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Editorial.

THE CHURCH'S DEBT TO THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

The success of all Church work depends upon the intelligence of her membership. People do their duty by the institutions of the Church when they see and know the work she is accomplishing through these agencies. That this information comes largely through the religious press can not well be questioned. So much so is this true that every Church organization feels duty bound to establish its own organ for the promulgation and defense of its doctrines, its polity and its mission in the world. Through this medium is given all the information necessary to this end, and its editorial utterances define its principles and expound its teachings. The ministry alone are not able to accomplish this work, but depend upon the religious paper to help them in the matter. Mr. Wesley saw the importance of this in his early work and he proceeded to publish tracts, leaflets, pamphlets and books and to scatter them broadcast all over England, Ireland and Scotland. He did far more to promote his religious movements in this way than by his personal preaching. Only a comparatively few could hear him preach his marvelous sermons, but millions could and did read them in his multiplied publications. And from that day until now Methodism has done the bulk of her work through her religious papers. The sermons and pastoral work of her preachers have always been supplemented by the Church papers. Wherever there have been conversions and wherever family altars have been established the Church paper has been left to mature and direct the religious life of the home. It is even more important to the movements of the Church than the political organ is to the life of the party. The more generally the religious paper is circulated the more intelligent and loyal are the members to the denominational organization. And as their intelligence is enlarged and increased the support of the institutions of the Church is more liberal and permanent. A good religious paper in every Christian home means a fuller development of the spiritual life of the family. Therefore the Church owes it to her greatest interest to put the Church paper in the hands of all her people so that they may read and understand everything connected with her welfare. What we need to-day is a reading Church membership, and when this need is properly compassed then we may expect devotion to our cause and loyalty to all our denominational interests. When intelligence is imparted to our people concerning our enterprises they will act accordingly. A people who never inform themselves may for a time be blindly devoted to their Church, but when stress of difficulty or disturbance through some disgruntled man or woman arises, they are without wholesome anchorage and often drift hither and thither. But when they are rooted and grounded in the doctrines and usages of the Church they are prepared to weather any storm, for they have reason for the hope that is within

them. Hence it is the duty of our preachers to see to it that our people are supplied with our own papers and our own religious literature.

THE SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Up North and in many of the larger city Churches in the South, the Sunday night service is a problem. The ministers in such Churches find no special trouble in securing attendance upon the services in the morning, and their efforts are largely made at this hour to edify the membership and to reach the unsaved. But it is a difficult matter to fill the house at night. Especially is this true in the down-town Churches. In our smaller towns and in the country Churches this trouble is not so perceptible; still it obtains to some extent. How to obviate this condition and bring the people out to the night services is vexatious to many pastors. Many alternatives are resorted to as a remedy. Some pastors select special subjects somewhat unusual and announce them in such a way as to attract attention, and by this means try to draw the crowds. But this is hardly satisfactory. Because if you begin this inducement you have to keep it up, and when you drop it, those who are drawn hither are far more less inclined to keep up their attendance than ever. Hence that style of preaching, called sensational, defeats itself in the end. Then again, there are other pastors who make large use of their choirs for the night service, and make the musical program attractive. This is quite popular, for there are people to whom music appeals when nothing else will attract them. We believe in emphasizing the musical feature of every service and making it contribute as far as possible to the exercise of the sanctuary. But the songs used ought to be of a spiritual nature. Still even this means of drawing people to the night service can be over-done. No song service ought to dispense with the regular preaching of the Word at the regular night services. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and to make it secondary is to belittle it. Many other methods are resorted to by pastors to solve the problem of the Sunday night service. But after all, we do not know a more successful means of drawing and keeping people regular in their Church attendance than the old-fashioned gospel preached in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. An earnest, wide-awake preacher who knows how to handle the truth rarely ever lacks a hearing when he occupies his pulpit. And that is the only sort of attraction that will deeply and spiritually benefit the people when they attend the public service. Other performances may draw and entertain the crowds for a season, but the powerful old gospel alone will save and build them up in godliness. Let the song service be used occasionally in connection with the preaching, but let the truth also have free course and be glorified. Christ and him crucified make the theme that has held the ear of humanity through all the ages, and it is sufficient to attract and interest and save them now when handled by a preacher who has close fellowship with God and a deep sympathy with struggling humanity.

HOME FACTS NEEDED TO SUPPORT LOCAL OPTION.

All over Texas when the antis get into a local option fight they run off to Maine, Vermont, Kansas and other far-away States and places to find their campaign thunder with which to meet our arguments and facts as to the efficiency and justice of our cause. Not only this, but they go back into the past and dig up what some dead statesman in the by-gone years has said upon the question and flaunt that ancient matter before the people. Here in Texas, where we are making every effort to establish local option, we care nothing about the status of the prohibition question in these Northern States, neither do we care what dead people have said about the matter. We are not dealing in obsolete things, but in up-to-date and live issues and questions. The only thing we want to know is, What is local option doing for the counties and towns here in Texas, right at our own doors; and how do the people regard it who have tried it? The answer to these questions will furnish all the facts and information we need to strengthen us in our fight against the Texas bar-rooms. One thing is unanswerable, and that is, wherever the people have tried local option in a county two years and the antis have brought on another election, the county has gone dry the second time with largely an increased majority. If the county were not better off without liquor shops the people would hardly be foolish enough to do without them, when it is their privilege to have them by a majority of their votes. Therefore we conclude that while prohibition may be a failure in Maine and Kansas, as the antis assume, and while a few dead politicians may have thought prohibition a fanatical craze, still the people in Texas who have tried local option think it is a great success here, and the most of our live Texas public men agree with us in our conclusions. So that in fighting our local option battles we need not go beyond our own State to find all the facts and all the figures necessary to establish our contention, that local option even with all the drawback given to it by the decisions of the Court of Criminal Appeals, is infinitely preferable to the licensed liquor shop. It so happens that we are living in Texas and not in Maine or Kansas. On with the battle!

LET US PRESERVE THE SANCTITY OF FAMILY LIFE.

Without the home there can be no virtuous citizenship. Here it is that the father and mother are one, and here it is that their children are born, educated and prepared for the duties of the Church and the State. Anything that militates against the sanctity of the home life is an enemy to religion, to society and to the commonwealth. It strikes at the foundation of our domestic, social and civil structure and lends its influence to the ruin of everything that is good, noble and true. The bar-room is one of these formidable enemies to the home. Its work tends to the alienation of the husband from his wife and his children. It unfits him for the duties that grow out of

his domestic relations. No drunkard is qualified to do his part faithfully by his wife and children. It takes his manhood away from him, it dehumanizes him, and it often leads his affections into illicit channels. Then following the work of the bar-room is the divorce court which lends itself to the work of completing the ruin inaugurated by the influence of the liquor shop. In every community we find second and third rate lawyers who make it their business to engineer divorce suits through the courts, and in many places you find courts that pass upon the questions lightly and separate husbands and wives on the slightest pretexts. Such lawyers and such courts are a travesty upon law and decency, and they are lending themselves to one of the worst evils now fastening itself upon civilized society. Marriage is not only a civil contract, but it is a divine institution and it never was intended to be dissolved except for the crime of infidelity either upon the part of the wife toward her husband or upon the part of the husband toward his wife. Separation upon any other ground is a crime against society and ought to be so regarded. Yet most any District Court in our cities will not hesitate to grant a divorce upon the merest pretext upon the part of either the wife or the husband. And about nine times out of ten the cause of the divorce is the desire of the one asking it to effect a separation in order to marry somebody else. We do not know any moral or social evil more execrable than the one now operating against the sanctity of our homes. It is an eating cancer upon our domestic, social and religious body, whose symptoms are becoming more and more alarming to the student of our family life.

Genuine unselfishness is hard to find in the conduct and character of men. It is so subtle and insidious that it creeps unconsciously into the motives of most people. Often it exists in our own hearts when we least suspect it. And it is frequently the secret cause of much of our unexplained dissatisfaction. We do not always realize that it has any sort of possession of us.

Patient submission to the will of God and to the hard conditions of life is one of the difficult things of attainment. We are so prone to resist the experiences that come to us from things that try us that we unwittingly fall into restiveness and a spirit of complaining on account of our lot. Such is the weakness of our faith that we fail to recognize in such matters the purpose of God to train us in the best methods of endurance.

Some people are fine workers as long as you give them the places of prominence in the Church, but whenever they have to submit to the leadership of others they lose interest and finally begin to pull back. Their conduct proves that they have more interest in their own aggrandizement than in the welfare of the Church. To nurse and humor such people is to promote a selfish spirit and encourage a source of trouble the moment that matters do not go to please them.

Bishop Potter and the Saloon.

By Rev. J. W. MOORE.

We have grown accustomed in recent years to hear new and strange ideas emanated by the Protestant Episcopal Bishop of New York City. For this utterance, age, which usually brings caution, seems to have given to him a facility that amounts to a genius. There is an evident determination to be in the front rank, if not at the head of the procession, of the purveyor of novelties both in creed and conduct. If a year were to go by without our customary thrill from this source we might imagine that something were wrong in the New York diocese. The marvel of this conduct becomes the greater when we compare it with his course when he was a simple minister of his Church. Then he was loyal to the moral sense of Christianity and aggressive in his opposition to all forms of evil. I wish to offer some objections to his course of conduct on the occasion of his dedicating the Subway Saloon in New York City.

Bishop Potter gave his personal and official consecration to a place that teaches women to drink and, in doing so, advertises what is absolutely false. In the front part of this noted saloon is a soda fountain and, over it this legend, "Beer Served at this Fount. Good Soda Water and Good Beer. Equally Harmless, if Taken Temperately." At this fountain women are encouraged to drink and taught thereby the use of intoxicants. That beer is as harmless as soda no unprejudiced man will affirm. That the drinking of beer is a positive evil is affirmed by competent authority both in this country and Europe. No one ever became a drunkard from the use of soda water, whilst thousands have had an appetite created by beer that led to stronger drinks, and at last to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell. Upon the refined nerves of woman King Alcohol more easily lays his blasting hand and makes her his ruined slave. And of all the pitiable sights this world affords a debauched woman is the worst. San Antonio will not allow the running of wine rooms, but this advanced prelate has consecrated a bar, where, amid surroundings inviting, the mothers may be taught to tipple, and with their very milk damn the bodies of their offspring. Some evenings ago, so a New York clergyman reports, he was on a boat where some women inflamed by drink were giving offense by their ribald talk and unlady-like conduct. Remonstrated with, they said: "If we are drunk we are drunk on consecrated whiskey." I suppose that this was one of the blessings Bishop Potter did not have in view when he was praising God for this Subway Saloon.

Again, Bishop Potter has lent himself and his position as Bishop of New York to a novel and successful method of advertising a money-making business. The Subway is no eleemosynary institution. It is purely and simply a money-making proposition. The founders expect to realize 5 per cent on their investment, and then devote the remaining profits to the extension of their business. Five per cent is very good interest in New York. On good collateral money can be borrowed for less. But others and still other saloons are to be established with the proceeds, until, at last, with the benign blessings of Gotham's Bishop resting upon the business and with the superior genius for advertisement already shown, we may expect the Subway to develop into a consecrated trust, having a monopoly of drunkard-making in our modern Babylon. No one for an instant believes that Bishop Potter would wittingly prostitute himself or his office to such an end; but the fact, nevertheless, remains that he did by his action and words widely advertise a drink shop, organized with the avowed purpose of making a good profit on the capital invested and a wise extension of a business enterprise.

The only argument that Bishop Potter offers for his course is a highly sentimental one. He himself belongs to unnumbered clubs. The poor man, alas! having no club, must put up with the society of his wife and children in his home (evidently an awful fate), or else go to a bar room. This is the poor man's club. There are still a few left who cannot summon tears over the lot of the man who has nothing but a home to go to and wife and children to associate with. But we will waive these old fogy notions aside as unworthy of our enlightened hearing. But is the saloon an essential to the social life of the masses? Is fine wine, cock-tails, punch, champagne, necessary to the Bishop's enjoyment of his club? Surely not that. The logic of his argument does not lead to the drink shop, unless liquor is the primary element of social life. This social need was met by the coffee houses in an age that had a Dr. Samuel Johnson to enlighten it, and an Addison to grace it, an age, alas! that lacked the full meridian splendor of the genius that glows now in Gothamtown. The

neighborhood houses and social settlements have successfully ministered to it without the accessory of tinkling glasses and reeling men.

