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## Editorial.

### THE NEED OF A DEEP SPIRITUAL LIFE.

We are living in a practical age. The work of no man passes muster unless it produces results. Men want something for their investments. Things tentative do not appeal to successful men. Theories are all right, but when they fail to be practical, men do not want them. The age demands success whether in politics, finances, agriculture, or daily employment. Nothing else is acceptable. Hence the times are not so propitious for introspection, meditation and reflection as formerly. The rush of business is upon us, and men are struggling for the things that perish. The commercial spirit has laid its cold, practical hand upon all classes and it is striving to reduce everything to a proposition of dollars and cents. That this condition of things is inimical to deep spiritual experience and a devout religious life, can not be questioned. A great many men claim not to have the time to be religious. They are in the Church, pay to its support, attend its services when secular matters do not interfere; but they are so pushed in the great bustle of life that they can not take time for prayer, serious thought, and holy communion with God. They are honest, love the Church, want to be Christians, but their standard of experience is not high, and they satisfy their consciences with the outward duties of a decent moral life, rather than with the inward experience of divine acceptance. Just at this point there is a growing danger whose encroachments we need to guard. We can not dispense with a deep religious experience and comply with the requirements emphasized by our Lord. To acquire this experience we need time for thought, review, contemplation and close communion with God. These conditions and exercises deepen conviction, sharpen the conscience, enlarge the vision, and increase the spirituality of the religious life. To neglect them is to grow into a formal and indifferent state of Church membership in which there is the form of godliness without its permeating power and influence. The witness of the Spirit to our acceptance with God is indispensable to the kind of religion taught by Methodism. This is the tap-root of all vital experience, for it brings to those professing it a conscious knowledge of the truth of their condition. It leaves no doubt as to the genuineness of their faith and discipleship. There never has been a time in the progress of our Church when our people needed more to be impressed with the need of a deep spiritual experience than in the present day. It is this that gave to our preachers and people in the years long past the power to bring sinners to repentance and believers into a higher life. The conditions of greed and worldliness that now confront us make it imperative upon us to revive and retain an unmistakable spiritual experience. Nothing short of this will continue to save and differentiate us as a people set apart to "spread Scriptural holiness over these lands." Brother, sister, do you know beyond doubt that God for Christ's

sake has pardoned your sins and accepted you as his child? Are you striving to grow up into him your living Head? Is this knowledge the power of God in your life? The answer to these questions will explain to you what we mean by the subject standing at the head of this editorial.

### THE INDUSTRIOUS PREACHER.

The work of the preacher is enough to fill an angel's heart. He has no time to devote foolishly to anything outside his calling. When not filling his mind with useful knowledge and devoting himself to prayer and meditation, his pastorate affords a field for the employment of all his time. True, like all other men, he needs a little recreation once in a while. His brain, his nerves, and his physical energies need an occasional relaxation. But he can not resort too frequently to even innocent amusements. Now and then a simple game of some harmless sort may be enjoyed, but he must guard the tendency toward devoting too much of his time to such diversions. If he makes it a habit to go to the office of some friend, or to the house of an acquaintance to play chess, flinch, checkers and the like, he will soon find himself devoting time to these matters that ought to be given to his work. Besides this, he will be setting an example to others not conducive to their edification. We have known a pastor now and then to unwittingly indulge in such recreations to his own hurt and to the hurt of his people. This he can not afford to do, for his calling is too sacred and his duties too important to be endangered by trifles. He needs all his spare time, with the exceptional recreations necessary to his healthful relaxations, to cultivate and train his mind for his noble and lofty work. Under no circumstances can he afford to spend hours during the week in idle and self-indulging amusements of any sort.

### LOYALTY TO YOUR PASTOR.

The position of pastor is a very delicate one, and the man who is thus set apart to this work has many perplexing matters to contend with. His duties are very exacting and his burdens are exceedingly heavy. He is not the man of leisure that some thoughtless people imagine. To feed his people with food convenient for them he is required to read extensively and to study very closely. It is no easy matter to prepare healthful and nutritious sermons. Outside of this, his people have divers claims upon his time and patience. And often the material interests of the Church rest upon his mind and heart. No president of a corporation is more severely taxed than the faithful and successful pastor. His duties never leave him. He carries them by day and often at night they disturb his slumbers. And let him do his very utmost, and yet he can not please everybody connected with his congregation. It matters not how conscientious and painstaking his actions may be, there will be those who will chide him and find fault with him. But amid all these divers conditions and perplexities attending the work of the pastor, there are those who always stand faithfully by him and encourage him. If he makes mis-

takes, they do not fall out with him, and however much others may criticize him, they have excuses for him and make due allowance for his minor failures. You never hear them speaking reproachfully of him. If a little misunderstanding between him and them occurs, they do not harbor a bad feeling toward him, but speak kindly and brotherly to him about it and bring about a proper adjustment of the difference without friction or bitterness. In other words they are strictly loyal to him, and try to help, instead of hindering him. Such people are the stay of the pastor, and he can always go to them in times of depression and discouragement and find comfort and relief. The pastor is not a perfect man, but he is doing his best to serve his people, to save sinners and edify saints; and such a man is deserving of the sympathy, the prayer and the loyal co-operation of his people. This kind of support helps him greatly to do the work committed to his hand.

### SPIRITUAL CO-OPERATION OF THE STEWARDS.

Our Book of Discipline tells us what manner of men our stewards must be, and the way in which they are to be helpful, spiritually, to the preacher in charge; but in their effort to collect money for the support of the pastor, they often lose sight of everything else. We were once sent to a city congregation and at once began our work. We soon realized that within a radius of four or five blocks of the church building there were hundreds of people who attended no Church services in the city, and many of their children were in no Sunday-school. At one of our official meetings we made a talk to the brethren, and called attention to the condition of things about us. And we suggested a method of Church work looking toward reaching these non-Church-going people, and insisted upon the official members giving us their co-operation in reaching them and exciting their interest in the evening services of the Church. A leading member of the Board arose and said, "Well, these people have been living here within a stone's throw of this service for a number of years, and if they wanted to attend the Church they could have done so. Our doors are open to them and if they do not attend, it is their own fault. Besides that, not one of them in a hundred would be worth anything to the Church if they did attend. The most of them have nothing, and they would pay nothing to the Church were they brought into our membership. We had better give our attention to people who are able to help us support the Church. I know a number of leading families further away, and we had better try to get them, for they are able to pay and would be worth something to us." That congregation was not, and is not, in Texas. But the sentiment expressed by this members of that Board may be found in the minds of stewards in our own State. In that place his expression dominated and the pastor's effort to reach the unsaved around him was a failure. The steward misapprehends his official position if he gets an idea that it is his sole business to raise money for the

preacher's support. That is a part of his duty; but he is also the preacher's helper in his work of reaching and saving the people. His counsel, his brotherly sympathy, his prayer and his effort to aid the preacher to come into contact with non-Church-going people about him will go a long way to build up the congregation and save the unsaved. The spiritual part of his work must not be lost sight of in his effort to collect money and build up the material interests of the congregation. The preacher needs his spiritual co-operation in the work of seeking and saving the lost. Happy is the pastor who has the spiritual sympathy and co-operation of his Board of Stewards in the general work of the Church.

### THE BENEFIT OF RELIGIOUS CONVERSATION.

The old class meeting, in its essence, was a conversation between the leader and his members on the subject of personal religion. True, it sometimes dropped into a sort of formality, and many of the old stock phrases almost akin to religious cant were adopted in expressing the religious state, yet the advantage was not wholly lost on account of this fact. But with us the old class meeting is gone. We do not hold them, and the people would not take much interest in them were we to try to revive them. Still we have not outlived the necessity for religious conversation. But in this age of money-getting we too regularly neglect it. When we meet around the fireside, or occasionally upon the highway, or now and then in the neighborhood gatherings, we ought to make our religious experience a subject of intelligent inquiry. What is our religious state? Has God dealt with us in any special way? Has there been anything remarkable in answer to our prayers? Has any special providence been exercised over us? Are we making progress in the divine life? These are questions that we ought to ask one another often in the course of life. Their discussion, and our interchange of thoughts upon them, will be helpful and encouraging to us. As a matter of fact, we put in too much time in neighborhood gossip, in community chit-chat, in talking about the weather, and the crops, in discussing politics and various other matters, to the neglect of the vital question of piety and godliness. The old disciples when they met "spoke often one with the other" on matters of religion. It is an advantage to both parties to have such an interview, to compare notes and get the benefit of the other's experience. What a benediction it is to meet a ripe saint into whose experience the Holy Ghost has poured a flood-tide of joy, and have him or her tell us of the triumphs of faith and the delight of intimate communion with the Master!

It is impossible to have religion without feeling; but religion is not made up of feeling. Back of sensation there must be a deep conviction and an abiding faith. These are the causes, and feeling is simply a result. Great emotion supported by weak faith is temporary and evanescent. Strong faith and deep feeling are perfectly consistent.



## THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH IN LIEU OF THE JEWISH. By REV. R. C. ARMSTRONG.

"When and how was Sabbath observance changed from the seventh to the first day of the week? Cite scriptural authority for the change." I have been asked to answer this question in the Advocate, which I hope to do to the satisfaction of the unbiased. It cannot be done, however, in a few brief statements. The importance of our Sabbath is such as to justify a somewhat extended reply. The spirit of avarice and the love of pleasure are such, aided by the Seventh Day Adventists, who are doing all they can to break down confidence and respect for the Christian Sabbath, impress us with the fact that this holy day is imperiled.

The Sabbath was instituted in the beginning of our race. God completed his work in six days, "and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because in it he had rested from all his work God created and made." Gen. 2:2, 3. It is here stated that God sanctified the seventh part of time—that is, he pronounced it holy. That he intended that one seventh part of time should be observed as holy, a day of rest and worship throughout the generations of men. I shall here assume that this proposition is granted. Let us now note that the Sabbath is a commemorative institution as accidental to the great design expressed above. That for a period of twenty-five hundred years it commemorated the work of creation, signifying that all things were made by God and that when he had finished his work in six days he rested the seventh. During these twenty-five hundred years there is no mention of the Sabbath. During this period also the Jews were in a state of captivity and servitude in Egypt and had lost their Sabbath. So when divine deliverance came it was necessary to restore the Sabbath. This is evident from Nehemiah, the ninth chapter, where the dealing of God with this people is recited. In the fourteenth verse we have this declaration: "And madest known unto them thy holy Sabbath, and commandest them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant." Also Ezekiel speaks to this question in the following language: "Therefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. . . . Moreover, also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." (29:10-12). Observe that in the first text it is said that God made known unto them the holy Sabbath, and in the second, he gave them his Sabbaths. This is conclusive proof that they had lost the Sabbath and were not observing it. Now, in restoring it, God did not reckon time from the beginning of creation and restore unto them the identical seventh part of time that he originally set apart. This was not necessary to his purpose in instituting the Sabbath. But he reckons from the falling of the manna. This is evident from the history of the transaction as recorded in Ex. 16:23-29. This then was the institution of the Jewish Sabbath and corresponds to the original Sabbath in all essential particulars, except that the original Sabbath commemorated the work of creation, while the Jewish Sabbath commemorated the deliverance of the Jews from bondage. In the text cited from Ezekiel, God said, "I gave them my Sabbaths to be a sign between me and them." As corroborative of this statement let us read Deut. 5:13-15. These texts fully attest the truth of the proposition that the Sabbath was commemorative of the deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian bondage. This brings us to consider another and quite a different event, the redemption of our race through Jesus Christ. As the great fact of our deliverance from sin and death we have the resurrection of our Lord. While we keep the Sabbaths for all the reasons which render the day holy, it to us is commemorative of the efficacy of the atonement made for our sins through Christ our Lord. It brings to our minds all the benefits of the sacrificial offering of our High Priest. We do not look back as did the Jews to deliverance from physical thralldom, but from the thralldom of spiritual bondage and rejoice in the day of full-orbed salvation. We could but expect that an event of such stupendous importance should be marked by changes in outward forms, and in this we are not disappointed. All the tropes, and adumbrations are fulfilled in Christ, the former dispensation gives place to another. The initiatory rite into the Church circumcision is changed to baptism, the Jewish pass-over is displaced by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the Sabbath was changed from the seventh day to the first. None can deny that these changes were made. Then the only question touching the Sabbath is, when did the change take place, and

by what authority? Please to note that the only change respecting the Sabbath is the day to be observed, all the essential elements inhere in the day as set forth in its institution. But was this change made by divine authority? Most certainly. No other conclusion is possible. The change was made. If the reason for the change as given above is not true, then what could have been the reason for a change of days, since nothing is to be gained by a mere change? How could so radical a change be made, and that by men who were Jews, and who were attached to all that pertained to Judaism, except by divine authority? If it should be objected that there is no specific command for the change, then I answer neither is there a specific command for substituting baptism for circumcision as an initiatory rite into the covenant of grace, and yet as a matter of fact the change was made; and as a matter of fact there is no specific command for the substitution of the Jewish pas-over for our paschal feast, and yet for these we have sufficient warrant from heaven. So for the change from the seventh day to the first as we shall see in an article to follow.

Fort Worth, Texas.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. SETH WARD AND OTHERS CONCERNED.

Dear Bro.: I venture to publicly address this letter to you for two reasons: First, because I know you feel an acute interest in the matters I am herein writing about; and, secondly, because these matters demand to be openly discussed.

Our last May's Missionary Conference at Waco shed forth an immediate influence that was immense. Resulting influences of local application throughout Texas were many, varied and powerful along the line of the intended good purpose of the conference—aggressiveness in the mission cause. But now the complaint is being made that the immediate influence of the conference is not lengthening itself, or is not being lengthened into the permanent. One brother, well known to us all, and prominent in Texas Methodism, has just written me: "I think the Waco meeting has failed to make the impression we hoped for on the pastors. If they have mended their efforts I cannot see it. I rather think there is less out-spoken opposition among the people, but they offset it with the plea of poverty. I think we preachers will have to develop more conscience."

In addition to influences of purely local application, you know we planned to expect that out of the Waco Conference would grow some plan for a common effort to permanently abide for solving our common Texas problems that comprehensively come under the head of mission work. We had this in the eye of our hope, but no definite line of action ever occurred to any of us, so far as I ever heard. By way of a start in this direction, I trust it will not be thought out of place for me to make some suggestions. My suggestion is that we have one representative from each of the four English-speaking conferences, and one from the German Mission Conference, one from the Board of Missions in each of these conferences. I mean to come together in yearly conference with the purpose of formulating and promoting plans and operations toward given objects. Let this committee be named the Texas Composite Board. I suggest that it be, first, merely advisory, and therefore should come together annually, just before the conference season, for mutually suggesting and advising over ideas and plans to be carried back to their respective boards and conferences for ratification. Thus would be given the greatest power to these plans, if they are ratified. When the plans are ratified and adopted, and the united Methodism of Texas stands behind a movement, let the Composite Board be the agency for carrying them into operation, each member representing the Composite Board in his own conference. As to the maintenance of this board, that may be determined later, but the expense would not amount to a great deal. Before such a board doubtless more than one matter of common interest would come, and continue to come from time to time. Several matters occur to me while I write: The Sabbath; how it is being desecrated in Texas; plans against the evil; the growth of anarchy in Texas, and what are we to do about it. Method and means of a forward movement in Christian education in the home, Sunday-school, etc.

I venture now to broach another matter, and this I am about to mention is the one main thing about which my mind has revolved in arriving at the idea of the Composite Board just suggested. The matter is the problem of the foreigner in Texas. I desire to make the application at this time especially with reference to missions

among the Germans. To be sure the foreigner of the Germans (and not all of them are foreigners) is not by any means the only foreigner we have, nor do we believe the problem of his conversion to be the gravest one to face us. In addition to the German foreigner, we have the Swede, the Bohemian, and the Italian in great numbers, the latter just now rapidly increasing by immigration. But there are special reasons why we are specially interested in our German fellow-countrymen. We want to get into line with us the German who is not a foreigner that we may have his help to win those who are foreigners. To come directly to the point in view, I feel solicitous about the future of our German Mission Conference, as to its financial support. I press this matter now, believing that somebody ought to do so before it is too late. It is sure to come before my own Conference Board of Missions this fall, and the probability is that it will be brought in after it is too late to do what I am aiming to do now—prepare to meet the problem the most practically and efficiently. How are we to provide for the maintenance of this German Mission Conference? The North Texas Conference Board of Missions has withdrawn support, and the West Texas has served notice that after this current year we will do likewise. It may be remarked without comment that this conference, the German Mission, occupies a position identically similar to another Texas Conference—the Mexican Border—but the plan of the support of the German Mission has been anomalous. The Domestic Boards in Texas have been called upon by the Commission to support the German Mission as a domestic object, but at the same time everybody knows the object was foreign to the jurisdiction of these boards. And more than that, these Domestic Boards had no say in the management of this object of their support. To them were made no reports, and indeed there was no acknowledgment whatever of parentage or affiliation in the relationship. Because of these anomalous facts, and because these Domestic Boards have all the burdens of their own that they can carry, and more, too, there has been a feeling of restlessness with reference to this assessment against the Domestic Board, at least in West Texas, and there has been the belief, often expressed, that this assessment was properly for foreign missions, and should be included in the assessment denominated foreign. And, further, it should be made, not by the Commission, but by the Parent Board. We feel a special desire to help our German brethren, and we wish to let them know we really feel that special interest in them to show which was the main object of the Commission. The question is, "How shall we do this in the substantial way that is necessary?" As to the financial support of the German Mission Conference, the opinion has been often expressed that the burden should be assumed by the Parent Board and provided for, as in the case of other mission conferences, by assessment against the whole Church, outside of, as well as in, Texas, because the demand is domestic to the whole country, and rightly the object of the whole Church. But I remember that the Parent Board has met, and in making provisions, made none for the support of the German Mission. As I have said, I fear this contingency will face us in our annual board meeting this fall, after it is too late to do anything but throw up our hands. This German Mission must not be hurt by our failures to think in time, and somehow it must be supported. It looks like the support must come from Texas, too. How? That is the question. To relieve the spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction, which has been referred to, and at the same time afford support to the German Mission Conference, I suggest the following plan: Let the assessments made for several years against the Domestic Boards be continued against the four Texas Conferences, but let them be made henceforth by the Parent Board, and let the assessment be called what it is, for foreign missions. Let the amount be added in each conference to the pro rata assessment for foreign missions. To illustrate: Say the assessment in a given conference for foreign missions is \$3000, and for the German Mission \$300; then the foreign mission assessment to be collected by the conference would be \$3300. This will only result in a change of shoulders under the burden from one view point. But it is much more. For one thing more, each thing will be called what it is, and credit will be given where it is due; but the main point is that the Domestic Board will be unloaded to attend to the children of its own begetting, for which it is first and foremostly responsible. After this shifting on shoulders each Domestic Board can decide for itself whether to reduce the domestic mission assessment in accordance with the assessment shifted to the foreign column.

This may be thought of as an arrangement only temporary. Probably

it ought to be so. I think of several arguments in favor of this plan, besides some we have already implied. First, it will enable the Texas Conferences to show that special neighborly feeling that was intended to be shown by the plan of the Commission, which it is to replace. Secondly, it will take this mission out of irregularity and put it in line common with others, and upon a principle that can be universally applied. Thirdly, this plan will relieve the feeling that the additional assessment was put upon the Domestic Board on the principle of hold-up-your-hands, when really the Domestic Board had no after-touch with that which it was forced to support—received no reports, and knew nothing as a board of the effects of their expenditure further than to guess that all would be well, which, of course, is unbusiness-like, and should never characterize the acts of a Board of Missions. Lastly, we mention, this plan would be calculated to remove the never-at-rest feeling that must have haunted the heart of the German Mission Conference itself. It has been an "orphan," as one of the members of the conference expressed it. They have had no abiding parentage, and only an irregular guardian. The arrangement that has prevailed, in place of showing special interest, as has been argued, must have forbidden them ever to rest in the good-at-home feeling that is the right of a son. The foundation for their support has been unstable. One of its four joint supports is out from under it already, and another is slipping out. If these two Conferences Domestic Boards could be argued back under the load in their old places, a proposition which will be strongly opposed, it would not be long until some contingency would force another corner of the structure; it would be left without support again, and remain still unstable as water.

Two other plans against the difficulty have been suggested: First, let there be a joint management of the German Mission supported by the four English-speaking boards, with the consent of their conferences, together with their German brethren in consent and management. Or, secondly, let the German Mission Conference be dissolved and the preachers and Churches be absorbed by the four English-speaking conferences, as per locality. But neither of the two latter ideas would prove to be satisfactory. The first one would leave the burden still to interfere with the works of the Domestic Boards, which have troubles enough of their own. The second would be strongly opposed by our German brethren concerned.

Closing, I hope that some feasible and successful plan may be agreed upon in due time to solve the problem before us, and trusting that the suggestions made may serve some purpose, I beg to remain, yours in the work of missions.

A. L. SCARBOROUGH.  
Victoria, Texas.

### BREEZES FROM THE PANHANDLE.

We thought that a few items from this great Panhandle country would not be uninteresting to the readers of the Advocate. Hence we take pen in hand to indite you a few of them. We are moving along very pleasantly in Clarendon Station. It has been nearly three months since we took charge of this station, and we wish to say that it has never fallen to our lot to be cast among a better class of people—intelligent, social, practical, thorough going, religious.

We have fine congregations, and everything is delightful. The Panhandle is destined to be the greatest thing in Texas, and Clarendon the greatest thing in the Panhandle. Bro. Hardy and the other preachers who have been stationed here from time to time deserve great praise and credit for laying such solid foundations and for building up such an excellent church as we have here in Clarendon.

The social and religious atmosphere pervading this Church is a thing of beauty, and it would be very difficult to find a nobler and a more consecrated band of women than we have here in Clarendon Station.

The Sunday school is in a very prosperous condition, but with such men as Bro. Beville and Bro. Clower at the head of it, it could not help prospering, for they put their whole energies and life into it. It takes live men to make a live Sunday-school.

Bro. Hardy is giving all his time to the interests of Clarendon College, going here and there all over the Panhandle. The people tell me that he has one of the finest sermons on education that it has ever been their pleasure to hear.

Bro. Hardy's whole heart is enlisted in behalf of Clarendon College, seeing as he does the imperative need this college is and will be to Methodism in the Panhandle. The outlook of Clarendon College is certainly very hopeful, and it is the purpose of those who have charge of it to make it a training school of the very highest order.

There will be no need to send children out of the Panhandle to get first-class training, for Clarendon College

is fully able with her fine staff of teachers to prepare boys and girls for the leading universities of the country. We think that the Trustees of Clarendon College made a wise choice in selecting Bro. Hardy as President of the college, as he knows everybody in the Panhandle, and the people think so much of him. He is a safe, business-like, conservative man. With him and his most estimable wife in the Young Ladies' Home, it seems to me that the young ladies will have all that any one could wish to have. Bro. Sherman, our devoted presiding elder, is in labors abundant, going all the time, at home but a little. We have no better man in our conference than Bro. Sherman. He will do good, solid work anywhere you put him. I have known Bro. Sherman a long time, and have learned to love him.

It was my good pleasure to be at Amarillo this week to address the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies of the Clarendon District. The meeting was largely attended, and it was highly interesting from start to finish. The papers read and the discussions following were of the highest order. Bro. Dodson had a great big smile on his face all the time. Bro. Dodson is in great favor with his people, and they say that they have the best preacher in the conference. Dodson, as the French would say, is au fait.

I met at Amarillo a number of the boys and girls I used to teach at the Southwestern University, and it was so pleasant to have them come up after the address and shake hands so cordially. My old friend, Franklin, whom I knew years ago at Weatherford, took me in hand at Amarillo, and better treatment no man ever got. His fine outfit stood at the church door all the time ready to serve the ladies. No wonder the good ladies made honorable mention of him in their resolutions of thanks. S. E. BURKHEAD.  
Clarendon, Texas.

### A FEW OBSERVATIONS.

The inconsistencies and conceit of some people is so very refreshing. Occasionally you meet a man possessing or speaking more correctly, possessed by certain theories, with which he feels called upon to enlighten the world. His inconsistencies consist in the fact that he disregards the laws of reason and logic. Let me illustrate: If you ask him if he considers himself an intellectual superior to those who differ with him, he unhesitatingly answers in the negative. He will give you a similar answer to the question of sincerity. If you will then ask him if he indorses the theory of the Mormons, who believe in divine inspiration in the interpretation of doctrine, in this he will also answer you in the negative. Now let us examine for a moment our agreement. We are agreed that we, as a people, are equally sincere, intelligent, not inspired and that we have equal access to all the facts. That which contradicts a self-evident truth is an absurdity. Two and two make four is a self-evident truth. To say that two and two make five is an absurdity, because it contradicts a self-evident truth. Then what is the position of the man who readily agrees to the proposition (and is there a man in all Protestantism who will controvert it?) that we are equally sincere, intelligent, and not inspired, and still maintains that he is right and I am in error? It is impossible for him to do so without contradicting himself, and thereby rendering himself guilty of an absurdity. But you say we both can not be right. Suppose I grant it. Who shall decide? Has one man more authority to decide, where we do not agree, than another? But you say let the Bible decide. But who is going to tell us what the Bible teaches on our points of difference? There is no question of right or wrong involved in many of our points of difference, because they only have reference to method. A man commits a crime; the method of the crime is no part of the essence. So of every crime. The same thing is true of obedience. I command five men, under penalty of death if they fail, to meet me at a certain time. Their mode of travel does not enter into the essence of obedience. The only essence is intent. Then make use of the best methods in our judgment to carry the intent into execution. One's conceit consists in this: He heartily joins with universal Protestantism in rejecting the theory of the infallibility of the Pope, and then creates a great furor because others do not accept his theories and the theories of his followers as infallible. How is it possible for a man to agree to the three propositions above, that we are equally sincere, intelligent, not inspired, and still claim that he knows that he is right and I am wrong?

Is there a man living that can give one reason why I should accept his theory and reject the interpretation of another man without violating one of the above propositions to which he has agreed. C. B. CROSS.

There is no miracle in true doctrine.



# Devotional and Spiritual

## HOW ARE YOU BUILDING?

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is."

Tell me the dreams that you dream all day,

Tell me what thoughts in your mind hold sway,

And I will tell you, as well as I may, What is your look and bearing.

Tell me the hopes that you hope away,

Tell me the prayer that you ever pray,

And I will tell you, nor falsely say, Whither your feet are faring.

Tell me how often you win the fight in the daily battle for truth and right,

And I will tell you if near in sight Is the goal of your soul's achieving.

For I read the power of your soul's ideal

In the thoughts you think and the truths you feel.

Then tell me all these, and I will reveal

What destiny you are weaving.

—Helen Lanphere.  
Silver Creek, N. Y.

## THE LIFE ENLARGED.

Paul's great soul was much tried with the spiritual smallness of the men and women converted to Christ under his ministry. He did not doubt that they were Christians, but it grieved him that they were such limited Christians. He found them, even after years of spiritual life, "yet carnal" and still "babes in Christ." Some, long since "set free," he sorrowed to discover "entangled again in a yoke of bondage." Others, to his amazement, subjected themselves placidly to narrow "ordinances," which had "indeed a show of wisdom in worship and humility and severity to the body," but were "not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh." He industriously warned the young men whom he trained for the ministry against the example of those who occupied their time with "foolish questionings and genealogies and strifes and fightings about the law." He could not bear to see a preacher of the Gospel or any other Christian keeping an observance when he might be living a life, solving a puzzle when he might be entering into a truth, or treading a contracted round when he might be exploring a universe. Paul himself had had marvelous experience of what undimensioned range a soul might find in the wideness of God's mercy, and he pitied men who in dim engrossment with temporal trivialities were losing the wider vision and the nobler joy. There was, therefore, no prayer which he prayed more fervently for those who received his ministrations than this: "That ye may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." He craved for Christians not enough Christianity, but all Christianity.

The apostle's patient pleading for a larger religion in larger souls becomes pathetic when he writes a second time to the Corinthians, whose slow development peculiarly pained him. They seemed to him like stunted children, on whom tight-laced habits of indifference hindered the normal growth. He could not forbear to remind them that the paltriness of their religion was by no fault of Him who first preached to them the Gospel. He had not failed to tell them that Christ offered them an abundant life. They were joyless and sluggish and inconsistent, not because their apostle had opened up to them no better ideal, nor because he had been unambitious for their higher

attainment. Again and anew he invited them to the greater things of the kingdom. "Our mouth is open unto you, O Corinthians," he tenderly entreats them; "our heart is enlarged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own affections. Now for a recompense in like kind (I speak as unto my children), be ye so enlarged."

What so burdened the heart of Paul—that men fully taught of the larger Christianity should still slothfully prefer the lesser—must far more burden the heart of his Teacher, from whom he learned his ideals. For the disciples of Corinth, narrowed in their affections to the love of small deeds and the holding of only trite hopes, unhappily remain to this day all too typical of the church. We ourselves, though Christians of a vaster time and measurelessly greater duty, continue to wear—and with right complacent content—the old Corinthian straight-jacket. Can then he who by love and sacrifice endowed us with all possibility of increase, expansion and conquest, regard us without grief when He sees us choose rather not to increase, not to expand, not to conquer? Must He not feel that we repay His blessings ill when we accept meagerly His salvation, but employ beyond that no opportunity of growth in the saved life? Truly, His heart has been large toward us. Well might He plead, as did Paul, for His corresponding reward: "Now for a recompense in like kind, be ye also enlarged."

What would it mean in our lives if we were enlarged? What would it bring to pass in the church?

It would mean essentially and most of all a broadening of our loves. We, as sadly as the Corinthians, are pinched smotheringly tight in our too little affections. Enlarged therein, we should care for greater things in a greater way. Now to us, truth, honor and humanity are interests; to hearts amplified, they would be passions. Our present diminutive souls comprise the few in a shallow sympathy; full grown souls would encompass the many in a devotion of service not only wide, but deep. And in the abounding life an amiable cordiality toward our Savior would grow into adoration and ripen into covenant allegiance. The affections are the wings of the spirit; happy the man whom they bear above the sordidness of earth to diviner desires than earth can aspire.

It would mean a broadening of our wisdom. Of Solomon it is written: "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much and largeness of heart." That same largeness of heart would teach us "understanding exceeding much" of the true worth of all the varied values that appeal to our souls. A life on a wider plan would give place and space to the things of eternal good, so that they could be no longer excluded by the things of the moment and a day. A spacious wisdom springing out of a large heart would not longer debate whether it could afford to forego pleasure for character, or yield riches to pay for a quiet conscience. And in the church, if we worked in the light of a clearer and higher noon, we should not be contriving to build so meagerly the foundations of the kingdom. Comprehending better what Christ can be to the generation, we should strive to make him more. We should not expect so slightly the achievement of good, nor be content with such minor victories for our God. A more adequate wisdom would build a more adequate Christianity, adapted to more human needs.

It would mean a broadened service. "I will run the way of thy commandments when thou shalt

enlarge my heart," is one of the superlative verses of the Hundred Nineteenth Psalm. Now in petty childishness we calculate how little we need to do for the Lord in order to avert his condemnation. Were we but enlarged, our eager questioning would be to know how much we might be permitted to do at the high honor of his commands. No longer the minimum would satisfy us; the maximum would be the goal of our striving. A larger life would more appreciate the greatness of God's purposes, and "run" to fulfill so much of those purposes as might lie within its own province.

And it would mean a broadened enthusiasm. "Thy heart shall thrill and be enlarged," is Isaiah's stirring prophecy as he comforts Israel with pictures of the day when all the sons and daughters of the kingdom shall be desecrated returning home. We work slavishly and dully at our task because we have never had the far sight that could behold the repatriation of humanity. If but once with more distant vision we might see the approach of the conquering Christ, then our hearts too would "thrill and be enlarged." We should be enlarged out of humdrum, doubt and discouragement into the joy of labor, the confidence of trust and the courage of power. Enthusiasm would not be fever, but fervor.

Why should the greatness of the Christ-life be left for the great? It is equally within the possibility of all. Ye puny, infant Christians everywhere, "be ye also enlarged."—Interior.

