13, 14. Malakoff, at Walnut, Aug. 14, 15. Troupe and Overton, at Bethel, Aug. 17. New York, at New Hope, Aug. 19. Meredith, Aug. 20, 21. Marvin, Aug. 27, 28. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Brenham District-Second Round. Caldwell sta, May 28, 29. Mayfield, at Ben Arnold, June 4, 5. Milano, at Gause, June 11, 12. Rockdale, June 13. Chas. F. Smith, P. E. P. O. Cameron, Texas.

Huntsville District-Second Round. Prairie Plains, May 28, 29. Madisonville, June 4, 5. Dodge, at Oakhurst, June 18, 19. Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Marshall District-Second Round. Church Hill, May 28, 29. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

San Augustine District-Second Round. San Augustine, May 28, 29. Clayton cir, June 4, 5. Minden cir, June 11, 12. Carthage sta, June 18, 19. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Palestine District-Second Round. Kennard cir, at Tadmor, May 28, 29. Augusta cir, at Pleasant Grove, June 4, 5. Mt. Seiman cir, at Myrtle, June 11, 12. Alto cir, at Adams Ch, June 18, 19. Rusk sta, June 19, 20. Jacksonville cir, June 25, 26. J. B. Sears, P. E.

Pittsburg District-Second Round. Daingerfield, May 28, 29. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Houston District-Second Round. Wharton, May 29, 30. Cedar Bayou, June 4, 5. District Conference at Richmond May 22-27. Opening sermon Monday night, May 23, by Rev. E. B. Lighthart. The following are the committees: License to Preach-Geo. S. Sexton, Ellis Smith, G. H. Collins. Elder's and Deacon's Orders-S. R. Hay, S. W. Thomas, S. H. Chambers. Admission on Trial-B. W. Allen, A. Methvin, Nathan Powell. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Pittsburg District-Third Round. Linden, at Jones' Chapel, June 3. Atlanta, June 4, 5. Naples, at Hamil's Chapel, June 11, 12. Texarkana, Rose Hill, June 18, 19. Texarkana, State Line, June 19, 20. Winfield, at Winfield, June 25, 26. Mt. Pleasant, June 26, 27. New Boston mis, at Liberty Hill, July 2, 3. New Boston sta, July 3, 4. Musgrove, at Maple Springs, July 6. Leesburg, at Leesburg, July 9, 10. Pittsburg, July 10, 11. Gilmer cir, at Betties, July 16, 17. Gilmer sta, July 17, 18. Quitman, July 23, 24. Canon mis, at Ebenezer, July 30, 31. Queen City, August 6, 7. Dalby, August 13, 14. Redwater, August 20, 21. Daingerfield, at Harris Chapel, August 27, 28. J. T. Smith, P. E.

North Texas Conference. Greenville District-Second Round. Merit, at Dulaney, May 28, 29. Greenville mis, at Kellogg, June 11, 12. Clairette, at Waukele, Wed. June 15. Quinlan, June 18, 19. Wolfe City, Wed. June 22. Lone Oak, June 25, 26. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District-Second Round. Cooper sta, 5th Sun May. Purley cir, at Clopton, 1st Sun June. Sulphur Bluff, at Collier's Ch, 2d Sun June. Yowell, 3d Sun June. Lake Creek, 1st Sun July. Bonanza, 2d Sun July. Klendike, 3d Sun July. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Gainesville District-Second Round. Woodbine, May 28, 29. Montague, 1st Sun June. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Gainesville District-Third Round. Era and E., at B., 2d Sun June. Belcher, at Sp., 2d Sun June. Denton Street, 4th Sun June. Broadway, 4th Sun June. Bonita, 1st Sun July. Dexter, 2d Sun July. St. Jo, 3d Sun July. Marysville, 4th Sun July. Ponder and K., 5th Sun July. Sanger and V. V., 1st Sun Aug. Nocona, 2d Sun Aug. Montague, 2d Sun Aug. Pilot Point, 3d Sun Aug. Aubrey, 3d Sun Aug. Nason mis, at Sun Aug. Rosston, 1st Sun Sept. Woodbine, 2d Sun Sept. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Terrell District-Second Round. College Mound and Elmo, at E, May 28, 29. Crandall, at Crandall, June 4, 5. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Sherman District-Second Round. Van Alstyne, May 28, 29. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