We are sagely informed by the enterprising President of this baby trust, "That the quality is going to be better, although, the price will remain the same as at other saloons. The President understands, you will see, the noble science of advertising—free at that. Can the Subway command a better article than the Century Club? The New York Sun says "that the beverages now sold in the saloon, as frequent analysis have shown, are as good as those at the Bishop's clubs."

In fact, the saloon and the Church are sworn enemies. The prosperity of one means the decay of the other. When God and the devil make friends, the Church can afford to follow the example of Bishop Potter. Now the war is to the knife and knife to the hilt. Even Hugh Dolan, the President of the Liquor Dealers' Association of New York, recognized the incongruity of the dedication of a saloon by a minister. Said he: "Why in the devil's name" (evidently Mr. Dolan thought this the only proper name to use in consecrating a saloon) did the Bishop want to go down to that saloon? Does it mean that he actually approves of the place? Yes, it must, if he opened the festivities with singing and closed them with prayer. He ain't doing any good by that. He can't help the cause of temperance that way.

When they (the ministers) go into them they lead lots of weak ones with them. I don't want to say anything against the Subway Tavern, but you can get drunk there just as quickly as at my bar." It is refreshing to find Hugh so interested in temperance, and his fear lest the Bishop lead some weak one astray moves us to sympathetic tears. Still Dolan and the Church magnate are advancing temperance by the very same unique methods.

Bishop Potter does not represent any changed attitude of the Church on the saloon question. He misrepresents his own denomination. To any one who has followed his career, his novel utterances and bizarre acts are not surprising. The effect of his conduct, however, will be to lessen restraints in many homes and curse many lives with an overwhelming appetite. A reporter visited the Subway and found four boys at the bar drinking like the men, although they were under 14 years of age. Many fathers will be caused by the Bishop's acts and utterances to spend many anxious hours waiting the return of their staggering boys; many mothers will go through life with crushed and bleeding hearts; many wives will curse the day that consecrated the Subway to the service of the devil by prayer and song. Doubtless these innocent and helpless sufferers amid their desolation will feel like joining the good Bishop of New York in singing,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

Then with bowed heads they will hear the apostolic blessing, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost abide with you now and evermore." Surely none need the presence of this grace more than those whose lives will be blighted and happiness destroyed by the consecrated corn juice of the Subway Tavern.

HE REPLIES TO BRO. BAIRD.

In the Advocate of August 11 Bro. J. C. S. Baird says, "In the not distant past I notice our good brother relieved himself of a pent-up idea that the crucifixion of Christ was unnecessary. In that event his resurrection would have been unnecessary." Was so important an event as the resurrection of Christ dependent upon the mere mode of Christ's death? Some people make much of mode, but I had thought Methodists were comparatively free from such folly. We have been taught that it does not matter how a thing is done so it is done and well done.

If Christ had been executed by the Jews he would doubtless have been stoned; if this had been the case would his resurrection have been unnecessary?

If Christ had died by any other mode than by crucifixion would his resurrection have been unnecessary? If so, why? Was crucifixion necessary in order to redemption? If the law had said, "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely be crucified," I could see why crucifixion should be necessary; but when the law said, "Thou shalt surely die," without any mention of the mode of death, I fail to see the necessity of crucifixion, unless you take the position that "Whatever is ordained of God," or God "foreordained whatever comes to

pass," and that would be worse than dropping chin deep into the bags of Calvinism. This whole idea of necessitated human action is out of harmony with our Arminian theology.

Too long have such flies spoiled our otherwise pure ointment. Let us have done with such inconsistencies.

Brother Baird, do you believe that crucifixion was necessary in order to the great work of atonement? Crucifixion was the act of wicked, malicious men. Is wickedness necessary to the plan of redemption? I could at least wish that God could save the world without the help of bad men to crucify Christ.

If death by crucifixion were necessary in redeeming man, then I fear we are in a sad plight; for I do not believe Christ died of crucifixion. I do not believe any one ever died of crucifixion in the short space of time that Christ died on the cross. Watson says the time of death by crucifixion is from three to seven days. In fact we have Christ's own words for it. He said, as if he feared some one would think crucifixion necessary: "No man taketh my life from me, I lay it down of myself." Did he not voluntarily lay it down, and take it again?

Bishop Marvin believed that the great work of redeeming man was principally accomplished in the garden when the soul-suffering of Christ threw him into such agony.

Peter seemed to think it was wicked to crucify Christ. On the day of Pentecost he said: "By wicked hands he—Christ—was taken and crucified. I do not believe that wickedness is ever necessary."

Now, Brother Baird, if you, or any other brother, have ideas "pent up" or otherwise that will help us out of the bags of Calvinism, let them be forthcoming; we will welcome the glad day when Arminianism is freed from inconsistencies.

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SOME SHOTS.

The writer notes that the Advocate still maintains its high reputation as a religious journal. It sends forth at every issue brilliant editorials that charm with their well-timed topics and their freshness and versatility of style and thought. It remains steadfast in its defense and support of justice, truth and virtue and bitter in its condemnation of wrong, error and vice. The strokes of its pen are still effective in almost the magic touch and charmed power of Excalibur, the fabled sword of King Arthur, of the Table Round. Fierce has been its contest for the local option law. With fiery zeal it has smitten the saloon, nor would suffer it to ensnare the youth and manhood of the land in its coils of destruction. It would have "the saloons to go." Strong drink will debase a man, lay the foundation of his moral ruin and blight the hope of the life immortal. The intelligent physician, when asked how much of alcohol drink can the human system take in without injury, replies, "Not a drop."

The Advocate can rejoice that it has come out of the conflict with its anti-prohibition opponents triumphant, and having met with them at the Democratic Convention at Houston, it has shaken hands with them in amity.

The Advocate is to be congratulated that it has made upon its second page a change back from selected pieces to original articles from contributors. However beautiful and eloquent the extracts may be, yet there is a living personality in the contributions from the pen of those with whom we stand connected in social bond or Church relation that give to them greater interest though they may be inferior in literary merit and religious instruction. Then the Advocate has a devotional and spiritual page that meets all the wants of its readers who seek for the joys of the higher life and communion with God in rapturous sentiment. The ranks of the itinerant ministry of the four Texas Annual Conferences, of which the Advocate is the organ and in whose efficiency and success they should feel the deepest interest, can furnish for its columns a long list of contributions. There is found among them every order of mind, every standard of scholarship, style of oratory and shades of Christian experience, devotion and piety. With this array of writers and speakers it seems that the pages of the Advocate would be filled to overflowing each week with contributions of literary excellence and lessons gathered from the fields of practical Christianity, and this would add to its high honor as a religious journal and make it a still greater benediction to the Church and country.

The attitude of the Advocate in its long and continued fight for local option wherever it came before the people and was submitted to them to be determined by ballot, and its treatment of those political papers that would inveigle it into the charge of meddling in politics, can but be loudly and highly applauded by every Christian and patriotic citizen of Texas.

Its view that local option is a moral question and should not be brought into the arena of political strife is correct. And wise is its counsel that no prohibition party should be organized, and the mode and manner of defeating and abolishing the saloon is through the medium of local option.

The conduct and bearing of the Advocate in its political comments is to be admired. The readers of it will perhaps recall that pen picture it gave in an editorial in February issue of President Roosevelt in the description of his versatile mental and moral traits of character, and unique personality. It was bold, clear, graphic and true to life, but the dignity of language and thought employed were such as were comely in speaking of the Chief Magistrate of the nation. From the past history of the present administration of national government it may be readily inferred that the main and vital issue involved in the contest of the two great national political parties in the present quadrennial election is, shall this country of ours be "an empire or a democracy?"

As stated, there is a return to the publishing of original articles in issue of Advocate of Aug. 11 on the second page. The first article that appears is written by J. C. S. Baird, touching the resurrection of Christ. Concerning this sublime doctrine of Christianity, the broad seal and confirmation of the divinity of Christ, it is presumed that all Bible readers accept without cavil the declaration of St. Paul. He states in Romans 1:4 that "Christ was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." This confirms the testimony of that fourfold book, the gospel. The article by the brother is interesting and will pay the perusal of it.

The second piece on the page is written by J. O. Gore, calls for the serious consideration of the law-makers and law-abiding people of the State. There seems to be a spirit of lawlessness throughout the length and breadth of the land. Parental discipline or control of children is almost a thing of the past. The round dance with its maddening revelry must wind up every public occasion and festivity. The game of base ball has become the popular rage. Let that be the youth of the land must and should have some social diversion, and it might as well be base ball as any other, so it does not lead to the violation of the Sabbath. It cannot be considered immoral, and may take the place in the physical culture of the pleasure-seeking youth of America, as did the grace-bestowing palaestra in the athletic sports among the ancient Greeks.

The third article on the page by Prof. F. Z. T. Jackson has for its topic, "The Twentieth Century New Testament," and calls for a translation of the Authorized and Revised Version into modern English. The writer would briefly say that he is not prepared to accept the many and varied statements which are made concerning the faults and defects of the English (language) of the St. James' Authorized Translation of the Bible, and as diligently compared and revised with other translations. The writer has "known the Bible from a child," and has made the English language and its literature a special study for over sixty years; and has studied the Greek, Latin, German, Hebrew and French, and he must say that he has not found a fault in it. He regards the English Bible the most perfect book in the world. This is the opinion of scholarly men of all religious creeds. In it are contained all the excellencies of English composition and style of speech. May it remain to the English people of Protestant Christianity as it is down through all ages to the latest recorded syllable of time as the glorious heirloom of their ancestors and the greatest boon and benediction of heaven.

The last article of the second page of the Advocate is that of "H. G. H." in regard to Albert Sidney Johnston. He would have Texas and the South pay due tribute of honor to that fallen hero and his brave soldiers who fell with him on Shiloh's fatal battlefield, by the erection of monuments to their memory. The counsel he gives to the camps of Confederate veteran and Chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy to cease the idle pageantry of the annual reunion, and give their attention to the erection of tablets of honor to the names of the heroic dead, is wise and salutary.

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LAVERNA NOTES.

Our third Quarterly Conference is past and the revival meeting season is over. Spiritually we have advanced. Congregations are good and on the increase, at all points and harmony prevails in every society. The demonstrative type of religion seems to be passing away from the country Church as it has long since passed from the city; but there seems to be on this

charge an undercurrent of true and vital religion, which I believe is growing deeper and wider. However, I have heard one shout this campaign. It had the old-time ring and was no superfluous. It sent a thrill of heavenly joy through my soul.

The people think well of me, or, at least, I think they do, for, first I think well of myself; and, second, my conference year is drawing to a close, and my people say they were never better pleased. (Interpret either way.) Secondly, they like my preaching. One man says I am the best preacher they have had here for six years preceding, with the exception of five, one preacher having stayed on the work two years. One layman complimented my fifteen minutes' sermon on the "Prodigal Son," saying it was the best sermon he had ever heard—on that subject—delivered in the same length of time. (He is a Presbyterian from New England). Another told me he liked my sermon because the language was ordinary, and a negro who heard me through the window complimented me, and said he liked to hear me; that I just preached without thinking.

While we are running well spiritually, financially we are making slow progress, owing to a failure in crops for three years successively. Salary away behind, and conference collections just entering the race. Nevertheless my people have been very kind to me and some of them have given me a continuous pounding, which is a healthy treatment for a preacher. I recommend that preachers in stricken districts where the boll weevil, uninvited and in an uncalled for way, has trust his bill into our financial affairs, be pounded with fruits, vegetables, etc. I have known Methodists to let tomatoes and other farm products rot in their fields, and never think to give the preacher any except a little garden "sass" when he went to take up his conference collections.

I have six meetings on my work this year, resulting in twenty additions on profession of faith. Bro. J. T. King was with me in one. Bro. S. G. Shaw in three, and I had no assistance in one.

During my Sandy Elm meeting Rev. J. F. Webb, our beloved presiding elder, was with us one Sunday and did some fine—got rained out. You see the force of habit got hold upon me like the pains of hell got hold upon David. However, a stereotyped phrase sometimes tells the truth. At any rate, what I was about to say is true in reference to my presiding elder.

Bro. King did some fine work. The best element in his preaching is common sense. He is orthodox, and refuses to accept that mild and progressive theology that hell is a merciful provision created to keep people out of it.