## A RULE FOR HAPPINESS.

Make a rule, and pray to God to help you to keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say, "I have made one human being at least a little wiser or a little happier or a little better this day." You will find it easier than you think, and pleasanter. Easier because, if you wish to do God's work, God will surely find you work to do; and pleasanter, because in return for the little trouble it may cost you, or the little choking of foolish, vulgar pride it may cost you, you will have a peace of mind, a quiet of temper, a cheerfulness and hopefulness about yourself and all around you, such as you never felt before; and, over and above that, if you look for a reward in the life to come, recollect this: What we have to hope for in the life to come is to enter into the joy of our Lord. And how did he fulfill that joy but by humbling Himself and taking the form of a slave and coming, not to be ministered to, but to minister and give His whole life, even unto the death upon the cross, a ransom for many. Be sure that unless you take up His cross, you will never share His crown; be sure that unless you follow in His footsteps, you will never reach the place where he is. If you wish to enter into the joy of your Lord, be sure that His joy is now, as it was in the Judea of old, over every sinner that repenteth, every mourner that is comforted, every hungry mouth that is fed, each poor soul, sick or in prison, who is visited.—Charles Kingsley.

## LIVING WITH OTHERS.

The art of living happily with other people is acquired as soon as we have made ourselves fit to live with. If we are masters of our own temper, we shall help them and almost compel them to control theirs. A man gets ashamed of his outbreaks of passion if they do not evoke from us something of the same kind. He is rather disgusted with himself if his stormy explosion, instead of bringing down answering thunder, is followed by imperturbable silence and a sweetly contented smile. It always takes at least two to make a quarrel. It

is impossible for anyone to wrangle with you if you quietly refuse to have part in the business. You are always master of the situation if you know how to hold your tongue. And really, that unruly member has more to do with the unhappiness of home life than almost everything else, and that member held under sweet command and used with gentleness and discretion contributes almost more than anything else to the creation of a pleasant and sunny home. Speech, as we have been told a thousand times, is silver, but silence is often golden. It is not always what we say, but what we refuse to say, that makes for peace. The things which had been better left unsaid are the things which ruffle other people's feelings and inflict wounds and leave sore memories. The art of saying the right thing in the right place, and of not saying the wrong thing in the wrong place, is most difficult to learn. Some people never do learn it, and they are always making enemies for themselves. We sometimes call it tact, but it deserves a better name than that. I should prefer to call it an inborn delicacy of feeling which helps us to understand and appreciate other people's feelings. It is an intense and intelligent sympathy with others which makes us shrink from causing them any needless pain. And, after all, it is that sympathy which lies at the bottom of all happy converse and intercourse. It is sympathy which makes speech courteous and gentle, and actions generous and considerate. Where sympathy is—or, in other words, love—there will be an absence of all coarse selfishness and endeavor to force our own way. There will be an earnest and thoughtful effort made at all times to understand and consult and make allowance for the feelings, the varied dispositions, and the very failings of those with whom we have to do. There will be a readiness to serve, an eagerness to please in all right ways, and a promptness to forgive. The speech will be always seasoned with salt or with grace. We shall have learned how to live with other people, and we shall have got a long way toward learning a higher lesson—"how to make life one long, sweet song."—Rev. J. G. Greenhough.

## THE USE OF SUNDAY IN THE SUMMER TIME.

This is an exceedingly practical subject. The desertion of the church in summer time by numbers of people is having a discouraging effect, which lingers along until late in the fall. The winter's work is scarcely well in hand before spring comes, and the congregation begins to talk of the summer let-down. If by any means the services in any particular church can be kept anywhere near their normal condition during July and August, large progress is assured for the rest of the year. The excuse most commonly made is the bitter toil of the workingman, which indisposes him for religious worship. But the church which ministers to this workingman most of all manages to get him up early on Sunday to go to mass, and does not seem to have any trouble in keeping its services crowded with worshipers in the slums of the cities. The difficulty to-day is not with this man, worn out with his daily toil, but it is with the great middle class and the well-to-do. Many people who can take a day off now and then, and who can take summer vacations, are using the day for all kinds of recreations. The great mass of pleasure-seekers on Sunday, then, are not toil-exhausted workingmen, but the comparatively well-to-do. The great danger in Sunday pleasure-seeking is the seeking for that which is less refined, and which in a short time will drive out the religious spirit. Some summer resorts and pleasure grounds—

## Good News for Hay-Fever and Asthma Sufferers.

We are glad to announce that the Kola Plant, recently discovered on the Congo River, West Africa, has proved itself a sure cure for Hay-Fever and Asthma, as claimed at the time. We have received the testimony of ministers of the gospel, doctors, business men and farmers, all speaking of the marvelous curative power of this new discovery.

Mr. A. L. Clark, Springfield, Mo., writes Jan 22nd, was a sufferer of Hay Fever and Asthma for thirty years and thought I would die every Fall but Himmilya (The Kola Compound) completely cured me. Rev. F. F. Wyatt, the noted Evangelist, Abilene, Tex., was permanently cured of Hay-Fever and Asthma after eight years suffering. Miss D. A. Koff, Mowqua, Ills., writes May 22nd, was cured of Hay Fever and Asthma after several years' suffering although physicians said a cure was impossible. Hundreds of others give similar testimony.

To prove to you beyond doubt its wonderful curative power, the Kola Importing Co., No. 1168 Broadway, New York, will send a large case of the Kola Compound Free by mail to every reader of TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE who suffers from any form of Hay-Fever or Asthma. This is very fair, and we advise sufferers to send for a case. It costs you nothing and you should surely try it.

these are the thronged places, while the woods for which the Sunday plea is made are deserted—are positively hostile to goodness of life and purity of thought. What wonder, after a summer away from attendance upon church services, they should seem tame and uninteresting in contrast with the stir and glitter of the pleasure-spent Sabbaths! But it is in the effect upon the every-day thought of looking forward to Sunday as a recreation day that the most harm is done. A man through this has no uplook and no outlook to God; he loses the power of the spiritual vision, and thinks and lives in a lower sphere of life. When real trouble and disaster come to him, he has no strong hope in Christ to console him; the higher and greater joy of the life hid with God has been subordinated to a lower which has lasted only while being experienced, and often leaves a bitter taste.—Advance.

## DRAWING MEN TO HIMSELF.

Jesus is in this world drawing all men to himself. Multitudes are gathering with him. By their example, by their testimony, by earnest efforts and prayers, they are helping to bring the world to God. But many are not doing so. They are neutral so far as it is possible. Put our Lord says, "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Silence is disloyalty. Neutrality is wickedness. Negative living is actual sinning.—Selected.

## A LIMIT

### One Thing Food Can't Do.

Food can't exactly paint a picture, but proper food to restore the daily wear and tear on brain and nerves as well as body can help. A successful artist says:

"I had been troubled with dyspepsia for 25 years and my system was so run down I was so weak and miserable life was a burden to me until I made a great discovery about food."

"I am an artist by profession and at that time was painting a large marine piece, but being in such poor health I could not do justice to it and no matter how often I changed it there seemed always something wrong. Success lay just out of my reach because I did not have the strength and vigor of brain as well as bodily strength to accomplish what I knew lay within me."

"Looking around me for help I decided to try a food I had heard so much about and that was the way I was led to use Grape-Nuts and it came at the right time. I had hardly given it a fair trial before I began to feel so much better, my dyspepsia disappeared and I commenced to feel stronger and more vigorous all over, head and all, and it was not long before I was back at my work again with renewed energy and interest."

"Even more substantial proof of the help I got from this food was when I finished my painting and put it up for exhibition. Critics said it was a masterpiece and I sold it a short time ago at a very good price. Before closing I want to mention the fact that my mother, in her 85th year, keeps strong and in fine spirits on her Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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## Secular News Items.

Dr. Eduard Hanslick, the famous Austrian musical critic, is dead at Vienna.

James T. Lewis, War Governor of Wisconsin, who gave strong aid to President Lincoln at a critical time, is dead at Columbus, Wisconsin.

A wealthy New York Society girl is reported to have passed a 100 per cent examination and enrolled as a member of the volunteer life-saving service of the United States.

Robert Crannell Minor, a prominent landscape painter and artist in America and Europe, died at his summer home in Waterford, Connecticut, recently, after a brief illness.

Russell Sage took a day's vacation from business August 6 to celebrate the eighty-eighth anniversary of his birth. It was one of the few birthdays he has not spent at his office in the last half-century.

After an inspection of the Grand Republic, a large excursion vessel in New York harbor, its carrying capacity was reduced from 3700 to 1250. The life preservers were found to be rotten, and 1000 of them were rejected.

The Standard Oil Company has filed a demurrer to the petition of Geo. Rice, Marietta, Ohio, that the charter of the company be dissolved. The claim is made that he has no right to relief, and is not a stockholder in the company.

A letter from the explorer, Andre, was picked up by a Norwegian whaler north of Spitzbergen, dated 1898. Andre left in 1897 to try his theory of reaching the North Pole in a balloon, on the hypothesis that the upper currents of air would carry him there. He has not been seen since.

Chinese hats, illustrating the head coverings that are worn in China to distinguish the rank of wearers, are exhibited in the Palace of Liberal Arts, at the World's Fair.

The United States European Squadron has been ordered to Smyrna, Turkey, because of the direct cable communication of that place with Washington. The vessels, commanded by Rear-Admiral Jewell, are the Olympia, Baltimore and Washington.

The Kentucky State officers have received an invitation from Mayor Sinsing, of Munroe, Michigan, inviting them to be present as the guests of the city at the unveiling of the monument erected to the soldiers of Kentucky who fell at the massacre at the River Raisin, January 22 and 23, 1813. The monument, erected by a commission appointed under an act appropriating \$5000 for that purpose, will be unveiled September.

Georgia reports an unusual yield of peaches this season.

May wheat was quoted at \$1.01 in Chicago last Monday.

Mrs. Mary Murphy, aged 134, died last Saturday at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

The United States South Atlantic Squadron sailed from Londa, West Africa, for Cape Town, August 6th.

Word comes from Cape Town that a letter from Dr. Muller, who was at the deathbed of former President Kruger of the Transvaal, says that shortly before his death Kruger said: "I no longer hate the English. It is a pity there was war, but I believe everything will come out right in the end."

The War Department issued an order last week ordering Brigadier-General Frederick Dent Grant to the command of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, and Brigadier-General Frederick Funston to the command of the Department of the Lakes, with headquarters in Chicago. The changes become effective October 1.

Prof. Frederick Starr, head of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago, will leave next spring for a long stay in the Orient. After searching for the strange people in the mountains, Professor Starr may spend the remainder of his life among the Chinese, for he says that China, within three years, will occupy the center of the world's stage in commerce.

It is stated that one of the most remarkable trips in connection with the exploitation of the World's Fair was completed when Rev. S. P. Verner, the Presbyterian missionary, who brought eight pygmies out of the African jungles, arrived in St. Louis. His journey included 26,000 miles, 800 miles of which was covered on foot through the wild deserts of Central Africa. The trip lasted eight months.

Mrs. Miles, wife of General Nelson A. Miles, died at West Point last week, where she was visiting her son, a student at the military academy. Death was due to heart disease, from which she had suffered for years.

The forthcoming report of the United States geological survey will show that the United States exceeded all previous records in the production of coal in 1903. The total amount of the output of the coal mines of the coun-

try during that year was 359,421,311 tons, an increase of nearly 58,000,000 tons, or nineteen per cent over the preceding year. The value of the product of 1903 is given as \$506,190,733, an increase in value of thirty-eight per cent over the preceding year.

Some curious insurance is taken out by professionals. Kubelik, the violinist, pays a yearly accident premium of \$1,500 on his bow hand alone on a \$10,000 policy. If totally disabled he will receive \$50,000. Paderewski, the pianist, pays \$4,000 a year on a \$50,000 policy on his fingers. Josef Hoffman also has his fingers heavily insured. Not long ago the young pianist hurt his hands in a bicycle tumble and received a check for a large sum from an accident company in Europe.

The Missouri Pacific train, running over the Denver & Rio Grande tracks, plunged through the bridge over Fountain River, Pinon, Colo., at 7:45 o'clock on the evening of Aug. 7, and 125 of the passengers are believed to have perished.

Collector Stranahan of New York issued an order last week that for every trip of the Grand Republic, the Slocum's sister ship, to Coney Island, her operators would be subject to a fine of \$500. The steamer's fire apparatus is said by an inspector to be worthless.

The United States Government, at a cabinet meeting in Washington last week, decided to issue shortly its position on contraband of war, and will insist that foodstuffs be not classed as goods liable to seizure unless it can be proved that they are for the immediate use of the belligerents.

In her negotiations with Russia Great Britain insists upon a definition of "contraband of war."

It is stated that General Kurapatkin has an army of 200,000 in the country adjacent to Liao Yang, Manchuria.

All foreign vessels entering the ports of Cronstadt, Syberg, Libua, Sebastopol, Batoum, and Olessnakoff, under a new order, must submit to a stringent search.

The Sviet bitterly attacks Great Britain and says she is taking advantage of Russia's present position to irritate, while pushing forward British interests in Tibet and Persia.

Prince Hilkoft, minister of railroads, left St. Petersburg August 7 for Balkal to inspect the railway in that district. He declined the favorable offers of foreign companies for the double tracking of the trans-Siberian railway and the project has been postponed.

Possibly 100,000 union workmen in the building trades in Greater New York are locked out by the employing contractors.

Bishop Potter is being condemned by religious societies for his action relative to dedicating the "Model saloon" in New York.

A weed patch is exhibited by the Government at the World's Fair. Here every species of weed which troubles the farmer of any section of the country is shown.

New light is breaking in India. Hitherto Hindus of high caste would not eat food nor drink water upon which any one of lower caste had thrown a shadow. Now, through the efficiency of missions, the curse has been broken, and men are coming to be recognized as brothers throughout India.

A report from Washington, D. C., says: "Secretary Shaw's order forbidding subtreasuries to deliver in new coin more than twenty-five per cent of subsidiary silver currency which may be asked for grows out of a practice which many of the banks and trust companies have adopted of paying out only new coin over the counter to the women patrons. This has become quite a feature in banks which make a specialty of this class of accounts, maintaining separate facilities for its accommodation. It results in a demand for new coin to the displacement of the coins which are only slightly worn, causing an accumulation of the latter in the subtreasury, while the mints are drawn on heavily for new coin."

Prof. William H. Goodyear has been elected an honorary member of the Architects' Society, of Rome, in recognition of his recent observations in medieval architecture, which have been published for the Brooklyn Museum of Arts and Sciences.

The Earl of Euston, grand master, and a deputation of English Knights Templar who will attend the conclave to be held in San Francisco, beginning September 5, were given a farewell banquet in London recently.

Gov. C. C. Carter of the Hawaiian Islands, in an interview on Aug. 4, said: "The annexation of the islands to the United States has not been a commercial success so far as the islands are concerned. Since we have been United States territory we have not made great progress. One reason for this is because the laws by which we are governed are not suited to the country. Since we have been annexed Congress has never dredged our harbor. It is filling up and thus prevents the landing of the largest vessels. As

a result of this our traffic is falling off. On the other hand, from Uncle Sam's point of view, annexation has been a decided success. Over \$6,250,000 has been paid into the United States Treasury from the islands. The whole cost of annexation was only \$4,000."

Isaac Decker is the sole survivor of the band of 147 men, women and children who crossed the plains to Utah with Brigham Young in 1847. He was the guest of honor at the pioneer celebration on July 25.

It is interesting to find that Field Marshal Yamagata is 66 years old, Kuraki 60 and Oku 58, and that nearly all of the leading Japanese commanders are over 50. The youngest in a list of fourteen generals is Prince Fushimi, who is 46.

Lieut. Gen. Yamaguchi, of the first division, who commanded the Japanese army in its advance to Pekin, in 1900, during the "Boxer" uprising, died Sunday, after a lingering illness in Tokio. The Emperor made Gen. Yamaguchi a Viscount Saturday.

At the end of each fiscal year the mint is closed down and the chimneys are cleaned. This year the sweepings of the chimneys yielded \$21,249 in gold and silver, which had been carried up from the smelting furnaces and deposited with the soot. The sweepings from the floor, during the year had yielded \$14,268 in gold and \$3,997 in silver—small particles thrown off during the process of coining. When it is considered that no less than \$117,495-142 in gold was coined during the year, and silver pieces representing \$7,497,551, this proportion of recovered waste seems infinitesimal, but in so large a business it "counts up."

This week the new Secretary of the Navy will start on his first official visit to the navy yards of the East. "There is reason to believe," says the Boston Journal, "that with this slight warning everything will be found spick and span in the various summer resorts."

Miss Dixie Lee Bryant, the first woman to receive such an honor, has been made a doctor of philosophy by a Bavarian University. Miss Bryant is a member of the faculty of the State Normal and Industrial College, at Greensboro, N. C., being professor of biology and geology in that institution. She has been on leave of absence for three years, studying in Germany, where she has just taken the doctor's degree.

S. F. Cole, of Catskill, N. Y., performed a notable typewriting feat at the World's Fair grounds, at St. Louis, Saturday, breaking the world's record for the greatest number of words in seven hours of continuous writing. At the end of five hours the previous record of 22,000 words was broken, and Mr. Cole decreased his speed, finishing the seven hours with a total of 28,944 words. The previous record was made by Mattie F. Pretty, in the United States Senate office.

A big bear recently captured by the Chinese in Manchuria was presented to Japanese officers, as an omen of the fate of the Russians. The omen appears rapidly fulfilling.

It was greatly desired that Elihu Root, former Secretary of War, should run for Governor of New York on the Republican ticket. He positively refuses, however, the reason given being that he is attorney for one of the trusts, and there's more money in that than in public office.

The striking butchers and meat cutters, 25,000 strong, engaged in a mammoth parade at Chicago, Saturday last.

The union teamsters of Chicago will, it is stated, aid the butchers and meat cutters in their strike against the packers.

The World's Work for August is one of the most notable outputs of magazine journalism that we have seen, even in this era of astonishing progress in such publications. It is a double number, given up almost entirely to the St. Louis World's Fair, and profusely and beautifully illustrated. Every one going to the Fair will find a copy invaluable, and every one who has been there will want one as a souvenir and reminder.

Ex-United States Senator George Vest died last week at his home in Missouri, after months of lingering illness.

Judge Alton B. Parker, Democratic nominee for the presidency, tendered his resignation as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, on last Friday.

An attempt to take the life of President Ordenez, of Uruguay, South America, was made on the 6th, by means of a bomb, which was exploded at the side of his carriage. No one was hurt.

## THE WAR IN THE EAST.

Dispatches from various points indicate that the attempt of the Russian Port Arthur squadron to reach Vladivostok failed, and that the vessels have been widely scattered. One torpedo boat destroyer put into Che Foo,

where she was boarded and captured by the Japanese.

The battleship Czarevitch, the cruiser Novik and a torpedo boat have arrived at Esing Chau, at the entrance of Kia Chou Bay, the German concession on the southern shore of the Shantung Peninsula.

Another Russian cruiser and a torpedo boat destroyer are reported as near Shanghai, and four battleships are off the Saddle Islands, about seventy miles southwest of that port.

The Foo reports say that one Russian torpedo boat was captured on the Chinese coast, and Tokio hears that a number of the vessels of the squadron have returned to Port Arthur.

The German foreign office has given instructions that the Russian warships at Tsing Chau must leave port within twenty-four hours.

The Japanese system of communication has heretofore been so perfect that there can be little doubt that the government is thoroughly informed of the position of the various vessels of the escaped fleet and will be either able to drive them into neutral ports or attack them with overwhelming force.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The Japanese Legation today received the following cable from the foreign office at Tokio: Admiral Togo reports that the Russian squadron proceeded southward after the sortie from Port Arthur on Aug. 10, and was attacked by the combined Japanese fleet twenty-five miles southeast of Port Arthur. They were pursued in an easterly direction. Sharp fighting continued from 1 p. m. until sunset. The enemy apparently suffered heavy damage, and later his fire slackened greatly, while his battle formation was completely destroyed. The Askold, the Novik, the Czarevitch, the Pallada and some destroyers fled southward and the rest probably fled to Port Arthur after an attack by destroyers and torpedo boat flotilla at night. Our fleet suffered no serious damage and the casualties were about 150.

Tokio, Aug. 12, 6 p. m.—Admiral Togo has reported as follows: On Aug. 10 our combined fleet attacked the enemy's fleet near Gusan rock. Thereupon the vessels were emerging from Port Arthur, trying to go south. We pursued the enemy to the eastward. Severe fighting lasted from 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until sundown. Toward the close the enemy's fire weakened remarkably, his formation became confused and then his ships scattered. The Russian cruisers Askold and Novik and several torpedo boat destroyers fled to the southward. Other enemy's ships separately steamed off toward Port Arthur. We pursued them and it appears that we inflicted considerable damage. We found life buoys and other articles belonging to the Russian battleship Czarevitch floating at sea. The Czarevitch was sunk. We have received no reports from the torpedo boats and the torpedo boat destroyers engaged in the attack on the ships of the enemy. The Russian vessels, with the exception of the Askold, the Novik, the Czarevitch and the cruiser Pallada appear to have returned to Port Arthur. The damage was slight and our fighting power has not been impaired.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—A dispatch from Mukden states that the Japanese Port Arthur army has been largely reinforced and has taken up positions in two large bodies, one on the heights between Lung Wung Tao and Pigeon Bay and the other on the hills near Louisa Bay. Guns have also been placed on the heights east of the Wolf hills.

The Bourse Gazette has received the following from its Liao Yang correspondent: "Twelve Japanese regiments have left in the direction of Port Arthur. It is stated on trustworthy authority that the Mikado has ordered that Port Arthur must be taken at any cost, even if it necessitates the suspension of operations in Manchuria, and it is quite possible that the main Japanese force will proceed to Port Arthur within a few days. Rain has stopped all operations."

Tokio, Aug. 14, 4 p. m.—Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostok squadron at dawn to day north of Tsu Island in the Strait of Korea and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted five hours and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi fled to the northward after having sustained serious damage.

Vice-Admiral Kamimura cables the navy department that the injury upon his vessels were slight. The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known. It is presumed that many of them who were killed or drowned. The strength of the fleet under Vice-Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Adsuma, Irsumo, Iwate, Takoshio and other light cruisers. Tokio is joyous over the news, as it gives Japan mastery of the sea and restores commerce.

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## MARRIAGES.

Smith-Justess.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McMasters, of Parris Chapel, July 31, 1904, Mr. Frank Smith and Oia Belle Justess, both of Hill County, were united in the bonds of matrimony, Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Hollis—Thompson.—Aug. 7, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, at Emporia, Tex., Mr. Earnest Hollis and Miss Maud Thompson, Rev. W. W. Graham officiating.

Anderson-Strickland.—At the home of the bride, near Martins Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas, July 24, 1904, Mr. W. A. Anderson and Miss Callie Strickland, Rev. J. F. Everitt officiating.

Lewis-Lynn.—On Aug. 2, 1904, Mr. George Lewis and Miss Adeline Lynn, Rev. Daniel Morgan officiating.

Reed-Wood.—On July 24, 1904, Mr. J. O. Reed, of Taylor County, and Miss Mollie Wood, of Floyd County, Rev. W. H. Carr officiating.

Gentry-Cobb.—At the home of the bride, in La Rue, Texas, Aug. 3, 1904, Mr. Will J. Gentry and Miss Ida Cobb, Dr. Hall officiating. Many friends present. Nice ice cream supper and the best of music from string band.

Koelmay-Reinstra.—At the parsonage of the First Methodist Church in Beaumont, Texas, July 31, 1904, at 1:15 p. m., Mr. Klass Koelmay, of Pine Island, Texas, and Miss Nellie G. Reinstra, of Nederland, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

Celerich-Hardee.—Mr. Herman Celerich and Miss Myrtle Hardee were united in wedlock at the home of the bride's mother in Beaumont, Texas, Aug. 3, 1904, at 8:40 p. m., Rev. V. A. Godbey performing the ceremony. Both parties were residents of Beaumont.

Hardy-Hughes.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, at Redfield, Nacogdoches County, Texas, Aug. 10, 1904, Mr. Ovid Hardy and Miss Nannie Hughes, Rev. C. A. Tower officiating.

Towns-Jackson.—At the parsonage gate, seated in a buggy, Aug. 7, 1904, Mr. Sam G. Towns and Miss Mattie Jackson, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

Brunson-Smith.—In East Tyler, at the home of Mrs. Mary Smith, Aug. 7, 1904, Mr. John Brunson and Miss Lena Smith, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

Bickley-Fuller.—At the home of the bride's father, J. W. Fuller, six miles east of Tyler, Aug. 7, 1904, Mr. W. D. Bickley and Miss Emma Fuller, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Midway.

A Member: Our pastor, C. W. Hearon, closed a week's meeting here last Tuesday. The Lord was with us and we had a good meeting. Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists stood shoulder to shoulder and worked for God. There were ten or twelve conversions and nine additions to the Church. Bro. Hearon did all the preaching, bringing us many messages of love. May God bless him in his work.

Childress Circuit.

G. W. Harris: We held our camp meeting in the Hill pasture the 23d of July. It was a fine meeting; 30 converted and 14 joined the Church; some more to follow. Many old differences settled; a general revival, closed Sunday night, the 31st, with a glorious victory. Rev. J. T. Bloodworth was with us four days. He let the gospel plow to the beam. Oh how God honored the word he preached. If you want a revival he is your man. Makes no compromises with sin, brings the people to a higher, purer life. God bless him. We raised a fine collection for the "general collections." We are happy on the way. Glory.

Weatherford Mission.

W. R. Witherspoon, Aug. 11: The protracted meeting for Lambert embraced the fourth and fifth Sundays in July. This is what was formerly known as Shady Grove. Last year, after the summer meeting, the Shady Grove class built them a house at Lambert, a point on the T. and P. Railway, seven miles west of Weatherford. We have a fine location—two acres of land dotted with nice shade trees—and this summer we have had a well drilled down to an inexhaustible supply of fine water. The meeting mentioned above was gratifying in many ways. To begin with, this was a very moral community, most of the people already being members of the Church, consequently a great ingathering of the unsaved was hardly to be expected. One remarkable feature of the meeting was the conversion of an old gentleman 82 years of age. In all there were 12 or 15 professions and nearly as many additions. Bro. Crow, of the Peaster Circuit, rendered efficient help in the meeting. Our pastor, Rev. A. P. Smith, preached with power and demonstration of the Spirit, reasoning of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He is in high favor with our people.

Sipe Springs.

J. M. Baker, Aug. 12: I am in the midst of a glorious meeting at Macedonia; conversions at nearly every service. Closed a good meeting at Okra last week; twenty-five or more conversions and reclamations. We have two more meetings to hold. Victory comes wherever the Church co-operates with the pastor.

Haskell Mission.

Geo. A. Nance, Aug. 12: We closed a meeting at Sayles last night; seven conversions and seven additions. Closed at Windmill House last Sunday; ten conversions and thirteen additions. Closed at Plainview July 30; fourteen conversions and seven additions. We begin at Pinkerton to-night. Hope to have a great meeting. Rev. J. David Crockett, from Georgetown, is doing the preaching. He is fine help. He preaches twice a day, talks and laughs between times and has gained fourteen pounds. He wants to stay in Haskell County all the time.

Thornton.

F. M. Winburne, Aug. 13: I am still going around since our Steele Creek boom. I held a little meeting at Prairie View, a place left out. There we received, first and last, 9 members. Closed out there a little too soon to rest a little. From thence to Independence, where I preached several times for the M. P.'s and Baptist brethren. One little Baptist sister shouted until I gave up my text and turned all loose. My, my, such shouting. One little woman swooned away in a trance, as they "used to do." Sinners present cried for mercy, and the end is not yet.

Granbury.

W. B. Wilson, Aug. 11: We are glad to report more good things from this charge. Since conference we have received sixty-eight into the Church, and have a few more to come right soon. Have just closed a real revival at Fairview Schoolhouse, a place where a Church was organized in May last, and where we had good prospects from the start. The meeting resulted in twenty-six conversions, twelve of whom go to other Churches and fourteen come to us by the result. Brother M. F. Whitaker, who came to us from the M. P. Church, an elder, in

May, rendered most valuable and efficient service. A subscription for the erection of a thousand dollar church building was started the last night of the meeting, and four hundred and fifty dollars was secured at once. We will begin the building next week. Eight Advocates are taken in the congregation, and a number of doctrinal books were sold during the meeting. This community is five miles from Granbury, and is fast developing to a rank second to none in the conference. We pray for great advancement of Methodism there, and expect to see it continually growing. Our Granbury University Training School bids fair to rival any of a like grade in the State of Texas. We expect at the opening, in September, a large enrollment, and the beginning of a most successful year. Prof. S. T. Smith, who is now at the head, has been here planning and developing great things for a most efficiently equipped school to mark our first year's record. We have adopted the fitting course of the Southwestern University, correlated in every respect with it, and expect to furnish our head institution the flower of the youth of this section. Prof. R. L. Patterson, another Southwestern University alumni, is also on the ground to ably assist the head master. Look for better things from "Old Granbury."

McGregor.

S. J. Rucker: Beginning July 17 and closing Aug. 3, a genuine co-operative meeting was held in McGregor by the Cumberland Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists. The local pastors, W. M. Baker, S. J. Rucker and J. W. Jent, respectively, did the preaching, the combined choirs the singing and the members the other work. Greater harmony, whether among preachers or people, I have not seen in a meeting. The services were all very spiritual. Prejudice and sectarianism were overcome and the Christian people of the various Churches drawn closer together than was ever before known in McGregor. Stanch members of the individual Churches testified that it was one of the most profitable and spiritual meetings that they had ever attended. The numerical results were some fifteen or twenty conversions and reclamations and eight or ten accessions. These results would have been much larger had it not been for the one drawback to the meeting—business men and the irreligious were very slow about attending. But the results of this meeting will abide in McGregor for many days to come.

Stringtown.

S. J. Rucker: Last night, Aug. 14, we closed a very fine meeting at Stringtown, five miles south of McGregor. We had a discouraging beginning, but God gave us the victory and we had a fine ending. There were between twenty and twenty-five conversions and reclamations and fifteen accessions to the Methodist Church, and several to the Baptists, with "more to follow." The Church was greatly revived and encouraged. We look for better things in that neighborhood.

De Leon.

J. M. Bond, Aug. 15: De Leon is stirred as never before; seventeen conversions yesterday and twenty-five last night. W. M. Lane is in great favor with his people, and he has the best working people I've seen in many a day. Will continue all of the week.

Stamford.

J. A. Biggs, August 13: Our work at Stamford is doing fairly well. We closed a good meeting here ten days ago; 24 conversions and 20 accessions to the Church, and the members of the Church greatly revived. The meeting made a fine impression on the town. Bro. Henry Long, of Hico, helped us in the meeting; he is fine help; the people here like him and his good wife. We built a large shed on the church lot back of the church, 60x80 feet, that cost \$400; it has a nice shingle-roof shed and is a nice, cool place. We hope to close out the year in good shape, with everything full. Crops are very fine in this section; in fact this is a very fine section of country, and many people are coming here from the East. We are free from boll weevils. Any one desiring to come to this section of the country, I can help in getting a good location if they will write me, or come to see me when they come.

Bosqueville.

R. F. Dunn, Aug. 8: We have held two of our meetings for this charge, and have two more yet to hold. The first was at Greenwood and Rev. A. E. Carraway did most of the preaching, and did it well. I don't think I ever heard better preaching in my life. The Church was in harmony and did some earnest work. Our collection for missions, etc., was excellent, and the Church enjoyed a gracious revival. But not one conversion that we know of. Our campmeeting at Evergreen

was the best they have had there in many years. We were ably assisted by Bro. Bolton, our presiding elder, and Rev. S. A. Barnes, of Elm St., E. Waco. The latter remained until the close of the meeting. Bro. Barnes started in his ministerial career from Bosqueville Circuit and our people were delighted with his earnest and forceful preaching. One of the most striking features of this meeting was that from the first service to the close there were manifestations of the presence of God, and all who attended from the first seemed to move upward in their faith and consecration to God. There were quite a number of conversions and reclamations, and thirteen added to the membership of our Church on this charge. Every Church on the circuit has a W. F. M. Society, and all our Sunday-schools are missionary societies.