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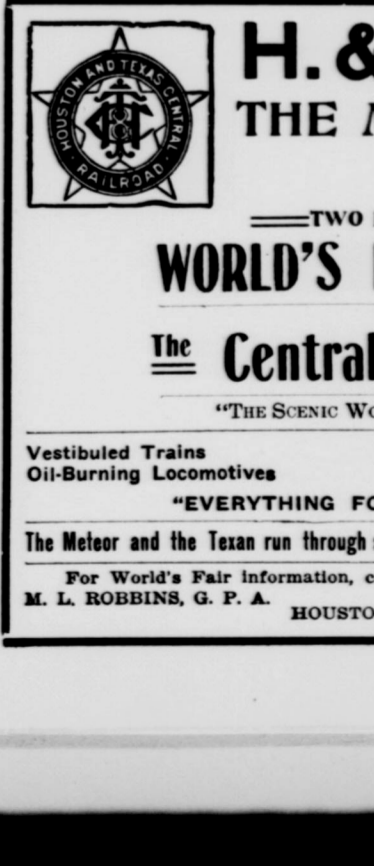
THE COLORADO CHAUTAUQUA ASSEMBLY. Date: July 4th to August 7th, inclusive. Place: Boulder, Colorado, thirty miles north of Denver, August, thirty miles north of Denver, Colorado. Platform Superintendent: Frank G. Tyrrell, D. D., of St. Louis. PARTIAL LIST OF TALENT ENGAGED. Speakers: Sam P. Jones, Frank R. Roberson, Rabbi Leon Harrison, John G. Woolley, Dean Alfred A. Wright, Rev. William A. Quayle, Lou J. Beauchamp, Rev. Eugene May, Toyokichi Iyemaga and many others.

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GREENVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Greenville District Conference convened in our church in this place on the evening of the 22d of April, and with its opening we began our protracted meeting. Bro. J. R. Wages preached the opening sermon, on the "Great Commission." His sermon was both logical and unctuous. And to this standard all the preaching was directed. After Bro. O. S. Thomas closed this profitable and harmonious session we continued the meeting two weeks, closing it May 11.

Bro. E. L. Spurlock, of Celeste, was with us the most of the first week, doing strong preaching and effectual altar work. Then Bro. J. A. Old, of Cooper, came to our aid and did some excellent work, both in the pulpit and the altar services. Bro. G. H. Adams, of Fairlee, was with us part of the time, rendering faithful service in the pulpit and out of it.

Bro. W. F. Clark, of Clark's Chapel, Dallas, was with us for a few days. Having formerly been the pastor of this Church, he was much at home with us. So we turned him loose and he roamed at will. The scene was affecting, and none the less gratifying to see him and his faithful old parishioners meet. Like the war steed, when sniffing the battle, is eager for the fray, so this tried old soldier of the cross threw himself into the meeting with the spirit of youthfulness. His preaching had the old time ring, recalling precious memories of the days gone when we used to be yoke-fellows in revivals. We missed the smiling face and the cheerful voice of his sainted wife; but we know where to find her. To Bro. Clark, this blow came heavy, but leaning on the faith that had so long sustained them together this servant of God staggered not, but with renewed fervor preaches the doctrine of the glorious resurrection.

Bro. F. S. Mitchell, pastor of the C. P. Church in this place, and Bro. J. M. Harder, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church here, were both with us part of the time, and did us good service, each preaching one time. And both did effectual work in the altar and in the congregation.