Bro. Shaw is a superannuate, but not one of the worn-out and no "kount" kind. As to his preaching, he is not one of the "sing songers," yet he remembers them in his prayers, perhaps, having reference to the preacher in charge. He is a good man when (not) asleep; but when asleep he insists on having all the bed to himself, hangs his head off one side and one foot off the other to preserve the equilibrium, and is guilty of midnight murmuring and a certain snore-ousness (see Webster) altogether unparadonable during wakeful hours.

Bro. Shaw accuses me of trying to coin new words and objects thereto, but since there are so few in the business I see no reason why I should not assist. It often saves time and augments accuracy and conduces to a straightforwardness of expression not otherwise attainable. If you do not find the above named word in Webster perhaps you had better consult Wooster (euphonic method); if not there, come to me, the original source of confusion.

Bro. Shaw is a strong preacher, an able exponent of the pure gospel of Christ, and a good revivalist. Those desiring help in meetings would do well to secure his services. He loves the work. His address is Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

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TO-DAY'S WORK.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is, learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think we carry this load until we are three-score and ten. We can not fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us all at one time; it comes a day at a time. Even to-morrow is never ours until it becomes to-day, and we have nothing whatever to do with it but to pass it down a good and fair inheritance in to-day's work well done, and to-day's life well lived.—Selected.

The attractive force in Christianity is Christ Himself. If we gain a glimpse of him as he really is, and know what we really seek, we shall be drawn to his service.—Alexander McLaren.

Devotional and Spiritual

THE HELP OF HEADWINDS.

Human life is a voyage, but our Heavenly Father does not give us the control of the weather. If He did, we should be apt to choose nothing but smooth seas, fair winds, full cargoes and secure harbors. God is wiser than we are and He no more consults us than I consult my grass plot as to when I shall use the mower, or my grape vines whether I shall prune away the surplus branches.

On a certain night we are told that Christ Jesus directed His disciples to cross the Lake of Galilee. He knew that a storm was coming, but He did not tell them. They found it out for themselves before they had gone very far; and Peter, who was an "old hand" on that lake, had never known a rougher night or an angrier sea. The wind is right in their teeth and the waves hammer the bow of their fishing smack like iron sledges. With all their sturdy pulls at the oars they make but little headway. They are learning some lessons that night; and so are some of my readers who are now passing through storms of trouble and are enveloped by the darkness of a mysterious Providence. They are learning the blessings of headwinds and what spiritual help they bring to us.

Prosperity very often breeds self-conceit both in a Christian, in a church and in a Nation. We take to ourselves the credit. When we are "hard up" we are apt to call upon God for what we need; when we have got it we are equally apt to set it down to our own skill or our own seamanship. Prosperous churches congratulate themselves on the eloquence and popularity of their pastor, on the inflow of people to their pews and of money into their contribution boxes. When the children of Israel had things to their liking they forgot God and turned idolaters; when calamity overtook them they were driven back to God and cried lustily for His delivering arm. One of the subtlest forms of sin is self-direction. We ignore God and set up a will and choose a way of our own. He is too wise and too loving to allow this, and He often sends a stiff gale into our faces for our chastisement and correction. Whom He loveth He chasteneth; the self-willed and the rebellious are left to go on the rocks.

Headwinds strengthen the sinews and develop strong characters. Many of our Americans who have attained to the highest work of honor and usefulness were "seasoned" in their youth by sharp adversity. As Joseph was prepared by a pit and a prison for the premiership of Egypt, so Abraham Lincoln was educated for his high calling by severe study of a few books in a log cabin and by eating the tonic bread of a laborious poverty. If he had been born in the brown-stone mansion of a great city, and reared in luxury, his biography would have read very differently, and perhaps history might never have heard of him. Probably the best part of George Washington's training for his destiny was his rough experiences in the frontier wilderness. I seriously doubt whether the luxurious style of life in some of the highly endowed and fashionable present day universities turns out as stalwart a type of intellectual manhood as was produced in the plain, uncarpeted rooms of the old-fashioned primitive-looking colleges. Silver spoons and soft regiment are not the regimen for heroes. Smooth seas and gentle breezes never make a sailor.

This same truth applies to the spiritual experiences of God's people. The great purpose of our Heavenly Father in this school-life on earth is to develop a vigorous, godly character. "Count it all joy,

my brethren," said the apostle James, "when ye fall into manifold trials, knowing that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Afflictions often come upon bad people for their sins; but God sometimes sends afflictions upon good people to make them still better. That hard rowing in the night-storm on Galilee proved the disciples' pluck and gave new fiber to their sinews. They were learning to "endure hardness" and were rehearsing their subsequent experiences in the teeth of persecuting Sanhedrins and bloodthirsty Herods. Adversity brings out the graces and the beauties of the noblest Christian character. As a fine mansion is often concealed in rich summer foliage, but stands out in its architectural beauty when the wintry winds have stripped the trees bare, so we find that many Christians show their graces to better advantage when God has let loose the tempests on them. The furnace of affliction is heated up for gold, not for gravel stones. Then, too, the seasons of trial make us more watchful. In smooth weather the sailor may swing in his hammock; but a piping gale brings all hands on deck and sharpens the eye of the "lookout" at the bow. David never fell during his seasons of severe trouble; it was the warm, sunny days of prosperity that brought out the adders. Noah weathered through the deluge of water nobly; it was the deluge of wine that drowned him! Ah, brethren, I suspect that when in another world we examine the chart of our voyagings we shall discover that the headwinds—trying at the time—gave us the most headway toward Heaven.

The crowning blessing of all such adverse experiences is that they teach us our utter dependence on God. The poor prodigal forgot his father when he was among the harlots, but he began to think of him when he got down to the husks. Danger sends us to our knees. The hour of our extremity is the hour of God's opportunity. When the disciples are at the very crisis of the storm, lo, the welcome form of Jesus appears on the waves, and the welcome voice of Jesus is heard through the tempest: "It is I: be of good cheer, be not afraid!" As soon as He sets foot in the boat the tornado hushes into a calm. Dear friends, you may find that it is a blessed wind that brings Christ to you. Welcome him into your vessel. No craft ever foundered with Christ on board. No struggling soul, no afflicted Christian, no sorely tried church, has ever gone down when once the Son of God has come to their relief. The fiercest headwinds and the angriest waves obey His voice, and so will He bring you at last into your desired haven.

"As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild,
Boisterous winds obey Thy will
When Thou sayest to them, 'Be still!'
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!"
—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

REAL REST.

N—will never know any real rest until she leaves off trying to secure it. This life's peace is only to be found in uncertainty. Pure love only finds scope in the absence of all assurance. Every anxious glance is a drawing back and a failure in true self-abandonment. Let us leave God to do what He will with us, and when that is done be content to lean on nothing earthly.

Your sister must give herself up into God's hands. "Whether we live, we live unto him, or whether we die, we die unto him," says St. Paul. Giving up self is only real when there is something to give up. God is the same for the next life as for

this, equally worthy to be served for His glory and His good pleasure. In either case He requires our all, and His jealousy hedges in the souls who seek Him on all sides.

I pray for the peace of pure faith and self-abnegation for your dear sister. Such peace is not easily lost or invaded, because it is not built upon any private possession or support. I would fain see her heart full of peace and simplicity. I say this, because simplicity is the true source of peace. Those who are not simple are not true children of peace, and do not taste its fruits. People often deserve the anxiety they feel by their useless self-contemplation in spite of knowing it to be harmful. The spirit peace only rests upon those who do not disturb it by giving ear to self rather than to God. Rest, which is a foretaste of the eternal Sabbath, is very sweet, but the road which leads to it is a thorny path. It is time (this is meant for your sister) to let God complete His work of years. He requires more of her than of a beginner.

I pray with all my heart for your invalid; her cross is precious in God's sight. The more she suffers, the more I reverence her in Him who crucifies her that she may be made worthy of Him. Great suffering sets forth at once the depth of the wound we have to heal and the greatness of the gifts prepared for us by God.

For yourself, sir, shun dissipation; beware of your own impetuosity. That natural energy which you foster instead of repressing gradually withers up the grace of an interior life. A man only holds fast to rules and visible motives, while the "life which is hid with Christ in God" is affected, becomes polluted and dies out for lack of needful sustenance, namely, silence in the soul's depths. I was sorry that you were not in active service; but I see that it is the intention of God's mercy to detach you from the world and draw you to the life of pure faith, which is unceasing death. So give to the world only such time as necessity and social bienséances require. Do not let yourself be absorbed by trifles; only talk when it is needful. Always control your imagination; let go everything. It is not through eager anxiety that you will cease to be impetuous. I do not ask for a laborious, toilsome recollection, but one which merely consists in dropping whatever stirs and excites you.

I am rejoiced that you find so much that is good in —. I hope you will make her still better by teaching her, through your simple, steadfast example, how attractive and unlike what the world esteems it true religion is. But her husband must not spoil her by a blind passion. While spoiling her he would spoil himself, too; and such excess might end in a dangerous coolness, possibly in estrangement. Let the stream flow by somewhat, but watch for providential opportunities to point him to moderation, recollection and the preference of grace to nature. Watch for God's moments and do not let them slip.

God would have us unite two very great acts of self-mortification in doing His work, i. e., to labor as though everything depended upon the assiduity of our toil and, when the work is accomplished, to count it as nothing. Sometimes when we have worked hard, God sees fit to sweep away the fruits of our work as the broom sweeps away a cobweb, and then He himself effects, we know not how, the work on which we bestowed what seems such a useless toil. Do you weave your cobwebs, God will sweep them away; and when you are dumfounded, He will work things out in His own way.—Fenelon's Letters.

The warfare may be in this world, but the battle is the Lord's and his banner is love.—Ram's Horn.

OUR DUTIES IN THE HOME.

Perhaps there is no side of life more in danger of being neglected in this busy, many-sided age than that of home, and certainly there is no side which we can less afford to neglect. No service for God is of any value which is contradicted by the life at home; neither have we any right to neglect home on the plea of multiplied engagements outside.

The home of the disciple may be conducive to progress in grace, or it may be quite the reverse, and of course the duty will vary accordingly.

Let us look at the great ideal of the Christian home presented in particular application of the same. To the follower of Jesus Christ there are certain mental and unalterable facts which will touch and influence all the home relationships. Let us look first at these. The new authority stands in the forefront. The Teacher has claimed an absolute and unvarying supremacy over the life. That initial condition of discipleship now enters into every question, and from it there can be no deviation—no, not for a single moment. This authority is one that will set up the ideals of life, and declare the standard of action in all the larger and more important matters of the days, and in the most simple and trifling details of the passing moments. This authority becomes the gauge and measure of all other government. The rightness or otherwise of any rule of life imposed on the disciple by any other person is to be tested by the will of the Master. So my obligation to any person as a disciple is limited or enforced by my supreme obligation to Jesus. Responsibility to Him is higher than that of wife to husband, or child to parents, or servant to master. These are all relationships of his approving, but his claim is first, and if any of these clash with that they are to be sacrificed, this to abide.

Then comes the new attitude created toward others. The relationship of the disciple to Christ, as we have seen, is that of life. Now, this life is the life of Christ, and what it is in itself must now become the governing force and so give new character to my feeling and acting toward others. His life is love. That life, regnant in me, creates the disposition of love toward all. The old scheme of life was that of a pre-eminent sense of the importance of self, and all other interests were made subservient to that, and all other persons loved or disliked as they ministered to or interfered with that. Now, love governing, each will "esteem other better than himself," and the need of the outsider will become the touchstone of life. The light of Christ's presence will reveal the shortcomings of myself, and the hitherto unrecognized excellencies of others. So the attitude of the disciple will become like that of his Lord—the attitude of one who waits not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and the bearing of the cup of cold water to the thirsty will be the delight of all the days, opportunities for which will not be waited for, but sought.

Out of these essential considerations there grows a new sense altogether of what home really is. It is to be the first, and perhaps the most simple and beautiful manifestation of the authority of Jesus. The members of the home, remembering that supreme Kingship, will find their relationship toward each other ennobled and purified as they live in the great realm of his love. Each willing to sink personal aims for the sake of the realization of the highest good of all, no one desiring to gratify any part of his own desire at the expense of another—self-abnegation, the individual law that realizes the general peace and restfulness, makes home at its highest and best. So the manifestation of

Have You Hay-Fever or Asthma in Any Form ?

Medical Science at last reports a positive cure for Hay-Fever and Asthma in every form in the wonderful Kola Plant a new botanical discovery found on the Congo River, West Africa. Its cures are really marvelous.