Munday.

Ed R. Wallace, August 10: We are now in a meeting at the new building site for the Gillespie Church. I stretched my tent on the spot for a new church. It is, I think, the most beautiful location for a church I ever saw. It overlooks as fine a belt of country as can be found. It is in the center of the Gillespie membership. It is on the corner of J. W. Thorp's land. We have over \$1200 subscribed. I am to hold a meeting at Munday, embracing the third and fourth Sundays in August; and at Goree the first and second Sundays in September. Bro. Tucker, the Cumberland Presbyterian pastor, has agreed to be with us at Munday, and we hope to have the co-operation of all the people. I am trying to be able to turn over to the Cabinet two good charges at Mineral Wells. I bought a 40x56 foot tent when I came on this charge three years ago, and it has helped us in developing this charge. I use it all the time during the summer.

Riverside.

W. C. Smith, Aug. 16: I am still in the midst of a revival; ten conversions last night, with about 25 penitents. Bros. Geo. S. Wyatt and J. J. Creed are doing the preaching, and it is well done. I will tell it all when done. Surely our lines have fallen in pleasant places. The good women of Riverside commenced to pound this preacher, and you ought to see the good things too numerous to mention, and still they keep coming. If we could only feel worthy and know how to appreciate these tokens of love. We are praying that the Lord will bless the people and he is doing so. Bro. Wyrick is still with me, shouting, preaching and praying. God bless him.

Richland.

S. L. Culwell, Aug. 15: Three weeks ago to-day we hauled out the lumber for our new church at Pursley. Since that time we have erected a house valued at \$525; will be worth about \$700 when finished. We have also held our meeting in the new house. Bro. J. M. Barcus was with us, preaching with his usual power, from Wednesday night until Sunday night. He held our third Quarterly Conference Saturday. Our meeting closed last night with a great victory. The preaching done by our beloved presiding elder was of the very highest type—plain, simple, yet powerful. The meeting resulted in 20 additions to our Church, a new Epworth League with 20 members, and our assessment at this place on the general collections raised in cash and good subscriptions. Those who have lived here a long time say this was the best meeting ever held in this community. To God be all the glory. We take courage and press forward.

Venus.

R. J. Tooley, Aug. 16: Just closed a good meeting at Barnesville. Fifty additions to the Church. This gives us a strong class here. We expect better things at old Barnesville in future. Bro. Goodrich and the presiding elder, Bro. Sensabaugh, did us some good work, for which we are thankful.

Ranger.

B. R. Wagner, Aug. 16: Have just closed a fine meeting at Gunsight; had fifteen or sixteen conversions and received nine into the Church. Had good services from beginning. Have had very good meetings on the work. Organized a Sunday-school at Mt. Zion. I have two more meetings.

Lower Redwood.

Audrey Fuqua, Aug. 9: Our community is moving along nicely under the pastorate of Bro. Arthur Laney. Our membership is increasing and growing spiritually. Bro. Laney secured Bro. C. D. Pipkin, of Matador, to help hold our meeting. His preaching was pointed and powerful. He preaches the gospel with the old-time power. He has left the sweet impression of Christ in this community, and the good that he did here will go with this people to the judgment. Bro. Trice, of Clairemont, was with us two days. He

did some excellent spiritual preaching with good results. The meeting was as a sweet balm to this community, and the good accomplished will long be remembered. God bless those brethren wherever they go. There were quite a number of conversions. Three joined the M. E. Church and two the Baptist. Our Sunday-school and prayer-meeting are doing good work. The Christians were greatly revived and strengthened, and when our work on earth is over and we meet here no more, we will be rounded up in glory by and by.

Deedemona.

W. M. Leatherwood: We are in a fine meeting at this place. After nine days of the most sullen resistance I ever witnessed, the ranks of sin broke last night (Sunday). It was a great service. Every one seemed to recognize an extraordinary presence. The Church had been hard to inspire, but many of the Christians moved upon the forces of sin with the most desperate and unyielding purpose. The altar was well-nigh filled and other stout sinners were down here and there over the large congregation. Ten or twelve have been evidently born of the Spirit. The congregations are large day and night, and they are not drawn by stories or fun or clownish foolishness, but by the plain word of God. The meeting continues. Bro. Ellis is strong on his work.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Morris Chapel.

G. R. Hughes, August 13: Up to last night we have received 42 members into the Church at Morris Chapel; 62 conversions, and still the meeting goes on, with 30 at the altar last night.

Quitman.

C. B. Smith, Aug. 13: Since last report have held two meetings. At Stinson's Chapel conditions were all against us—almost an epidemic of sickness. Bro. Jno. A. Wheeler, L. P., went from Webster and ran the meeting three days; received one member. At Forrest Home had a glorious revival in the Church; eight or ten conversions and reclamations. Had the help of Bro. Wheeler. Begin at Salem to-day. Have received fifty-six members to date; net increase forty-three.

Beckville.

J. T. Biggs, L. P., July 31: Just closed a glorious meeting at Rehoboth. We held seven days with great success and good results; 35 conversions and 20 additions to the M. E. Church, South, and a large number of reclamations. We have not had such a revival in ten years. This meeting was held by our beloved pastor, Bro. C. M. Cagle, assisted by Bro. Nunnely, the able singer. The people love their pastor, both saint and sinner. I verily believe we have the right preacher in the right place. We have organized a Sunday-school and prayer-meeting. The results of this meeting will tell in eternity. This wonderful power seized upon some of the oldest sinners in our country and caused them to quake and tremble, and they have passed from death unto life everlasting.

Beaver Valley.

Dr. Hall, Aug. 12: We leave Bicks Chapel to-day, where we have been in a battle against sin and the devil for the past six days and nights. We are glad to report a good meeting. Baptized two sweet little babies, took three subscribers for the Advocate, pruned the Church by Church Conferences, the first one held there in two years; had a great revival in the Church, many reclaimed from dead works; received 5 members by ritual, and fourteen souls professed conversion. Bro. Asbill aided me, day in and out, and preached four good sermons. Bro. Cooper preached once. We leave this Church in fine order spiritually. God be praised. The seed sown gives promise of much other good, not here reported. Oh, sweet Holy Spirit, follow up and seal other souls from this six days' work! Amen.

West Nona.

W. W. Wiggins, L. D., Aug. 10: West Nona community is on the Kountze charge and is about seven miles west from Kountze. It is also one of the preaching places of this local preacher. We decided we wanted a revival, and notified Bro. J. C. Stewart, P. C., and the time for the meeting to begin was July 25th. Bro. Stewart was on time to begin Thursday night. My! my! What preaching! Bro. Stewart pitched everything high, all the members fell in line; they worked, prayed and sang. About the second service we thought of the old Philippiian jail, as Paul and Silas sang and prayed and became alarmed. So this community was stirred as never before. Bro. Stewart believes in the mourner's bench, and used it successfully. The meeting lasted ten days, and every ser-

vice was a success. People were converted at nearly every service; some were converted as they went to their homes from the services. The visible results of the meeting are about 30 conversions; 20 joined the Methodist Church, and some will go to the Baptist. A Sunday-school and prayer-meeting was organized. Bro. Stewart took a collection on his conference collections. He asked me how much he must ask for. I thought that as everything else had been of a high order the collection should be also, so he asked for a liberal sum, and got it. Of course everybody fell in love with Bro. Stewart. It is pretty hard to get our consent to do it, but will have to admit that itinerant preachers can preach as well as local preachers.

New Boston Mission.

J. S. Ogle, Aug. 10: We have held four of our protracted meetings at the following places: Moss Springs, Woodstock, Red Bayou and Daniel Schoolhouse—all with good results. The Church greatly revived, sinners converted and backsliders reclaimed. There has been a great awakening and soul-stirring all over the New Boston Mission, for which we thank God and renew our energy and press to battle. We organized a Church last Sunday at Daniel Schoolhouse, a Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the name of which will now be known as Daniel Chapel. We have one more meeting to hold, at Liberty Hill. We are praying for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We have been in the homes of most all the people who live in the bounds of the New Boston Mission, and we love them. We baptized three infants last Sunday. We were assisted one week by Rev. W. T. Finley, of Fannin County, whose services were greatly appreciated. We love him and the people will long remember his service. I think at the close of the conference year we will have a good report on all lines. I think all claims and assessments will be paid in full.

Davilla.

C. E. Simpson, Aug. 15: On Wednesday evening, July 29, we began our meeting at Friendship. The people were in expectation. The Church was praying for the old-time revival fire to fall on us, and it came. It was the greatest meeting that we ever saw. Old men and young men and young women and little boys and girls came to the altar and were saved. The Church did faithful work in the altar, in the congregation and in the grove meeting. I wish I could describe some of the scenes of that meeting, but I can't. The Lord led his people to victory. The meeting lasted fourteen days, resulting in forty-seven additions to the Church, two of which were by certificate, the others by vows and baptism. We also baptized seven children and infants. Bro. George Cravy did most of the preaching. He preached with power and in demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Cravy is our local preacher and he loves the Church and her doctrines, and is the pastor's friend. Our next meeting was held at Ellison Ridge. Here the Lord was with us and we had a good revival, resulting in thirteen additions to the Church. Bro. Cravy assisted us in the preaching the latter part of the meeting. Bro. Burke, from Thorndale, was with us part of the time, rendering valuable service in the altar and in the singing. We give God the glory and press on.

Beckville.

J. T. Allison: Our pastor, Bro. C. M. Cagle, began on his round of protracted meetings at Beckville third Sunday in July. Had good congregation and good interest Sunday and Sunday night. On Monday he was called away to attend a burial service, and left the meeting in care of J. E. Biggs, steward, and an old stand-by of the Church, and it was decided we would have a prayer and experience meeting, and it certainly was very enjoyable. It is not explainable how any person, though the most skeptical, could listen to those old Christians relating their rich experiences of their struggles and trials, of the pleasure and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit, of their sweet hopes of heaven growing brighter and brighter every day and hour, and doubt for a moment the reality of the Christian religion. On Tuesday Bro. Strother, of Jacksonville, dropped in with us and preached two fine sermons. The revival flame had already started up, which he discovered at once, and though he had been in school work for several years, he was filled with the spirit of preaching and exhibited it in every word and act of his sermons. May the Lord bless him in his school work and whatever work the Church may require him to do. Bro. Cagle had arranged for the help of Mrs. Zehner, the lady revivalist of Dallas, but she failed to reach us until Saturday, and then the revival fire broke forth from every direction. Be-



Secular News Items.

Dr. Eduard Hanslick, the famous Austrian musical critic, is dead at Vienna.

James T. Lewis, War Governor of Wisconsin, who gave strong aid to President Lincoln at a critical time, is dead at Columbus, Wisconsin.

A wealthy New York Society girl is reported to have passed a 100 per cent examination and enrolled as a member of the volunteer life-saving service of the United States.

Robert Crannell Minor, a prominent landscape painter and artist in America and Europe, died at his summer home in Waterford, Connecticut, recently, after a brief illness.

Russell Sage took a day's vacation from business August 6 to celebrate the eighty-eighth anniversary of his birth. It was one of the few birthdays he has not spent at his office in the last half-century.

After an inspection of the Grand Republic, a large excursion vessel in New York harbor, its carrying capacity was reduced from 3700 to 1250. The life preservers were found to be rotten, and 1000 of them were rejected.

The Standard Oil Company has filed a demurrer to the petition of Geo. Rice, Marietta, Ohio, that the charter of the company be dissolved. The claim is made that he has no right to relief, and is not a stockholder in the company.

A letter from the explorer, Andre, was picked up by a Norwegian whaler north of Spitzbergen, dated 1898. Andre left in 1897 to try his theory of reaching the North Pole in a balloon, on the hypothesis that the upper currents of air would carry him there. He has not been seen since.

Chinese hats, illustrating the head coverings that are worn in China to distinguish the rank of wearers, are exhibited in the Palace of Liberal Arts, at the World's Fair.

The United States European Squadron has been ordered to Smyrna, Turkey, because of the direct cable communication of that place with Washington. The vessels, commanded by Rear-Admiral Jewell, are the Olympia, Baltimore and Washington.

The Kentucky State officers have received an invitation from Mayor Simsung, of Munroe, Michigan, inviting them to be present as the guests of the city at the unveiling of the monument erected to the soldiers of Kentucky who fell at the massacre at the River Raisin, January 22 and 23, 1813. The monument, erected by a commission appointed under an act appropriating \$5000 for that purpose, will be unveiled September.

Georgia reports an unusual yield of peaches this season.

May wheat was quoted at \$1.01 in Chicago last Monday.

Mrs. Mary Murphy, aged 134, died last Saturday at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

The United States South Atlantic Squadron sailed from Londa, West Africa, for Cape Town, August 6th.

Word comes from Cape Town that a letter from Dr. Muller, who was at the deathbed of former President Kruger of the Transvaal, says that shortly before his death Kruger said: "I no longer hate the English. It is a pity there was war, but I believe everything will come out right in the end."

The War Department issued an order last week ordering Brigadier-General Frederick Dent Grant to the command of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, and Brigadier-General Frederick Funston to the command of the Department of the Lakes, with headquarters in Chicago. The changes become effective October 1.

Prof. Frederick Starr, head of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago, will leave next spring for a long stay in the Orient. After searching for the strange people in the mountains, Professor Starr may spend the remainder of his life among the Chinese, for he says that China, within three years, will occupy the center of the world's stage in commerce.

It is stated that one of the most remarkable trips in connection with the exploitation of the World's Fair was completed when Rev. S. P. Verner, the Presbyterian missionary, who brought eight pygmies out of the African jungles, arrived in St. Louis. His journey included 26,000 miles, 800 miles of which was covered on foot through the wild deserts of Central Africa. The trip lasted eight months.

Mrs. Miles, wife of General Nelson A. Miles, died at West Point last week, where she was visiting her son, a student at the military academy. Death was due to heart disease, from which she had suffered for years.

The forthcoming report of the United States geological survey will show that the United States exceeded all previous records in the production of coal in 1903. The total amount of the output of the coal mines of the coun-

try during that year was 359,421,311 tons, an increase of nearly 58,000,000 tons, or nineteen per cent over the preceding year. The value of the product of 1903 is given as \$506,190,733, an increase in value of thirty-eight per cent over the preceding year.

Some curious insurance is taken out by professionals. Kubelik, the violinist, pays a yearly accident premium of \$1,500 on his bow hand alone on a \$10,000 policy. If totally disabled he will receive \$50,000. Pacirewski, the pianist, pays \$4,000 a year on a \$50,000 policy on his fingers. Josef Hoffman also has his fingers heavily insured. Not long ago the young pianist hurt his hands in a bicycle tumble and received a check for a large sum from an accident company in Europe.

The Missouri Pacific train, running over the Denver & Rio Grande tracks, plunged through the bridge over Fountain River, Pinon, Colo., at 7:45 o'clock on the evening of Aug. 7, and 125 of the passengers are believed to have perished.

Collector Stranahan of New York issued an order last week that for every trip of the Grand Republic, the Slocum's sister ship, to Coney Island, her operators would be subject to a fine of \$500. The steamer's fire apparatus is said by an inspector to be worthless.

The United States Government, at a cabinet meeting in Washington last week, decided to issue shortly its position on contraband of war, and will insist that foodstuffs be not classed as goods liable to seizure unless it can be proved that they are for the immediate use of the belligerents.

In her negotiations with Russia Great Britain insists upon a definition of "contraband of war."

It is stated that General Kuropatkin has an army of 200,000 in the country adjacent to Liao Yang, Manchuria.

All foreign vessels entering the ports of Cronstadt, Svberg, Libna, Sebastopol, Batoum, and Olessakoff, under a new order, must submit to a stringent search.

The Soviet bitterly attacks Great Britain and says she is taking advantage of Russia's present position to irritate, while pushing forward British interests in Tibet and Persia.

Prince Hilkoft, minister of railroads, left St. Petersburg August 7 for Balkal to inspect the railway in that district. He declined the favorable offers of foreign companies for the double tracking of the trans-Siberian railway and the project has been postponed.

Possibly 100,000 union workmen in the building trades in Greater New York are locked out by the employing contractors.

Bishop Potter is being condemned by religious societies for his action relative to dedicating the "Model saloon" in New York.

A weed patch is exhibited by the Government at the World's Fair. Here every species of weed which troubles the farmer of any section of the country is shown.

New light is breaking in India. Hitherto Hindus of high caste would not eat food nor drink water upon which any one of lower caste had thrown a shadow. Now, through the efficiency of missions, the curse has been broken, and men are coming to be recognized as brothers throughout India.

A report from Washington, D. C., says: "Secretary Shaw's order forbidding subtreasuries to deliver in new coin more than twenty-five per cent of subsidiary silver currency which may be asked for grows out of a practice which many of the banks and trust companies have adopted of paying out only new coin over the counter to the women patrons. This has become quite a feature in banks which make a specialty of this class of accounts, maintaining separate facilities for its accommodation. It results in a demand for new coin to the displacement of the coins which are only slightly worn, causing an accumulation of the latter in the subtreasury, while the mints are drawn on heavily for new coin."

Prof. William H. Goodyear has been elected an honorary member of the Architects' Society, of Rome, in recognition of his recent observations in mediaeval architecture, which have been published for the Brooklyn Museum of Arts and Sciences.

The Earl of Euston, grand master, and a deputation of English Knights Templar who will attend the conclave to be held in San Francisco, beginning September 5, were given a farewell banquet in London recently.

Gov. C. C. Carter of the Hawaiian Islands, in an interview on Aug. 4, said: "The annexation of the islands to the United States has not been a commercial success so far as the islands are concerned. Since we have been United States territory we have not made great progress. One reason for this is because the laws by which we are governed are not suited to the country. Since we have been annexed Congress has never dredged our harbor. It is filling up and thus prevents the landing of the largest vessels. As

a result of this our traffic is falling off. On the other hand, from Uncle Sam's point of view, annexation has been a decided success. Over \$6,250,000 has been paid into the United States Treasury from the islands. The whole cost of annexation was only \$4,000."

Isaac Decker is the sole survivor of the band of 147 men, women and children who crossed the plains to Utah with Brigham Young in 1847. He was the guest of honor at the pioneer celebration on July 25.

It is interesting to find that Field Marshal Yamagata is 66 years old, Kuraki 60 and Oku 58, and that nearly all of the leading Japanese commanders are over 50. The youngest in a list of fourteen generals is Prince Fushimi, who is 46.

Lieut. Gen. Yamaguchi, of the first division, who commanded the Japanese army in its advance to Pekin, in 1900, during the "Boxer" uprising, died Sunday, after a lingering illness in Tokio. The Emperor made Gen. Yamaguchi a Viscount Saturday.

At the end of each fiscal year the mint is closed down and the chimneys are cleaned. This year the sweepings of the chimneys yielded \$21,240 in gold and silver, which had been carried up from the smelting furnaces and deposited with the soot. The sweepings from the floor, during the year had yielded \$44,268 in gold and \$3,097 in silver—small particles thrown off during the process of coinage. When it is considered that no less than \$117,405,112 in gold was coined during the year, and silver pieces representing \$7,977,551, this proportion of recovered waste seems infinitesimal, but in so large a business it "counts up."

This week the new Secretary of the Navy will start on his first official visit to the navy yards of the East. "There is reason to believe," says the Boston Journal, "that with this slight warning everything will be found spick and span in the various summer resorts."

Miss Dixie Lee Bryant, the first woman to receive such an honor, has been made a doctor of philosophy by a Bavarian University. Miss Bryant is a member of the faculty of the State Normal and Industrial College, at Greensboro, N. C., being professor of biology and geology in that institution. She has been on leave of absence for three years, studying in Germany, where she has just taken the doctor's degree.

S. F. Cole, of Catskill, N. Y., performed a notable typewriting feat at the World's Fair grounds, at St. Louis, Saturday, breaking the world's record for the greatest number of words in seven hours of continuous writing. At the end of five hours the previous record of 22,000 words was broken, and Mr. Cole decreased his speed, finishing the seven hours with a total of 28,944 words. The previous record was made by Mattie F. Pretty, in the United States Senate office.

A big bear recently captured by the Chinese in Manchuria was presented to Japanese officers, as an omen of the fate of the Russians. The omen appears rapidly fulfilling.

It was greatly desired that Elihu Root, former Secretary of War, should run for Governor of New York on the Republican ticket. He positively refuses, however, the reason given being that he is attorney for one of the trusts, and there's more money in that than in public office.

The striking butchers and meat cutters, 25,000 strong, engaged in a mammoth parade at Chicago, Saturday last.

The union teamsters of Chicago will, it is stated, aid the butchers and meat cutters in their strike against the packers.

The World's Work for August is one of the most notable outputs of magazine journalism that we have seen, even in this era of astonishing progress in such publications. It is a double number, given up almost entirely to the St. Louis World's Fair, and profusely and beautifully illustrated. Every one going to the Fair will find a copy invaluable, and every one who has been there will want one as a souvenir and reminder.

Ex-United States Senator George Vest died last week at his home in Missouri, after months of lingering illness.

Judge Alton B. Parker, Democratic nominee for the presidency, tendered his resignation as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, on last Friday.

An attempt to take the life of President Ordonez, of Uruguay, South America, was made on the 6th, by means of a bomb, which was exploded at the side of his carriage. No one was hurt.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

Dispatches from various points indicate that the attempt of the Russian Port Arthur squadron to reach Vladivostok failed, and that the vessels have been widely scattered. One torpedo boat destroyer put into Che Foo,

where she was boarded and captured by the Japanese.

The battleship Czarevitch, the cruiser Novik and a torpedo boat have arrived at Esing Chau, at the entrance of Kia Chou Bay, the German concession on the southern shore of the Shantung Peninsula.

Another Russian cruiser and a torpedo boat destroyer are reported as near Shanghai, and four battleships are off the Saddle Islands, about seventy miles southwest of that port.

Che Foo reports say that one Russian torpedo boat was captured on the Chinese coast, and Tokio hears that a number of the vessels of the squadron have returned to Port Arthur.

The German foreign office has given instructions that the Russian warships at Tsing Chau must leave port within twenty-four hours.

The Japanese system of communication has heretofore been so perfect that there can be little doubt that the government is thoroughly informed of the position of the various vessels of the escaped fleet and will be either able to drive them into neutral ports or attack them with overwhelming force.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The Japanese Legation to day received the following cable from the foreign office at Tokio: Admiral Togo reports that the Russian squadron proceeded southward after the sortie from Port Arthur on Aug. 10, and was attacked by the combined Japanese fleet twenty-five miles southeast of Port Arthur. They were pursued in an easterly direction. Sharp fighting continued from 1 p. m. until sunset. The enemy apparently suffered heavy damage, and later his fire slackened greatly, while his battle formation was completely destroyed. The Askold, the Novik, the Czarevitch, the Pallada and some destroyers fled southward and the rest probably fled to Port Arthur after an attack by destroyers and torpedo boat flotilla at night. Our fleet suffered no serious damage and the casualties were about 150.

Tokio, Aug. 12, 6 p. m.—Admiral Togo has reported as follows: On Aug. 10 our combined fleet attacked the enemy's fleet near Gusan rock. Thereupon the vessels were emerging from Port Arthur, trying to go south. We pursued the enemy to the eastward. Severe fighting lasted from 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until sundown. Toward the close the enemy's fire weakened remarkably, his formation became confused and then his ships scattered. The Russian cruisers Askold and Novik and several torpedo boat destroyers fled to the southward. Other enemy's ships separately steamed off toward Port Arthur. We pursued them and it appears that we inflicted considerable damage. We found life buoys and other articles belonging to the Russian battleship Czarevitch floating at sea. The Czarevitch was sunk. We have received no reports from the torpedo boats and the torpedo boat destroyers engaged in the attack on the ships of the enemy. The Russian vessels, with the exception of the Askold, the Novik, the Czarevitch and the cruiser Pallada appear to have returned to Port Arthur. The damage was slight and our fighting power has not been impaired.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—A dispatch from Mukden states that the Japanese Port Arthur army has been largely reinforced and has taken up positions in two large bodies, one on the heights between Lung Wung Tao and Pigeon Bay and the other on the hills near Louisa Bay. Guns have also been placed on the heights east of the Wolf hills.

The Bourse Gazette has received the following from its Liao Yang correspondent: "Twelve Japanese regiments have left in the direction of Port Arthur. It is stated on trustworthy authority that the Mikado has ordered that Port Arthur must be taken at any cost, even if it necessitates the suspension of operations in Manchuria, and it is quite possible that the main Japanese force will proceed to Port Arthur within a few days. Rain has stopped all operations."

Tokio, Aug. 14, 4 p. m.—Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostok squadron at dawn to day north of Tsu Island in the Strait of Korea and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted five hours and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruiser Rossia and Gromobol fled to the northward after having sustained serious damage.

Vice-Admiral Kamimura cables the navy department that the injury upon his vessels were slight. The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known. It is presumed that many of them who were killed or drowned. The strength of the fleet under Vice-Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Adsuma, Irsumo, Iwate, Takashio and other light cruisers. Tokio is joyous over the news, as it gives Japan mastery of the sea and restores commerce.

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MARRIAGES.

Smith-Justess.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McMasters, of Parris Chapel, July 31, 1904, Mr. Frank Smith and Ola Belle Justess, both of Hill County, were united in the bonds of matrimony, Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Hollis—Thompson.—Aug. 7, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, at Emporia, Tex., Mr. Earnest Hollis and Miss Maud Thompson, Rev. W. W. Graham officiating.

Anderson-Strickland.—At the home of the bride, near Martins Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas, July 24, 1904, Mr. W. A. Anderson and Miss Callie Strickland, Rev. J. F. Everitt officiating.

Lewis-Lynn.—On Aug. 2, 1904, Mr. George Lewis and Miss Adeline Lynn, Rev. Daniel Morgan officiating.

Reed-Wood.—On July 24, 1904, Mr. J. O. Reed, of Taylor County, and Miss Mollie Wood, of Floyd County, Rev. W. H. Carr officiating.

Gentry-Cobb.—At the home of the bride, in La Rue, Texas, Aug. 3, 1904, Mr. Will J. Gentry and Miss Ida Cobb, Dr. Hall officiating. Many friends present. Nice ice cream supper and the best of music from string band.

Koelmey-Reinstra.—At the parsonage of the First Methodist Church in Beaumont, Texas, July 31, 1904, at 1:15 p. m., Mr. Klass Koelmey, of Pine Island, Texas, and Miss Nellie G. Reinstra, of Nederland, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

Celerich-Hardee.—Mr. Herman Celerich and Miss Myrtle Hardee were united in wedlock at the home of the bride's mother in Beaumont, Texas, Aug. 3, 1904, at 8:40 p. m., Rev. V. A. Godbey performing the ceremony. Both parties were residents of Beaumont.

Hardy-Hughes.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, at Redfield, Neagoches County, Texas, Aug. 10, 1904, Mr. Ovid Hardy and Miss Nannie Hughes, Rev. C. A. Tower officiating.

Towns-Jackson.—At the parsonage gate, seated in a buggy, Aug. 7, 1904, Mr. Sam G. Towns and Miss Mattie Jackson, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

Brunson-Smith.—In East Tyler, at the home of Mrs. Mary Smith, Aug. 7, 1904, Mr. John Brunson and Miss Lena Smith, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

Bickley-Fuller.—At the home of the bride's father, J. W. Fuller, six miles east of Tyler, Aug. 7, 1904, Mr. W. D. Bickley and Miss Emma Fuller, Rev. T. T. Booth officiating.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of urine difficulties. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, Notre Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it.

ADVERTISING TEXAS.

The M., K. & T. Railway believes in Texas and is backing up that belief by advertising it thoroughly. As one of the best means of advertising Texas, this road is taking special pains to induce the people to visit the country and see for themselves what it is and what it offers. On August 22 and September 15 and 27, they will sell round trip excursion tickets from St. Louis, Hannibal, Kansas City, Junction City and intermediate points in Missouri and Kansas, to all points on the M., K. & T. system in Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Texas, at the exceedingly low rate of \$15.00. Tickets will be good twenty-one days from date of sale for return, and will admit of stop-overs on the going trip.

There are in the old States east of the Mississippi River and north of the Missouri River a great number of people who have friends and relatives now located in Texas. An invitation at this time to visit here with the added inducement of low rate should be the means of largely increasing the travel towards Texas this fall.

The M., K. & T. believes that this is an opportune time to invite prospective home-seekers and investors to visit Texas and see the lay of the land.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

St. Louis—Account World's Fair, various rates and limits, now on sale. Fort Worth—Account State B. Y. F. U. Sunday-school Conventions (colored), convention rates, Aug. 22 and 23, limited Aug. 23. Waco—Account Convention Prohibition Party, Convention rates, Aug. 22, limited Aug. 23. San Francisco or Los Angeles—Account K. T. Conclave and L. O. O. F. Grand Lodge, 46, Aug. 15 to Sept. 10, limited Oct. 23. For further information ask any Santa Fe agent or write W. B. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.



Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Midway.

A Member: Our pastor, C. W. Hearon, closed a week's meeting here last Tuesday. The Lord was with us and we had a good meeting. Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists stood shoulder to shoulder and worked for God. There were ten or twelve conversions and nine additions to the Church. Bro. Hearon did all the preaching, bringing us many messages of love. May God bless him in his work.

Childress Circuit.

G. W. Harris: We held our camp meeting in the Hill pasture the 23d of July. It was a fine meeting; 30 converted and 14 joined the Church; some more to follow. Many old differences settled; a general revival, closed Sunday night, the 31st, with a glorious victory. Rev. J. T. Bloodworth was with us four days. He let the gospel plow to the beam. Oh how God honored the word he preached. If you want a revival he is your man. Makes no compromises with sin, brings the people to a higher, purer life. God bless him. We raised a fine collection for the "general collections." We are happy on the way. Glory.

Weatherford Mission.

W. R. Witherspoon, Aug. 11: The protracted meeting for Lambert embraced the fourth and fifth Sundays in July. This is what was formerly known as Shady Grove. Last year, after the summer meeting, the Shady Grove class built them a house at Lambert, a point on the T. and P. Railway, seven miles west of Weatherford. We have a fine location—two acres of land dotted with nice shade trees—and this summer we have had a well drilled down to an inexhaustible supply of fine water. The meeting mentioned above was gratifying in many ways. To begin with, this was a very moral community, most of the people already being members of the Church, consequently a great ingathering of the unsaved was hardly to be expected. One remarkable feature of the meeting was the conversion of an old gentleman 82 years of age. In all there were 12 or 15 professions and nearly as many additions. Bro. Crow, of the Peaster Circuit, rendered efficient help in the meeting. Our pastor, Rev. A. P. Smith, preached with power and demonstration of the Spirit, reasoning of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He is in high favor with our people.

Sipe Springs.

J. M. Baker, Aug. 12: I am in the midst of a glorious meeting at Macedonia; conversions at nearly every service. Closed a good meeting at Okra last week; twenty-five or more conversions and reclamations. We have two more meetings to hold. Victory comes wherever the Church co-operates with the pastor.

Haskell Mission.

Geo. A. Nance, Aug. 12: We closed a meeting at Sayles last night; seven conversions and seven additions. Closed at Windmill House last Sunday; ten conversions and thirteen additions. Closed at Plainview July 30; fourteen conversions and seven additions. We begin at Pinkerton to-night. Hope to have a great meeting. Rev. J. David Crockett, from Georgetown, is doing the preaching. He is fine help. He preaches twice a day, talks and laughs between times and has gained fourteen pounds. He wants to stay in Haskell County all the time.

Thornton.

F. M. Winburne, Aug. 13: I am still going around since our Steele Creek boom. I held a little meeting at Prairie View, a place left out. There we received, first and last, 9 members. Closed out there a little too soon to rest a little. From thence to Independence, where I preached several times for the M. P.'s and Baptist brethren. One little Baptist sister shouted until I gave up my text and turned all loose. My, my, such shouting. One little woman swooned away in a trance, as they "used to do." Sinners present cried for mercy, and the end is not yet.

Granbury.