Our efficient, affable and warm-hearted brother, A. R. England, was at his post throughout the meeting, doing good, earnest preaching and assisting his pastor in keeping up the work on all lines. Happy should be the pastor who is blessed with such a valuable and consecrated helper as he—wise in counsel, rich in experience and fervent in spirit.

The meeting resulted in between fifteen and twenty conversions, seven-teen accessions to the Church, and much good to the Christians.

The Holy Spirit was with us in every service, for which we are devoutly thankful to God, and renew our vows and consecration to the cause of our Redeemer's kingdom.

Our Sunday-school is doing fine work and is spreading itself like the green bay tree under Bro. James' superintendency.

Our young people of the Church are asking for the organization of an Ep-

worth League, and we have already taken steps to this end.

To-day we began the repainting of our beautiful church, and signs point to our prosperity in Church work. To God be all the glory.

J. E. VINSON.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The twenty-ninth session of the Gainesville District Conference is now a matter of history, it having been held at Aubrey, Texas, from May 12 to 15, 1904. Rev. J. A. Stafford, P. E., was present and presided at all the sessions.

Bishop Key had been announced to be with us, but press of duties kept him away, greatly to our disappointment. All the pastors, a few of the local preachers and about one-third of the lay delegates were present.

The good people of Aubrey of all denominations gave us royal and delightful entertainment, and a fine hearing at all the services. The old gospel was preached by the brethren and we trust that it will remain as a precious memory in the minds of all who heard.

Drs. Watkins, Rankin, Boaz, Binkley and Thompson visited and addressed the conference in the interest of the institutions of which they are the representatives. The agent of the Publishing House at Dallas, Mr. Frank Reedy, was with us in the interest of that growing institution in general, but specially to introduce a combination of three excellent books that should be in every Methodist home in Texas, for they will help to make loyal and intelligent Methodists.

A Committee on District Colportage was appointed and we trust the day is not far distant when we will have a live, sensible, energetic and spirit-filled man to travel in this district with books and literature for our people. This is a reading age and if we do not supply our folks with literature somebody else will do it for us.

Minor Bounds and H. H. Goode were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. S. L. Habem was recommended for deacon's orders, and George G. Smith was licensed to preach.

Our next session will be held at Krum.

The following were elected as delegates to the Annual Conference:

- J. F. FARLOW.
- REV. H. W. ISBELL.
- W. L. ZUMWALT.
- R. C. JOHNSON.

Two of our local preachers had died during the year—Revs. W. C. Lovejoy and R. A. Mowery—and the service in their memory was touching and uplifting. The general reports from the various churches indicate active, faithful and consecrated work by our preachers and people. Churches are being built, parsonages improved, revivals held and sinners saved from the curse of sin. In some places there has been a struggle to overcome the worldly spirit in the Church, but we are glad to report that vital godliness is now forging its way into many lives hitherto indifferent and worldly.

FRANKLIN MOORE, Sec'y.
Nocona, Texas.

THE PRESIDING ELDERS AND THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

Pursuant to a previous call, the presiding elders representing the four English speaking conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Texas met in conference with the Board of Trustees of the proposed Episcopal residence for Bishop Hoss in this city at the First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon for the purpose of devising ways and means for the purchase of a site and the erection of the proposed home.

The conference was called to order by Rev. I. W. Clark, and upon nomination Dr. John H. McLean was elected chairman and J. M. Barcus Secretary. The following members were present: Texas Conference: J. B. Sears, J. T. Smith; North Texas Conference, John H. McLean, I. W. Clark, E. H. Casey, J. M. Peterson, C. B. Fladger, O. S. Thomas, F. A. Rosser; Northwest Texas Conference, E. A. Bailey, B. R. Bolton, O. F. Sensabaugh and J. M. Barcus.

Dr. McLean stated the object of the meeting to be to provide ways and means for raising the necessary funds to purchase the said Bishop's residence. Letters sanctioning the object of the meeting were received from the following presiding elders: E. F. Boone, W. H. H. Biggs, E. S. Smith, W. J. Johnson, S. W. Turner, J. M. Sherman and E. W. Solomon.