Miss A. E. Frye, Lakenan, Mo., writes May 23, was cured of Hay-Fever after several years suffering. Although physicians had said a cure was impossible. Dr. W. H. Vail, a prominent physician of St. Louis, writes March 8, that he used Himalaya (the Kola Compound) on numbers of Hay-Fever cases with satisfactory results in every case. Hon. L. C. Clute, Greeley, Iowa, testifies that he was cured by it after eighteen years suffering with Hay-Fever and Asthma. Physicians or change of climate did him no good. Hundreds of similar letters have been received by the Importers, copies of which they will be glad to send you.

To prove beyond a 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.

the beauty of the Kingdom of Jesus in realization of His beatitudes in the home being the supreme desire of each and all, personal blessedness is also realized, and every sacred tie of the home becomes in itself more delightful and satisfying for Christ's mission amongst His disciples is ever the fulfilling, and never the destruction of all high and noble ideals. The real music and beauty of home are only known to those who are simple and faithful disciples of Jesus.—Rev. G. Campbell Morgan.

The true Christian studies the happy art of making the most of every one with whom he is thrown in contact—of recognizing each soul and of eliciting from it that feature of heart and mind in which stands the relationship of that particular soul to God. It is this true self of our neighbor which we are required to love.—Edward M. Gouldburn.

To do our duty and make the best of life should be the aim of all of us. Selfishness is probably at the bottom of most of the ills of life. In the records of good men we invariably find they were animated during their lives by unselfishness of character, a high sense of duty and a love for their fellowmen. No less a philosopher than Kant, when speaking of duty, once said: "Duty—wondrous thought that worketh neither by fond insinuation, flattery nor by any threat, but merely by holding up thy naked law in the soul, and so extorting for thyself always reverence, if not always obedience, before whom all appetites are dumb, however secretly they rebel!"—Selected.

THE EDITOR'S BRAIN.

Did Not Work Well Under Coffee.

A brain worker's health is often injured by coffee, badly selected food and sedentary habits. The experience of the Managing Editor of one of the most prosperous newspapers in the Middle West, with Postum Food Coffee illustrates the necessity of proper feeding for the man who depends on his brain for a living.

"Up to three years ago," writes this gentleman, "I was a heavy coffee drinker. I knew it was injuring me. It directly affected my stomach and I was threatened with chronic dyspepsia. It was then that my wife persuaded me to try Postum Food Coffee. The good results were so marked that I can not say too much for it. When first prepared I did not fancy it, but inquiry developed the fact that cook had not boiled it long enough, so next time I had it properly made and was charmed with it. Since that time coffee has had no place on my table save for guests. Both myself and wife are fond of this new cup which 'cheers but does not inebriate' in a much truer and fitter sense than coffee. My stomach has resumed its normal functions and I am now well and strong again mentally and physically.

"I am confident that coffee is a poison to many stomachs, and I have recommended Postum with great success to a number of my friends who were suffering from the use of coffee."

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Secular News Items.

The following report from Oyster Bay, New York, speaks for itself: Regarding the President as the especial friend of their race, the negroes are running picnic excursions to Oyster Bay on Sunday, but the members of these excursions get the cold shoulder from the people here. Those who do not bring food with them can get nothing to eat, except by patronizing stands erected by persons of their own color in the suburbs of the town. Practically everything is closed to them. They sought the bathing pavilions, but found these closed. They are even served at the bars under protest.

The cornerstone of a handsome monument to the memory of Union soldiers of the Jewish faith who fell in the Civil War was laid September 5 in Salem Fields Cemetery, Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, under the auspices of the Hebrew Union Veterans of New York. The shaft will be fifty-two feet high and cost about \$15,000. It is thought to be one of the most monuments to the memory of Hebrew soldiers.

Labor Day was celebrated generally over the country. The heavy precipitation of rain interfered seriously with the festivities in Dallas.

The shops of the Pullman Company have been closed, to remain so until after the election. When in full blast the plant employs 75,000 men, but the force has been reduced from time to time because of lack of orders.

Just before his first election to the United States Senate, the late Senator Vest went to a caucus of Missourians with votes. Following a competitor who had talked three mortal hours, Vest spoke for three minutes, concluding with these words: "As for myself, I have to say, with the full knowledge that the pledge I now make will influence your votes to-morrow, that if I am elected to the United States Senate, during my entire term I shall draw my pay regularly from a gentleman and spend it like a thoroughbred." He was elected and served the State twenty-four years.

Senator Platt, a member of the Council of the Empire, has been appointed Minister of the Interior and Chief of the Russian police, in succession to the late M. Von Plehve.

A report from Clarendon, Arkansas, states the following: John H. Diggle and Miss Mamie Johnson, of Stuttgart, and Mrs. Leta Vasson, of Mullen, Idaho, were drowned in White River while boating in a gasoline launch. Two other members of the party, V. J. Dawson and Miss Gretchen Shaw, of Stuttgart, were saved by climbing onto the bow, which ran into a snag and was raised clear of the water. The engine and three drowned persons were in the stern, which sank. Diggle was an expert swimmer, but was prevented from saving himself by the two women clinging to him. Dawson and Miss Shaw were brought ashore by timbermen attracted by their cries. The bodies have not been recovered.

Edward Toly, President of the Canal Banking and Trust Company, is dead, aged 75. He was active in New Orleans and has long been identified with its business interests. He served four years with the Confederacy on the staffs of Gens. Maury and Slaughter.

After waiting in vain for some form of recognition from the Eastern managers, the followers of Bryan in the West sent emissaries to the National Headquarters in New York to lay the true situation as they saw it before the friends of Judge Parker. These men told Chairman Taggart and William F. Sheehan that the debatable States in the West would surely be lost to the Democracy unless something was done at once to enlist the radicals in the Parker campaign. Mr. Taggart was informed that he would lose his own State, Indiana, unless the Bryan men were conciliated without delay. As he has staked his reputation as a political manager on giving the electoral vote for Indiana to Judge Parker, Mr. Taggart was impressed, and he advised that due consideration be given to the representatives of the Bryan men. His counsel was accepted and telegrams were sent to many radical leaders, asking them to participate in the campaign, to which they consented to give their co-operation if their advice would be taken by the Democratic National Committee regarding the contest in the West. It is announced that Mr. Bryan himself will take the stump in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, and that he will speak in New York late in October.

Two trolley cars on the Singac single track division of the Paterson Trolley Line have met in a head-on collision near Little Falls, New Jersey. Two women were seriously hurt and two other women and eight men were less severely injured. The motormen on both sides escaped by jumping, but were arrested immediately. All the injured were residents of Paterson.

The betrothal of Crown Prince Fred-

erick William to the Duchess Cecilia, sister of the reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, has been announced. The announcement was made at a dinner given by the Emperor and the Empress at the Kaiserhof.

A secular report from Berlin says: Positive advices have been received here that Prince Frederick Shoenburg-Waldenburg and the former princess, who on November 23, 1903, eloped with her coachman, are bound upon a pilgrimage to Rome, clothed in black, bareheaded, wearing sandals and exposed to all the privations of the poorest of wayfarers. This is part of the penance imposed upon them by the pope, who, after much persuasion, consented some time ago to re-marry them. No reports of their appeals to his holiness and of his final decision to give his blessing to their reconciliation, were permitted to leak out until recently, when a reliable source announced that the pair had left Dresden bound for Rome on foot. Both the prince and princess have vowed to live on the simplest fare and stop in the humblest lodgings during their pilgrimage. Upon their arrival in Rome the pope will impose additional penance and then re-marry them at St. Peter's. A decree of divorce was granted to the prince in December of last year by the civil court at Dresden.

Rev. Dr. Sylvester Clarke, first rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, and the oldest clergyman in Bridgeport, Conn., is dead at the age of seventy-one. He was for some years professor of church history at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., and in 1885 was elected to the same professorship at the Seabury divinity school at Fairbault, Minn. He returned to Bridgeport in 1888.

A twenty-two foot launch capsized in Lake Erie, drowning five men, who were en route to a yacht race at Vermilion.

All of the leading Transatlantic steamship lines have reduced their first and second class rates to meet the Cunard line reduction. A reduction of about thirty dollars was made in the rate from New York to Bremen.

Seven lives were lost and damage to the extent nearly one and one-half millions of dollars was done by the burning of the great oil tanks at Hoboken, Belgium. Something like 200,000 barrels of oil were consumed by the fire.

It is reported to London papers that placards have been discovered in the province of Shantung, China, urging the massacre of "foreign devils after the seventh moon." It is said that anti-Christianity are fleeing from that portion of the province.

A statement was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, the result of inquiries addressed by him to national bank examiners in all parts of the country, showing that the banks are well prepared to meet calls for money necessary for the movement of the large crops of the year. In most states the banks are reported to be in better condition to meet these demands than they were last year.

One of the oldest landmarks in the country was destroyed by fire. It was the Benjamin Schenk homestead on Long Island near Sagamore Hall, where President Roosevelt lives. The house was built 182 years ago and contained a valuable collection of old furniture and heirlooms.

The World's Fair management, in spite of the pressure that has been brought to bear upon them during recent weeks, has reaffirmed positively the decision that the Fair will not be open on Sundays.

The National Convention of Postmasters held a four-day convention at Niagara Falls, N. Y. There were in attendance about seventy-five postmasters of the first-class. Practical topics relating to the improvement of the service were discussed and resolutions were passed which will be presented to the postmaster-general for his consideration. The rural free delivery received much attention and it is probable that improvements will be made which will be of great benefit to the farmers. The next convention will be held at Dayton, Ohio, and that of 1906 in Nashville, Tenn.

The National Firemen's Association held its annual convention in the Hall of Congress on the World's Fair grounds, St. Louis.

Reports concerning the cotton crop in Texas indicate that the average condition is 3.25 per cent higher than last year, while in the Indian Territory it is 56 per cent and in Oklahoma, 42 per cent higher. It is estimated that 2,787,129 bales of cotton will be produced in Texas, while the Indian Territory and Oklahoma together will furnish nearly 1,000,000 more.

The excitement and anxiety which prevailed at Shanghai for over a week came to an end by the Russian government giving orders that the Askold and Grozovoi should be disarmed. Their flags were hauled down and their guns dismantled. This means that

these vessels will take no further part in the war and will remain in the harbor of Shanghai until peace has been declared.

A young Italian in New York was shot, and it is supposed to be because he had disclosed some of the secrets of the "Black Hand" a secret Italian organization.

A tornado swept over Chautauqua County, New York, doing great damage in the town of Stockton. About five thousand persons were assembled at a picnic in a grove. Of these many were injured and four killed.

Senator Bailey opened the Democratic national campaign in Texas September 3, in Gainesville, with one of the foremost speeches of modern times. This is the first speech in eight years delivered in that city by him. The opera house was used owing to the inclement weather and several thousand people were present. Senator Bailey spoke three hours and thirty minutes.

For information of all railway companies operating in Texas, the railroad commission made the following ruling in regard to the lumber tariff: Rates on lumber and articles taking lumber rates in carloads between all points where specific commodity rates are not otherwise provided shall be made by ascertaining correct class D rates under general tariff of class rates No. 3 between origin and destination and applying thereto such commodity tariff No. 24 adjustments.

With the exception of a few wells on the Osage Indian reservation side of the Bartlesville field, there has been practically no development of the known oil and gas deposits in Oklahoma until the recent successful and profitable strikes were made at Cleveland, in Pawnee County, which is located near the Bartlesville and Southern Kansas fields. Within the last three weeks there has been a rush to this new field which equals Kansas fields. Men who made their stakes in these last named districts are now becoming interested in the Oklahoma field, and as a result already there are nineteen derricks erected for business and leases are constantly being made by men whose names are well known in the oil world.

Texas cattlemen are pleased with the prospective demand for calves to go to the Eastern feed lots in the corn-belt States this fall. Already there is considerable inquiry along this line, one party from Ohio being among the number asking for quotations on as many as ten car loads in one shipment. William Penn Anderson, general live stock agent for the Pecos Valley lines of the Santa Fe system, has returned from a trip through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other Central and Mississippi Valley States. He says there is more inquiry than he ever before knew for calves and young feeding cattle, especially for Panhandle stock. The corn crop in the Mississippi Valley is good, he says. Recent rains have helped out the corn in Ohio. The farmers there are figuring on feeding 35c corn this fall and winter, and at this price they expect to feed a great many calves. On both the Illinois and Iowa sides of the Mississippi River, Mr. Anderson says, the corn is looking fine.