W. B. Wilson, Aug. 11: We are glad to report more good things from this charge. Since conference we have received sixty-eight into the Church, and have a few more to come right soon. Have just closed a real revival at Fairview Schoolhouse, a place where a Church was organized in May last, and where we had good prospects from the start. The meeting resulted in twenty-six conversions, twelve of whom go to other Churches and fourteen come to us by the result. Brother M. F. Whitaker, who came to us from the M. P. Church, an elder, in

May, rendered most valuable and efficient service. A subscription for the erection of a thousand dollar church building was started the last night of the meeting, and four hundred and fifty dollars was secured at once. We will begin the building next week. Eight Advocates are taken in the congregation, and a number of doctrinal books were sold during the meeting. This community is five miles from Granbury, and is fast developing to a rank second to none in the conference. We pray for great advancement of Methodism there, and expect to see it continually growing. Our Granbury University Training School bids fair to rival any of a like grade in the State of Texas. We expect at the opening, in September, a large enrollment, and the beginning of a most successful year. Prof. S. T. Smith, who is now at the head, has been here planning and developing great things for a most efficiently equipped school to mark our first year's record. We have adopted the fitting course of the Southwestern University, correlated in every respect with it, and expect to furnish our head institution the flower of the youth of this section. Prof. R. L. Patterson, another Southwestern University alumni, is also on the ground to ably assist the head master. Look for better things from "Old Granbury."

McGregor.

S. J. Rucker: Beginning July 17 and closing Aug. 3, a genuine co-operative meeting was held in McGregor by the Cumberland Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists. The local pastors, W. M. Baker, S. J. Rucker and J. W. Jent, respectively, did the preaching, the combined choirs the singing and the members the other work. Greater harmony, whether among preachers or people, I have not seen in a meeting. The services were all very spiritual. Prejudice and sectarianism were overcome and the Christian people of the various Churches drawn closer together than was ever before known in McGregor. Stanch members of the individual Churches testified that it was one of the most profitable and spiritual meetings that they had ever attended. The numerical results were some fifteen or twenty conversions and reclamations and eight or ten accessions. These results would have been much larger had it not been for the one drawback to the meeting—business men and the irreligious were very slow about attending. But the results of this meeting will abide in McGregor for many days to come.

Stringtown.

S. J. Rucker: Last night, Aug. 14, we closed a very fine meeting at Stringtown, five miles south of McGregor. We had a discouraging beginning, but God gave us the victory and we had a fine ending. There were between twenty and twenty-five conversions and reclamations and fifteen accessions to the Methodist Church, and several to the Baptists, with "more to follow." The Church was greatly revived and encouraged. We look for better things in that neighborhood.

De Leon.

J. M. Bond, Aug. 15: De Leon is stirred as never before; seventeen conversions yesterday and twenty-five last night. W. M. Lane is in great favor with his people, and he has the best working people I've seen in many a day. Will continue all of the week.

Stamford.

J. A. Biggs, August 13: Our work at Stamford is doing fairly well. We closed a good meeting here ten days ago; 24 conversions and 20 accessions to the Church, and the members of the Church greatly revived. The meeting made a fine impression on the town. Bro. Henry Long, of Hico, helped us in the meeting; he is fine help; the people here like him and his good wife. We built a large shed on the church lot back of the church, 60x80 feet, that cost \$400; it has a nice shingle-roof shed and is a nice, cool place. We hope to close out the year in good shape, with everything full. Crops are very fine in this section; in fact this is a very fine section of country, and many people are coming here from the East. We are free from boll weevils. Any one desiring to come to this section of the country, I can help in getting a good location if they will write me, or come to see me when they come.

Bosqueville.

R. F. Dunn, Aug. 8: We have held two of our meetings for this charge, and have two more yet to hold. The first was at Greenwood and Rev. A. E. Carraway did most of the preaching, and did it well. I don't think I ever heard better preaching in my life. The Church was in harmony and did some earnest work. Our collection for missions, etc., was excellent, and the Church enjoyed a gracious revival. But not one conversion that we know of. Our campmeeting at Evergreen

was the best they have had there in many years. We were ably assisted by Bro. Bolton, our presiding elder, and Rev. S. A. Barnes, of Elm St., E. Waco. The latter remained until the close of the meeting. Bro. Barnes started in his ministerial career from Bosqueville Circuit and our people were delighted with his earnest and forceful preaching. One of the most striking features of this meeting was that from the first service to the close there were manifestations of the presence of God, and all who attended from the first seemed to move upward in their faith and consecration to God. There were quite a number of conversions and reclamations, and thirteen added to the membership of our Church on this charge. Every Church on the circuit has a W. F. M. Society, and all our Sunday-schools are missionary societies.

Munday.

Ed R. Wallace, August 10: We are now in a meeting at the new building site for the Gillespie Church. I stretched my tent on the spot for a new church. It is, I think, the most beautiful location for a church I ever saw. It overlooks as fine a belt of country as can be found. It is in the center of the Gillespie membership. It is on the corner of J. W. Thorp's land. We have over \$1200 subscribed. I am to hold a meeting at Munday, embracing the third and fourth Sundays in August; and at Goree the first and second Sundays in September. Bro. Tucker, the Cumberland Presbyterian pastor, has agreed to be with us at Munday, and we hope to have the cooperation of all the people. I am trying to be able to turn over to the Cabinet two good charges at Mineral Wells. I bought a 40x56 foot tent when I came on this charge three years ago, and it has helped us in developing this charge. I use it all the time during the summer.

Riverside.

W. C. Smith, Aug. 16: I am still in the midst of a revival; ten conversions last night, with about 25 penitents. Bros. Geo. S. Wyatt and J. J. Creed are doing the preaching, and it is well done. I will tell it all when done. Surely our lines have fallen in pleasant places. The good women of Riverside commenced to pound this preacher, and you ought to see the good things too numerous to mention, and still they keep coming. If we could only feel worthy and know how to appreciate these tokens of love. We are praying that the Lord will bless the people and he is doing so. Bro. Wyrick is still with me, shouting, preaching and praying. God bless him.

Richland.

S. L. Culwell, Aug. 15: Three weeks ago to-day we hauled out the lumber for our new church at Pursley. Since that time we have erected a house valued at \$525; will be worth about \$700 when finished. We have also held our meeting in the new house. Bro. J. M. Barcus was with us, preaching with his usual power, from Wednesday night until Sunday night. He held our third Quarterly Conference Saturday. Our meeting closed last night with a great victory. The preaching done by our beloved presiding elder was of the very highest type—plain, simple, yet powerful. The meeting resulted in 20 additions to our Church, a new Epworth League with 20 members, and our assessment at this place on the general collections raised in cash and good subscriptions. Those who have lived here a long time say this was the best meeting ever held in this community. To God be all the glory. We take courage and press forward.

Venus.

R. J. Tooley, Aug. 16: Just closed a good meeting at Barnesville. Fifty additions to the Church. This gives us a strong class here. We expect better things at old Barnesville in future. Bro. Goodrich and the presiding elder, Bro. Sensabaugh, did us some good work, for which we are thankful.

Ranger.

B. R. Wagner, Aug. 16: Have just closed a fine meeting at Gunsight; had fifteen or sixteen conversions and received nine into the Church. Had good services from beginning. Have had very good meetings on the work. Organized a Sunday-school at Mt. Zion. I have two more meetings.

Lower Redwood.

Andrey Fuqua, Aug. 9: Our community is moving along nicely under the pastorate of Bro. Arthur Laney. Our membership is increasing and growing spiritually. Bro. Laney secured Bro. C. D. Pipkin, of Matador, to help hold our meeting. His preaching was pointed and powerful. He preaches the gospel with the old-time power. He has left the sweet impression of Christ in this community, and the good that he did here will go with this people to the judgment. Bro. Trice, of Clairemont, was with us two days. He

did some excellent spiritual preaching with good results. The meeting was as a sweet balm to this community, and the good accomplished will long be remembered. God bless those brethren wherever they go. There were quite a number of conversions. Three joined the M. E. Church and two the Baptist. Our Sunday-school and prayer-meeting are doing good work. The Christians were greatly revived and strengthened, and when our work on earth is over and we meet here no more, we will be rounded up in glory by and by.

Desdemona.

W. M. Leatherwood: We are in a fine meeting at this place. After nine days of the most sullen resistance I ever witnessed, the ranks of sin broke last night (Sunday). It was a great service. Every one seemed to recognize an extraordinary presence. The Church had been hard to inspire, but many of the Christians moved upon the forces of sin with the most desperate and unyielding purpose. The altar was well-nigh filled and other stout sinners were down here and there over the large congregation. Ten or twelve have been evidently born of the Spirit. The congregations are large day and night, and they are not drawn by stories or fun or clownish foolishness, but by the plain word of God. The meeting continues. Bro. Ellis is strong on his work.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Morris Chapel.

G. R. Hughes, August 13: Up to last night we have received 42 members into the Church at Morris Chapel; 62 conversions, and still the meeting goes on, with 30 at the altar last night.

Quitman.

C. B. Smith, Aug. 13: Since last report have held two meetings. At Stinson's Chapel conditions were all against us—almost an epidemic of sickness. Bro. Jno. A. Wheeler, L. P., went from Webster and run the meeting three days; received one member. At Forrest Home had a glorious revival in the Church; eight or ten conversions and reclamations. Had the help of Bro. Wheeler. Begin at Salem today. Have received fifty-six members to date; net increase forty-three.

Beckville.

J. T. Biggs, L. P., July 31: Just closed a glorious meeting at Rehoboth. We held seven days with great success and good results; 35 conversions and 20 additions to the M. E. Church, South, and a large number of reclamations. We have not had such a revival in ten years. This meeting was held by our beloved pastor, Bro. C. M. Cagle, assisted by Bro. Nunely, the able singer. The people love their pastor, both saint and sinner. I verily believe we have the right preacher in the right place. We have organized a Sunday-school and prayer meeting. The results of this meeting will tell in eternity. This wonderful power seized upon some of the oldest sinners in our country and caused them to quake and tremble, and they have passed from death unto life everlasting.

Beaver Valley.

Dr. Hall, Aug. 12: We leave Bicks Chapel to-day, where we have been in a battle against sin and the devil for the past six days and nights. We are glad to report a good meeting. Baptized two sweet little babies, took three subscribers for the Advocate, pruned the Church by Church Conference, the first one held there in two years; had a great revival in the Church, many reclaimed from dead works; received 5 members by ritual, and fourteen souls professed conversion. Bro. Asbill aided me, day in and out, and preached four good sermons. Bro. Cooper preached once. We leave this Church in fine order spiritually. God be praised. The seed sown gives promise of much other good, not here reported. Oh, sweet Holy Spirit, follow up and seal other souls from this six days' work! Amen.

West Nona.

W. W. Wiggins, L. D., Aug. 10: West Nona community is on the Kountze charge and is about seven miles west from Kountze. It is also one of the preaching places of this local preacher. We decided we wanted a revival, and notified Bro. J. C. Stewart, P. C., and the time for the meeting to begin was July 28th. Bro. Stewart was on time to begin Thursday night. My! my! What preaching! Bro. Stewart pitched everything high, all the members fell in line; they worked, prayed and sang. About the second service we thought of the old Philippian jail, as Paul and Silas sang and prayed and became alarmed. So this community was stirred as never before. Bro. Stewart believes in the mourner's bench, and used it successfully. The meeting lasted ten days, and every ser-

vice was a success. People were converted at nearly every service; some were converted as they went to their homes from the services. The visible results of the meeting are about 30 conversions; 20 joined the Methodist Church, and some will go to the Baptist. A Sunday-school and prayer-meeting was organized. Bro. Stewart took a collection on his conference collections. He asked me how much he must ask for. I thought that as everything else had been of a high order the collection should be also, so he asked for a liberal sum, and got it. Of course everybody fell in love with Bro. Stewart. It is pretty hard to get our consent to do it, but will have to admit that itinerant preachers can preach as well as local preachers.

New Boston Mission.

J. S. Ogle, Aug. 10: We have held four of our protracted meetings at the following places: Moss Springs, Woodstock, Red Bayou and Daniel Schoolhouse—all with good results. The Church greatly revived, sinners converted and backsliders reclaimed. There has been a great awakening and soul-stirring all over the New Boston Mission, for which we thank God and renew our energy and press to battle. We organized a Church last Sunday at Daniel Schoolhouse, a Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the name of which will now be known as Daniel Chapel. We have one more meeting to hold, at Liberty Hill. We are praying for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We have been in the homes of most all the people who live in the bounds of the New Boston Mission, and we love them. We baptized three infants last Sunday. We were assisted one week by Rev. W. T. Finley, of Fannin County, whose services were greatly appreciated. We love him and the people will long remember his service. I think at the close of the conference year we will have a good report on all lines. I think all claims and assessments will be paid in full.

Davilla.

C. E. Simpson, Aug. 15: On Wednesday evening, July 29, we began our meeting at Friendship. The people were in expectation. The Church was praying for the old-time revival fire to fall on us, and it came. It was the greatest meeting that we ever saw. Old men and young men and young women and little boys and girls came to the altar and were saved. The Church did faithful work in the altar, in the congregation and in the grove meeting. I wish I could describe some of the scenes of that meeting, but I can't. The Lord led his people to victory. The meeting lasted fourteen days, resulting in forty-seven additions to the Church, two of which were by certificate, the others by vows and baptism. We also baptized seven children and infants. Bro. George Cravy did most of the preaching. He preached with power and in demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Cravy is our local preacher and he loves the Church and her doctrines, and is the pastor's friend. Our next meeting was held at Ellison Ridge. Here the Lord was with us and we had a good revival, resulting in thirteen additions to the Church. Bro. Cravy assisted us in the preaching the latter part of the meeting. Bro. Burke, from Thorndale, was with us part of the time, rendering valuable service in the altar and in the singing. We give God the glory and press on.

Beckville.

J. T. Allison: Our pastor, Bro. C. M. Cagle, began on his round of protracted meetings at Beckville third Sunday in July. Had good congregation and good interest Sunday and Sunday night. On Monday he was called away to attend a burial service, and left the meeting in care of J. E. Biggs, steward, and an old stand-by of the Church, and it was decided we would have a prayer and experience meeting, and it certainly was very enjoyable. It is not explainable how any person, though the most skeptical, could listen to those old Christians relating their rich experiences of their struggles and trials, of the pleasure and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit, of their sweet hopes of heaven growing brighter and brighter every day and hour, and doubt for a moment the reality of the Christian religion. On Tuesday Bro. Strother, of Jacksonville, dropped in with us and preached two fine sermons. The revival flame had already started up, which he discovered at once, and though he had been in school work for several years, he was filled with the spirit of preaching and exhibited it in every word and act of his sermons. May the Lord bless him in his school work and whatever work the Church may require him to do. Bro. Cagle had arranged for the help of Mrs. Zehner, the lady revivalist of Dallas, but she failed to reach us until Saturday, and then the revival fire broke forth from every direction. Be-





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## The Home Circle

### THE OLD RAG DOLL.

(Written at the request of little Elsie Scott, of Haskell, Texas, and lovingly dedicated to her.)

I have a brand-new play house now,  
All furnished out in style,  
And dollies that I love to dress  
And play with for awhile;  
But when I'm tired of them all  
And lonesome as can be,  
Say, do you want to know which doll  
Is company for me?  
'Tis darling Nell—  
This—

Old Rag Doll.

I love her better than the rest,  
Because she understands  
And doesn't try to pieces when  
She falls out of my hands.  
I kiss her, and I hug her close—  
It does not spoil her dress—  
An' which doll loves me best you 'spose?  
'Tis plain old Nell—  
My

Old Rag Doll.

Her disposition is so good—  
She's not so hard and cold;  
She sleeps with me—right in my arms—  
And, though she's getting old,  
She is not clumsy, stiff and cross;  
She does not change, you see,  
So of all dollies in the world,  
The dearest one to me  
Is darling Nell—  
My

Old Rag Doll.

(The above poem is intended as a recitation for a little girl holding a large rag doll. Between the stanzas a few bars of a march may be played and the child may march across the stage two or three times, humming to her doll.)

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM,  
Haskell, Texas.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Sister Annie was sick, and Johnnie and his little sister, Marie, did not know what to do with themselves. They wandered gloomily about the house and yard, disconsolate and lonely; for Annie had been the life of their party; the leader of their sports, the very light of the household; and Annie was so sick she could not bear them to make any noise. To step softly across the room hurt her head dreadfully, and to whistle, or sing or shout—oh, my! mother said that would never, never do.

You can imagine what a relief it was then, to be sent over to grand-

mother's on an errand. This was distant about two miles, and quite a little of the weary time would be consumed in going and coming, and when Mrs. Taylor consented to the children remaining until after dinner with their grandmother, their joy was complete.

It was mid-winter and very severe weather, and Johnnie was anxious to take the sled and go down to the old lady's on the ice, the river being frozen over; Marie could ride on the sled, and he would put on his skates and skim along with the rope in his hand. It would just be fun to haul her that way. But Mrs. Taylor shook her head decidedly.

"The Big Walnut is a most treacherous stream," she said, in reply to the children's pleading. "You never know whether it will bear you up or not. The current is so swift and strong it does not freeze solid enough, and it is always so full of air holes. I would be perfectly willing for you to go that way if it was safe, Johnnie boy, but, as it is, I must decidedly say no! It is not so much farther by the road, and you may take the sled and coast down all the hills anyway."

Johnnie was not half pleased. He thought he knew best. Mother was too silly for anything to be afraid of the Big Walnut. With the mercury almost down to zero, of course there wouldn't be any danger. If only boys and girls didn't have to mind mothers, he'd prove to Marie that the ice was all right.

However, Johnnie had been trained to obey mother pretty well, and he hadn't the least idea of doing anything else when he started to his grandmother's. But he talked regretfully all the way, and when at the dinner table the hired man, Sam Phillips, assured him that the Big Walnut would bear up a team without a doubt, his wish to venture home upon the ice became so strong that it grew into a resolution to do so. He was positive that mother would not care. She had said that she would be perfectly willing if it were only safe, and it was safe—Sam Phillips said so; and, of course, he knew all about it.

But Johnnie had not reckoned on little Marie having objections. That was exactly what the little girl revealed, however, so soon as he broached the subject when they had started home quite early in the afternoon.

"Mother said not," exclaimed the

tiny girl, sturdily, "and it isn't good to disobey mother's ever!"

"But she said she was willing if it was safe," persisted Johnnie, "and Sam says it is. I'll throw rocks on it first and try it, and go out with a great big club and pound it, and let you see. It's so fine riding on the ice. Marie, I haven't got my skates; that's the only thing. But I can slide a long ways at a time and pull you right along."

"Well," said Marie, wavering before the temptation, "if you're sure mother won't care."

"I know she won't," said Johnnie. "And you must pound it awful!"

"Yes, I will," said Johnnie, going out on the glittering surface and pounding it here and there with a heavy stick.

"It cracked!" cried Marie, in alarm. "I heard just as plain. It cracked awful! Come back right away, Johnnie Taylor!"

But alas! It was too late for Johnnie to return. With a loud report, the ice parted between him and the shore, and here and there it bent and yielded and broke, until Johnnie's refuge was only a little island of ice at the mercy of the current.

"Oh, oh, oh!" wailed Marie, running up and down the bank helplessly; "what shall we do, Johnnie Taylor? If you had just minded mother!"

"Yes, I wish I had, Marie," said Johnnie, dolefully. "I guess I am going to drown. I am a very little boy to drown, too; such a little boy to die. Couldn't you do something?"

Marie looked all about and searched as long as she could, but the farm-houses were a long distance away, and there was no one in sight. Meantime there was Johnnie—her Johnnie—in danger of drowning in the cold, icy water. Suddenly her eyes fell on the long, stout rope attached to the sled. She sprang toward it and began to untie the knots frantically. Johnnie saw what she was about, and cheered her on.

"You're the very smartest and pluckiest little girl I ever saw!" he declared. "Fasten one end round that little tree, Marie, and sling the other to me; I guess you can do it. Not quite. Try again; don't get discouraged. Now! That's it; I've got it. Now I can pull myself to the shore all right." And he did, not without a good deal of difficulty, but he managed it. "It's a mighty good thing I didn't go very far out on the ice," said the boy, when he had retied the rope to the sled, and they were on their way home. "If I had, you couldn't have reached me with that rope."

"It's a gooder thing that I didn't go on the ice," said Marie, wisely, shaking her little head, "or there wouldn't been anyone to throw you the rope, and we'd both been drowned. And it's the goodest thing to mind mother—the goodest of all!"

"That's so," said Johnnie; we'll always do it after this, Marie."—Baptist Boys and Girls.

### THE THEOSCOPE.

We have the microscope for seeing fine, the telescope for seeing far, the spectroscope for seeing the dark lines of many material substances in the light, the stethoscope for perceiving, not by the eye, the internal state of the breast and various other scopes for perceiving various things. But what we need most is a theoscope for seeing God.

This is a legitimate field for scientific research with suitable instruments. We need not wait till this muddy vesture of decay is taken off, as Job said in despair of present vindication, "Without my flesh shall I see God," for Moses but expressed a desire in accordance with human possibility when he said, "I beseech Thee show me Thy glory." History had told him that the Lord had appeared under various forms unto Adam, Abram, Isaac, Jacob and others. But Moses wanted to see the real essence. For that there must be waiting, but in the denial, God offered to make His goodness pass before him. And he did, to the great irradiating of his face. For such vision human eyes are adequate. Elisha knew that the organs for seeing spiritual existences existed and only needed unveiling when he said, "I pray thee open the eyes" of the young man. The Lord of all spiritual realms asserted the same fact when he said, "The pure in heart shall see God." This "shall" has an assertive or imperative, rather than a future force. This is a common significance. The verb optional, from which this optional, "shall see" comes, does not mean to see with eyes exclusively, but it means to perceive with the mind, to know, as Acts 8:23: "I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity"; Col. 2:18, seen with feelings of reverence. (American Version Note.) John 3:11 and 32, seen with spiritual organs. John 16:16, Ye shall see me spiritually present after my body has departed.

It also means to become acquainted with by experience, John 3:36, not experience of life. Luke 17:22, Not know

by experience one of the days to the son of man.

It also means to take heed, to see to it. Matt. 27:4, See to your betrayal of innocent blood yourself. Also verse 24, See to it yourselves. Acts 18:15, See to the effect of your own law.

In these senses, then, (a) to perceive with the mind, (b) to know by experience, (c) and then to reverently take heed to, man may see God.

What is the instrument, the theoscope?

Professor Agassiz once approached the instrument of a celebrated microscopist, but paused and said, "Tell me what I am to see." The microscopist, delighted, answered, "You are a man after my own heart. You recognize that there must be a prepared mind to enable the eye to see rightly." We shall see what we expect or desire to see. Thousands have eyes but see not the things that are visible to others. A cold critic, gazing on one of Turner's gorgeous pictures of sky in which God made the outgoing of the morning and evening rejoice, said, "I never see such colors in the sky as you paint." "Do you wish you could?" said Turner. "I never can begin to paint what I see." To some

A primrose by the river's brim  
A yellow primrose is to him,  
And it is nothing more.

To another every common bush is aflame with God. So the first qualification is desire and expectancy. Then one is anxious to be taught like Agassiz, by artists already qualified. How many of them there are! What a choice selection of the results of their seeing is recorded in the Bible.

The instrument of this theoscope is the heart. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and this righteousness is the purity in heart that enables one to perceive God. As the patriot thrills to see his country in the flag; in a ring; the Christian to see divine love even unto death in the Cross, so the pure in heart have a theoscope to see God in everything that He has made.

How the Bible seers saw Him. The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork. He bringeth the rain. He causeth the grass to grow. He giveth to the beast his food. How the hymns roll the rhythm of His presence in nature till the morning stars sing together and all the universe is one Eolian harp swept by the breath of God.

The harp at nature's advent strung  
Has never ceased to play;  
The song the stars at morning sung  
Has never died away.

How the world, human history, and one's individual experience are all glorified when God is perceived, even dimly, in them all. The full revelation is not yet.

For if I could see, as in truth they be,  
The glories that encircle me,  
I should lightly hold this tissued fold  
With its marvelous curtain of blue and gold.

The full revelation of God, when we awake to His likeness and see Him as He is, must be expected, desired and prepared for here. After our theoscope, which has been made by the best artist, has been used to perfection by an expectant soul till God is pavilioned in every splendor, breathed in every rose, and all nature sings his boundless love, then we may say:

Oh, the hour when this material  
Shall have vanished like a cloud,  
When amid the wild ethereal  
All the invisible shall crowd—  
In that sudden, strange transition,  
By a known but finer sense,  
Shall we grasp the mighty vision,  
And receive the influence.

—Bishop H. W. Warren, in the St. Louis Christian Advocate.

### "DARLING LITTLE MOTHER."

I was looking through an old package of letters the other day, and I came to one from mother.

It was fortunate that I found it. She had written me so many letters, and they had been destroyed, and now that her hand was stilled, and no more letters came addressed to "My darling boy," I longed for a few to keep and re-read, as I remembered her loving messages when I was absent from her. "My darling boy," the letter began, and then the first line—"I was so glad to hear from you," and the word "so" was underlined.

The letter was not written very long, and I spotted its pages with teardrops.

It closed with "From your little mother." That is what I called her—"little mother."

I am glad that when I wrote her I said: "My darling little mother." I think she got lonesome for the childhood days when her boy was little and climbed up into her lap and stroked her cheek; and when she read my letters and remembered the old days, she



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knew that I had not forgotten either, and that I felt the same. She knew that it was only the strife and work that come with manhood's years that had taken some of boyhood's warm, affectionate expressions away.

"Darling little mother." I am glad I always wrote this way, and so often called her this sweet name.

I remember once, in playfulness, I sat for a moment on her lap. She pulled my head down on her shoulder and stroked my hair, and I heard her say in a whisper: "My little boy," and when I looked up there were tears in her eyes. They were happy tears of memory. To mother we are only boys—her boys. She never forgets, and she longs to hear the old, sweet words we used to say to her.

You are a man. Perhaps there are little fellows in the home who run to welcome you in the evening, but you are to mother—her boy. Don't forget she likes to have you call her "Darling little mother." You will be glad you did it after she is gone.—Willis Brown, in Ram's Horn.

### A SANITARIUM FOR INDIGENT CONSUMPTIVES.

The State has its institutions for the care of the blind, the insane, the epileptic, the deaf mutes, etc., etc., and this is right. It should have these and maintain them well. But there is another class of unfortunate—the indigent consumptives. There are in our borders hundreds of this class who, if they had at the proper time the right attention, could be saved to their families and the State and help make the State and world better. I therefore hope the next Legislature will not fail to see the need of such an institution and arrange for its establishment.

DR. W. R. LOVE.

Grandview, Texas.

Are you working at real religion much lately?—Pepper.

### JUST ONE DAY

Free From the Sluggish Brought out a Fact.

"During the time I was a coffee drinker," says an Iowa woman, "I was nervous, had spells with my heart, smothering spells, headache, stomach trouble, liver and kidney trouble. I did not know for years what made me have those spells. I would frequently sink away as though my last hour had come."

"For 27 years I suffered thus and used bottles of medicine enough to set up a drug store,—capsules and pills and everything I heard of. Spent lots of money, but I was sick nearly all the time. Sometimes I was so nervous I could not hold a plate in my hands; and other times I thought I would surely die sitting at the table."

"This went on until about two years ago, when one day I did not use any coffee and I noticed I was not so nervous and told my husband about it. He had been telling me that it might be the coffee but I said 'No, I have been drinking coffee all my life and it cannot be.' But after this I thought I would try and do without it and drink hot water. I did this for several days but got tired of the hot water and went to drinking coffee and as soon as I began coffee again I was nervous again. This proved that it was the coffee that caused my troubles."

"We had tried Postum but had not made it right and did not like it, but now I decided to give it another trial so I read the directions on the package carefully and made it after these directions and it was simply delicious, so we quit coffee for good and the results are wonderful. Before, I could not sleep but now I go to bed and sleep sound, am not a bit nervous now but work hard and can walk miles. Nervous headaches are gone, my heart does not bother me any more like it did and I don't have any of the smothering spells and would you believe it? I am getting fat. We drink Postum now and nothing else and even my husband's headaches have disappeared; we both sleep sound and healthy now and that's a blessing." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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MRS. REBECCA J. FISHER AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

It having been made possible for me through the kindness of that popular and well equipped railroad, the M., K. & T., to spend two months in St. Louis visiting kindred and the World's Fair, and believing a few "notes by the way" would be of interest to my friends, prompts this article.

In the first place, the Texas Building is the pride of Texas and the admiration of the many hundred visitors from all parts of the world who throng its portals every day. No building there is so highly complimented and admired for its artistic and beautiful designed apartments. An architect of Chicago was so delighted and surprised with its artistic and symmetrical beauty that he insisted upon seeing the man who designed such a novel and attractive building, "for," said he, "I consider it the most unique and artistic on the ground."

The charming hostess with whom I had the pleasure of receiving, are ideal entertainers who can not be surpassed in grace, dignity and beautiful Southern hospitality. Among that equally gifted and popular number who are yet to serve, are Mrs. Ira Evans, of Austin, a model and queenly entertainer, and the bright, vivacious Mrs. Anne Douling Robertson, of Dallas. They with their charming assistants will add fresh laurels to our Lone Star State.

The musicales form an interesting and important part in these entertainments. Texas talent of the highest order is required and secured, and can not be surpassed by any other State. Among the number of gifted and popular vocalists who are entitled to special mention are Mrs. L. L. Jester, of Tyler, and Mrs. Dixie Crooks Potter, of Gainesville. Their rich, melodious voices ring in thrilling melody throughout the corridors of that stately building, vibrating in touching, tender pathos around the beautiful Lone Star which nestles so gracefully in the center of the dome. Mrs. Potter conferred a most graceful and delicate compliment to the clergy of St. Louis by inviting them to an artistic musical prepared in their honor, which was highly enjoyed and appreciated. The World's Fair is grand, with its magnificent buildings, outlined by more than two hundred thousand electric lights, flashing their silvery rays over the beautiful cascades, at whose feet a crystal lake dotted with gay gondolas receives her sparkling waters. The Boer War, with General Cronje as a central figure; the Philippine Village, with its six tribes in their peculiar costumes, including the wild and savage Igorottes; the Tyrolian Alps, with its picturesque villages nestling among the hills, and sparkling water tumbling down its rugged peaks, and the Pike, with its interesting and varied entertainments. The magnificent buildings crowded with everything science, genius and art could desire are bewildering and exciting. The World's Fair is great—it is grand. No pen or tongue can ever do it justice. One of its most interesting State buildings is the Hermitage, presided over by Mrs. Lawrence, the gifted and charming granddaughter of General Jackson, whom it is said was not only President of the United States himself, but succeeded in making several other men to fill the honored position. This distinguished lady is the mother of Sister Bradford, whose successful husband was the popular pastor of Tenth Street Church last year. Brother Bradford is building up a large Church and has already taken in over a hundred members. He and his good wife are popular wherever they go.

Before leaving St. Louis the great Magazine Building should not be overlooked. There you see what can be accomplished by energy and determination, as evinced by the founder of that 10-cent magazine, who, with only \$1.50 in his pocket, secured a little type and, canvassing St. Louis, secured enough subscribers to start his paper. He is now said to be worth millions, and a building crowned with the largest searchlight in the world. That building teaches an important lesson which our Texas boys would do well to study and apply. This wonderful and imposing Fair is said to far surpass all others, the great Paris Exposition not excepted. St. Louis is a beautiful city and it is said the Southern Methodist Church is by far the most wealthy, and has the largest membership of any denomination, and that many of her members are millionaires. Our churches there are elegant and congregations overflowing. It was a pleasure to renew the acquaintance formed years ago at General Conference of that noble Christian and philanthropist, Honorable Samuel Cupples. This popular Southern Methodist and multi-millionaire has never ceased in liberality and devotion to his beloved Church, and to him more than to any other man is due the erection and maintenance of that great Washington University at St. Louis. Samuel Cupples is a great and grand man. His name implies everything that is noble and good. He is a Christian gentleman of the highest type, honored and loved by

every Southern Methodist the world over.