The best way of raising the desired funds was discussed and it was decided to apportion it out among the different conferences. Dallas, through her lay representative, A. V. Lane, acting as chairman, pledged for Dallas \$3,000 of the proposed \$12,000, and the remaining \$9,000 was apportioned among the different conferences as follows: Northwest Texas Conference, \$3,500; Texas Conference, \$2,000; West Texas Conference, \$1,000; North Texas Conference, independent of Dallas, \$2,500; German Conference, \$200.

The following were appointed a committee to confer with the conference Presidents of the several Home Mission Societies in the State in the matter of furnishing the residence: North Texas Conference, Dr. J. H. McLean; Northwest Texas Conference, J. M. Barcus; West Texas Conference, W. J. Johnson; Texas Conference, J. B. Sears.

The meeting seemed to be very harmonious and the results achieved were doubtless satisfactory and encouraging, every member of the conference having spoken freely on the enterprise. Rev. G. C. Rankin, B. M. Burger and G. W. Owens and Rev. J. T. Smith, members of the Board of Trustees, were present and gave full account of their services in the purchase made.

After adjournment the conference visited the residence contracted for by the Board of Trustees and reported that they were much pleased that arrangements had been made by which it could be secured to the Church.

Regarding the success of the meeting Dr. J. H. McLean said: "This generous action on the part of the city of Dallas relieved the embarrassment that seemed to handicap the purchase originally made, and by subsequent action taken the \$2,100 paid on the original purchase was saved to the Church and the balance of the purchase money due on the residence reduced to \$12,000, the amount assumed by the several conferences. With this action no further difficulty in the enterprise is anticipated. We have every encouragement to believe that the Churches through the State will readily respond with the amounts as above apportioned. All contributions to this fund are requested to remit to the Treasurer, Rev. G. W. Owens, Dallas, Texas, and he will have the names and amounts of the contributors published weekly in the Texas Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Church."

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Commencement exercises of North Texas Female College begin Wednesday, May 25. Recitals in music, art and elocution daily until Sunday, 29th, when the sermon will be preached by Dr. Monk, of Fort Worth. Sermon to undergraduates evening of 29th by Rev. L. S. Barton, of Clarksville, Texas. Alumnae Association Monday morning, 30th. Board of Trustees meet in afternoon. Oratorio at night.

Graduating exercises Tuesday morning, 31st, followed by baccalaureate address by Rev. Dr. John M. Moore, of Dallas. All ministers and Methodists cordially invited.

MRS. LUCY KIDD KEY,
Sherman, Texas.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Thursday, June 2.—8:30 p. m., musical and elocution recital.

Friday, June 3.—10:00 a. m., prize declamations; 3:30 p. m., fitting school declamations; 5 to 7 p. m., art exhibit; 8:30 p. m., alumni address, Rev. A. L. Scales, Jacksboro.

Saturday, June 4.—10:00 a. m., literary address, by Hon. J. H. Kirby,

Houston; 3:30 p. m., junior orations, G. Hartsfield, J. E. Crawford, D. E. Magee, S. M. Black, O. E. Veatch, O. T. Cooper, R. D. Jones, D. C. Johnson, Jim Henry; 8:30 p. m., Brooks prize debate: Resolved, That the history of trade unionism in the United States the last twenty years has shown a tendency detrimental to the general welfare of the country. Alamo, C. L. Bounds, L. B. Newberry, affirmative. San Jacinto, S. M. Black, W. A. Tarver, negative.

Sunday, June 5.—11:00 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, Rev. J. H. McLean, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., sermon to undergraduates, Rev. J. R. Mood.