The Guatemalan ants, supposed to have disappeared from the Government's experimental farm on Washington Heights, south of Taylor, have been located. They were found recently by Prof. Gaul of Victoria after diligent search. The several colonies had removed their quarters to adjoining grounds but were in a good, busy and active condition.

Unusual precautions have been thrown about the publication of the weather reports and forecasts which bear upon the conditions of the crops and afford indications of the future value of various products. Numerous complaints have been received by Acting Secretary Willis Moore of the Department of Agriculture, that these reports and forecasts become known to grain dealers and brokers in some cities before those in other cities gain an inkling of their tenor. Boards of trade and chambers of commerce in the West have joined in these protests with the result that orders were issued for the simultaneous publication of these documents at all weather stations in the United States.

A report from Chicago announces that President Donnelly has met his Waterloo in seeking to get President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor to convene the executive council of the National body with a view to involving all branches of organized labor in a hopeless struggle with the packers. President Gompers wired a flat refusal to comply with Donnelly's request. The wholesalers, comprising the Fulton Market Company, who supply meat to the big hotels and fashionable cafes of Chicago, as well as to a large section of general trade, have bid defiance to President Donnelly and his latest move. The strike leaders maintained an air of great mystery at the conclu-

sion of the joint meeting with the conference board of the allied trades late this afternoon. "I won't answer any questions," said Donnelly, and the way he snapped it out indicated he was mad through and through. Strike pickets are in dread of the cowboys brought from Texas and Western points to handle cattle. Each of these men carries a brace of revolvers, and so far none of them has been molested. The butchers in country towns have been urged to buy and dress all the beef they can find and ship them in all haste to Chicago to save the city to some extent from the threatened stringency.

Col. John G. Hunter, secretary of the Commercial Club, has received a communication from Prof. W. J. Spillman, the government agricultural expert, announcing that he will be in Dallas Friday morning, September 9, and that he will leave for Fort Worth at noon, September 10. The visit of Prof. Spillman has been eagerly looked forward to for some time by the farmers of Dallas County for the reason that it is thought that when he comes he will decide upon the location for the government demonstration farm for Dallas County. A number of desirable places have been submitted for the purpose, and it is thought that he will have little difficulty in selecting a suitable location.

Judge Alton B. Parker will not attend the St. Louis Exposition as heretofore announced. From present indications the coming campaign will be a "silent one" as far as the two Presidential candidates are concerned. No candidate in the past who has gone on the stump has been elected to the first office.

The report that the emperor of Russia will go to the front is again revived and seems to have foundation. It is known that the imperial train is being fitted out for a long journey.

The State Letter Carriers Association convened in Dallas September 5. The convention was called to order by President J. M. Nichols of Galveston, and welcoming addresses were made by Mayor Harry and Postmaster D. A. Robinson. W. R. Lincoln made the response on behalf of the local carriers and T. B. White, of Waco, responded for the State.

After a long period of hot, dry weather over the State the drought has been broken and a steady soaking rain is reported as general.

FROM THE FAR EAST.

Dating from August 28 and continuing through September 4th, one of the most sanguinary battles in the history of the world was fought at Liao Yang, Southern Manchuria, between the Japanese and Russian Armies. Almost a half million men were engaged, and it resulted in the capture of Liao Yang by the Japs, and the retreat of the Russian Army across the Taitse River. The losses on both sides are frightful. The following summary is the latest news as we go to press: The only direct news from the seat of war bearing Sunday's date came by way of Tokio in a report from Field Marshal Oyama, saying that Liao Yang fell completely into the hands of the Japanese at 9 o'clock that morning; that the Japanese casualties were believed to be heavy and that nothing was known by the Japanese concerning conditions on the right bank of the Taitse River. The only comfort for the Russians at home was the news, conveyed in a report from Gen. Kuropatkin, dated Saturday afternoon, that Gen. Stalkeberg's first Siberian Army Corps of 25,000 men, reported Saturday as having been cut off to the westward of Liao Yang, had been safely extricated and that the corps had succeeded in joining the main Russian body on the right bank of the river, but no details of the escape of Stalkeberg are known. Gen. Kuropatkin also reported that the greater portion of his army was, at the time of filing the report, south of Yentai (ten miles northeast of Liao Yang) and a few miles from the Yentai mines, where fierce fighting had been in progress. The forces of Kuropatkin and Oyama are racing for Mukden. This much stands out in the news of Monday and is indicated in a report forwarded by Kuropatkin, who says that his retreat is being conducted in perfect order, though the Japanese on Sunday repeatedly attacked his rear and continued the attack until Monday. The result of the race is in doubt. The united Russian forces are now north of Yentai, a station on the railroad about ten miles northeast of Liao Yang. They are pushing on to Mukden, to which the bulk of the Japanese forces are marching direct, after having swarmed across the Taitse River. A strong Japanese flanking column is about thirty miles northeast of Liao Yang and trying to get between the Russian forces and Mukden. With this race in progress, there was a brief dispatch from Mukden saying that preparations for the evacuation of that place are proceeding. This report, if well founded, as is pointed out in the Associated Press St. Petersburg dis-

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patches, would mean the abandonment of the whole of Southern Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign. It was reported in St. Petersburg at a late hour Monday night that Kuropatkin's rear guard had been almost annihilated and that the main Russian Army was in danger of being surrounded. Kuropatkin in his report makes no mention of the abandonment of 200 guns at Liao Yang, a rumor to which effect is in circulation. Advice from Port Arthur by way of Chefoo bring the fighting there up to September 2 and say the Japanese losses were very heavy.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6, 8:20 a. m.—It is impossible at this hour to obtain any statement from the authorities regarding the reported preparations for the abandonment of Mukden. This is the first intimation that such a course is contemplated. If it turns out to be true, it means the abandonment of the whole of South Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign. In fact, should Mukden be evacuated, there would be no point for wintering the army of a quarter of a million men with its many wounded soldiers. On the other hand the evacuation of Mukden would give Field Marshal Oyama commodious winter quarters and the practical control of two lines of railway. The Kinchou-Simintin line tapping rich Chinese territory, stops little short of Mukden, with which it is connected by a good wagon road. The report of the prospective evacuation of Mukden, if well founded, would indicate that the crippling effect of the Liao Yang fighting on Kuropatkin's army is more serious than has yet been intimated.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Sept. 1—T. H. Morris, sub. S. L. Culwell, sub. J. P. Rodgers, subs (2 cards). C. W. Perkins, sub. Sept. 2—R. B. Bonner, sub. W. Wootton, has attention. Jerome Duncan, sub. J. F. Alderson, subs. R. B. Moreland, sub. W. M. Foster, sub. W. M. Sherrell, sub. D. S. Burke, sub. G. F. Boyd, sub. M. K. Little, sub. W. J. Holder, sub. Sept. 3—W. P. Garvin, subs. W. Wootton, sub. Sept. 5—Allen Tooke, sub. A. A. Kidd, sub. W. J. Holder, sub. C. E. Gallagher, subs have attention. C. W. Macune, sub. D. H. Aston, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. S. H. Morgan, sub. Sept. 6—H. P. Shrader, sub. D. J. Martin, sub. C. V. Oswalt, sub. R. A. Clements, sub. G. W. Shearer, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. R. E. Porter, sub. Geo. W. Kincheloe, subs. Dr. Hall, sub. Sept. 7—C. C. Davis, trial subs. Geo. A. Nance, sub. R. W. Nation, sub has attention. Geo. H. Adams, sub. D. H. Aston, sub.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Winchell.

C. G. Shutt, Aug. 24: Our meeting closed here Sunday night with nineteen additions, all told. Winchell is a pushing, growing Western town, away up where the Frisco crosses the Colorado about 2,000 feet above sea level, above malaria line; just a little over a year old, but has water works system, telephone system, large, substantial, stone mercantile establishments, and last, but not least, Methodism is first on the ground, with a nice church worth nearly \$2,000.

Dumas Mission.

J. W. Hunt, Sept. 2: At Elland Schoolhouse in Hutchinson I have just closed a six days' meeting with thirteen conversions, seventeen accessions to the Church and Church warmed and helped. I now have twenty-five members at this little point. We broke up the dancing crowd. Holding prayer-meetings now instead. Epworth League will be organized at once. Bro. Spurlock, a local preacher on Stratford Mission, rendered me great service. He is a noble, consecrated man and a fine worker. A good Methodist Sunday-school is flourishing at this point, under the efficient management of Bro. H. L. Johnson, ably seconded by Bros. B. B. Elland, Enoch Elland and I. K. Foreman, all loyal, good men. The Lord is greatly blessing us and we feel humbled and blessed beyond words to express. Bro. J. E. Stephens, who helped me recently at Dumas, did some great preaching. Men far gone in years and sin were reached and his work is of the kind that lasts.

Dumas.

Dr. S. W. Anthony, Aug. 30: Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. Winford Hunt, closed a ten days' meeting at this place on Aug. 14, Rev. J. E. Stephens, of Canyon City, doing the preaching, and well he did it, in the old-time way, by faith in God and much prayer—not sensational, but sweet-spirited and persuasive. We had a great meeting in many respects. The congregations were large and attentive, strictly on good behavior, filling our neat, new church full all the time, and to overflowing on Sundays. Had fifteen conversions and many reclamations. The Church people of all denominations were deeply stirred and benefited. There were nine accessions to the Church on the second Sunday, and will be fifteen or twenty as a result of the meeting. Some prominent men in our business and county affairs who will greatly strengthen us, came in. Eighteen months ago Bro. Hunt was appointed to this work, a mission covering parts of five counties. At Dumas there were thirteen members, and seventeen others on the entire work. Now he has a membership of forty here and between seventy and eighty on the rest of the mission. The membership here promises to reach fifty by the close of the year. We also have at this place a very neat, substantial \$1,000 church building, practically paid for. On first Sunday in September will organize an Epworth League and Woman's Home Mission Society. Collections will come up in full. We are being enlarged. Dumas and Moore County will come to the front. God made this great country for a noble purpose, and He is sending His faithful disciples to occupy it. No melancholic liver-diseased people up here. The sunshine is too bright, the water too pure, the air too exhilarating for anything like that. Thank God for a place where soul and body are in such harmony that we can continually praise His holy name for his bounteous mercies. Come over and help us possess this goodly land.

Graham Station.

E. V. Cox: Never was any happier in any place. You will have to hunt a long time for a more agreeable people. Have a faithful and efficient Board of Stewards, who are about up with the salaries. Conference collections coming easy. All the work of the Church that is organized is doing fine. Have had thirty-four accessions, nine of whom have been by ritual. Our meeting begins the third Sunday and we are hoping for great things. Collections from all sources to date, \$1550. Have sold several books and Bibles, secured many subscribers to our Church papers, distributed 2,000 tracts on missions, education, etc. Am having fine congregations day and night. With Bro. Doty in the lead, \$12.75 was placed in my hands and orders to go to Waco to Mission Conference. I went, I saw, I got. July 1st held a meeting for Bro. Owens at Peden (among as fine people as are to be found), and they gave me \$31.45 and also gave orders to go to the Fair. (Very easy to obey when it suits.) So on July 14 wife and I went and my! my! What a treat! Every preacher ought to go. Bishop Hendrix stated it well when he said: "Ten

days there is like a trip around the world." It is not so very expensive. Wife and I both went on \$60, including everything, and if we had not drunk so much Ceylon tea and ate so much fine ice cream we could have made the trip much cheaper. Have held several meetings and God has blessed us. We have been honored this year with the presence of Dr. S. A. Steel, Dr. H. A. Boaz (he's very proud of his new college classification) and Dr. Bishop with his stereopticon. Let's give him a missionary from every district and see things hum next year. Miss Cornelia Jewell left us a week ago and went to Colorado Springs, where she was married to Mr. Ford Timmons. A more faithful, devout, sweet, pure Christian young woman I've never known. She was a Sunday-school teacher and the organizer. We are all sad over her departure and if Mr. T. does not treat her well we will "attend to his case." The crops are poor, but while I'm writing (Sept. 3) it's raining gloriously and you can hear men whistling and pianos going in all directions.

Copperas Cove.

A. P. Lipscomb, Sept. 2: On last Sunday night we closed our round of protracted meetings. At Topsy we had twelve conversions and thirteen accessions. At Copperas Cove about sixty conversions and reclamations; twenty-seven joined our Church; others will join later. At Pidcoke we had about fifty conversions and reclamations; thirty-two additions to our Church. Rev. J. M. McCloud, of Bryson, Texas, assisted me at Copperas Cove and Pidcoke. No man could have rendered us more efficient service. I can recommend him to any one of our preachers who wish his help in protracted meetings. Let it be understood if any of our preachers wish his help from now on they can find him at Bryson, Texas. More than likely we will build two church houses by conference. Collections will be up and over. Advocate becoming very popular here. To God be all the glory.