Brother Scruggs is also one of our noble Church members. He is now in Europe spending the summer. Brother Scruggs belongs to Brother Bradford's charge and is one of his greatly admired and liberal supporters. He is also a man of wealth and a noble Christian gentleman, honored and loved by all.

In sculpture Texas is honored by the work of Miss Ney, the grand-niece of that noted man, Marshal Ney, of France. Miss Ney is not only master of her profession, but a lady of rare intelligence. Her studio is charmingly situated near Austin, among shrubs and trees, with meandering rivulets of sparkling water flowing through verdant meadows. The fortunate ones who are granted admission to these sacred grounds find much to interest and admire. Her exhibit at the World's Fair excites the admiration of all who linger round those noted and life-like forms of clay. In the Daughters of the Republic room of the Texas Building, reclining upon a stretcher, lay the calm, heroic form of General Albert Sidney Johnston, who served the Republic of Texas, an officer of the Mexican War and whose precious life was sacrificed on the battle field of Shiloh. On either side of the door leading to this historic room stand as sentinels the statues of General Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin, two noted and great men of the Texas Revolution. These are plaster casts of the two in marble which adorn the Capitol at Austin and the two that will soon be unveiled in the Capitol at Washington. These are the work of that gifted and popular genius, Miss Ney. Texas is greatly honored by having such a noted sculptor within her borders.

Having passed through much of the Texas Revolution, its perils and sorrows, you can not censure me if I tell you that with a company of friends I spent that memorable night at the Democratic Convention which nominated Judge Parker for the presidency. St. Louis gentlemen honored me with complimentary tickets and my patriotic nature could not resist the temptation of witnessing that great event, which will ever be remembered as one of the most pleasant periods of my life. That entire night was spent in speeches and hurrahs, and at ten minutes of 6 a. m. the Judge was proclaimed the nominee of the Democratic party amid the waving of handkerchiefs, flags, coats and hats.

That great building seemed to quiver beneath the cheering, stamping and kicking of that excited throng. Men of national reputation strained throats and nerve in peals of burning eloquence; every chord was touched by the fire of patriotism; every tension strung to its highest pitch, breaking forth in great waves of applause, and the wild hurrahs of that vast multitude. Flags and handkerchiefs, like the trembling billows of the ocean, were tossed in surging fury, until arms which bore them seemed almost paralyzed by constant force and motion. Our own dear Texas flag, the most beautiful of them all, guided by patriotic hearts and hands, soared triumphantly above all others in regal pride and splendor, receiving the applause and honor she historically deserved. After day had broken and the sun was preparing to come forth from his night's repose, gilding the horizon with his gorgeous rays, Judge Parker was proclaimed conqueror.

'Twas a rich and beautiful panorama of lovely women and noble men. Thrilling peals of eloquence flashed from giant brains and patriotic hearts during that entire night, interspersed with deafening applause and inspiring music.

Texas also had her prominent sons there, among whom were our gifted and prominent Senators, the Honorables Joe Bailey and Charley Culbertson, two giants in eloquence and national fame.

There also was the venerable John H. Reagan, whose bending form and feeble tread lent inspiration to the scene, mingled with tears, that one so useful and full of honor should show signs of failing health.

MRS. REBECCA J. FISHER, Austin, Texas.

CONTINUED PERIPATETICS.

Likewise came the Secretary also to Colorado City. Chas. Stanton Field, the pastor, had been importuning him for many days. Such eagerness for the presence of a peripatetic is delightful. Not that I speak in respect of want of invitations. On the other hand, many brethren have insisted, and all make me cordially welcome. Not during the three years of this pilgrimage has the aforesaid Secretary been coldly received; at least not by the preacher in charge or presiding elder. But Bro. Field was so sure that a missionary rally would be a blessing to his congregation that the visit was gladly undertaken. I had been there before. Some of the people I had known for a long time. I was the pastor of J. D. Wulfjen and his wife when their oldest boy, Urda Dee, was in

long clothes. Those who call him an old bachelor now may know thereby that he is not beyond the vulnerable age. Bro. Wulfjen has long been one of the standard bearers of the Church, and Urda Dee is a steward of some experience. Sister Wulfjen has been almost blind for a good while. She is cheerful and happy.

As usual, the parsonage was open; and as usual others claimed the visiting brother. So, personally, all was pleasant. Good congregations heard the great question by night and by day until Monday evening, when the scenes from the field added the kids to the already fine audiences. Colorado will show full collections with a good margin for missions. Field holds the situation well in hand. He is intelligent, wide awake and energetic in his work. Those bright children should be educated in Southwestern University; and I believe they will.

Merkel was the next place. The pastor was at the train. While he has a home in the city, Bro. Evans does not know how to find any other abiding place for a visiting preacher. Quarterly Conference was at hand. The presiding elder appeared at the appointed time, and all "the interests of the Church," etc. I suspect that E. A. Smith will appreciate a rest from the toils of the sub-superintendency, if Bishop Hoss will grant it. I believe I will ask the Bishop to consult me concerning the appointments. I want to do a good thing for the retiring presiding elders. I know how they feel. I doubt whether the Bishop knows or not. I believe he has retired from one or two places, having filled them well and having deserved all the promotion he has ever received. Selah! But Smith was on hand at Merkel, and he and Evans were a conspicuous and respectable part of the congregation. I was there once before, and the people have not forgotten that I broke up and broke down a powerful revival by preaching two missionary sermons. In the judgment of some people the Holy Spirit refuses to sanction any such interference with revival work as a sermon on missions.

Merkel is a thriving town. Brick blocks are going up. Business is brisk, and the people are encouraged. The pastor is hopeful. Full collections will be reported, and I hope they will have a great revival. The other appointment (Capps) was well represented, and the leaders at Merkel are in hearty sympathy with every good thing, missions included. But I must away to Midland, where I have been promising to go for a long season. But it is so far away, half way to El Paso.

A singular error came near stranding me. Bro. Webb telegraphed me: "Will meet you at station." When it reached me it was: "Will greet you at Stanton." Now Stanton is fifteen miles east of Midland, and is one of Bro. Webb's preaching places. So I bought ticket and checked baggage for Stanton; but when the aforesaid Webb did not materialize at Stanton I swung on to the train and an hour later found him awaiting me at station, as per original form of telegram. I have no lawsuit on hand, lost nothing, and am not sure that Webb's chirography would justify "proceedings." All the same, we had a fine time, fine congregations, fine singing, fine spirit, fine trip to the ranch, fine collections, etc. Midland has plenty of rain. The grass is said to be good. I suppose it is, but I am accustomed to "sedge." The Galloway and Hereford cows are very pretty, and some say they are the best. But a native of the blue grass enjoyed looking at the red Durhams on the Wulfjen ranch near Colorado quite as much as the black colorado or the white faces around Midland.

It was a great joy to me to visit this western world. I feel no embarrassment whatever in presenting the missionary cause to those people. For twenty-seven years I have been assisting to send money to build up the work in those lands. Most of the earlier charges have long been self-sustaining. But one thing is very noticeable. The charges that hold on with most tenacity to the appropriations offer most opposition to foreign missions. There are people in the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference who owe everything to the help received regularly from the board, and yet antagonize with all their power the movements for further conquest. This ought not so to be. We must educate better. I found no disposition of this kind at Midland. They are enterprising and liberal according to the range of vision. But I have yet to find the place where they do not need information on the subject of missions. The objections of John Randolph are still solemnly retained and the sneers of Sidney Smith still reproduced; while covetousness gloatingly approves. The stereotypical views of the men and women in the field and the results of their toils as seen in the churches, schools, hospitals and great groups of converts do much for the encouragement of those not hopelessly prejudiced. I believe in Vaughan's maxims: "Know and you will feel; know and you will pray; know and you will give."

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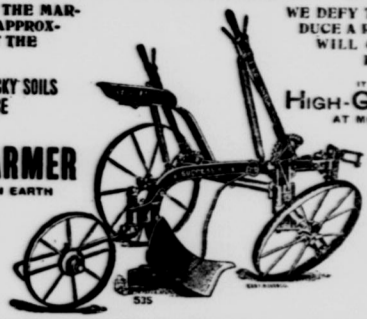
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In Isaiah 65:20 and remainder of chapter we find man's age is to become as the age of a tree, the wolf and lamb feed together, etc. In Isaiah 11:6-9 we find a parallel to above scripture and in 9th verse the reason for these conditions is given, and we find such to be, "because the earth shall be full of knowledge." We are taught by history this increase of knowledge began in the fifteenth century and has wonderfully increased from then till now, one leading feature being as knowledge is increased there is less faith being placed in medicine and more in hygienic measures. A good evidence of the wisdom of this change is the fact that even to-day man's average life is much longer than in the days of superstition. The fact is, though medicine is one of our greatest blessings in relieving and curing certain abnormal conditions, yet is powerless in supplying the vitalizing agents of the blood and hence hygienic measures only can benefit and cure diseases caused by a deficiency of same. For the blood to contain a full supply of vitalizing agents added to its circulating medium is the basis of health and the reason of Natural Law Discovery supplying these agents is why it is the "most valuable information known to man." The information makes one engineer of the machinery circulating the blood, for he who understands the information can control the resupply of vitality and the blood's circulating agent, decreasing or increasing the action of the organs circulating the blood as surely as the engineer controls the amount of steam and the speed of his engine.

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Mine is the first case using Natural Law Discovery and its results in my case, I do not feel, could be exaggerated. My blood was sluggish and had insufficient amount of the vitalizing agents of the blood, suffering with awful spells of nervous prostration and had to take medicine almost daily, suffering often with neuralgia. Being a widow, I have many hardships and man's work often to do. When tired I can relieve it in five minutes and continue work, when, if ignorant of the information, could not safely do so. It enables one to withstand exposure and to relieve its evil effects. In short, I term it to the body what religion is to the soul and I know there is no woman who can afford to remain ignorant of the information.—Mrs. M. A. Nixon, Palace, Texas. We have served each four years as pastor of above party and she is known to us as a most consistent Christian.—S. N. Allen and Caleb Smith, Tyler, Texas. Circulars are sent free to every one writing for them. Bear in mind the treatment is purely hygienic, as its name indicates. M. A. SIDES, MARTIN'S MILL, TEX.

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#### WHITE ROCK CAMP-GROUNDS.

White Rock Camp-ground is located twelve miles in the country from Dallas, and four miles from Richardson. For forty years this camp-meeting has been in uninterrupted progress. Once every year the people drop their work, move into their camps and give up one week to religious services. In the years long gone, it was a great place for wonderful revivals. Of late it does not exert the same powerful spiritual influence as it did in the years past. Church-houses are now all over the country, and pastors preach in every neighborhood every Sunday. Nevertheless, the camp-meeting is still largely attended and it accomplishes great good. The social feature of it is very fine in connection with the religious services. The people flock there by the hundreds; they meet, renew acquaintances, dispense liberal hospitality, sing, pray and hear preaching—and the general effect is fine. And they have conversions also. Religious interest receives an impetus and we are glad the old camp-meeting still lives. We were out there last Sunday, and Rev. D. J. Martin was in charge. Rev. Dr. Neely, Rev. W. H. Hughes, Rev. S. P. Ulrich, Rev. W. F. Clark, and a good lot of local preachers were on hand. Uncle Buck preached a strong sermon at ten o'clock to a large congregation. At eleven the grounds and arbor were crowded. It is estimated that there were at least three thousand people in and around the place. We preached to them and the sermon was a blessing to the preacher, and we trust, to the people. We have never seen better attention. One conversion followed, and other interested people were not lacking. Everybody enjoyed the hospitality of the grounds. At three o'clock Brother Ulrich preached an edifying sermon, and there was good interest. Dr. Neely preached at night, but we did not get to hear his sermon. The meeting continued till Thursday night and the results will be reported later.

Rev. W. R. Peebles, one of the most prominent and best loved members of the Tennessee Conference, died at his home near Culleroka, Tennessee, on Friday, August 5. He was buried at Franklin, Tennessee, where a large number of his ministerial brethren attended his funeral. At the time of his death he was presiding elder of the Fayetteville District. He leaves a wife and seven children.

#### LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS.

Last week the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County ordered an election for that county to take place early in September. Baird is the only point in that county where intoxicants are sold, and the people are tired of the liquor influence of this one western town. The counties around it are dry, and those who want to violate the law make this their shipping point into local option towns. We presume that now the "Baird Star" will scintillate with blue luster until the election is over, and if local option wins, it will undergo an eruption that will fling its blazing fragments all over the sand dunes of old Callahan. So mote it be! The precinct in which Jefferson is located has also ordered a local option election. From time immemorial Jefferson has been cursed with numerous saloons, but the town has failed to prosper under saloon domination. Now they are going to make an effort to eliminate them. The rest of the county is dry. Two precincts or school districts in Harris County are to have local option elections soon; one of them includes Bruner Addition, a suburb of Houston. So the work goes on. It is probable that some of the dry counties, whose two years are about up, will have to have elections again, as the Liquor Dealers' Association has a special agent in such field working up elections. Let them come off. The people are ready for them.

#### LOCAL OPTION CAMPAIGN IN LAMAR.

A local option election has been ordered by the Commissioners' Court for Lamar, and it will come off the 27th of this month. The campaign opened last Friday night under the great tabernacle near Centenary Church. Granville Jones, that prince of local option speakers, was to have opened it with one of his great speeches, but at two o'clock in the afternoon we received a long distance call from Paris, and it stated that Mr. Jones was sick and not able to address the throng that would be on hand and that we must come on the next train and take his place. We just had time to board the cars and move out to Paris. We reached there at half-past seven and Rev. J. L. Morris was there to greet us. We were soon at his home, and, along with Brother Casey, took supper and repaired to the meeting. There were from 1200 to 1500 people there to hear the speeches. This was a fine showing for the opening meeting of the campaign. The interest was already stirred, and the spirit of the people ready for the fray. Bro. Morris called the meeting to order and a permanent organization was effected. Then Granville Jones came forward and made a few remarks, excusing himself for the night from further speaking on account of indisposition, and introduced us to the crowd. For more than an hour we gave them our views of the liquor traffic and submitted reasons why it should no longer be continued in Lamar County. The speech was well received. Two years ago there was a county election but voters from the Indian Territory turned the scales in favor of the anti. Last winter the Paris precinct voted on the subject, and the anti won by one hundred and eight votes. The Terrell election law was not then in operation. Now, it comes back in the whole county. The county, outside of Paris, is already dry; but Paris has about forty-seven saloons, and it is made a distributing point for the liquor trade in that part of the State. That is the only place where liquor is licensed between this city and the Territory. These saloons pay no attention to the law governing them, and the people are determined to get rid of them. If the vote of the county can be polled, there will be no doubt of the result. The great masses of the country people believe in local option, and their votes, joined with the vote from the town, will sweep out the bar room beyond all doubt if the people become greatly interested. Every effort will be made to accomplish this end, and the fight will be warm enough before

the day of the election. Of all the people who need to bestir themselves on this subject, it is our country people. It is through the Paris liquorites that country communities and the smaller towns are flooded with intoxicants, and the local option law violated. It is the town of Paris that keeps the open saloon as a trap to the country boys when they go to the place to trade. The other Saturday we traveled up the road out of Paris and several boys and young men were under the influence of liquor and going home to their mothers in a semi-drunken condition. They got their stuff in Paris. Now is the time to arouse our people outside of Paris to a sense of their duty. And we expect toward the last of the week to visit a few of the smaller towns, like Deport, Petty, Blossom and others, and give them a lift on this subject. And when the bar rooms are voted out of Lamar, all that section of North Texas will be wholly free of them.

#### POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE ADVANCED.

We notice in the Nashville Advocate last week that sub-committee of the General Board of Education, appointed to classify our educational institutions, moved Polytechnic College up to Class "A." This is a merited recognition of this worthy school and shows the progress that it has made within the past year or so. Dr. Boaz is leaving no stone unturned to make this one of the best Church schools of its grade in the State, and he is rapidly succeeding. His prospect for a fine opening is most encouraging. The Young Men's Home, a handsome brick building with fifty-six rooms, will be ready for occupancy at the annual opening of the school. Polytechnic is in hearty accord with Southwestern University, and is carrying on all its work in harmony with that great school.

#### DEATH OF MRS. CHARLOTTE JONES.

The Advocate has just this week been informed of the sad death of Mrs. Charlotte H. Jones, wife of Prof. S. J. Jones, of Salado, Texas. She died in the King's Daughters' Hospital at Temple, Texas, July 17. Mrs. Jones was the first missionary to Mexico that was sent out by the W. F. M. Society of the M. E. Church, South, and labored some years successfully in the City of Mexico. The most of her married life was spent at Salado, where she was a benediction to the students of the Thomas Arnold High School, of which her husband is president. Intellectually, socially and religiously, Mrs. Jones was a remarkable woman.

#### TEXAS PERSONALS.

Dr. Sid Bass was in the city last week and did not fail to make the Advocate a very pleasant visit.

Rev. J. J. Clark, of Terrell, is helping Brother Hamilton in a revival service in Oak Cliff. The meeting is starting off well.

Brother Thomas, of the Wood County Democrat, made us a pleasant visit recently. He edits a good, clean weekly, and it is on the right side of all questions.

Rev. Percy R. Knickbocker, of Grace Church, is taking a vacation in Virginia. We notice where he preached last Sunday for Dr. Smart in Epworth Church, Norfolk.

Rev. Brother Tally, a Vanderbilt student, is occupying the pulpit of Grace Church in the absence of the pastor. He is giving the people earnest and practical sermons.

Rev. J. P. Lowry, of Oak Lawn, recently assisted in a good meeting at Mesquite. The population of Oak Lawn is increasing and so is the membership of the Church.

Mrs. J. H. Keith, widow of the late Dr. J. H. Keith, of Holston Conference, is now visiting her children in Texas. Her oldest son, Heneger Keith, lives at Forney and her daughter, Mrs. Horn, lives in Houston. Thirty years ago we were Dr. Keith's junior preacher on the Marion Circuit, Virginia. We have a tender recollection of him and his family. He served

two years in the North Texas Conference, at Bonham and Gainesville, but returned to his old conference, where he died two years ago.

In a note from Rev. J. N. Hunter, of Lake Creek, we learn that Mrs. Hunter has been quite ill since the first of the month of bilious fever. She is now improving and we hope will soon be well.

Prof. D. S. Switzer, of Itasca, Texas, called on us the past week. He is in fine spirits over the prospect of Methodism in his section, as well as the flattering outlook of the Switzer Woman's College.

Rev. James Campbell, D. D., of the Fort Worth District, made a visit to the city the other day and looked in upon the Advocate force. He is always a welcome visitor to this precinct. He is closing out his fourth year successfully.

We appreciate a kind letter from Hon. Marion Hall, of Cleburne. He will be a member of the next Legislature, having been recently nominated as Floater from Johnson and Bosque Counties. He is a member of our Church.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong, D. D., of Fort Worth, spent last Sunday in the city and preached morning and evening at Trinity Church. He was visiting his children, Mr. and Mrs. Flanary of this city. Brother Armstrong is looking well and working all the time.

Professor W. A. Hemphill made the Advocate a pleasant call last week. After several years of study and teaching in New York, he and his good wife are now located in this city. He has opened a studio here, and he will also give vocal instruction in Polytechnic next year.

W. E. Chambers, son of Brother Chambers of the Texas Conference, made the Advocate a pleasant visit this week. He told us that his father had transferred to Montana and would go to that conference next month. He has been a faithful member of the old Texas Conference for many years.

#### GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

The Methodist Episcopal Publishing House in Manila is issuing a life of John Wesley in the Tagalog language.

Bishop Key added much to the interest of the Little Rock District Conference, which was held at Hunter Memorial, Little Rock.

J. W. Lee, once well known as the "Irish Evangelist," died last Sunday evening. His was a sad history, his last days having been darkened by shadows.

Mrs. Pauline Hill Brooks, wife of Rev. John R. Brooks, D. D., of the Western North Carolina Conference, after long sickness entered into rest July 29.

Rev. E. W. Moore, of the Holston Conference, and father of Rev. J. W. Moore, of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, died last week at his home in Southwest Virginia.

The Secretary of the recent General Conference at Los Angeles has prepared a list of sixty-one reports which were passed by the several committees but never came before the conference.

Prof. D. H. Bishop, of Millsaps College, has been elected to the chair of English in the University of Mississippi. Professor Bishop has done well at Millsaps, and will no doubt do still better at the university.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix will soon meet the Missouri Conference hosts at Columbia. They are to meet in a splendid new stone church recently erected at a cost of \$32,500, under the pastorate of Rev. Sanford P. Cresap.

The St. Louis Epworth Leagues are to place a traveling missionary and Sunday-school Agent in Japan. These Leagues will persist in doing some very much needed religious work.

On June 20, Mrs. Burke, wife of Rev. W. B. Burke, one of our missionaries from Georgia in China, died at Yokohama, Japan. Brother Burke and family, wife and four children, had started home for a long vacation, after several years of absence.

Rev. Walter Holcomb, of Statesville, North Carolina, has been holding very successful meetings at different points in Tennessee, especially at Ripley and Covington. His last meeting

was at Dyersburg, which is pronounced the greatest ever held there, unless it was the Jones-Stuart meeting of some years ago.

Dr. John O. Willson, an ex-editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, has been elected President of the Williamson Female College, succeeding Dr. Lander, deceased. Dr. Willson will enter upon his duties at the opening of the fall term, September 27.

Prof. Charles M. Stewart, of Garrett Biblical Institute, Dr. W. F. Tillet, of Vanderbilt, Dean Peter C. Lutkin, of the Department of Music Northwest-ern University, and Prof. Karl P. Harrington, of Maine, are now at Evans-ton, making the final revision of the new joint hymnal.

Methodist Episcopal Missionary Bishops in Asia are assigned to residence as follows: Bombay, Bishop Thoburn; Lucknow, Bishop Warren; Singapore, Bishop Oldham; Calcutta, Bishop Robinson. Bishop Oldham will have supervision of the Philippines and Malaysia. Bishop Thoburn will spend some time in the United States.

Dr. Waterhouse speaks of Emory and Henry as being in better condition in many ways than for the past twenty years. More pupils last year, and better prospects for opening in the fall. The contract has been let for half a million bricks to improve the main building. The sons of old Emory and Henry all over the Church will rejoice at this material prosperity.

The announcement is made that the new rules of the Catholic University at Washington will exclude all persons from the faculty who are not Roman Catholics. Among the lecturers barred out are Hon. Carroll D. Wright, who has been for six years in the department of economics, and Hon. Hannis Taylor, former United States Minister to Spain, who has been invited to become a lecturer in the Law School.

#### SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Prof. Tinsley, our efficient scientist, seems so enamored of work he cannot stop. He taught all through the Summer Normal, and now has a special class in chemistry. He has also been analyzing some mineral waters.

Prof. Cody has been making great efforts to stir up interest in the Mood Scholarships, and also to secure the filling of the Campbell Scholarships. It is hoped the parties with whom he has been in correspondence will attend to this matter promptly, as it is important. The Professor will get off to St. Louis to the great Fair soon. He needs the recreation.

Prof. Pegues has secured from the local board the authority to make some needed improvements at the hall. He and his wife will take in the Fair next week. Those writing for rooms at the hall will please be patient for a week or so.

The choice rooms at the Annex are going rapidly. Parties wanting rooms there should write at once.

Our boys are still coming to the front. Bob Henry, A. M., 1885, was overwhelmingly renominated to Congress in his district. Hon. Frank Andrews, of the same class, one of the foremost lawyers of Houston, was made Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic party at the convention in Houston. We hear some intimations of some of the sons of our University offering for high office two years from now, but that is a long way off.

#### METHODIST QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The last issue of the Methodist Quarterly Review is before us and its table of contents is inviting. Bishop Fitzgerald opens the number with "Bishop McTyeire as an Editor." Along with it is a good cut of the sainted Bishop. "God's Gift of Dreams" is by H. A. C. Walker, and "Reminiscences of Cokesbury Manual Labor School" by a student of 1837, both make interesting reading. "The Theology of St. John," by Rev. T. H. Lipscomb, B. D., is a strong deliverance. "Thomas Carlyle as a Religious Teacher," by Rev. E. H. Rawlings, shows careful preparation. "Southern Literature of the Future," by Rev. J. M. Hawley, is a subject worthy of the thought he has put into it. Dr. Winton, of the Nashville Advocate, gives us a good article on Diaz and the Mexican Republic; and Bishop Galloway reproduces his speech which he delivered some time back and which elicited criticism from the present Governor of Mississippi, on "The South and the Negro Problem." He always speaks and writes in such way as to get an interesting hearing and reading. The entire number is excellent. It is edited by Dr. J. J. Tigert, Book Editor at Nashville.

All God's laws are but ladders to himself.—Ram's Horn.



# EPIGRAMS

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Pickled piety makes poor manna.

The cross was not built for a ladder.

There is no happiness in satisfaction.

Love is the one power to reach a life.

Society moves on as the soul moves up.

There is no fruit where there is no faith.

The graveyards are full of negative virtues.

A personal Savior is more than any plan of salvation.

They are most likely to love God who love man most.

He who does not trust in the dark does not trust at all.

No man can lift others who does not pray to be lifted himself.

The Church Treasurer needs something more than taking qualities.

He who wounds his conscience on his holiday cannot rest his body.

When a man's religion is all wind the devil uses him for a bellows.

When sweet words come of a sour face men shut their ears and open their eyes.

When God takes anything out of your hand he always puts much more in your heart.

When a man has a new heart he doesn't have to put on a plug hat to look like a Christian.

A man who would buy a horse without seeing it hasn't sense enough to know what faith is.

When a man feels that he is good enough to satisfy God he is bad enough to please the devil.

When the Church comes before the children in the home the children will not go after the Church.

Nothing pleases the adversary better than to make a man think that there is virtue in a religious phrase.

## MISSIONARY MATTERS—THE GREAT CONFERENCE.

The great Missionary Conference at Waco is now three months in the past. The profound preaching, seasoned with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the stirring addresses, fine singing, the unbounded enthusiasm of the gathered thousands of the very flower of Texas Methodism, should be the beginning of a new era among Texas Methodists: A new era of missionary reading—if we ever come to a larger sympathy with our Lord's purpose of world-wide evangelization, we will come to it through a larger knowledge of the magnitude of the enterprise and the success already attained. A new era of missionary giving—that our gifts to the cause of missions to date have been paltry and out of proportion to our obligation and ability surely none will deny.

### The Texas Conference and Missions.

Our Conference Board is grappling as best it may with the varied problems before it. And the problems are varied. A long stretch of sea coast country, a rapidly increasing moral population from immigration, new towns and growing cities, a large and continually growing larger foreign population; almost every class of industry, oil fields, rice fields, saw milling, manufactories, fruit growing, berry and vegetable culture, salt making, mining, etc., are among the things that the Church in the bounds of the Texas Conference must keep up with and take care of. How we are to do more than at present without enlarged and brimful collections is hard to say. Out of 191 pastoral charges and districts, 55 are missions; more than 31 per cent. They are distributed through the districts as follows: Hous-

ton, 6; Beaumont, 8; Brenham, 10; San Augustine, 4; Calvert, 3; Huntsville, 10; Palestine, 3; Tyler, 4; Marshall, 10; Pittsburg, 5. For the support of these missions the Board assessed \$9,000, a sum equal to the assessment for foreign missions. This makes a total of \$18,000 for missions our conference is expected to raise this year. According to the printed reports of Bro. L. L. Jester, Conference Treasurer, the district had paid to August 1st on these assessments as follows: Pittsburg, \$1352.25; Marshall, \$1186.90; Palestine, \$943.75; Huntsville, \$892.50; San Augustine, \$754.55; Tyler, \$726.90; Brenham, \$435.20; Houston, \$425.10; Calvert, \$335.35; Beaumont, \$328.95; total \$7381.45. Of this amount \$2941.65 is for foreign missions and \$4439.80 for domestic missions. This leaves to be raised on foreign missions \$6058.35, and on domestic missions \$4560.20. Can we raise the remainder of these assessments in the three and one-half months yet till conference? Of course we can. But then every man among us will have to be very diligent, very determined, and very hopeful. Oh, how I want to see the old—Greater—Texas Conference take her place among the paid up conferences of the Church. I am absolutely sure the brethren have this feeling too. Let us preach, pray and work till the last cent is in hand. May the good Lord help and bless every willing soul. J. T. SMITH. Pittsburg, Texas.

### A TRIP TO NEW ENGLAND.

The authorities of Southwestern University has granted me leave of absence for a year. A few days were spent by me in St. Louis. The Texas educational exhibit at the Fair is not so large as some of the others, but shows that we are progressive in educational work. Some photographs from Southwestern are seen with pleasure by the Methodists from Texas.

On the Sabbath in the morning I heard Bro. Bradfield preach a strong sermon on "Christian Education." Other Texans heard it, among them Bro. Louis Blaylock and Bro. Nathan Powell and wife. In the afternoon the auditorium of Epworth Hotel was dedicated. In this hotel they have an auditorium dedicated to Christ instead of a bar-room dedicated to the devil. Has not the time come when the hotels can make such substitutes for the bar-room? I saw there Prof. A. B. Phillips, whom I knew at Vanderbilt. He is now a member of Bro. Godbey's Church in Beaumont, and is conducting a private school there with about fifty girls. Rev. J. E. Harrison, of San Antonio, was there. His friends need not be told that he seemed to be thoroughly alive and wide-awake.

Thirty-four hours by rail brought me to Boston. Thirty minutes by the electric car put me in Cambridge, where Harvard was established 268 years ago. It is reported that Eugene Field said: "Cambridge is a place of delightful usefulness, circumbent knowledge and high prices." It is also reported that of Chicago, Matthew Arnold said: "It is too beastly prosperous." I have spent six summers in the University of Chicago; this is my first summer in Harvard. So my opportunity to estimate the latter is not so good. Cambridge has such a wealth of tradition and historical association that the intellectual stimulus is great. Chicago is a commercial city. But the growth of the University of Chicago has been wonderful, if not without a parallel. Phenomenal success in extreme youth tends to make one overbold. Whatever else may be said of the University of Chicago, it must be conceded that she within a decade came to be a most potent factor in the development of the intellectual life in the Mississippi Valley. She is great in spite of—or youth.

There is a suggestive article in the Saturday Evening Post of July 30 on "Men of Seventy Still in Harness." I quote from it: "What can be more absurd than the notion that at 50, 60 or 70 years of age, when he has the most perfect mastery of his profession, when his experience is ripest, his stores of knowledge fullest, and his judgment soundest, a man should be deemed passe—to old to remain on the world's stage and share in its activities?" Speaking of the "dead line" it says: "It is not drawn by time; it is drawn by a man's habits." The truth of this is well illustrated by the following: Randall Hall (a Harvard dining hall) seats about 600. The steward told me that 854 ate dinner there recently (in relays). There I met Rev. L. W. Bacon, minister and author. He graduated from Yale in 1854. Though a graduate of fifty years standing, though he has traveled and studied in Europe, though he has written books and preached perhaps tens of thousands of sermons, he is here taking class-room work as a student and eating with the boys. In conversation he gives freely of his wealth of information, which is seasoned with a high quality of wisdom. He is evidently not the oldest student here. One is reported to be 83.

### S. H. MOORE.

### THE HOME OF AFFLICTION.

One of the rare privileges of a faithful pastor is to visit the home of the afflicted and administer to their spiritual development. At Stanly Creek we have Mother Annie F. G. Boone, who is 89 years old, and for the past 76 years has been a servant of the Master and Methodism. Her father was Rev. Angus McDonald, of Alabama, and she is a near relative to Rev. Daniel S. McDonald, who helped us hold the first District Conference that was ever held in Southern Methodism, which met at Bethel, Butler County, Ala. Bishop McTycire preached on the "Parable of the Pounds," at 11 o'clock Sunday and D. S. McDonald at night, from the text, "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor." Sister Boone is a cripple, confined to her bed for the past two years, and denied the privilege of the sanctuary a much longer time. On a previous visit a sacramental service was suggested, which was accepted with great delight as such a service had never been mentioned before. Friday last at 4 p. m. was the time, at which time her room was much more than filled with her kind neighbors. At her suggestion we sang, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," and how she did chime in and with a clear voice did sing, "No chilling winds nor poisonous breath." The short talk on Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was received with so much delight we could but feel that we were indeed feeding the hungry. At the close the blessing of the Master came down in richest profusion, and as the good mother raised the shout, very many joined in and all felt that it was good to be there. Bishop Doggett once said two sermons a day was full work for a pastor, but even that did not justify him in neglecting the afflicted.