Commencement Day, June 6.—9:30 a. m., senior oratorical contest, C. L. Bounds, C. C. Cody, Jr., A. I. Folsom, A. G. Sanders, C. W. Ray, O. S. Thomas, Jr.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

Rev. E. W. Simmons, a superannuated member of the Northwest Texas Conference, and a member of the Brotherhood, passed to his reward in Wichita Falls, Texas, May 14, 1904. Your mortuary fee of \$2 is due and should be paid within thirty days. The last call closed yesterday, and was paid as cheerfully, and punctually, as any other, demonstrating the excellence and business principles which underlie your organization. The very few who forfeit, are those who wait until the last to send their fee and then forget it. If you reply punctually you will never forfeit. This is too valuable to jeopardize. Again I ask do not send personal checks unless you include exchange. This call expires June 22, 1904. M. S. HOTCHKISS, Sec. N. W. Tex. Conf. Brotherhood, 409 S. Fifth St., Waco, Texas.

The second death in our auxiliary occurred at Dallas, Texas, May 19, 1904, when Mrs. R. S. Heizer passed to her eternal reward. Your mortuary fee of \$1 is now due and should be paid within 30 days. This will bring needed relief in a trying hour. Your auxiliary and brotherhood are doing excellent work, and is based on strict business principles. Prompt responses forbid forfeitures. Call expires June 22, 1904. M. S. HOTCHKISS, Secretary Auxiliary, 409 S. Fifth St., Waco, Texas.

A SAD NOTE.

Rev. J. W. Arnold, one of our local preachers, died near Ripley, Texas, May 2, of pneumonia, having been sick only ten days. He leaves a large family and a wide circle of friends to mourn his death. F. O. FAVRE.

OBITUARY.

A private note from W. S. Bolivar, Plainview, states that his mother, Mrs. E. A. Bolivar, was called to heaven on the 29th of last month and joyfully answered the summons. She leaves two children, fifteen grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.

My postoffice address is Burkeville, Texas, instead of Forrestville, Texas. J. E. SHORT.

All correspondents please address me in future at Venus, Texas, instead of Midlothian, Texas. R. J. TOOLEY.

A SQUARE MEAL.

"I can not eat a square meal," sighed little Johnny Burt, "Because, you know, it pains me so, The corners always hurt."—Dora Aydelotte, in Good Housekeeping.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Abilene District.

We have secured rates at one and one-third fare to the District Conference, which convenes at Sweetwater May 31. Let all who can possibly do so come on train. W. A. MANLEY.

Weatherford District.

Weatherford District Conference will begin at 9 a. m. Thursday, June 2. There will be preaching Wednesday night by J. L. White, pastor of Peaster Circuit. E. F. BOONE, P. E.

Palestine District.

Please send at once the names of all local preachers, delegates and visitors who will attend District Conference at Grapeland, June 29. If you are coming by private conveyance, so state. J. E. MORGAN, Grapeland, Texas.

Paris District.

To Preachers, Delegates and Members District Conference, Paris District: We fully expected to have you meet with us, and have been making arrangements for your comfort and entertainment. Our people were looking forward to your coming with real joy and satisfaction. No people would have given you a more royal greeting than our people here at Depart. The entire community, with all it possessed, have been placed at your disposal, that your sojourn with us be pleasant and agreeable.

On Thursday afternoon, May 5, we had a most disastrous fire, in which nearly all the business portion of Depart was consumed. The loss is heavy to many of our people. In fact, the entire community feels the effects of the fire. Business men are rebuilding and will be some months to come. And while we have every assurance that you will be well entertained elsewhere, yet we reluctantly consent for you to go. Not a member of our Church, however great his loss has been, but who is more than willing to do his part in the entertainment of the conference.

We feel assured, my brethren, that we can engage to have you with us again under more favorable circumstances.

Bro. Casey informs us that he can arrange for your entertainment elsewhere in the district with but little trouble. You will have due notice of the change, and in the meantime pray for us and the success of our work, that God may sanctify this loss and disappointment with all others, unto the present and ultimate good of our souls. W. R. McCARTER, Depart, Texas.

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