Florence Circuit.

C. W. Macune: Florence Circuit is moving along very well. A revival held at Maxdale in July was a decided success. Bro. J. P. Patterson did the preaching and won twenty-five souls for Christ, besides several reclamations. A revival at Youngsport was a failure on account of rain. A revival at Florence, which has just closed, was the greatest meeting ever held here, many say. Abe Mulkey came strictly on time, August 19, and opened the great meeting. It was a success from start to finish. The meeting had been well advertised and people were here from the surrounding country; some came as far as forty miles. The weather was splendid, the nights beautiful and the preaching wonderful. Immense congregations greeted Bro. Mulkey at every service and they sat spellbound by his wit and wisdom. His evident sincerity and his plain, common sense way of putting great truths has benefited everybody who heard him. Christians "put feet to their prayers" now as never before, backsliders have returned to the Lord and many sinners were converted. How many of each we can not tell. There were many Churches represented in the meeting—Churches here and at other places that will be benefited. At Florence we have the whole Church revived and thirteen additions by vows, with many more to follow. We have received in this circuit this year sixty-nine members and dismissed twenty-six, leaving a net gain of forty-three.

Guthrie.

Mrs. O. W. Lasater, Aug. 29: Our protracted meeting closed yesterday. It was a good meeting. The Christians of all denominations were strengthened and built up, and nearly all testified that they had been blessed in the meeting; that they were on the Lord's side and were going to live better and holier lives in the future than they had in the past. The Church members were greatly strengthened and we believe that the M. E. Church, South, is now on a better footing than it has been for a long time. Our beloved pastor, Bro. Jamison, did all the preaching. He is a faithful pastor, a man of strong mind and sterling worth. May he long be spared in his great usefulness. He did faithful preaching and will be long remembered by the people of Guthrie. We had one member added to our Church, Bro. W. M. McLaren. Our financial report is very good and we have hopes that all the assessments on this place will be paid before conference.

Cotton Gin.

Frank Huguen, Aug. 30: On Friday night before the fourth Sunday in June at Forest Glade we began our first meeting. Bros. R. B. Evans and E. T. Harrison did the preaching, and it was well done. Some real good was accomplished in spite of many diff-

culties. We were next at Cotton Gin. Here Presiding Elder Jno. M. Barcus and Bro. W. W. Moss did most of the preaching; but sinners and backsliders alike hardened their hearts against the gospel and the earnest appeals of these faithful men of God. At the close of the meeting we organized a Junior Epworth League with about twenty-five members and Prof. J. K. Watson as manager. The meeting at Cedar was beset by many difficulties from first to last, and of course was not satisfactory, though Bro. T. S. Armstrong did some fine preaching which I believe will yet bear fruit. At Shiloh we came in conflict with the "Reunion" and other hindrances. But Bro. Berry, of Twelfth Avenue, Corsicana, rendered us most faithful and earnest service; several decided for a better life. Bro. Berry endeared himself to the people there as well as their pastor. Next we went to Cedar Island, where we had a very fine meeting, resulting in about twenty-five conversions. Bro. A. T. Culbertson, of Wortham, was with us and did most of the preaching. His gospel sermons and earnest exhortations were honored by the Lord. Our last meeting was held at Campbell's Branch. Some of the folks were busy; some were indifferent, and others had sickness in their homes; still the congregations were good and the meeting by no means a failure; one young man converted and added to the Church and a number of backslidden Christians started out for a better life. Bro. L. L. Culwell was with us from Saturday till Tuesday and did us good service. All in all, we feel that the Lord has been with us and blessed us greatly, and to Him we render grateful praise. While we regret deeply that so many are still unsaved, hardening their hearts and stiffening their necks, we believe the responsibility rests with themselves. We have delivered our souls. We hope to be able to make a full report at conference.

Grapevine.

M. M. Morphis, Sept. 2: On Aug. 14 we closed a meeting of eight days at Enless, on the Grapevine charge. Fifteen professions and five additions by ritual; one applicant not yet received, and others to follow. On Aug. 26 we closed a six days' meeting at Minter's Chapel. Twelve professions and reclamations and five additions by ritual. Much good, that can not be put on paper, such as usually attend like revivals, was accomplished in these meetings. Our son, W. J. Morphis, who has been for two years attending the Theological School of Vanderbilt University, was home on a visit and rendered valuable service, both in preaching and singing. We are now working hard for our conference collections. We hope to report in full. This is our second year on this charge. We found a debt of over \$200 on the church seats at Grapevine. This has all been paid; some other improvements made, the church building dedicated and not a dollar of indebtedness against any property on the charge. During our stay we have received 124 into the Church; 93 of this number by ritual. The total membership now exceeds 450.

Munday.

Ed R. Wallace, Aug. 30: We just closed our meeting at Munday. It can not be pronounced a very great success. We accepted a proposition to hold with others. But Methodism and Calvinism do not fit, and we did not take all the country. I begin at Goree Friday night. If I can have such a revival as I did two years ago I will be happy. I go from there to Mid for one week or more. The charge is growing all the time.

May.

J. J. Canafax, Aug. 31: The meetings are over. We held at Green's Chapel, Holder, Byrd's Store, Hog Valley and May. We had good meetings. We have counted about sixty conversions and reclamations and thirty accessions. Collections are coming up nicely. We were assisted by the presiding elder, W. H. Matthews, Revs. J. T. Browning, K. N. Matthews, of North Alabama Conference, and last, but not least, Rev. J. C. Watkins. All is well.

Palmer and Boyce.

I. E. Hightower: We have made our rounds in our summer revivals. We reported our Palmer meeting sometime since. We have held four other meetings with the following results: Our meeting at Chappell Hill continued one week, with four conversions and two accessions. The rains and storms were against us, blowing down our tent twice. The Church was greatly revived and a number of penitents. We had to close out just as the interest was getting good. We next carried our tent to Garrett to storm the strongholds of Satan. Garrett is a place that our Church had no organization and no preaching. Bro. W. C. Hilburn, of Ennis, assisted me in this meeting; also Bro. Sensabaugh

preached us one strong sermon. Hilburn is a power in the pulpit, and good help anywhere, and with a fine Christian character. We continued this meeting about fifteen days. We had about sixty-five conversions and organized a Church with seventy-nine members. A great number of the converts in this meeting were the heads of families. We closed at Garrett under protest; but had to go to Dixon Chapel to begin next. Bro. Solon Johnson and Bro. Irl Crawford, local preachers, began this meeting for me. We continued this meeting about ten days; had twenty conversions and seven additions. Bro. Sensabaugh preached several strong, forceful sermons in this meeting. We had to close out here too soon, for the last night of the meeting there was a number of conversions and a goodly number of penitents at the altar. We next went to Boyce, which was our last meeting. Bro. J. F. Tyson, of Gordon, assisted me in this meeting. Bro. Solon Johnson, my faithful local preacher, began this meeting for me, preaching Sunday and Sunday night. Then came Tyson, who labored unceasingly till near the close of the meeting. Tyson is good help and works harmoniously with the pastor. Bro. Sensabaugh came in at the last of the meeting on Friday night and Saturday he preached us a very helpful sermon and administered the sacrament to a large congregation. Bro. M. K. Little, of Midlothian, also preached for us once and represented Polytechnic College. This meeting resulted in about thirty-five conversions and forty-two accessions. To sum up our summer's work, we have had about 175 conversions and 195 additions to the Church. We also have our collections all in cash and subscriptions, with a good margin over. We have our new churches completed and are worshipping in them. They are both beauties. Bishop Hoss is to dedicate them for us October 15. Our ladies at Palmer have built us another nice room and gallery at a cost of about \$175. Everything is hopeful and we give our God all the glory.

Quitque Church.

C. D. Edmondson, Layman: Our meeting closed last night, after running eight days. We had a great meeting. When the meeting began our membership was eighteen; when we closed out the membership was thirty-four, almost double. About fifteen or eighteen professions. Bro. J. T. Hicks, our pastor, is a good man, a good preacher and a great worker with the unsaved. Rev. C. D. Pipkin, his local preacher, did good work in the meeting, both in preaching and personal work with the unconverted. God was with us from the first to last service. The Church was greatly revived. One man, about fifty years old, who had been a very wicked man, gave his heart and life to God, and other men, heads of families, came over on the Lord's side and joined the Church. Our assessment for our pastor is paid up and more besides. We raised \$21.49 for Rev. C. D. Pipkin, our local preacher. Four of our young ladies collected \$28 in cash and subscription for our parsonage. We as a Church want to thank and praise our God for the victory over sin. Bro. Hicks is loved by his people and of course we expect him back another year if the conference sees fit to send him back. What we want is more religion and consecrated lives in the work, and our prayers are to this end.

Peoria.

Mac M. Smith, Sept. 3: Have just closed revival meetings of charge. The ministry has been blessed with a measure of success. Have received thirty-five into the Church on profession of faith and nineteen by letter. We thank God for the number of co-workers in these meetings. We are indebted to Rev. James L. James, of Milford, for efficient help in all these meetings. He is a forcible preacher and we have been edified under his ministry. May his like be multiplied.

Seymour Circuit.

Mrs. M. W. Clark, Sept. 2: After engaging in the sweet and gracious revival work with my husband for five weeks, children and I have again settled at the Benjamin parsonage, and this lovely morning I feel just like rehearsing some good things to our dear and indispensable Texas Advocate. Our first revival work for the summer was at Knox City, a new town and mission point on Munday charge, where Bro. Wallace had set his tent, but owing to the serious sickness of their darling, "Van Roe" (finally resulting in the sadness of death), he called Mr. Clark to this meeting; he conducted it five days, embracing third Sunday in July, in which time we witnessed 13 bright conversions. Then Bro. Wallace came and took charge, winding up with glorious results. We began on our charge at Shady, July 29, and held to August 7. Notwithstanding we were rained out of one-third of the services, results were splendid;

8 conversions, 4 backsliders reclaimed, 12 additions and the Church happily revived, and a subscription of \$700 was taken for the erection of a neat, country church, for which we expect to raise \$1000 before completed. On August 9 we began at Vera; held 12 days. This year Vera class had honored God by building a good church; and for the meeting built a large and beautiful cedar-covered arbor, and God surely rested his blessings upon them in honor to their sacrifices unto Him. Fifty-three souls claimed salvation, some of them had been backsliders; 27 additions for our Church, 9 of whom are not yet received. Praise God for such a glorious revival among the Christians, not only those of the Methodist Church, but the Baptists and Presbyterians as well. It was one of those meetings which does far more good than any one can count up in figures and words. "Glory to God!" was our chorus for most every service. Next we began at Truscott on August 22, running until August 27, when we had to give way to the Baptist brethren, who held the time by previous appointment. Though a short meeting, much good was accomplished in the Church. Brothers and sisters prayed in public who never had before; a deeper work of grace was visible. Mr. Clark has gone now to hold at Corn; began last night. He has had no ministerial aid, except some sermons at Vera by our old friend and neighbor, Bro. Isaac Tuffer, a local preacher living in Munday charge. He is surely a good and profitable brother in Christ. He has a life to brace his preaching. Just before our revival began, our young people on the charge made us the handsome present of a \$75 buggy. The enterprise was headed by Bros. T. A. Johnson and Poren Hurd, two of our most praiseworthy young men. The happy donors can never know this side of heaven the extent of our love and gratitude for the gift and the motives which prompted them. Our conference collections and Episcopal Residence Fund are secure. We love our people and feel proud of them. For every good thing, to God be all the glory.

Vernon.

Jno. A. Travis, Sept. 5: The third Quarterly Conference for Vernon Circuit was held at a point selected to hold the Doans-Fargo meeting. It was a great conference. Thalia had four members present, three of whom were members of the Quarterly Conference. They traveled thirty-six miles to do business for the Church. Men is what the Lord wants—men who go through sandstorms, heat, cold, rain. This country will be ready to go up and possess the land when our membership and officials make up and find that we are servants and not ornaments in the Church of God. Bro. J. G. Miller, our wide-awake presiding elder was on hand, looking after the business of the Church in his own interesting and instructive way, and preached three very able sermons, starting our protracted meeting on the road to success. Bro. J. T. Bloodworth came to us on Monday and remained to the close of the meeting, Sunday night, Aug. 28. Great was the meeting, strong the preaching, and effective the work. I don't know how many were converted and reclaimed, but twenty-five were added to the Methodist Church.