Burke, Texas. W. W. GRAHAM.

### BIBLE LECTURES TO CONTINUE AT NORTHFIELD DURING SEPTEMBER.

Immediately after the General Conference for Christian Workers, closing August 14, there will be held at Northfield a series of post-conference addresses which will continue until about September 12. These lectures are given at this time in order to enable any who were not at the preceding conferences to hear some of the noted speakers of these gatherings. Although the definite program has not yet been announced, it is understood that Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the eminent English author and evangelist, Rev. Hugh Black, the well-known Scotch theologian of Edinburgh, and Rev. F. S. Webster, Rector of All Souls Church, London, will be the principal speakers. Mr. Webster has long been prominent in England as a Keswick speaker. Several years ago he was chairman of a commission to establish a Keswick extension in Canada, and in coming to Northfield this year he took the place of Prebendary Webb-Peploe, of St. Paul's Cathedral, who was obliged to postpone his trip to this country owing to the death of his son. Neither Mr. Morgan nor Mr. Black need any introduction to American audiences. Mr. Black is famous for his writings, Mr. Morgan for his teachings. At the General Conference Mr. Morgan's lectures on Genesis drew the largest crowds which were in the auditorium this summer. The conference management have arranged to keep open for the accommodation of guests several seminary buildings, Camp Northfield, until September 1, and the hotel, "Northfield." Northfield is particularly attractive during September, as the schools are in session and there is less excitement to detract the attention from the meetings.

### A PARAMOUNT ISSUE.

It certainly must appear very strange to a less enlightened nation that in a government of eighty million people that we so greatly revere and brag so much about, a few thousand working people, or a few millionaires in organized trusts, corporations and combines, should be able, without notice, to create a famine of the necessities of life, in a land that produces more than it can consume or find a profitable market for abroad. Only a short while ago a quarrel between certain coal mine owners and operators and their employees caused intense suffering among a vast number of unoffending people in the middle of a rigorous winter. Now a few thousand employees of the great butcher shops of the country are daily increasing the cost of living to more than twenty million people and causing great inconvenience and loss to many more. This matter of strikes and lockouts has become chronic and epidemic. Sometimes it is the demoralization of the transportation of the country by tying up whole systems of railroads. Again, it is the demoralization of the great lumber trade by the stoppage of building operations. Always, somewhere, in this great land of the free, there are strikes. No class of people, and no line of business, is

exempt from the dangers of loss and great inconvenience. Even the burial of the dead has been prevented on a large scale by lawless force. Happily few of us know what anarchy really means, and, if it is any worse than the conditions brought about in this country by the conflicts between capital and labor, and which appear to have become normal, it is to be hoped we will never learn.

Talking about "Paramount Issues"—and goodness knows there has been during the last few years a plentiful lot of it on the currency, the tariff, imperialism and such subjects that are of no manner of interest whatever to a quiet, law-abiding citizen who is trying to make an honest living for a family—it would look, to a man occupying a position of arboreal altitude, like that state of affairs that may injuriously affect every citizen's welfare and happiness at any unexpected time, possesses many strong features that would place it in the lead as a "paramount issue." If those who assume to be leaders of the people, and competent to administer a free government, would betake themselves to the silence of solitude, away from the "maddening crowd," and there to carefully consider themselves and existing economical conditions, it is highly probable that, in time, they might come to realize that they do not actually know what a "paramount issue" is. What insignificant things the tariff, the currency, the management of our foreign possessions or even the "race problem" and the elective franchise are in comparison with the fact that law-abiding and theoretically free citizens at home are constantly deprived of their right to employ their capital or their labor when, where and in any lawful manner they may choose.

In view of the constant disturbance of our domestic business affairs by the continuous conflicts between the possessors of capital and that large class who have little but their ability and willingness to labor with head and hands to depend upon for a livelihood, with their inevitable accompaniment of lawlessness that stops at nothing short of murder, it would seem that American statesmanship has for years been looking through the wrong end of the telescope for a "paramount issue," and has been unable to see that sufficient material to constitute one of robust proportions surrounds every individual, home, factory and productive enterprise in the country. Capital invested in industrial enterprises in order to protect itself often resorts to methods that differ in degree only from those of the great lords of the feudal ages, while labor has, or thinks it has—which amounts to the same thing so far as results go—no protection except in combinations in vast numbers, and a resort to brute force in extreme cases.

The first and highest duty of statesmanship is to regulate the relations between capital and labor so as to insure to each a just share of prosperity when it smiles, and compel each to bear its share of the burden of adversity when it frowns. There is certainly something radically wrong in the government, laws or customs of a great country when capital is productive and safe only when combined in powerful combinations, trusts or corporations, and the working class can find no other means of safeguarding itself than by combining in overwhelming numbers, and taking the law into their own hands. It will be time enough to look in the distance for issues after all our home productive forces are caused to work in harmony and without friction.—Southern Lumberman, Nashville, Tenn.

### ONE WORD MORE.

Since the point for which I plead in previous articles has been recognized there is need for only one word more on the League controversy. After recording an important action of the recent North Texas League Conference, the reporter for the Advocate last week adds: "This action of the conference was ordered referred to the League Board of the North Texas Annual Conferences for approval." That is a very good plan. Brother Thomasson, and one not hitherto followed by League Conferences in Texas. I was only afraid a State assembly might be launched without such approval of the League Boards of the State. Now come to see me and we will hitch that "mare" you talked about in your last article to my pretty red buggy and take a ride and cool off. J. SAM BARCUS.

### Question.

A local preacher on trial in the Annual Conference, not having attained full membership in the conference, should his license be renewed and his character passed by the District Conference (if he be unordained), or should his character be passed if he be an ordained preacher? JOHN L. WILLIAMS.

Sapulpa, I. T. No. The conference looks after him as a preacher on trial.—Ed.

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The Sunday-School Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 9, Aug. 28.

ELIJAH DISCOURAGED. 1 Kings 19:1-8.

Golden Text: "In my distress I cried unto the Lord and he heard me."—Psa. 129:1.

Location: Following the last lesson, immediately, or at some considerable interval, Jezreel and the wilderness a hundred miles south.

Material: When Jezebel heard and considered what Elijah had done she sent him word that if he were not out of the kingdom in twenty-four hours she would have his life (vs. 1, 2). On this he fled a hundred miles south (vs. 3, 4), and lying down under a tree in the wilderness (vs. 3, 4), gave himself up to despair (v. 4). After he had been refreshed by sleep and food provided for him by God (vs. 5, 6), he wandered about in the desert forty days, till he came to Mt. Horeb (vs. 7, 8).

An Analysis: Elijah: Disappointed; A Fugitive; A Despairing Wanderer.

Dr. R. A. Torrey, in The World Evangelist, says:

I. Elijah Frightened by a Woman's Threats, 1-3. The flight and failure of Elijah is one of the saddest but most instructive incidents in his history. It makes very plain the truth of the statement of James that "Elijah was a man of like passions with us" (Jas. 5:17). Up to this point Elijah appeared perfectly fearless. He simply listened for Jehovah's word of command and obeyed it, though obedience meant to face an angered King, four hundred and fifty frenzied prophets of Baal and a hostile people. Now he waits for no word from Jehovah and is on a full run because of the vain threat of a defeated woman. Jezebel realized her own impotence, or she would not have sent a messenger to threaten, but an executioner to kill. She hoped to frighten Elijah and that he would run. And so he did. He usually asked counsel of God before making a move, but not in this instance. The causes of Elijah's failure are not hard to discover. (1) First of all was his physical condition. He was exhausted after the terrible strain on the Mt. Carmel experience, and nervous reaction set in. This was not a sufficient excuse, for God's grace can triumph over physical weakness, but it is an explanation. (2) Then there was his social condition, his isolation and loneliness. It is very, very hard for the flesh to stand absolutely alone. Jesus did, but it is necessary for most of us to have another to sustain us. (3) But the great cause of Elijah's failure was his spiritual condition. (a) He was occupied with self. This appears from verse three, and still more plainly from verses ten and fourteen. How the "I's" multiply! This was very unusual for Elijah. Ordinarily it was Jehovah's honor that occupied Elijah, now it was his own life and reputation, and recognition. (b) He was also occupied with the failings of others (vs. 10, 14). When one gets to dwelling upon the failings of others he is pretty sure to fail himself. It is a very bad sign when a man gets to thinking that he is the only person around who is truly loyal to God. (c) He got his eyes off from God on to circumstances. "When he saw that," (i. e., Jezebel's threat) he ran. There is no swifter road to defeat than to get one's eyes off from God on to circumstances. When Peter "saw the wind boisterous he was afraid," and began to sink (Matt. 14:30). Joshua and Caleb, on the other hand, looked right over circumstances to Jehovah and triumphed (Num. 13:33; 14:8). Elijah had no reason to fear Jezebel (comp. Isa. 51:12-14). The fear of man (or of a woman) brought a snare to Elijah as to so many others (Prov. 29:25). The character of Elijah's failure should be carefully noted. (1) He lost his faith, and feared a woman's anger. (2) He lost sight of God's honor. (3) He lost sight of Israel's need. (4) He sought his own safety. (5) He forsook his post at a critical moment. All this appears in verse 3. (6) He exhibited wounded pride (v. 4). (7) He wished to throw up his work (v. 4). (8) He boasted of his own zeal (vs. 10, 14). (9) He sought to hide behind the failings of others (vs. 10, 14). (10) He thought himself essential to God's work (vs. 10, 14). Like so many others in the Bible he failed at his strongest point—one of the bravest men in history, he proved himself an arrant coward. Well may we in the light of this lay Paul's words to heart, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). The consequences of Elijah's failure were: First, Israel's relapse into false worship (vs. 17, 18). Elijah's reformation broke down because he himself broke down. If he had stood at his post at that critical moment he would have carried the nation with him, but failing, the work failed also, except with isolated individuals. Second, Elijah lost his in-

fluence. Third, he lost his position (v. 16).

II. Elijah Suffers from Melancholia. 4-8. Elijah is held up in the Bible as an example of wise and mighty prayer, but there was never a more foolish or impotent prayer offered than this one of Elijah (v. 4). He prayed for an ignominious death when God had arranged for a glorious translation. When Elijah was true to God he prayed with such power that he shut up heaven for three years and six months, brought down "the fire of the Lord," and refreshing rains upon the thirsty ground. But when Elijah forsook God and forsook his post he prayed like a fool. And God in great mercy did not give him what he asked. Some have drawn from God's denial of Elijah's request the inference that the most faithful servant of God can never be sure that he will get just what he asks, that God may have something better for him. But Elijah was not a faithful servant when he offered this prayer, he was a runaway. It was not a prayer of humble submission, but of wounded pride. It was not that of consciousness of work completed, but of cowardly surrender. It was not that of calm reflection, but of hasty petulance. It was not that of divine inspiration (as that in ch. 18:36), but of devilish suggestion. The prayer withal was not honest. He said, "for I am not better," etc., and yet he goes on to say, "I have been very" this and that and "I alone," etc. (vs. 10, 14). He asked to die when it was to escape dying that he was running. Elijah here appears very like the rest of us. Would that the rest of us could appear very like Elijah as we see him in chapters 17, 18 and 21. God's dealing with Elijah was wondrously tender. God loved Elijah just as much as he lay there under the juniper tree, discouraged, petulant, sinning, as he did the moment of his mighty victory on Carmel. He did not upbraid Elijah. He first seeks to restore Elijah's nerve force by needed sleep and food, and then how tenderly comes the exposure of Elijah's folly and the declaration of his removal from his position. We have here a revelation of the constancy, patience, tenderness, thoughtfulness and justness of God's love. It was a wonderful table God spread for Elijah—he "went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights." God alone can furnish food like that. The place to find it is in the Word (1 Pet. 2:2).

The Epworth League Department

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THE HOUSTON MEETING.

Only a meager report can be given this week of the State League meeting at Houston, but in our next issue we shall present the full proceedings. The attendance was small, perhaps the smallest on record. The Fair for one thing, the confusion as to location and the high rate for others contributed to this condition, and yet out of the small attendance grew a deepened sentiment for the establishment of an assembly. A new constitution and by-laws were adopted and radical changes in government were made. Hereafter the State Conference will be a delegated body, the basis of representation being ten members from each presiding elder's district. A special committee was created with power to organize and institute an assembly. On this committee were appointed Rev. G. S. Sexton, Rev. J. M. Peterson, W. G. Lee Woods, H. H. Halsell and Hon. R. W. Hall. The President and Secretary of the State Cabinet were made ex officio members of the Assembly Committee. The following are the newly elected officers, namely: President, Gus W. Thomasson, of Van Alstyne; First Vice-President, Rev. A. D. Porter, of Cleburne; Second Vice-President, Miss Laura Allison, of Austin; Third Vice-President, Prof. W. A. Palmer, of San Marcos; Fourth Vice-President, Rev. C. A. Lehmburg, of Fredericksburg; Secretary-Treasurer, Theo. Bering, Jr., of Houston; Junior League Supt., Mrs. C. W. Henry, of Cleburne. Of course our election as President was under protest. For twenty-four hours we held out against the pressure of the committee and the urgent demands of many other members of the conference. It required a sacrifice on our part, and a heavy one at that, to

undertake the work, but we yielded, believing that in some way God would open the way and give us strength and opportunity to discharge the great obligation.

As to the future work and plans we shall deal at length in a subsequent issue. Telegrams and letters poured in on the conference asking for next year's session. Among the invitations were those from Lampasas, La Porte, Galveston, Waxahachie and Corpus Christi. These communications were all referred to the Assembly Committee. G. W. T.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report of the North Texas Conference Epworth League, for year ending July 31, 1904:

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: From former Treasurer \$23.45, Forney League 1.25, Montague Junior 1.00, Pilot Point 1.25, Commerce 1.25, Kavanaugh, Greenville 1.50, Broadway, Gainesville 1.50, S. Ervay St., Dallas 1.50, Ponder 1.00, Cedar Hill 1.00, Grace Church, Dallas 2.00, Aubrey, Junior 1.00, Princeton 1.25, Denton St., Gainesville 1.50, Dallas, First Church 2.00, West Dallas 1.25, Jacksboro, Junior 1.00, Sherman, Travis St. 1.20, Jacksboro 1.25, Wesley, Greenville 1.50, Crafton 1.50, Saint Jo 1.00, Valley View 1.00, Decatur, Junior 1.25, Wichita Falls' Leagues 2.00, Bridgeport, Junior 1.00, McKinney 1.50, Nevada, Junior and Senior 2.20, Pottsboro, Junior and Senior 1.25, Bonham 1.75, Era, Senior 1.60, McKinney, Junior 1.25, Lancaster, Junior 1.00, Van Alstyne, Junior 1.00, Frisco 1.50, Whitesboro 1.25, Windom 50, Saint Jo, Junior 50, Prosper 1.25, Gainesville, Broadway, Int. 1.00, Van Alstyne 1.00, Dallas, Trinity Ch., Sr. & Jr. 4.00, Dallas, First Ch., Int. 1.50, Honey Grove 1.50, Plano, Junior 1.25, Denton 1.50, Farmersville 50, Garland 1.25, Cash (unknown) 2.00. Total receipts \$87.35.

DISBURSEMENTS: Feb. 1, exp. stamps and cards \$2.00, June 25, McDermitt funeral 8.00, July 13, Miss Fulton, Dodd City trip 2.00, July 28, exp. stationery, stamps, 4.00, July 29, exp. G. W. Thomasson, 10.90, July 29, exp. E. B. Doggett, Cabinet 2.00, July 29, exp. Mrs. J. L. Chandler, Second Vice-President 1.40. Total expenditures \$30.30, August 2, 1904, cash on hand \$57.05, E. B. DOGGETT, Sec. Treas.

\$1,000 CHAPEL FUND.

It will be remembered that the North Texas Conference Epworth League at its recent session at Gainesville agreed to raise \$1000 for the equipment of a chapel for the Gospel Settlement Home at Dallas, to be known as the North Texas Conference Epworth League Chapel. This action was referred to the Epworth League Board of the North Texas Conference in order that there might be no question whatever as to the constitutional authority of the League to raise the amount. We are in receipt of a letter from the chairman of the League Board in which he heartily endorses the movement and clears the way for

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its prosecution. The Finance Committee (Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, Miss Estelle Haskin and Miss Louise D. Hartman) are now authorized to proceed with the collection of the fund. The letter of Chairman Barton of the League Board follows:

Clarksville, Tex., Aug. 8, 1904.

Dear Brother Thomasson:

Your letter informing me of the action of the North Texas League Conference in agreeing to raise one thousand dollars for special work in Dallas is before me. I think it a splendid move, and trust you will have no trouble in raising the amount. We are on the back grounds on the mission question, and I rejoice to see any advance. I do not think, however, that the Conference Board has any jurisdiction in the case, and any consideration by them of the subject, it seems to me, would be going beyond their authority. If we would authorize it as a Conference Board, it would come in the nature of a quasi assessment in appearance at least; I do not think it would look just right. If the League wish voluntarily to make a free will offering to what they deem a worthy cause, I see no objection to their doing so without the consent of any Board. Trusting that this reply will be satisfactory, I remain, your brother, L. S. BARTON.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SUNDAY REST.

Second Announcement as to the Sunday Rest Congress.

By Dr. Edward Thompson.

It will be gratifying to all the friends of this Congress to learn how the preparations are developing. We are not able as yet to announce the completion of the program. The committee having it in charge is seeking to represent every section of the country, all the leading denominations, and all the co-operating societies, as well as to place well the foreign representatives and still provide opportunity for free discussion on the most important topics. We believe that bright, short extemporary speeches would enliven the Congress, and ought to be a part of the program. We have endeavored to secure as many stars as possible to give their light at this Congress. Our correspondence with the most distinguished people at home and abroad is not yet concluded, hence we can only announce at this time a part of the good things that will be on the program.

On the night of October 11, at 8 o'clock, we shall hold a mass meeting in Festival Hall.

This building will seat 4000 people. At this meeting Senator Joseph B. Foraker, LL.D., the Senior United States Senator of Ohio, will deliver the leading address. Mr. Foraker is regarded by ablest critics as one of the most finished and magnetic of American orators. He graduated at Cornell University, New York, was Judge of the Superior Court of Cincinnati, served two terms as Governor of the State of Ohio, and is now in his second term as United States Senator. He made the nominating speech for Mr. McKinley both times that he was nominated as President, and has delivered some of the ablest speeches in the public life of recent years. Other speakers of national reputation, and some from Europe we are expecting, but are not at liberty to say who will certainly be here. We have invited members of the British Parliament, the German Diet, and other eminent persons in other countries. On this occasion the great organ, the largest ever built, will be handled by one of the greatest organists in the world, who has been assigned to this service by the Bureau of Music. The vocal music will also be attractive. It will be in charge of Mr. H. M. Blossom, President of the Choir Leaders' Association. Some new hymns, not found in any collection, will be used. An ode, specially prepared for this occasion, will be rendered. No pains will be spared to make this a notable occasion.

At 9 o'clock on the morning of October 12 the Congress proper will assemble in Congress Hall.

In one of these halls are on exhibition the priceless treasures given to Queen Victoria on the occasion of her Jubilee. Mr. Rogers has assigned to our Congress the large hall on the first floor which seats over 1000 people.

All the delegates will be assigned to reserved seats, which will be marked and held for them by the ushers for ten minutes after each session opens. The second session will be from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. The third from 8 p. m. to 10 p. m.

The Congress will be held in this way also on Thursday and Friday, the 13th and 14th of October, unless the body should please to adjourn sooner. A stenographer will make a record of all the proceedings and addresses, and this report will be carefully edited and the cream of the discussion given to the world in permanent form.

Specialists from all parts of the world are being engaged either to be present in person and deliver address-

es or to send their papers to be read at the Congress.

Dr. John Stoecker, Court Preacher to His Majesty William II, and a member of the German Diet, has written that he expects to be present. President Matteo Prochet, of Rome, sends the same good news. The Honorable Minister of Justice and Religion in Spain, writes that he will send a representative. The Prime Minister of the Queen of Holland has written that he expects to be represented at the Congress. President I. W. LaFetra, of Santiago College, Chili, has written that he expects to attend the Congress in person. Many other equally well known persons we hope to be able to announce later. Monsieur Deluz, of Geneva, Switzerland, the Secretary of the International Federation for Sunday Rest in Europe, thinks he cannot come himself. He has promised, however, to prepare a paper for the Congress, which we are sure will be of great value.

The Free Church of Scotland has notified us (true to Scottish blood and history) that they will send two representatives to attend our Congress. President T. J. Scott, D. D., of Lucknow, India, has written that he expects to come to represent that country. Mr. Carlo M. Ferreri, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Rome, Italy, writes: "I hope to be present. I will do my utmost to interest the Romish people and the Romish press in your Congress."

Many interesting letters have been received from distinguished foreigners, which are on file at this office.

Secretary Deluz, in his last letter, said that he would translate the "Preliminary Address" into French and publish it in his magazine, "The Friend of Sunday."

A man is employed circulating leaflets in English, German and Spanish throughout St. Louis concerning this Congress, and the matter that will be discussed in it.

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### FROM LAREDO SEMINARY.

While visiting this summer in Central Texas I heard one who had grown gray in the service of his Master say: "I always watch the pages of the Advocate eagerly for any item of news from the Seminary."

I am sure there are many other readers of the paper who feel the same interest in mission work and would be glad to hear of the encouraging opening of our school on last Monday, Aug. 1.

A refreshing rain just a few days before had given new life to parched earth and vegetation. Trees and grass seemed to have put on new garments of green to welcome returning teachers and pupils. We were quite a goodly number when we gathered in Faith Hall for the opening service, and before the day closed our enrollment passed 100.

Rev. R. Farias, our pastor, and Rev. F. H. C. Elliott, of the American congregation in Laredo, were with us. Bro. Elliott offered earnest prayer, invoking God's blessing upon the work of the coming year, and Bro. Farias followed with an appropriate passage of Scripture.

We missed the inspiration of Miss Holding's presence, she being not yet able to leave her room after her severe illness of the vacation.

Doctors and health officers are extremely vigilant, and we have little fear of the reappearance of the yellow fever which so sadly interfered with our school last year.

Our teachers are earnest and faithful, and we are trusting that the nine months before us may be in every respect fruitful ones.

EDITH A. PARK.

Laredo, Texas.

### A BELATED REPORT.

In May last the district meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society was held with the Annona Auxiliary. Seeing no report of same in the Advocate, and at the request of some persons, I take it upon myself to make the best report I can from memory. Our presiding elder, Bro. Casey, had been selected to preach the opening sermon, but his official duties carried him to a remote part of the district, and hence he could not be present. After trying others and finding them not so situated as to be able to preach the sermon, Mrs. J. H. Hancock, District Secretary, decided to make an address herself. Hence, after a well-timed welcome address by Rev. W. J. Bludworth, preacher in charge of White Rock Station, she took the floor and soon made her audience feel that she did not need other tongues for such occasions. It was soon apparent that she was mistress of the situation, and her address was pointed and timely. It made a deep impression on her audience, and has been spoken of frequently to this writer. She was equally well poised in the chair. Mrs. J. W. Wood, of Paris, made a very felicitous response to the address of welcome, and, like Mrs. Hancock, took off the crowd in several sallies that were truly enjoyable and quite to the point. I mention these as introductory to the feast of the many good things that were given us by various persons throughout the meeting. The attendance was rather small, but was superb in its personnel, and we will be heartily glad to have the society meet with us as often as possible. The reports showed vigor and enterprise in this department of Church work in various parts of the district, but much lack of organization in others. The evangelistic feature of the society was stressed as one of the arms of great power to be used by our consecrated women. The parsonage feature was also made prominent. The fact was clearly shown that no pastoral charge is complete without this society.

J. A. WYATT.

### W. F. M. SOCIETY, OAK CLIFF CHURCH, DALLAS.

On Aug. 1 our Auxiliary W. F. M. Society of Oak Cliff Church, North Texas Conference, held an open meeting at the church.

We had endeavored to invite all the women of our Church, and had also invited the auxiliaries of our other Churches in Dallas.

A hard rain had fallen and a storm still threatened, which kept a great many at home, still we had a splendid meeting and a profitable one.

First Church, Ervay, and Trinity Auxiliaries were represented, also our own "Golden Links" and Juveniles.

One of our members, Mrs. H. T. Stevie, gave our Treasurer \$40 to send for a scholarship in the Laredo School.

An encouraging letter from Miss Roberts, concerning the Oak Cliff Day School in Saltillo, Mexico, was read.

After a short business session the following program was rendered:

Song, "Children's Mission," Ida Carlton and Jessie Davis. Recitation, "Somebody Else," Lillian Thixton. Song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," Lawrence Diamond.

Mrs. Florence Howell, of First Church, gave us quite an impressive talk, proving that every loyal woman of the Methodist Church should be a member of the W. F. M. Society, because in joining the Church she promised to support its institutions, and when she fails to give her support to this society she breaks her vow. She also showed us the importance socially, intellectually and spiritually of the W. F. M. Reading Circle.

Mrs. R. W. Thompson, of Ervay Street Church, spoke to us, telling among other things how to get new members.

Mrs. Seay, of Trinity Church, favored us with an excellent paper.

We then adjourned to the parsonage, where we enjoyed a short social session and refreshments.

MRS. HENRY DORSEY.

### DISTRICT MEETING W. H. M. S.

The Woman's Home Mission Society met with the District Conference of Tyler District at Edgewood, which convened June 29, 1904. Rev. E. W. Solomon, the worthy presiding elder, gave this society Friday afternoon, July 1. The conference officers present were: Mrs. Alex Woldert, President of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Texas Conference; Mrs. J. B. Turrentine, Superintendent of Florence McEchtern Brigade; Mrs. M. E. Dorrough, Superintendent of Educational Loan Fund, and Mrs. F. A. Glenn, District Secretary of Tyler District.

Mrs. Woldert gave a resume of the work in general with good suggestions for forwarding the work of this special society. Mrs. Turrentine gave an interesting and encouraging report of her work, and many new members were added to "the Brigade." On account of ill health we regret that Mrs. Dorrough was unable to read her paper. Many interesting papers and reports were read; in fact, every auxiliary reported except one. Each delegate seemed in the spirit of the Master, and willing and ready for larger work, and more zeal for this arm of woman's work.

The good attention, as well as attendance, showed that the gentlemen and ladies present came because they were interested, and the interest was of no common degree. Bro. Solomon declared that it was the best woman's meeting that had ever come within his experience. We believe that this meeting proved an earnest desire for greater activity for the Master's cause, and that lasting good was done in his name. There was a spiritual presence pervading the audience, and all declared it was good to be there, and those who attended received a spiritual uplift, believing that there is indeed joy in service as taught so plainly by the Master while on earth.

MRS. F. A. GLENN,  
District Secretary.

### OUR SCHOOLS ARE CHARACTER BUILDERS.

"The way the twig is bent, the tree's inclined—  
Tis education forms the common mind."  
—Pope.

That a school is a character builder no one will deny; but perhaps it has not occurred to some the many different kinds of schools we have and the many different destinies molded or the kinds of character builded by them.

We are all, more or less, creatures of circumstances, and these circumstances form the schools in which we receive our education—mental, moral and physical. Since this is true, how important is it that the schools be such as to insure the most healthful growth along all these lines. Yes, the teacher should look after the physical as well as the mental and moral development of the child; for a sound body is the best receptacle of a sound mind and a pure heart. Then, too, the mental and moral natures can often be aroused only through the physical—"feed the hungry and clothe the naked"—then you can teach them to be thankful for their blessings. The missionary who can ease pain, cure disease or supply any physical want, is the one who is most successful in bringing the light to darkened lives and leading souls to Christ.

The general conception of a school is that it is an institution where, under the guidance of efficient teachers, the youth of the land may gain useful knowledge. Yet there are, even in this Christian land of ours, schools of a very different nature. Public ballrooms, gambling dens, drinking saloons and other similar institutions are schools of vice, where loved ones,

home and happiness constitute the matriculation fee; while the characters builded are those of wretchedness, remorse and misery.

The graduates from these schools receive with their diplomas free tickets to alms houses, penitentiaries, pauper's and drunkard's graves. These schools are easy of admission; their doors are ever open, and many are the fair promises of popularity, pleasure and the drowning of sorrow made to those who enter. The relentless master, habit, seemingly so lenient at first, smiles and leads them with a silken cord which he gradually exchanges for a stronger and a still stronger, binding his students more and more tightly, until they have no hope of escape, and yield themselves to their fates. Then whoever heard of a graduate of one of these schools mentioning with any degree of love or pride his Alma Mater? The one redeeming quality that he displays is his anxiety to prevent others from taking a course in the same school. He often sounds a note of warning to the young, inexperienced, but the vigorous, buoyant, hopeful youth too often re-sents any intimation that he is not able to cope with any master however tyrannical or any foe however strong. No danger is anticipated until it is too late to avoid it.

So much for the schools of vice, of which there are many, and all of which are combined in one trust, whose king is Satan.

In the schools of privation, affliction and sorrow many of the purest characters are molded. As gold is refined by fire, so trials and afflictions take the dross from a proud life and turn the steps of many a prodigal child to the Father's home again; while sorrow purifies a stubborn, rebellious heart, and brings it to the foot of the cross.

Ours is a land of schools—our government wishing to develop loyal citizens has spread her public schools from shore to shore, and in these schools are taught patriotism and high ideals of citizenship as well as the rudiments of an education. Many of the Church schools have a more extensive curriculum, some of them ranking high in the list of colleges and universities, although their chief object is to win souls for the blessed Master.

Our country, in her infancy, threw open her doors to the foreigner, and when he came gave him the right hand of citizenship and invested him with all the rights and privileges of the native born. People have ever since poured in from every nation under the sun. 'Tis true some of them are of the better class and make good and useful citizens, but many others of them represent the lowest types of the nations from which they came, until it seems our shores have become the dumping ground for the scum and off-scouring of humanity. Now that they are with us, and we cannot send them away, and yet cannot afford to be contaminated by their foul morals, the question arises: "What can we do with them?" Quickly the answer comes: "Educate them."

The W. H. M. Society is nobly doing her part in this grand work, for her members have sought out and instructed these people and their children, not only in the cities and on the borders, but even in the islands of the sea.

The teachers in the Cuban schools at Tampa, Ybor City, and Key West, feel the importance of their work and are exerting every energy to build up in those under their charge characters worthy of American citizens.

The Japanese and Chinese schools along the Pacific Coast are accomplishing untold good by transforming opium dens into Christian homes, and instilling in those degraded children of the Orient higher ideals and aspirations in life.

The Industrial Home and School at Greenville, Tenn., is notably a character building institution; while from the Sue Bennett Memorial School at London, Ky., many of the students, pointing with pardonable pride to their Alma Mater, go out to be teachers in other schools, thus widening and ever widening the influence of our London school, just as the circle made by the pebble cast into the lake grows larger and larger as long as there is water over which it can travel.

In establishing kindergartens and day nurseries, the W. H. M. Society shows its superior wisdom, for in the building of character, as in the building of an edifice, the foundation should come first and be well laid. In the homes of many of these little ones the daily struggle for existence excludes the best preparation for the future, or else the foundations laid are of shiftlessness and depravity.

In the establishment of training schools, rescue homes, and doors of hope these same H. M. workers emulate the example of Him who went about doing good, and who counseled, but never rebuked a woman however sinful.

In the training school characters are strengthened and fortified until they are able to resist the attacks of the strongest and most artful enemy, and also to lift the fallen and support the weak.

In the rescue work the arm of pro-

teeting love is placed round the erring or fallen sister, whose sin is more frequently the result of ignorance or weakness than of evil intent. Often in one of these misguided ones is developed a character better, purer and more firm for all the fiery trials through which she has passed.

I cannot in the time allotted me make mention of each individual training school, rescue home, and door of hope, but we all know of the grand work being done by our own Mission Home at Dallas, and we often sound the praises of those who have made it what it is.