Richland.

S. L. Culwell, Sept. 6: We closed our meeting at Grape Creek last Wednesday night. The people were very busy picking cotton and there was two deaths in sight of the Church during the meeting, yet in spite of these disadvantages we had a good meeting. Had about ten conversions and reclamations and a good revival in the Church. We raised our assessment for this place on general collections. Bro. C. S. Cameron, of Holland, did most of the preaching and did it well. A more consecrated man cannot be found. Bro. Wood, local preacher from Holland charge, preached two good sermons.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Walnut Bend.

W. H. Brown, Sept. 5: I am just in from Walnut Bend, on the Dexter Circuit, where I have been engaged with Bro. Goode in a gracious revival. There must have been thirty or forty professions in all and much old-time shouting and praising God. Bro. Goode is held in high esteem among his people.

Montague.

Minor Bounds, Aug. 29: Yesterday we closed our last revival on the Montague charge. The last week of May and the first one of June we held a meeting at Montague. The first three services were conducted by Bro. Palmer, of Nocona. My people appreciate Bro. Palmer very much. Then came that excellent and tireless worker of

The Home Circle

THE TOYS.

My little son, who look'd from thoughtful eyes
And moved and spoke in quiet, grown-up wise,
Having my law the seventh time disobeyed,
I struck him and dismissed,
With hard words and unkind,
His mother, who was patient, being dead,
Then, fearing lest his grief should hinder sleep,
I visited his bed,
But found him slumbering deep,
With darkened eyelids and their lashes yet
From his late sobbing wet,
And I, with a moan,
Kissing away his tears, left others of my own;
For, on a table drawn beside his head,
He had put within his reach
A box of counters and a red-veined stone,
A piece of glass abraded by the beach,
And six or seven shells,
A bottle with bluebells,
And two French copper coins, ranged with careful art
To comfort his sad heart.
So when that night I prayed
To God, I wept and said:
Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath,
And not vexing thee in death,
And thou rememberest of what toys
We made our joys,
How weakly understood
Thy great commanded good,
Then, fatherly not less
Than I whom thou hast moulded from the clay,
Thou'lt leave thy wrath and say:
"I will be sorry for their childishness."
—Coventry Patmore.

THE APOLOGIZING HABIT AND ITS CURE.

The apologizing habit!
Is any trait of our fellow man or woman quite so distressing as a bad case of this particular malady?

It is only less annoying than family skeletons brought out in public.

And the cure?
Well, the best one is a good dose of apologies from another chronic apologist.

Said a bright woman the other day:
"I kept on making apologies for real or imaginary causes until I chanced to be the guest of a woman who went so far beyond what I had attained in that line that it occurred to me I was in a fair way of making my friends as uncomfortable as she unconsciously did me."

"This woman was an ideal house-keeper and one of the best of cooks; but not a meal did I enjoy of her serving, because of uncalled-for apologies. 'I forgot to salt my bread and it is so tasteless that it is not fit to eat; I am afraid you can not make out a supper.'"

"If I made haste to say that I had not noticed the omission and assured her that her cooking never called for excuses, she would accuse me of trying to flatter her and would continue to apologize, until at the end of a meal, I felt as if I had swallowed a stone, instead of perfectly cooked food."

"Observation has taught me that guests, as a rule, do not see what in the eyes of the hostess seems to call for apology."

"I recently called upon a woman of culture and was greatly enjoying her vivid account of her trip abroad, when she suddenly came to a pause and in a shocked tone exclaimed: 'The maid neglected to dust that piano! Why, I could write my name upon it!'"

"Then from seeing through her eyes the beautiful scenery mine had never rested upon, I was called back to the drudgery of life; when the truth was that my back was toward the piano and so I should, but for the apology, have remained in ignorance of the neglect of the maid. The call, which might otherwise have been wholly interesting, ended in complaints."

"The most enduring lesson came to me from one who, under the most trying circumstances, refrained from making any apologies. This sensible woman at that time I did not count as a friend, though I had long known of her as a gifted personality and had the pleasure of entertaining her in my home, when she was a delegate to a convention."

"Finding myself in her home city I thought I would call upon her. When I halted before the house I saw such an obstruction of plaster and debris that I was about to turn back, but a workman near the open door said: 'If you are looking for Mrs. A, I will call her.'"

"Oh, don't!" exclaimed I, thinking 'not at home' would be the result, but the man evidently knew the woman he was working for. He bounded off; and an instant later the lady appeared at a door back of the parlors, which were being replastered, and with a

warm welcome written on her face, exclaimed:

"This isn't the sort of reception you gave me, but I am delighted to see you, anyhow." And then, when I was drawn into a room overcrowded with furniture, what cared I for the lack of order, in view of such a welcome?

"I had expected to go back to the hotel to lunch, but I forgot to note the flight of time as I conversed with the woman who was superior to trying circumstances; and never shall I forget how, with a roguish smile, she reminded me that it was lunch time by putting this query:

"My dear, do you like hasty-pudding and milk?"
"When I unthinkingly responded to the affirmative, she exclaimed: 'Then you must share my lunch with me, for otherwise I shall be alone. Now, don't make excuses, for you will be doing me a real kindness to stay.' I could not resist the invitation, which was evidently so heartfelt, and from that visit and simple meal dates a friendship which has extended over long years, cemented at a time when almost any housekeeper would have excused herself from seeing anyone."

"In fact, so easily and unobtrusively does the habit grow that freedom from it under given circumstances may often be taken for an evidence of thoroughly good breeding."—Cleveland Leader.

WHAT \$100 WILL DO—EXPENSE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

One hundred dollars will pay a missionary's salary in Eastern Turkey and Micronesia for three months, and in India, Japan and China for two months. It will pay the traveling expenses of a missionary for a year as he tours the field under his care. It will pay from one-half to the entire salary for a year of a native professor or teacher in a mission college or theological seminary. It will support a native pastor in Turkey, Bulgaria, China and Japan for one year. It will provide a Christian preacher for a year for from 1000 to 10,000 people in heathen lands. It will furnish daily Christian instruction for 100 heathen children for a year, gathered in two, three or four Christian schools. It will provide for a year's education for three young men under training for Christian service among their own people. It will support a mission theological school for three months in which a large number of Christian native students are in preparation for direct service among their own people. It will build three thatched-roof houses or meeting places in India. It will provide a hundred thousand pages of vernacular Christian literature for a non-Christian people. It will provide the services of a Christian missionary physician for a month for the suffering people of an entire province; or give hospital privileges, with medical and surgical attendance, to thirty patients who have never known Christian kindness when in suffering.—Salvation.

A TEST OF HONESTY.

The straightforward, honest man or boy feels insulted when his integrity is questioned—and with good reason. He is slow to distrust others and does not like to be distrusted. Here is a pretty and amusing story in illustration:

"Paper, sir? Evening paper?"

The gentleman looked down curiously on the mite of humanity, the two-foot newsboy, and said with a slight smile: "Can you change a quarter?"

"I can get it changed mighty quick!" was the prompt reply. "What paper do you want?"

"Star," said the gentleman. "But," he added, hesitatingly, "how do I know that you will bring back the change?"

"You don't know it," replied the little fellow, sharply.

"Then I must trust to your honesty?"

"That's about the size of it. Or—hold on! Here's your security. There's thirty-four papers in that bundle. Ketch on to this!"

Before the gentleman could remonstrate, the boy had placed the bundle of newspapers in his arms and was off like a flash.

The boy was gone perhaps three minutes, but during that time the gentleman was rendered completely miserable. A half-dozen of his acquaintances passed, and each one stopped to inquire if he had gone into the newspaper business and how it paid, while the newsboys gathered around and jeered him, under the impression that he was an interloper. So he gave a great sigh of relief when the boy returned and put the twenty-four cents in his hand.

"I didn't run away, did I?" the boy said, with a cheerful grin.

"No," answered the man, with a groan; "but if you hadn't returned in

another minute, I should have run away."

"And cheated me out of ten cents?" demanded the boy, indignantly.

But the gentleman did not stop to explain.—The Boy's World.

WHAT DRINK DID FOR ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S BOYS.

Recently, while crossing on the ferry from Jersey City to the New York side, a sailor, one of Uncle Sam's boys, stepped up to me wishing to sell a watch guard. It was beautiful, made of white silk; yet he wanted to part with it for the paltry sum of one dollar and a half. And why? That he might pay a debt at a saloon. Physically, he was a splendid specimen of manhood, tall and broad-shouldered, weighing nearly one hundred and ninety pounds, but yet his face depicted suffering and deep wrinkles appeared on his face. Then, by questioning him, I received the following story, which I here give to you word for word, as near as I can remember, hoping that it may reach the heart of some one:

"Son, don't you want to help me out? I want to sell this watch guard. I owe a bill at a saloon, and being that I contracted that debt, I feel obliged to pay it, even if it is to a saloon."

I complimented him on his honesty, and asked him to what ship he belonged. "The Indiana," was his reply. "Some people have an idea that all sailors are the off-scouring of the earth, but it is false." Then with a pathos in his voice that touched me to the quick, he continued: "My mother is a God-fearing, praying Christian, God bless her. I have three sisters, the best the sun ever shone on, but I am the black sheep of the family. I had a splendid wife, as true and loving as it is possible for a wife to be. I had a beautiful child, which was the joy and pride of the home, but—but—I am divorced." This he said with tears in his eyes.

"I have been home two days of my furlough recovering from my weakness, brought on by drink. I am now on my way back to the navy yard, although my time is not up till morning. I have signed the pledge and I am going to reform. Young man, never touch a drop of any intoxicating liquors." Then, turning to my younger brother, he said: "You are young yet, you do not know the awfulness of temptation, God grant that you never may. Oh, to be a boy again! Oh, for another chance!"

"Till my dying day I shall never forget the look of anguish that passed over his face, as he thus ruminated over his past life."

"I have seen some of the saddest sights ever mortal man was privileged to witness right over here in the navy yard," he said. "Some of the finest fellows I have ever known have died one after another in the straight-jacket, drink being their only fault."

As the ferry reached the slip he left us, with a look of longing still on his face. That man had reformed, and but for us, who give the devil his license to ruin men's souls, would have been on his way to Heaven, but tempted, fell.

Later, out on the street, I saw him pull a bottle from his pocket and hilariously lift it to his lips, bought from some accursed saloon.

How long shall we license the devil to break mother's hearts, wreck the lives as well as the souls of our fellow creatures, fill our courts with divorce suits, and our jails with criminals? How long no one knows, but may God grant that we may have a great awakening in the near future.—Ram's Horn.

THE COMING MAN.

We hear nowadays much proud, pretentious talk about "the coming man." The coming man has come already. "Behold the man!" And should the world stand for a hundred thousand years, and should man arise as much taller than any now living as Mont Blanc is taller than the foothills, it would still be found that the peerless Nazarene was away ahead—the banner bearer of the centuries. And so of the church that he founded at Jerusalem and filled with his spirit. It was the realization of the ideal church as far as human imperfection made realization possible.

And "back to the church of apostles" is as wise a watchword as the church of the twentieth century can inscribe upon its banners. That church was a body of baptized believers that "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers. And all that believed were together and had all things in common and sold their possessions and goods and parted to all men as every man had need. And they, continuing with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as were saved." Truly here was the ideal church, and as a consequence very real and precious results.

And the crowning glory of that ideal church was "the unity of the Spirit in the bounds of peace." Alas! that that unity should ever have been disturbed.

Our gracious Master, on that never to be forgotten night when he poured out his intercessory prayer, not only for the little band immediately about him, but for all who should believe upon him in the after ages, looking down those ages, surveyed a Christendom rent, discordant, belligerent and disgracing the holy cause it represented by turning their swords against each other, instead of the common foe, and, seeing all this and lamenting all this, he prayed for them that they all might be one so that the world might know that the Father had sent him. Other magnificent demonstrations the world has had. The splendid miracles and heroic martyrdoms of the early church and the uplifted nationalities, the emancipated races and the constellated charities of these latter days; but the crowning demonstration for which the ages wait is the unity of Christendom. And when that unity is attained "the sacramental host of God's elect," keeping step as they march to the music of the gospel, shall go forth to the conquest of the world, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." That we are very far from that now is beyond all question.—Dr. P. S. Henson.

HEALTH DECALOGUE.