Notwithstanding what they have accomplished, the H. W. workers have not had one uninterrupted succession of triumphs. Far from it; they have met many obstacles, but have nobly surmounted them all. Although

"The pebble in the streamlet scant  
Has changed the course of many a  
river."

it has never yet stopped the flow of the streamlet in whose path it lay; for the streamlet receives from the fountain head the strength necessary to reach its goal—the bosom of the sea.

Just so the W. H. M. Society may, because of circumstances, sometimes change its plan of action; but, receiving as it does, a constant supply of strength from above, it has never had its progress impeded and it has gone on and on in its course, until now, like a gentle but mighty river, it halts at no obstacle and flees from no foe.

Then, dear H. M. workers, never be discouraged, but on, on with the glorious work you have begun. On with the H. M. schools that are building characters whose influence for good shall be felt while time shall last, and whose voices shall mingle in the chorus of the redeemed around the throne when time shall be no more.

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM.

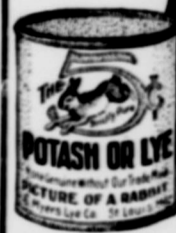
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(This paper was written for the annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society of the Northwest Texas Conference at Clarendon in June, but as the writer could not attend, the paper was read by Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth.)

His fellowship but strengthens our  
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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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fore she came there were a few who seemed to doubt the propriety of a lady taking the stand like a man and preaching the gospel, but after hearing her a few times those doubts were dispelled, and they are now sounding her praises. She remained with us a week. We had 86 conversions, 30 accessions and more will join, besides a number of restorations. The Church is greatly revived and brought into a closer relation and a more harmonious working condition. A Church out of tune—you can only get a screeching noise out of it. Bro. Cagle, though unpretentious, is a fine revivalist himself, and does not, as is the custom with some pastors, wait until roasting ear time for a revival, but knows that to insure a good harvest one must first break up the ground and then thoroughly cultivate. He must guard and protect from outside intrusion, and then trust in the Lord for results. This he has tried to do, and this glorious revival—some say the best ever held at Beckville or anywhere on the work, besides a fine revival at Rehoboth with 36 conversions, 22 accessions, some old saws resharpened, the entire Church revived and now engaged in a fine revival at Ebenezer—all these grand results are largely due to his thorough preparation, his care, his watchfulness and his faith in God, which seems to take no denial. He has two more appointments after he is through at Ebenezer, and it is earnestly hoped that his efforts will be attended with the best results and that this will be the best year in all the history of this work. On Saturday night after the meeting proper had closed Sister Zehner gave us a very fine talk on the subject of temperance and the prohibition issue, at the conclusion of which she asked the sentiment of the audience, and they unanimously endorsed her views. On Sunday following she preached at Carthage; on Sunday night a lecture on temperance and prohibition, and was heartily endorsed.

Tennessee Church.

T. B. Vinson, Aug. 9: We began a union meeting at Tennessee Church at 11 a. m. the second Sunday with Rev. L. E. Tipps, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. J. W. Bailey, a young minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church from Copeville, Collins County, Texas. The congregations were large from the first to the last service, which was at 11 a. m. the third Sunday in this month, and the interest increased with every service, although several heavy rains came during the meeting and the roads were fearfully muddy, but the people waited two services in the day, one at 10:30 a. m. and the other one at 3:30 p. m. So they came, and the interest increased and the Holy Ghost came upon us in answer to prayer, in the conviction of sinners and the conversion of penitents as they were kneeling in the altar, confessing their sins and seeking the Lord. It was the old time altar service revival, and they got religion as the people used to do in the days of our boyhood, and when they got religion they would tell it, and as they would go out in the congregation after their friends and bring them to the altar we could tell by their fruits that they had got religion. We had somewhere between 20 and 25 conversions, 7 accessions to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and 17 to ours, and the Churches were greatly revived. To God be all the glory. It was so pleasant to hold a meeting with those brethren. They are such pious, meek servants of our Lord. We are to commence our meeting at this place next Sunday, and Rev. F. A. Downs, of Center, is to be with me the following week. We are to begin our meeting at Joaquin (now, brethren, pronounce it if you can; I have spelled it) the third Sunday in this month at 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Crawford, of the Northwest Texas Conference, is to help us in that meeting. The Lord give us a gracious revival at each of the places, is our constant prayer.

Coffeeville.

W. W. Horner, August 11: We held our first protracted meeting on the work at this place embracing the first and second Sundays in July, and it was a good meeting. We had no conversions, but the Church members were greatly strengthened and edified, and we believe that the M. E. Church, South, is now on a better footing here than it has been for a long time. We have difficulties in the way of our progress here that are hard to overcome, and unless one could be on the ground and see the situation just as it is, he could not understand these difficulties. Our second meeting was held at Cox Schoolhouse on the fourth and fifth Sundays and continued ten days in July. Like those of Coffeeville, the sinners there are hard to reach, and we had no conversions there. But Christians of all the denominations were much strengthened and built

up, and we had some precious good meetings there. Nearly all Christians testified in some way that they were on the Lord's side, and many of them declared that they were going to live better and holier lives in the future than in the past. I do trust that the Common Hymnal will soon be out, and that we can get the people to use this book and throw away the musical trash that is now so much used in this country. Our third protracted meeting began at Independent Springs July 31 and continued just a week exactly. Here we had a glorious revival, resulting in about 15 or more happy conversions and the strengthening of the Church members. We had the regular old-fashioned Methodist shouting and there was a great forward movement in the Church generally. We had only four new additions to the Church, as most of those converted were already in the Church. Our third Quarterly Conference was held during this meeting, and was a pleasant and profitable occasion. Bro. Downs and his most excellent wife were with us, and both did splendid service. Bro. Downs preached three strong sermons and his wife made a magnificent talk to our women and girls on true womanhood and the purity of the home. I wish every woman and young lady in the whole country could have heard that talk. I trust it will do a great deal of good in that community. Considering the fact that the Church at Independent Springs had almost gone down to nothing, our meeting there was a glorious success, and I trust that we will be able to build up there and have a strong, active Church. The financial report was good for the time of year, and the work as a whole has paid nearly three-fourths of the salary. We have good hopes that all the assessments on all the claims will be paid out this year, and we will go to conference with a clear balance sheet and a full report.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Lake Creek.

J. N. Hunter, Aug. 10: Our July meeting resulted in 60 conversions, 40 additions and 20 infants baptized.

Fate.

L. L. Naugle, Aug. 10: Our meeting at Fate closed last Sunday night. Had a fine meeting with 11 accessions to the Church. Bro. Reynolds, of Sherman, was with us, and the people were all delighted with his preaching.

Copeville.

Ben H. Bounds, Aug. 12: After helping Bro. Hanson at Bethel Grove, on Merit charge, I came to Copeville last Monday, and with Bro. Nash have been assisting in a meeting here which is assuming large proportions. Large congregations; ten penitents at the altar for prayer last night. I go from here next Monday back to Merit to help Bro. Hanson next week at another point. Expect to return to the Plains about the first of September, and expect Uncle Buck to go with me.

Como.

J. B. Adair, Aug. 15: I closed my camp-meeting at Forest Academy last night; twenty-six conversions, fourteen additions to the Church. It was the best meeting there in a number of years. Every service was good and the last day and night was the best; fifteen conversions. The preaching was done by Rev. C. B. Fladger and "Uncle Dick" Thompson, and of course it was good, better and best.

South Bonham and Savoy.

T. W. Lovell, Aug. 15: After running nineteen days, we closed our meeting at Savoy Aug. 11. Dr. McLean, Bros. M. P. Hines and M. C. Dobbs were with us, doing most of the preaching. The Lord was with us in power. More than 60 conversions and reclamations, 35 accessions to the Methodist Church. A large class will join the Baptist Church. The Baptists worked with us faithfully from the first. We began a meeting yesterday in South Bonham, assisted by Rev. E. N. Parrish. Three conversions yesterday. The people of Savoy made our hearts happy with a big pounding of corn, flour, hams and many other things nice and useful.

Roxton.

A. T. Stodgel, Aug. 9: We have just closed a very interesting meeting at Atlas. Old settlers say it was the most permanent work of any meeting ever held in the community. Some of the most prominent and leading citizens of the community were converted and united with the Church by families. At one evening's service forty-five presented themselves for prayer. There were between 35 and 40 conversions. Something near 20 persons have joined the Church and others will follow. We have no church building at this place, but have an organization. We hold services in a school house. I

stretched my tent, which is 50x70 feet, congregations ranging from 400 to 700. I did all the preaching. I tried to get some of my brothers to help me, but all were tired from holding their own meetings. God did wonderfully bless us in this meeting. On the last Sunday of the meeting I took a collection, without saying anything to the people beforehand, for the purpose of getting their sentiments on building a church at this place. The collection amounted to some \$600. All are enthusiastic and we will build a church at this place as quick as we can get to it. I have also had a good meeting at Roxton; closed it on Friday night before beginning at Atlas on Saturday. The Lord blessed us in this meeting. The Church was greatly revived, backsliders were reclaimed, sinners were converted, and some united with the Church. Hundreds come to hear the gospel. I also had my tent at Roxton. I had no help. I am on my way to Bro. Hudgins' work, where I'll hold two meetings; then I'll return here and hold two more before conference.

Bryson.

J. B. Parr: On the 10th we closed a very fine meeting at Oak Glen Tabernacle. The Holy Ghost came in convicting and converting power and sinners were converted in their fields, on the road and in their homes. Christians of all denominations were graciously revived, altogether resulting in thirty conversions and a large number of reclamations; sixteen additions to our Church and five to the C. P. Church. Some will go to other Churches. The preacher in charge did all of the preaching except one sermon. Rev. Howard, of the C. P. Church, did us some valuable altar work the last four nights. This was our third meeting with good results, and have four yet to hold. To God be all the glory.

Pottsboro and Preston.

Jan. O. Davis, Aug. 15: We began our camp-meeting in Preston Aug. 5, and closed last night. Bro. S. Crutchfield was with us through the entire meeting and did nearly all of the preaching. Rev. A. G. Noble, a local preacher and a member of the Church in Preston, preached once, in which he gave us a splendid sermon. We had a great meeting. Some members of the Church did fine altar work who were never known to work before. Twenty-six precious souls were saved and nineteen were added to the Church. The conference collections for this place were covered, and more, in good subscriptions, besides paying \$27 to Bro. Crutchfield. We have now had great meetings at both appointments and our people feel stronger. Thank God, we are gaining ground. We expect to report at conference, "A good year. Bishop." God bless the dear old Advocate and all its readers.

Leonard Meeting.

James A. Walkup: I have been assisting Brother Roberts in his meeting at Leonard. We have had, in many respects, a great meeting. We had some bright conversions, among them an old Confederate veteran of the Civil War, aged 76 years. The great meeting was in the church, backsliders were reclaimed and the whole Church took on new life and zeal in the Master's cause. The pastor and people, one and all, thought the membership had made a wonderful stride and had taken on new vigor and a deeper consecration than for many years. Bro. Roberts is a fine man to work with in a meeting. He grew on me greatly during my stay with him, and convinced me fully of his broadness, his strong character and sterling integrity, and his earnestness was proverbial throughout the meeting. His zeal was manifest on the street, in the places of business, in the home and Church. He seemed to be alive to every interest of the Church, and his people love him most profoundly. I heard so many words from his people, expressing their appreciation of him. This is always a healthy symptom. I look for a good report from this work. I am now with Bro. Tinscher, at Aubrey. We began last Saturday night with a large congregation. Sunday was a good day; the congregation was large and attentive. A great meeting is looked for by us all. Sunday night quite a number came forward and gave their hands, promising to lead a Christian life. Well, now about the pastor. He is a counterpart of Geo. S. Wyatt, and I am glad to say, a little better looking—not much, either, for he is as much like George as if he were his twin brother. He is a faithful pastor and a man of strong mind and sterling worth, which is often the case with men who are ugly, of which you can testify, Mr. Editor. He is a good man, and I love him greatly. There is a fine outlook for a good meeting. The brethren are getting ready the arbor, and we will move into it to-morrow, as the church will not hold the congregation. The people seem to be very anxious and are falling into line to make this a grand and glorious meeting.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Berclair.

Wm. I. Ball, Aug. 11: We have just closed a very successful meeting at Normanna. Had ten additions to the Church; the people were moved by the power of the Spirit; strong men wept and prayed. The beloved, Rev. J. F. Webb came and stayed five days and preached with power, and added a host to his already many friends. Bro. Webb is a power in the pulpit, as well as an officer. We had to close, to the regret of many. We take courage and press on.

San Saba Mission.

J. R. T., Aug. 13: San Saba Mission has had a peculiar experience of late. A few months since we were left without a pastor, and as other Churches among us were enjoying the revival season, it seemed that we were left out to starve for the bread of life. One other denomination offered to feed us, however, at its table, and several of our members went over to feast on those viands. Our destitution was no fault of ours, therefore we were chastened, and meditated all sorts of wild schemes for our redress. However, we heard directly that our presiding elder had applied to Georgetown for one of those boy preachers, theologues, I believe. Poor comfort to us. We wanted some giant that would jump into the breach and make things move up at least to the level of those around us. Our preacher came—a boy, sure enough. Had not even sprouted a mustache, small of stature, etc. But we would be just and give him a trial. In a little while we heard of him in another part of the work, in a revival; nearly a score of conversions and several additions to the Church. Then he came among us, and we have just passed through the greatest awakening I have ever seen at this place. Our boy is surely a giant for his age. He preaches with fire in his soul, and it goes out and fires up the souls of others. Our people, every denomination, for several days have been up in the third heaven, as it were, their souls full, inexpressibly full, of love and consecration. Our boy truly has the hearts of the people. He is kind, affable and loving in his associations. We have had over a dozen conversions and reclamations. May he long be spared in his great usefulness. Georgetown is, certainly doing good work.

Runge Circuit.

I. T. Morris: I have just closed my round of protracted meetings on the Runge Circuit. At Runge Rev. F. B. Buchanan did all the preaching. At Cabeza I was assisted by Rev. A. B. Davidson, Rev. J. R. Barden, our local preacher, and Rev. B. Myers. At Helena Rev. Durrell Miller, of Yoakum, a young man who has been recently licensed to preach, was with me most of the time. All these brethren did faithful preaching and will be long remembered by the people. These meetings resulted in 20 additions to the Church on profession of faith. Much good was also accomplished among the membership of the Church. Our cotton crop is very short and our financial outlook is not very bright. Will leave the 17th inst. for North Arkansas to hold a memorial service and assist in a meeting; will be gone till September 10. Then two months to round up for conference. Hope to be able to make a full report when we meet at Cuero.

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AHEAD IN OKLAHOMA.

In the teachers' contracts recently prepared and sent out by the Territorial Superintendent there is a clause prohibiting the teacher from "using intoxicating liquors and tobacco," during the life of the contract. At a recent meeting of the School Board of the city of Hobart the above provisions were incorporated in the contracts for city teachers. Also went a step further and adopted a clause forbidding the "attendance upon balls and dances" by the teachers. Don't you think Oklahoma is getting ahead in this particular? The temperance sentiment in this Territory is strong and healthy, and some sweet day we hope to see the saloons wiped out of this beautiful land. W. J. MOORE. Hobart, Okla.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Aug. 11.—Dr. T. H. Hall, subs. Walter Douglass, change. O. F. Hatfield, change. T. B. Vinson, subs. W. T. Ayers, subs. A. C. Biggs, subs. G. W. White, subs. W. W. Graham, subs. Aug. 12.—E. G. Roberts, subs. C. Williamson, subs. J. A. Phillips, subs. I. T. Morris, subs. Aug. 13.—J. M. Sweeton, subs. J. A. Wyatt, subs. Atticus Webb, subs. Aug. 15.—M. L. Moody, subs. J. C. Huddleston, subs. Ross Williams, subs. D. H. Aston, samples sent. W. T. Ayers, subs. Aug. 16.—F. M. Winburne, subs. C. H. Adams, subs. J. B. Adair, subs. J. H. Watts, subs. T. S. Armstrong, subs. J. D. Hendrickson, subs.

FACTS THAT SHOULD INTEREST THE BUSINESS MEN OF DALLAS.

Less than three years ago the entire output of the lithographing, printing and manufacturing stationery houses in Dallas was insufficient to supply the demands of her own people. Within that short space of time, so great have been the investments in enlarging and equipping the printing plants of the city that to-day not only every need of Dallas can be promptly supplied from within her limits, but the facilities of these plants are ample to meet the demands from an immense scope of territory extending all over Texas and many of the surrounding States. A small army of traveling salesmen skillfully directed from the City of Dallas are coming into touch at short and regular intervals with every dealer and each consumer within a radius of 150 miles or more, and are steadily turning the great bank of this line of work into the Dallas manufacturers. There is invested in Dallas the enormous sum of \$26,700,000 devoted to the production of the printing business and its allied interests, representing an output of more than one and a half million dollars per annum. These figures are not an estimate, but are carefully compiled from thoroughly conservative data, and include only such concerns as may be distinctly classed manufacturing stations and printers. Were the investments of the publishers of newspapers and periodicals and those of the wholesale paper houses included, a point far into the millions would be reached. Recognizing the fact that the territory entered to is up-to-date in every requirement of the line, those operating these great interests have equipped with the most modern and costly machinery and after diligent search procured skilled mechanics competent to handle and produce the character of work required to satisfy the cultivated taste of the Southwest in printing and stationery. These artists and mechanics are all high salaried people, the wages paid in this line in this city amounting in the aggregate to more than \$20,000,000 annually, or say \$75,000,000 per month. Over 400 persons, one-ninth of the entire population of Dallas, are dependent for their support upon this industry, and it is safe to say that the \$18,750,000 paid in wages each week, nearly every dollar promptly enters into circulation at home through the various channels of a city's trade. That this industry is one of the most important factors in the growth and development of the city must be recognized by all, that the possibility of greatly enhancing its value in this direction lies largely in the hands of the business men of Dallas must be readily apparent to minds which have proven capable of creating of our city the commercial center of the Southwest. The printing, lithographing and manufacturing stationery houses here are turning out a class of work in everything pertaining to the line that is second to none produced anywhere. Their prompt execution of orders, their product and prices, are strictly in touch with those of all competitors. Loyalty to its home industries is the fundamental principle of any city's welfare. Let every dollar paid for printing, lithographing, blank books, etc., finished articles used in Dallas, go into the pocket of the Dallas mechanic for circulation at home, and within twelve months you will have increased the pay rolls of these great manufacturing printing establishments to a million and a half dollars annually, and to your own benefit.—Dallas News.

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ROUNSAVALL.—Prof. Rufus Osgood Rounsavall was born in Alabama Aug. 29, 1851; died July 20, 1904, at his home in Waco, Texas. He was the son of Rev. Wesley Rufus Rounsavall, who was a member of the Alabama Conference, and died at the early age of 29 of consumption. Prof. R. O. Rounsavall was sent to the East Alabama Male College, where he took the A. B. degree in 1872. After receiving his Bachelor degree he was put in charge of the fitting school of Southern University, where he remained one year, and from this institution he received the A. M. degree. He was then elected to the chair of mathematics in Warren College, Kentucky, which he filled with his wonted ability for two years, when he resigned and came to Texas to assist the Rev. Dr. E. S. Smith in conducting the Andrew Female College in Huntsville, which was at that time a school of considerable distinction in this State. His reputation as an educator was such that other schools sought him, and he was elected principal of the Coronal Institute in San Marcos. After filling that responsible position with great ability for five years he was chosen President of the Waco Female College, where he remained for ten years—in fact, until failing health forced him to retire from active work. Prof. Rounsavall was married Sept. 29, 1878, to Mrs. Ella Gridley Yates, by whom he had two children—a son and a daughter—who still survive him. Abla assisted by his cultured wife in the administration of his schools, he won a most enviable reputation as an educator. His scholarly attainments and administrative ability combined to put him in the front rank and make him one of the most prominent educators of the day. His strong personality stamped itself indelibly upon the hearts of his pupils. He uniformly won their love and admiration. They felt that their lives had been ennobled by his influence, and that they could never say too much in his praise. Prof. Rounsavall was one of the best known members of the Masonic fraternity in the State. He was the Past High Priest of the Grand Chapter, which was the highest honor his Masonic brethren could confer upon him. But it was his sterling integrity and stalwart Christian character which chiefly gave him his wide influence over the hearts and lives of others. It is true that he was most eminently a cultured man—a gentleman in every sense—the soul of truth, and the incarnation of honor, but it was his devotion to Christ and his loyalty to God which was the most outstanding element in his character. I knew him, not only as his pastor, but also as his intimate friend, and I never knew a man with a profounder faith in God, or a sincerer love for Christ. He never doubted that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah—the anointed One—whose teachings we are to obey, and under whose authority we are to live. He looked upon Christ as the only perfect model, and resolved that by God's help he would himself be a man after the pattern of him of Galilee. With his whole heart he loved and worshiped the Son of Man. Now that he is gone we shall miss him, but we know where to find him, because for many long years he lived the same sort of life that do the "dwellers in the high countries beyond." An exemplary Christian—a knightly spirit—a loyal Churchman, a cultured gentleman, a Christ like character, a combination of all that is best in man—was my friend, R. O. Rounsavall.

H. M. WHALING.

THOMPSON.—R. T. Thompson, the subject of this obituary, was born in Warren County, Georgia, Jan. 13, 1854. He moved to Atlanta, Ga., when he was only 7 years old; moved to Newton County, Georgia, when he was 21 years of age. During the same year he was married to Miss Martha Parker. He became a Christian in 1878, and joined the Baptist Church. He came to Texas in 1899; joined the M. E. Church in 1891 at Harris Chapel in the bounds of Daingerfield Circuit. He has been a devoted member since that time. The last two years of his life he served as steward. He was a man whom the Lord recognized, if not called. He died in the triumph of a living faith July 20, 1904. We extend our sympathy to those who are bereaved.

C. S. HARKEY, P. C.

ELLISOR.—Elijah David Ellisor was born June 29, 1838, in Dallas County, Alabama. He came to Texas with his parents in early life and settled in Montgomery County. When the Civil War began he gave himself to the Confederate cause, and enlisted under Col. Pyron, of the Twenty-first Texas Cavalry, doing service in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. After the war closed he came home and began to pick up the broken and scattered threads of what was once a happy home. The writer heard him relate his experiences during those trying days of reconstruction. With nothing but a strong manhood and faith in God, he thought his greatest need was a wife, and was happily married to Miss Almira Carrol January, 1867. To this union were born nine children. Eight remain to mourn the loss of a kind father. His loving wife and one son passed on to the reward of the faithful several years ago, and awaited his coming. Shortly after his marriage he moved to Cedar Bayou, Harris County, Texas, where he resided till death came to his relief June 8, 1904, being 65 years, 11 months and 9 days old. Bro. Ellisor was converted early in life and joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained faithful to the cause of his Lord, serving as steward and trustee for many years. He was prominent in the councils of his home Church, Alexander Chapel, on Cedar Bayou Circuit, Texas Conference. He was prominent in business at Cedar Bayou for many years, but had recently sold out and was enjoying life in a quiet way. His health had been bad for several months, but we did not think him serious. He, with the two youngest daughters, had just returned from a visit to the old home in Walker County, and was feeling unusually well, when he was taken worse, and in a few days quietly passed away. Thus closed the life of one who had wrought well and served his day and generation as best he could. He was devotedly religious in his daily life, always did what he thought to be the right. He always weighed every question that came to his consideration and wronged no one knowingly. He loved the Methodist Church, her preachers, her doctrines, her laws and her communion. He loved to talk of the grand old Methodist preachers who were sent to him as pastors and presiding elders. Such men as Drs. Alexander, John and Philpott were his ideals, and always mentioned in his conversations. Truly Methodist preachers have lost a friend, the Church a faithful and loyal son, the community one of her best men, and his children a loving father. May the Lord help us so to live that we may meet him on the other shore.

J. C. STEWART.

McCARTY.—Sallie Alice Jones, daughter of John W. and Sue E. Jones, was born December 4, 1870, and died April 26, 1904. In 1895 she was married to J. A. McCarty, and to them were born four children, one son and three daughters. The husband still lives to mourn the loss of that sweetest of all companions, a loving wife; and the children mourn the irreparable loss of a mother's counsel and care. Sister McCarty was converted when about 14 years of age, and was one of the most faithful Christian women it has ever been our pleasure to meet. She was a very active Christian worker, praying and testifying in the public congregation, and in private living such a life as to command the highest confidence of all those who knew her. She both lived and died in the full triumphs of a Christian faith; and while she left many who mourn her loss here below, heaven is richer for us all because of her presence there.

A. W. HALL.

SMITH.—Mrs. Minnie L. Smith was born in 1872; united with the Church when about 12 years of age; was married to Bro. R. P. Smith in May, 1895, and fell asleep in Jesus Aug. 6, 1904. She left her devoted husband and two children (a boy and girl) to mourn their loss, besides her father and mother, sisters and brothers. She was one of the most consistent Christians I ever knew. She loved the Church, and found pleasure in all its institutions and ordinances. She and her husband were among the most liberal contributors to all our Church enterprises. Her lovely character and sweet disposition won the love of all who knew her. "The heart of her husband safely trusted in her." "Her children will rise up and call her blessed." She appreciated the effort of her pastor, was always interested in his work, and ever ready to assist him, and speak encouragingly to him. In the bosom of her family, surrounded by those so near and dear to her, she fell asleep peacefully as a wave dies along the shore. After a service by the writer (her pastor) we laid her body to rest in the beautiful city of the dead at Ballinger, Texas, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, with the full assurance of a happy reunion on the shores of that blessed land above.

W. WOOTTON.

San Angelo, Texas.

KING.—Death has invaded our midst and taken from us a lovely, noble character. This grim foe to life paid his dual visit to our much loved Sister Pet King (nee Rowls) on Aug. 4, 1904, and snatched her away. Early in life she united with the M. E. Church, South, and was a faithful, active member until death. She was married to Pet King Aug. 29, 1887, and was ever a faithful, loving wife to him. But as they only lived together the short time of seventeen years, she goes first to their eternal home to await his coming. She leaves besides a husband, two boys and one girl (at the age children so much need a mother), two brothers, four sisters and father to mourn their loss; and yet they rejoice greatly in the confident hope of meeting her in heaven. Her only regret in leaving this world was leaving her children and loved ones, and her last words were, "I am going home to die no more." May God bless the sorrowing ones.

ALBERT E. TURNEY.

Wingate, Texas.

LEWIS.—Cleotis Lewis, little son of James and Bettie Lewis, of Lane, Hunt County, Texas, was born July 28, 1899, and died July 24, 1904. He was a playful child, and at his play he stepped on a nail. The injury did not seem to be of any consequence at first, but in a day or two blood poison set in, which resulted in his death. The family is terribly afflicted by the sudden departure of this lovely child from their home, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. His life budded on earth and will bloom in eternal beauty in the skies. The parents cannot call their child back to them, but they can go where he is if they are faithful. The funeral services were conducted by the writer and the body was laid beside kindred dust in the Shady Grove Graveyard, three miles south of Trenton.

J. J. ROACH, L. P.

Celeste, Texas.

SETTLE.—Mrs. Mary A. Settle (nee Levy) was married to the writer January 24, 1884, and died June 26, 1904. She had been a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for more than twenty years, and was as honest and pure a woman as ever lived. She always attended Church when she was able. She had been in bad health for many years. We never realized how much we loved her until she was taken away. She leaves a husband and four children—Ernest, Bessie, Lillie Belle and Jimmie, the youngest, who is ten years of age—six brothers and sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Mary had been sick nearly all spring, and her suffering was great. But when the end came she passed away in perfect peace to her heavenly home. We are all determined to meet her again, where parting will be no more, for she, by her blessed example, will lead us home one by one. Her husband,

N. C. SETTLE.

Prosper, Texas.

MOORE.—Mrs. Cameron F. Moore (nee Wilson) has gone from her home here, to the home "where the wicked cease to trouble, and the weary are at rest." She was born in Paris, Texas, January 23, 1886. From thence she moved with her parents to Marshall, Texas. Nearly two years ago she came with her parents to live in Fort Worth, Texas, where she was married to Mr. Finis F. Moore in the Peach Street Methodist Church Oct. 22, 1903. She was converted in early life, and grew up into a beautiful womanhood. Her homelife was very beautiful. The virtues of a Christian life adorned her; of a mild and pacific temper, which was softened and refined by grace, she was gentle and kind, and patient to an unusual degree, and drew to herself many devoted friends. She endured great suffering with that heroic spirit born of a perfect trust in God. No feeling of rebellion ever possessed her. Many of her friends derived great comfort and strength from witnessing her death, for it was truly a triumphant departure, and the grace of God abounded unto her. All that medical skill and loving care could do to keep her was done; but death claimed her, and the bereaved husband

bore her remains to Oakwood Cemetery, where we laid her by the new-made grave of her infant July 31. A sad husband, father and mother mourn their loss. May the grace that sustained the wife and daughter be their portion, and after while they will meet her in the city of their God.

NAT B. READ.

AVARY.—John Newton Avary was born in Shelby County, Alabama, June 22, 1850; removed to Tennessee in early manhood, where he was married to Miss Harriet Louisiana Whitten Jan. 9, 1877; went to Fannin County, Texas, a few years later, where he lived for a number of years, and was licensed to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of Fannin Circuit in 1891. J. M. Binkley being presiding elder; removing later with his family to Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas, where he remained for a few years, when he went to Haskell, Texas, where, while building a home, his health failed four years ago. He was never well again. He came to Sulphur in quest of health two years ago; came here to make his home since March, 1904, but alas! on July 20 he had to yield to disease, and his spirit returned in great peace to God. His parting words: "What is this?" "Is this death?" "Bless the Lord; O my soul! and all that is within me, bless his holy name!" Never have we attended any suffering one who endured with as much patience as did Bro. Avary. Never a word of murmur was heard. He was a good man. What better could be said for any one? He leaves bereaved a wife and large family of children, all on their way whither he is gone in Christ. His pastor,

J. L. SULLIVAN.

Sulphur, I. T.

MARTIN.—John M. Martin was born in Stewart County, Georgia, Feb. 20, 1871, and came to an untimely death at Batson, Texas, June 20, 1904, on account of the sudden and unexpected outburst of flames from the boiler furnace he was firing. He had been away from home for some months, and the day on which he was burned was the last day of his contract. On the following day he intended settling his affairs and starting to his home in Corsicana, and the same train that was to have brought him in health and strength to meet his wife and children brought the remains of a once noble husband and father. Bro. Martin when but a child came with his parents to Texas, settling in Navarro County, where he made his home. When he was just entering into young manhood his father died, and he being the oldest child, the care of his mother and her little children fell upon him, and with self-sacrificing devotion he met this great responsibility like a man. Before he was grown he made a profession of faith in Christ and joined the Church. He was married to Miss Belle Peacock April 24, 1895, who with two small children, mourns her great loss. The blow was a sad one indeed, but the grief-stricken wife and loved ones know where to go for comfort.

R. B. EVANS.

BACHMAN.—At 4 o'clock Sabbath morning, June 12, 1904, Mrs. M. M. Bachman, consort of the lamented Rev. John B. Bachman, and our precious mother, departed this life. She went home to heaven and the God she had served so long and so faithfully. We stood by her bedside in the very last moments of dissolution, felt her quivering pulse, her last heart-throb as she went smiling through the portals into the great beyond. We went with her to the very waters of the river, as far as we could go, when that Savior whom she had served so fervently for sixty-five long years came and took her thin, emaciated hands in his and led her across the dark river of death to the haven of rest beyond. Our precious mother is gone!—gone from toil to rest, from trouble to peace, from sickness and suffering to eternal joy and happiness. Our mother was so devoted to us all, so tender, so loving, so thoughtful, that of the seven we do not know which she loved best. What anguish filled our souls, the very fountains of our tears were broken up as we stood by her dying bed and saw her frail

bark launched upon the boundless seas of eternity. But we know she is safe in heaven to-day and rests forever, "rests under the shades of the trees" of Paradise that bloom continually on the banks of the river of life. Blessed hope! Blessed mother, you have served long and well your day and generation. Your life was not always strewn with roses. Often thorns lay in your pathway. In our early lives we well remember how bravely you bore the sufferings and privations incident to a pioneer life. Our honored father, who shared these hardships with you, was taken from you and us in his prime. How nobly you bore your part, how bravely you fought the battles of these thirty-seven years of lonely widowhood none but us and the Master know. For fifty years your tent has been stretched on the old "Whitlock Campground." It will be there this year, but you will not go with us to occupy it. We scarcely want to go there this time; it will be so lonely, so sad. Mother will not be there, but the old tent will stand as a silent reminder of your devotion to the Master's cause and the love you always had for your posterity. We humbly pray the good God may ever lead us in your footsteps, for we know they will lead us to heaven and home. And now, precious mother, as we pay this one last tribute of respect, looking up through the mists and tears beyond the twinkling stars far, far beyond the influence of sin and death to the home of the redeemed, where we know you are, we one and all promise before our Master to so live that we will meet you and all our loved ones, never, never more to part.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Third Round. Walnut cir, Aug 20, 21. Hotchkiss Memorial sta, Aug 21, 22. Tenth Street sta, Austin, Aug 27, 28. First Street sta, Austin, Aug 28, 29. E. S. Smith, P. E.

Austin District—Fourth Round. Eagle Lake cir, at E. L., Sept. 3, 4. Columbus sta, Sept. 6, 7. Weimar cir, at Weimar, Sept. 10, 11. La Grange sta, Sept. 13, 14. M-Dade cir, Sept. 17, 18. Elgin sta, Sept. 19, 20. Manor sta, Sept. 21, 22. Webberville cir, Sept. 24, 25. West Point cir, Oct. 1, 2. Smithville sta, Oct. 4, 5. Cedar Creek cir, at Upton, Oct. 8, 9. Bastrop sta, Oct. 11, 12. Manchaca cir, Oct. 15, 16. South Austin sta, Oct. 19, 20. Walnut cir, Oct. 22, 23. Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin, Oct. 23, 24. Tenth Street, Austin, Oct. 29, 30. First Street, Austin, Oct. 30, 31. E. S. Smith, P. E.

Beeville District—Fourth Round. Alice, Aug. 20, 21. Beeville, Aug. 22, 23. Corpus Christi mis, Aug. 27, 28. Corpus Christi sta, Aug. 29. Mathis, Sept. 10, 11. Goliad, Sept. 14. Rockport, Sept. 17, 18. Pleasanton, Sept. 24, 25. Okville, Oct. 1, 2. Lavernia, Oct. 8, 9. Stockdale, Oct. 12. S. Springs, Oct. 15, 16. Berclair, Oct. 22, 23. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Llano District—Fourth Round. Center Point sta, Aug. 20, 21. Boerne cir, at Salado, Aug. 27, 28. Blanco cir, at Blanco, Sept. 3, 4. Johnson City, at Round Mountain, 3 p. m., Sept. 7. Willow City cir, at Walnut, Sept. 10, 11. Liberty Hill cir, at L. H., Sept. 17, 18. Bertram cir, at Mt. Horeb, Sept. 24, 25. Burnet, at Marble Falls, 2 p. m. Sept. 26. Sunny Lane mis, at Lankford, Oct. 1, 2. Kingsland mis, at Kingsland, Oct. 8, 9. San Saba sta, Oct. 15, 16. San Saba mis, Oct. 22, 23. Cherokee, Oct. 29, 30. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Cuero District—Fourth Round. Nursery, at Thomaston, Sept. 3-5. Edna, Sept. 7. Port Lavaca, at P. L., Sept. 9, 11. Runge, at Runge, Sept. 14. Flatonia, Sept. 15. Shiner, at Shiner, Sept. 16, 18. Hallettsville, at Williamsburg, Sept. 23, 25. Yoakum, Oct. 2, 3. El Campo, at El Campo, Oct. 7, 9. Palschos, at Markham, Oct. 10, 11. Victoria, Oct. 15, 16. Leesville, at Leesville, Oct. 20, 21. Rancho, at Bundick, Oct. 22, 23. Clear Creek, at Rocky, Oct. 28, 30. Cuero, Nov. 5, 6. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round. Paint Rock, 3d Sun Aug. Miles, Aug. 22. Ozona, 4th Sun Aug. Sherwood, Aug. 29. Water Valley, 1st Sun Sept. Lometa, 2d Sun Sept. Lampasas, Sept. 12. Goldswaiter, Sept. 13. Center City, at Pleasant Grove, Sept. 14. Sterling City, 3d Sun Sept. San Angelo, Sept. 21. Sonora, 4th Sun Sept. Menardville, Sept. 28. Junction City, 1st Sun Oct. Mason, 2d Sun Oct. Pontotoc, 3d Sun Oct. Brady cir, at Bear Creek, 4th Sun Oct. Brady sta, (night) 4th Sun Oct. Milburn, 5th Sun Oct. J. D. Scott, P. E.

San Antonio District—Third Round. 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.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Gainesville District—Third Round. Montague 3d Sun Aug. Nocona, 3d Sun Aug. Greenwood, 4th Sun Aug. Rosston, 1st Sun Sept. Woodbine, 2d Sun Sept. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Dallas District—Third Round. First Church, 8:30 p. m., Aug. 21. Oak Cliff, 11 a. m., Aug. 21. Cochran and Caruth, Aug. 27, 28. Clark's Chapel, 8:30 p. m., Aug. 28. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Bonham District—Third Round. Lannus, Lannus, Aug. 29, 31. Lamasco, Carson, Aug. 27, 28. Trenton, Pecon Grove, Sept. 3, 4. Ladonia sta, Ladonia, Sept. 10, 11. Bailey, Crandall, Sept. 17, 18. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round. Douglas mis, at Shawnee Ch., Aug. 20, 21. Bagwell mis, at Robinsville, Aug. 27, 28. Emberson cir, at El Bethel, Sept. 3, 4. Chilota, at Chilota, Sept. 10, 11. W. H. Casey, P. E.

McKinney District—Third Round. Copeville mis, Honaker's Chapel, Aug. 20, 21. Nevada cir, Millwood, Aug. 27, 28. Farmersville sta, Sept. 3, 4. F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Chleo, Sept. 3, 4. Alford, Sept. 4, 5. Fruitland, Sept. 10, 11. Bowie, Sept. 11, 12. Boyd, Sept. 17, 18. Rhome, Sept. 19, 20. Paradise, Sept. 24, 25. Bridgeport, Sept. 25, 26. Bryson, Oct. 1, 2. Jacksboro, Oct. 2, 3. Benvenue, Oct. 8, 9. Henrietta, Oct. 9, 10. Bellevue, Oct. 15, 16. Blue Grove, Oct. 16, 17. Iowa Park, Oct. 22, 23. Wichita Falls, Oct. 23, 24. Archer City, Oct. 29, 30. Holliday, Oct. 29, 31. Decatur cir, Nov. 5, 6. Decatur sta, Nov. 6, 7. Crafton, Nov. 12, 13. Gibtown, Nov. 19, 20. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Greenville District—Third Round. Neola, at Harris Ch., Aug. 20, 21. Greenville mis, at Meadow View, Aug. 23. Fairlie, at Olive Branch, Aug. 27, 28. Quinlan mis, Sept. 3, 4. Wolfe City, Sept. 10, 11. Lone Oak, Sept. 17, 18. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Terrell District—Third Round. Kemp, at Wilson Chap., Aug. 20, 21. Crandall, at Seago, Aug. 27, 28. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Sherman District—Third Round. Van Alstyne, Aug. 20, 21. Pilot Grove, at Cottage Hill, Sept. 3, 4. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Third Round. Ben Franklin, at Pecan Gap, 3d Sun Aug. Birthright, at Lone Star, 11 a. m. Aug. 24. Purley cir, at Hopewell, 4th Sun Aug. Sulphur Bluff, at Neita, 11 a. m. Aug. 21. Yowell cir, at Moss' Ch., 11 a. m. Sept. 3. Cooper sta, 8:30 p. m. Sept. 3. Bonanza cir, 2d Sun Sept. Klondike cir, 11 a. m. Sept. 14. Lake Creek cir, 11 a. m. Sept. 15. The appointments for 11 a. m. mean preaching at that hour and Quarterly Conference in the afternoon, for Sunday means Saturday also. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Ablene District—Third Round. 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.

Ablene District—Fourth Round. Albany and Moran, at A, Sept. 3, 4. Anson cir, at Anson, Sept. 10, 11. Spring Creek, at S. C., Sept. 12. Aspermont mis, at A, Sept. 11. Haskell sta, at Pinkerton, Sept. 16. Haskell sta, Sept. 17, 18. Stamford, Sept. 19, 20. Big Springs, Oct. 8, 9. Lynn and Terry, Oct. 12. Gail mis, at Gail, Oct. 15, 16. Midland, Oct. 18. Colorado sta, Oct. 19. Clairemont mis, at Elkin, Oct. 21. Snyder and Dunn, at S, Oct. 22, 23. Colorado mis, at Union, Oct. 25. Buffalo Gap, at Elm Grove, Oct. 27. Merkel and Caps, at C, Oct. 28. Sweetwater and Roscoe, at S, Oct. 29, 30. Sweetwater mis, Oct. 31. Roby cir, Nov. 1. Truby mis, Nov. 3. Merkel cir, Nov. 5. Clyde cir, Nov. 7. Baird, Nov. 9. Putnam cir, Nov. 10. Abilene, Nov. 12, 13. E. A. Smith, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round. Rowe, Aug. 20, 21. James M. Sherman, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Clarendon sta, Sept. 2. Memphis, Sept. 3, 4. Canyon City, Sept. 10, 11. Claude, Sept. 17, 18. Plainview, Sept. 24, 25. Tullia, Sept. 26, 8 p. m., Sept. 27, 11 a. m. Hale Center, Sept. 29. Lubbock, at Pearce's S. H., Oct. 1, 2. Floydada, at Emma, Oct. 4. Dickens City, Oct. 6. Lockney, Oct. 8, 9. Silverton, Oct. 10, 8 p. m., Oct. 11, 11 a. m. Alanreed, at Jericho, Oct. 15, 16. Cataline, at Shamrock, Oct. 18. Amarillo, Oct. 19. Higgins, Oct. 22, 23. Canadian, Oct. 24. Dumas, Oct. 29, 30. Channing, Oct. 31. Dalhart, Nov. 1. Stratford, Nov. 2. Hereford, Nov. 5, 6. Hereford mis, with Hereford sta, and same date. Rowe, Nov. 8. J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Quanah sta, Aug. 27, 28. Chilicothe cir, Sept. 3, 4. Wellington mis, Sept. 10, 11. Wellington sta, Sept. 10, 11. Childress cir, Sept. 17, 18. Childress sta, Sept. 24, 25. Seymour cir, Oct. 1, 2. Mundy cir, Oct. 4. Seymour sta, Oct. 6. Spring Creek mis, Oct. 8, 9. Crowell cir, Oct. 15, 16. Matador cir, Oct. 19. Paducah mis, Oct. 22, 23. Vernon cir, Oct. 29, 30. Vernon sta, Nov. 5, 6. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round. Graham mis, at Goose Neck, Aug. 20, 21. Graham sta, Aug. 22. Throckmorton, at Proffit, Aug. 24. Farmer, at Farmer, Aug. 27, 28. Eliasville, at Caddo, Sept. 3, 4. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round. Comanche cir, at Sidney, Aug. 20, 21. Coleman sta, Aug. 27, 28. Brownwood, Sept. 3, 4. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round. Temple sta, 7th St. 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.

Dublin District—Third Round. Carlton, Aug. 20, 21. Granbury, Aug. 28. Glen Rose, Aug. 27, 28. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round. 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.

Waxahachie District—Third Round. Midlothian, Aug. 21, 22. Waxahachie, Aug. 27, 28. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Alma, at Alma, Sept. 17. Rice, at Reynolds, Sept. 19. Barry, at Drane, Sept. 24. N. Corsicana, at Wesley, Sept. 25. Frost, at Frost, Oct. 1. Brandon, at Malone, Oct. 3.

Blooming Grove sta, Oct. 4. Blooming Grove cir, Oct. 8. Dawson, Oct. 11. Pleasant Grove, at P. G., Oct. 15. Groesbeck, Oct. 20. Horn Hill, Oct. 21. Thornton, at Big Hill, Oct. 22. Mexia, Oct. 24. Armour, Oct. 25. Wortham, Oct. 28. Cotton Gln. at Cedar Island, Oct. 29. Richland, Nov. 5. Kerens, Nov. 7. Corsicana, 12th Av., Nov. 8. Corsicana, 1st Church, Nov. 9. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Waco District—Third Round. Morgan, at Eulogy, Aug. 20, 21. Aquila, Aug. 27, 28. E. R. Bolton, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Third Round. Blum, at Chapel Grove, Aug. 20, 21. Coving, at Parker, Aug. 22. James Campbell, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. Arlington, Aug. 27, 28. Glenwood, Aug. 28, 29. Riverside, Sept. 4. Mulkey Memorial, Sept. 4, 5. Kennedale, at Landley, Sept. 10, 11. Peach Street, Sept. 11, 12. Azle, at Azle, Sept. 17, 18. North Fort Worth, Sept. 18, 19. First Church, Sept. 25, 26. Trinity, Sept. 25. Mansfield, at Mansfield, Oct. 1, 2. Polytechnic College, Oct. 2, 3. Smithfield, at Keller, Oct. 8, 9. Missouri Avenue, Oct. 9, 10. Grapevine, at Minter's Ch, Oct. 15, 16. Cresson, at Cresson, Oct. 18. Blum, Oct. 19. Covington, at Covington, Oct. 20. Joshua, Oct. 22, 23. Bono, at George's Creek, Oct. 29, 30. Grandview, Nov. 5, 6. Cieburne and Mission Ch, Nov. 12, 13. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round. Pearl, at B. H. Ch., Aug. 20, 21. G. mis, at Brown's Creek, Aug. 24, 25. Brookhaven, at R. Chapel, Aug. 27, 28. S. W. Turner, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Calvert District—Third Round. Marlin sta, Aug. 20, 21. Feteway, Aug. 27, 28. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Palestine District—Third Round. Alto cir, at Adams' Chapel, Aug. 20. Husk sta, Aug. 21. Mt. Selman cir, at Pleasant Hill, Aug. 24. Jacksonville cir, at Earle's Ch, Aug. 25. Kennard cir, at Ratcliff, Aug. 27, 28. Augusta cir, at Liberty Hill, Sept. 3, 4. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Huntsville District—Third Round. Huntsville, Aug. 21. Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Brenham District—Third Round. Caldwell, Aug. 21, 22. Cameron cir, at Elm Creek, Aug. 24. Maysfield, at Fort Sullivan, Aug. 27, 28. Milano, at Minerva, Sept. 3, 4. Rockdale, Sept. 4, 5. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round. Redwater, August 20, 21. Daingerfield, at Harris Chapel, August 27, 28. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Linden, at Harmony, Sept. 3, 4. Naples, at Naples, Sept. 10, 11. Texarkana, Rose Hill, Sept. 17, 18. Texarkana, Central Church, Sept. 18, 19. Queen City, Sept. 29. Winfield, at Bridge's Chapel, Sept. 24, 25. Mt. Pleasant, Sept. 25, 26. New Boston mis, at Woodstock, Oct. 1, 2. New Boston sta, Oct. 2, 3. Musgrove, at Musgrove, Oct. 8, 9. Leesburg, at Friendship, Oct. 15, 16. Pittsburg, Oct. 16, 17. Gilmer cir, at Mt. Gilced, Oct. 22, 23. Gilmer sta, Oct. 23, 24. Cason, at Cason, Oct. 29, 30. Daingerfield, Oct. 30, 31. Quiltman, at Forest Home, Nov. 5, 6. Queen City, Nov. 12, 13. Dalby Springs, Nov. 19, 20. Redwater, Nov. 26, 27. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Tyler District—Third Round. New York, at New Hope, Aug. 19. Meredith, Aug. 20, 21. Marvin, Aug. 27, 28. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

San Augustine District—Third Round. Cushing, at Wallace Grove, Aug. 20, 21. Appleby, at Shady Grove, Aug. 27, 28. San Augustine, at Union, Sept. 3, 4. Minden, Thur, Sept. 8. Clayton, at Gary, Sept. 10, 11. Carthage sta, Wed, Sept. 14. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Marshall District—Third Round. Henderson cir, at Union Ch, July 30, 31. Henderson sta, Aug. 14, 15. Arleston, at Arleston, Aug. 20, 21. Hallville, at Summerfield, Aug. 27, 28. Beckville, at Ebenezer, Sept. 3, 4. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Sept. 11, 12. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Beaumont District—Third Round. Wallisville, Aug. 20, 21. Woodville, Aug. 27, 28. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round. Angleton, at Velasco, Aug. 20, 21. Columbia, at Hinkles, Aug. 27, 28. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

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**PROMISES.**

Once when I was very sick,  
And doctor thought I'd die,  
And mother couldn't smile at me  
But it just turned to cry,  
That was the time for promises;  
You should of heard them tell  
The lots of good things I could have  
If I'd get well.  
But when the fever went away,  
And I began to mend  
And begged to eat the goodies  
That Grandma Brown would send,  
They said beef tea was better,  
And gave my grapes to Nell,  
And laughed and said, "You're mighty  
cross  
Since you got well."  
—Augusta Korrtecht, in the Century.

**OUR SCHOOLS.**

Lovers of Christian education can not but be gratified at the progress made by the institutions of learning in our Church within the past few years. This progress is very marked in the schools of Texas Methodism, and particularly those within the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Our educational commission was established by the authority of the General Conference six years ago. The report on education given to the Northwest Texas Conference that fall showed the existence of five institutions of learning belonging to the Church—all of them proposing to give college degrees. When this commission had finished its work of prescribing the minimum requirements for the baccalaureate degree in the colleges belonging to our Church, and also the minimum requirements for admission to the freshman class, and when, by the standards thus established, the General Board of Education classified our institutions of learning, it was found that only one of them, the school at Georgetown, was meeting the required conditions and could legitimately do the required work of a college. When the other schools, claiming to be colleges, were classified as secondary institutions, they did not take very kindly to the work of the General Board. It was feared by some that the action of the Board would tend to degrade our institutions in the eyes of the world and that the cause of Christian education would be hindered rather than helped by the work of the commission. Some of the schools disregarded the classification of the Board and continued to classify themselves as colleges, and we have been placed in the very unenviable position of having schools report themselves to us as doing college work, when our own Church authorities said they could not properly do such work. But our educational leaders and Conference Board continued to argue, ridicule, instruct and patiently wait till now we have not an institution of learning within the bounds of the conference disloyal to the classification of the General Board. In order to bring about this harmonious classification, three of our schools so readjusted their claims as to conform to the classification of the Board, and one, the Polytechnic College, at Fort Worth, has so enlarged its facilities and raised its standards that by recent action of the Board, through its Executive Committee, it has been taken out of the class of secondary schools and put into the class of colleges. When our schools open this fall it can be said for the first time that no school in the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference is claiming to do work that the highest authority in educational matters in our Church says it is incapacitated to do. That this adjustment has been made without injury is shown by the fact that every school in our bounds has increased its equipments during this period and two new training schools have sprung into existence. Similar progress has marked the educational advancement in the other conferences of the State. So far as I am aware there is now only one school in the State under the auspices of Methodism that claims for itself a classification different from that given it by the General Board.

The achievement of this much ought to inspire not only gratitude for the past, but hope for the future. We should hail with joy the dawning of the day when we can look the world in the face and affirm that each of our Church schools, having been examined by noted and practical educators, is pronounced competent to do the work proposed to be done. It ought not to be a very long step to the consummation in our educational work in Texas of the lofty ideal held by that noble ecclesiastical statesman, Francis Asbury Mood. Little practical advance could be made toward the unification and correlation of our schools as long as any number of them insisted on doing work that those appointed to judge said they were incapable of doing. Now that practically all our schools in the State are proposing to do only what they can do thoroughly, it seems that the plan of reducing them all into the Southwestern University system is at least in the realm of possibilities.

Another cause for gratification is the efficiency with which our central school, the Southwestern University, is being fitted to lead in our educational work. During a recent visit there I could but contrast the present equipment with that she possessed when I entered her halls less than twenty years ago. Then the work of both college and preparatory departments was done in a building since given up to training school work; now one of the most magnificent school buildings in the South is devoted exclusively to college work. Then about fifteen or twenty young ladies could be accommodated in the private homes of professors; now more than one hundred can be elegantly cared for in a splendid stone building, lighted by electricity, heated by steam, supplied with water and sewerage connections. Then the only chance for young men to board except in private homes, was a little rented mess hall of about four rooms; now Giddings Hall, with conference cottages grouped around, furnishes a home for about one hundred, and plans are being perfected to erect a twenty-five thousand dollar building where other hundreds can be accommodated. Then the library, consisting of a few hundred volumes, was crowded into a narrow hall; now some thousands of volumes are filling what would have been considered by us as very spacious apartments. Then all the chemical and physical apparatus was confined to two small rooms; now almost an entire floor of the great building is devoted to these departments. Then primary and intermediate departments were maintained and the names of little children appeared in the catalogue; now no student is admitted unless prepared to enter the fitting school. Then accommodated degrees were given to those not wishing to take a full course; now no student can have his name enrolled with the alumni unless he has done four full years of college work. Then endowment seemed a far off event, and a free scholarship, except on the account of clergy, was an unknown quantity; now endowment has actually begun and a number of scholarships are available. He it said to the credit of the founders of the institution that the school has always had competent instructors. The faculty has been largely increased during the years, but some of the foremost teachers now were filling chairs in the institution then.

With these favorable omens, may we not look for this fall to witness a largely increased number of our boys and girls entering our Church schools, and may we not expect increased contributions to keep our schools abreast of the age and enable them to do the work required of them? 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished and worthy our united effort.

J. SAM BARCUS.

**OBSERVATIONS ON A SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.**

In Sunday school Lesson for July 31, under head of Reflections, the editor says, reflection third: "A good woman is better than a good man, and a bad woman is far worse;" and then "essays" to make an axiom of it in question 24 by asking, "What is true of a good woman, and what of an evil woman?"

Is that doctrine supported by orthodox, reason or Scripture? I am only an ex-local preacher, "high and dry" upon the 81st shelf of retirement, but what reason I have left revolts at such teaching, and think it is entirely unscriptural and unreasonable. The Holy Bible being our guide, which our Discipline says, "is the only and sufficient rule of our faith and practice, and what is not taught therein and cannot be proven thereby is not to be received as doctrine," or words to that effect.

Now let us consult this standard. And "to begin with the beginning" Adam and Eve, the first man and first woman. The Lord himself pronounced them both not only "good," but "very good." Why was not Adam as good as Eve? And it would seem if any difference, a little better, for Eve first yielded to temptation.

Then we come to Noah and his wife, another good man and good woman, both good, or the Lord would not have preserved both. And Noah seems to have been exceptionally good. Why was not Noah as good as his wife?

We come to Abraham and Sarah, another good man and good woman. Why was not Abraham as good as Sarah?

Moses, the great law-giver, was certainly one of the best of men. We presume his wife also (of whom we know but little) was also a good "woman," but can't see why she should be any better than the man Moses. Joseph was an exceptionally good man, it seems from the Scriptural account, and no doubt had a good woman for a wife. How good we cannot tell, but had to be exceedingly good to excel Joseph in goodness. Why at least was not Joseph as good as the good "woman" he had for a wife?

Job, another notable landmark in Bible history, was seemingly one of

the best of men, and no doubt his wife was a good "woman," if she did become a little impatient at God's dealings with them; but taking the Bible facts in that case, please why was not Job as good as his "good wife?"

Coming on to the New Testament in the first chapter of Luke to Zacharias and Elizabeth, another exceptionally "good man and good woman," walking both of them continually in all the laws, commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless! Why was not Zacharias as good a man as Elizabeth was for a woman, and so on to the end of the "oracles?"

Now in regard to that reflection third, which he says, according to the published sentence, that "a bad woman is far worse than a good man," no one will call it in question; but if he intended it to say a bad woman is far worse than a bad man, I think it is liable to all the objections to the other propositions discussed.

F. C. McMILLAN.

**A NOBLE CHARACTER.**

I send a simple memorial of Grandpa Hall. He preached sixty-seven years in the Methodist Church. After his death only a short notice of his death was given, saying that something of his life would come later. He died as he lived. He spent the last three months of his life with me. I asked for his Bible for my children. It was marked from beginning to end and so worn that it fell to pieces. He tied it with a white cotton cord. Revelation, he said, was a mystery to him. During his illness it was written on the wall; he read it and it was all clear to him. The last chapter he read aloud. I asked him if he could see beyond to tell me. He lifted his arms just before he left and spoke of the river, and said: "I can almost touch the ones who have gone before."

**In Memory of Grandpa Hall.**

The old Bible, all tattered and torn, marked by Grandfather's hand, lays enchanted upon the stand. The cord binds the pages which loosely fell and were carelessly placed inside the binding, but carefully marked that the children might reap unsearchable riches, for youth often crowns immortal glory staid by grandfather's hand. As he read from the wall a faint word would call from the border land he approached, feeble hands outstretched, whilst tired lips muttered: "I can almost touch the ones who have gone before." The imprints of time left upon the unfurrowed brow all told of the life left behind. Not one would dare try tell of grandfather's life behind, but the old Bible lays there marked by his hand. As the cord is unloosed the children, all grouped, peep over mamma's shoulder to see what grandfather has left behind. The "book," as he called it, was wide open stretched, that each might find a jewel bright, for many there were, all marked by grandfather's hand, framed as "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

MRS. J. A. THOMPSON.

**SOLUTION OF THE "GOOSE QUESTION."**

I notice in the Advocate of August 11th the "Goose Question" as given by Mr. Wm. A. Bowen, of Beaumont, Texas. I have never seen this before, but offer the following solution:

While 2 for \$1.00 and 3 for \$1.00 in equal quantities of each may at first glance appear to be the same as 5 for \$2.00, it is not so. For in the first instance the average price each is 41 2/3 cents and in the second it is only 40 cents. Hence the loss of 1 2/3 cents per goose or \$1.00 on the lot of 60.

E. A. BRANDT,  
Wallis Station, Texas.

**A SUGGESTION.**

When the Board of Missions of the Texas Conference meets at Lufkin the 13th and 14th of September, why not they divide up the amount of money we are to pay for the Bishop's residence between the districts and then let the presiding elders apportion the amount to each pastoral charge, so we will know what we are doing, or "where we are at?"

G. R. HUGHES.

**A Touching Note.**

My father and mother both died at my home just one month apart. Father died on July 2, 1904, and mother August 2, 1904. They lived together as man and wife forty-seven years, and in death they were not separated. They died "in the faith."

J. J. FRANKS.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round.  
Waelder and Thompsonville, 1st Sun Sept. Seguin, 2d Sun Sept.  
Belmont, at Belmont, 3d Sun Sept.  
Luling, at Prairie Lea, 4th Sun Sept.  
Pleasant Grove, 1st Sun Oct.  
Budia, Oct. 8, 9.  
Kyle, Oct. 9, 10.  
Tilman, at Harrison's Chapel, 2d Sun Oct.  
Staples, at Pleasant Ridge, 4th Sun Oct.  
San Marcos, Oct. 25.  
Dripping Springs, at D. S., 5th Sun Oct.  
Lockhart, Nov. 4.  
Gonzales, 1st Sun Nov.  
Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round.  
Mount Calm, Sept. 3, 4.  
Hubbard, Sept. 19, 11.  
Whitney, Sept. 17, 18.  
Lorena, at Lorena, Sept. 21, 25.  
Hewitt, at Hewitt, Sept. 25, 28.  
Fifth St., Oct. 1, 2.  
Elm St., Oct. 2, 5.  
Abbott, at Bell Springs, Oct. 8, 9.  
Penelope, at Bynum, Oct. 9, 10.  
Austin Avenue, Oct. 15, 16.  
Morrow St., Oct. 16, 17.  
Axtell, at Kirk, Oct. 22, 23.  
Mart, at Mart, Oct. 23, 24.  
Peoria, at Kirby, Oct. 29, 30.  
West, at West, Oct. 30, 31.  
Aquila, at Aquila, Nov. 5.  
Morgan, at Morgan, Nov. 6, 7.  
Bosqueville, at Bosqueville, Nov. 12, 13.  
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round.  
Wills Point cir, at Wesley Ch, Sept. 3, 4.  
Wills Point sta, Sept. 4, 5.  
Canton and Edgewood, at E. Sept. 10, 11.  
Emory, at Emory, Sept. 17, 18.  
Golden, at Pleasant Ridge, 11 a. m. Sept. 19.  
Big Sandy, at Gladewater, Sept. 21.  
Tyler cir, at Center, Sept. 24, 25.  
Edom, at Edom, Oct. 1, 2.  
Mt. Sylvan, at Antioch, 11 a. m. Oct. 4.  
Grand Saline, 11 a. m. Oct. 7.  
Minesola, Oct. 8, 9.  
Lindsale, at Lindsale, Oct. 9, 10.  
White House, at Flint, Oct. 15, 16.  
Malakoff, at Malakoff, Oct. 22, 23.  
Cedar Street, 8 p. m. Oct. 26.  
New York, Oct. 29, 30.  
Athens, Oct. 29, 31.  
Mercedith, Nov. 5, 6.  
Troup and Overton, at T. Nov. 12, 13.  
St. Paul's, at St. Paul's, Nov. 16.  
Marvin, 5 p. m. Nov. 25.

Let all the Boards of Trustees look in the Discipline at paragraph 87, question 25, and have their reports written out according to law. Let all the preachers have their "episcopal residence" money in hand and at the Quarterly Conference, unless they have already sent it to the Conference Treasurer. Your amount is 25 cents less than your Orphanage assessment for this year. This is in obedience to the action of the Presiding Elders' meeting in Waco and Dallas in May. Brethren, please take notice and be ready with this money, unless you have already sent it in.

E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Calvert District—Fourth Round.  
Leon mis, at Liberty, Sept. 3, 4.  
Jewett, at Jewett, Sept. 4, 5.  
Hearne and Wheelock, at H. Sept. 19, 11.  
Centerville, at Redland, Sept. 17, 18.  
Rogers Prairie, at R. P., Sept. 18, 19.  
Franklin cir, at Macy, Sept. 24, 25.  
Franklin sta, Sept. 25, 26.  
Brewer, at Brewer, Oct. 1, 2.  
Fairfield, at Fairfield, Oct. 2, 3.  
Pyburn, at Mt. Zion, Oct. 8, 9.  
Kosse, at Alto, Oct. 15, 16.  
Bremond and Reagan, at B. Oct. 22, 23.  
Calvert sta, Oct. 29, 30.  
Fetterway, Nov. 5, 6.  
Travis, at Cedar Springs, Nov. 12, 13.  
Rosebud sta, Nov. 13, 14.  
Durango, at Durango, Nov. 16.  
Lott and Chilton, at Lott, Nov. 19, 20.  
Marlin sta, Nov. 26, 27.  
Pastors will please see that the trustees are ready with their reports, in answer to question 29.

R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round.  
Meridian, 1st Sun Sept.  
McGregor, 2d Sun Sept.  
Crawford, at Crawford, Sept. 17, 18.  
Valley Mills, at Valley Mills, Sept. 24, 25.  
Hamilton, at H., Oct. 1, 2.  
China Springs, at Mills Ch, Oct. 8, 9.  
Evant, at Shive, Oct. 15, 16.  
Brookhaven, Oct. 22, 23.  
Killeen, at K., Oct. 23, 24.  
Coppers Cove, at Picoke, Oct. 27.  
Mills mis, at W. Ch, Oct. 29, 30.  
Oglesby, Oct. 30, 31.  
Gatesville sta, Nov. 2.  
Jonesboro, at Levita, Nov. 5, 6.  
Turnersville, at Harmony, Nov. 9.  
Pearl, at Blue Creek, Nov. 12, 13.  
Let stewards see to it that full settlement be made on salaries. Let trustees make report as required by Discipline. Let pastors see that Annual Conference collections are full. We must pay out this year on everything.

S. W. Turner, P. E.

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