1. Rise early, retire early, and fill your day with work.
2. Water and bread maintain life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.
3. Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longevity.
4. Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cared for machines last the longest.
5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.
6. To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.
7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.
8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement, but abuse of them leads to dissipation, and dissipation to vice.
9. Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health. On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.
10. Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pickaxe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.—French Medical Review.

THE HEART MAKES THE WISH.

Two little Indian boys, to whom the missionary, going back and forth across the plains on his errands of love, was a familiar figure, were talking the other day as to what they would like to be and to do when they were men.

One exclaimed: "I'd go and tell everybody all the good things I know." The other hesitated for a while. It seemed to him the very best wish had been made. But suddenly his face brightened, and his shrill little voice rang out with a note of triumph: "I wish I could be a horse and buggy! I'd carry the preacher to tell the good things."

Those who heard it didn't laugh. They knew the earnestness of the heart from which it had come—a heart willing to be anything or to do anything so that the "good things" might "go" to others; willing to be even the preacher's horse and buggy, if he couldn't be the preacher.

The heart will make the wish. Whatever is in it will come to the lips, and make itself felt and seen in deeds of love and usefulness, or to the contrary. And I have noticed that whenever the heart is running over with earnest desire the one to whom the heart belongs is not only wishing all the time to show the love, but is willing, like the little Indian boy, to do anything, however humble, to prove its sincerity.—Exchange.

READING ALOUD.

There is one accomplishment that self-supporting women would do well to acquire," remarked a tired doctor, "and that is reading aloud. For people who are convalescing or suffering from a slow, tedious ailment, I know of no attention more beneficial than occasional entertainment of this kind. I recommend it for all my patients, but I often have trouble in filling my own prescription for the simple reason that it is hard to find a person whose voice is soothing to the hypersensitive nerves of an invalid."

"In the homes of the well-to-do one would naturally expect to find the women of the family possessed of voices so well modulated that their reading would be a pleasure to the ear,

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but in reality such is seldom the case. Invariably, when I prescribe a course of light reading as an antidote to pain and weariness the patient replies with the question, 'But who is going to do the reading?'

"The usual upshot of the matter is that I volunteer to send somebody in to read for an hour or so each day and I am obliged to provide the reader. This is not easy to do, for while very few native born Americans are illiterate, there are fewer who are fitted to dispel the tedium of a sick room by turning themselves into professional readers. Not infrequently I find voices whose tones are agreeable, but when I put the owners to the test of reading I find that they pronounce badly, inflect still worse and, in short, fail to get any meaning out of the article given to them. They probably get at the gist of it for themselves, but they totally fail to convey it to another."

"It behooves women to set about effecting a combination of the graces of a pleasant, expressive voice, correct pronunciation and quick perception of the meaning of a phrase. If they will accomplish this task, they will find agreeable work to do."—New York Sun.

COMFORT OUT OF SORROW.

There are lives which are cut off before any of their powers are developed. A thousand fond hopes gather about them, all a mother's dream for her child. Suddenly they are stricken down infancy or in early youth. The bud had not time in the short summer to open. It is lifted away, still folded up in its close-shut calyxes all its possibilities of loveliness, power and life. Sorrow grieves over hopes which seem blighted, and cuts on the marble shaft or block some symbol of incompleteness. Yet when we believe in immortality, what matters it that the bud did not open and unfold its beauties this side the grave? There will be time enough in immortality for every such life to put forth its loveliness.—Selected.

Spiritual forces cannot be set down in figures.

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To Bring the Babies Around.

When a little human machine (or a large one) goes wrong, nothing is so important as the selection of food which will always bring it around again.

"My little baby boy fifteen months old had pneumonia, then came brain fever, and no sooner had he got over these than he began to cut teeth, and, being so weak, he was frequently thrown into convulsions," says a Colorado mother.

"I decided a change might help, so took him to Kansas City for a visit. When we got there he was so very weak when he would cry he would sink away and seemed like he would die."

"When I reached my sister's home she said immediately that we must feed him Grape-Nuts, and, although I had never used the food, we got some and for a few days gave him just the juice of Grape-Nuts and milk. He got stronger so quickly we were soon feeding him the Grape-Nuts itself and in a wonderfully short time he fattened right up and became strong and well."

"That showed me something worth knowing and, when later on my girl came, I raised her on Grape-Nuts and she is a strong, healthy baby and has been. You will see from the little photograph I send you what a strong, chubby youngster the boy is now, but he didn't look anything like that before we found this nourishing food. Grape-Nuts nourished him back to strength when he was so weak he couldn't keep any other food on his stomach." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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

It is a question for the Church to decide whether or not we shall preserve intact this holy day. In my view this cannot be done if Christian people are lax concerning its observance. Some Church members, and I much regret to say some ministers, are much at fault by reason of the fact that they ride on trains and street cars on the Sabbath. But it may be alleged that it is an extreme view held only by cranks, fanatics and extremists who condemn ministers for riding on trains and cars to fill appointments. I deny the allegation. On the contrary, I venture to say that a large majority of the ministers hold that it is wrong, and I may say a large majority of members of the Church. But if it is not true, if it is only a minority who protest, they deserve much consideration, since if there is any doubt respecting the right or wrong involved in this Sabbath traveling they give the doubt to the side of conscience. But to my mind there is no difficulty in determining the moral quality of the act; it is obliged to be wrong. I submit that running trains and street cars on the Sabbath is a great sin. Who dare deny it? To encourage a sin is to be accessory to the sin. Does not the criminal law of the State hold an accessory accountable for encouraging murder? Most assuredly. To encourage corporations to run trains and street cars on the Sabbath is to become particeps criminis. If I patronize them on the Sabbath I encourage them; therefore I partake of their sin. But says the objector: "I grant that it is wrong to patronize them for pleasure, or for profit on the Sabbath, but to do good, to fill an appointment or return home after an appointment has been filled, changes the moral quality of the act, and converts an evil into a virtue." Does not such reasoning fall under the ban of the Almighty, and was it not repudiated by Paul in Rom. 3:8? Let us read his statement, "And not rather (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil that good may come. If riding on the trains or street cars to preach and returning home after preaching is not doing evil that good may come, then I confess that I am too stupid to know what would constitute such an act. Moreover, no man rides upon the trains and street cars without paying an equivalent for the ride. Our Book of Discipline, and above that the Word of God, prohibits buying and selling on the Sabbath. Then there are two wrongs involved in this transaction; the first is buying transportation, and the other is patronizing the greatest Sabbath desecrators of this age. In buying, the commodity bought and the stipulated price does not affect the principle involved. I am a transgressor of the law of my Church, and of the divine law if I invest a nickel on the Sabbath except for an absolute necessity (medicine in cases of sickness) to relieve physical suffering. The amount invested does not affect the moral quality of the deed. So far as the moral quality of the deed is concerned I had as well invest a thousand dollars as to invest five cents. But there is still another cogent reason why ministers should not ride on the trains and cars on the Sabbath—it encourages others to do so for any purpose whatever. The man who rides for pleasure, or for profit will, and does plead in extenuation of his offense the example of ministers whom they see on the trains. They are not supposed to know what the motives of the minister may be; he is seen riding on the Sabbath in common with themselves, and that is sufficient. Imagine a preacher paying for his ticket on Sunday morning, takes the train and rides thirty or any number of miles, gets off, takes a carriage at the depot, pays for his ride, alights at the church door, enters the pulpit goes through the preliminary services,

and then announces his text, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The congregation being cognizant of the facts, would they not think if they did not speak out, "Physician heal thyself?" Brethren who do this may claim that we who condemn it are morbidly weak. Be it so. May we not ask that the charity enjoined by Paul relative to eating meat which had been offered to idols be extended to us? It is safe to err on the side of right, but mayhap fatal to err on the side of wrong. Indeed, is not the direction of the apostle, "Abstain from all appearance of evil," apropos in this connection? I know that those claiming to be Christians who use the trains on the Sabbath whatever may be assigned as a reason are not justified by many, very many, of their brethren, and I am in position to know that it is doing incalculable harm. These articles are written to provoke thought, and that God may be glorified. Fort Worth, Texas.

BREMOND AND REAGAN.

The Calvert District Conference, Texas Conference, was held June 22-25, 1904, at Jewett, Texas. We had an interesting session. The financial condition of the district was very good. Pastors reported progress on all of the charges. One young man was licensed to preach, and we hear that he has been doing much in gathering sheaves for the Master. One new Church has been built this year at Mt. Zion which cost about \$965, and is out of debt. Our presiding elder and preachers are doing their work well. We assisted Bro. Skinner at Mt. Zion, near Fairfield, Texas, July 14-21, and the Lord blessed us wonderfully. We were with Bro. Washburn at Blevins, Texas, August 16-20, and had an excellent meeting. Eight united with our Church at that place. Bro. Washburn is doing a good work, and his people love him. Our meetings at Reagan and Bremond were held July 24 to August 14. We received eighteen into our Church at Reagan and seven at Bremond. Thus far we have received 29 on profession this year. Our meeting at Reagan was the best I have seen in Texas. The Lord was with us in great power. Bro. F. M. Boyles was with us and did most of the preaching at both places. Bro. Boyles is a clear, practical gospel preacher. He did his work well, but God be praised for the great revival. "The best of all God is with us." We have secured our assessments in cash and subscriptions and are now collecting subscriptions. We hope to report everything in full. Besides, we expect to bring up some cash for the Texas Advocate. We were made sad by the death of Bro. Cellus Neal, son of Bro. J. M. Neal, of Reagan, August 23, 1904, but rejoice that he died in the triumph of faith. We will send an obituary soon. May God bless you and the Advocate. J. W. TREADWELL.

THE STILL SMALL VOICE.

Why won't the "still small voice" do as well as the heavenly vision? Is it not God's way of communicating with his people now? The conscience is God-given, subject of course to environment and educative influences for which we are not responsible. How can we be when the place of our nativity and the surroundings of our lives are not of our choosing? There is a responsibility though intuitively recognized when this educative process has brought the conscience up to full fledged maturity, and the individualized soul stands out accountable to its God. Then it is ready to attend to the still small voice which has been more or less plainly speaking all through life, but now makes actual demands too imperative to be resisted, too serious to be put aside for the convenient time. Is the soul attendant and ready to say as Saul of Tarsus did, "Who art thou, Lord?" That inquiry was ready enough on the lips of the strong man, the great believer in God, the persecutor of the Christian sect; but the complete surrender to the heavenly vision—was it attained without battle? Three days the educated conscience of Saul, in the darkness of natural vision, battled with the forces within him. Mighty and fierce must have been the conflict of that strong, self-reliant soul. Did it conquer of its own prowess? At the end of the third day it was prostrate before its God, listening, waiting the developments of that heavenly vision, and it was told Ananias, "Behold, he prayeth." Did Ananias obey the command to go to Saul without misgivings, with-

out actual demurrings, as a thing too hazardous to be thought of? Go and put himself into the hands of this man who was cruelly binding and delivering Christians to torture and death, not only men, but women, delicate, timid, tearful.

Not only would he be subjecting himself, but perhaps his beloved wife and daughters to this cruel man. The warfare in the soul of Ananias raged with white heat, but his trusting soul committed itself to one mightier than Saul of Tarsus, and obeyed.

Of course there must needs be conflicts. They are tonics to the soul. "Each victory will help us some other to win."

The "still small voice" which comes to us today is the one great lever by which God uplifts man.

Shall it be lightly turned aside or put off for the more convenient time? Will we meet it with self-reliant pride?

Saul of Tarsus, Ananias, Stephen the Martyr, and a host of other conquerors, met the heavenly vision, then the uplifting lever in God's plan, with the soul battling with God in prayer.

Thus was strength gained. Self was insufficient. Divine aid was a factor in the victory.

It was true in the days of the heavenly vision. It is true to-day in the time of the "still small voice."

The question with us, are we responding to that voice, relying on God's aid to answer it?

Often and often have I thought of the prayer of the martyr of olden time, "Lord, forsake me not, that I forsake not thee."

There was an acknowledgment of human weakness, and the knowledge that only through God's help could strength and victory come.

Lord, forsake me not, that I forsake not thee.

We can forsake God in so many little things. Every day of our lives we are called upon to decide some little question which puts us on the Lord's side or against him.

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The Great Physician. (I am he that Healeth.)

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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I served as above woman's pastor and believe here thoroughly reliable.—J. H. Myers, Terrell, Texas.

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, Palaco, Texas.

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BISHOP E. E. HOSS, D. D.

As we went to press last week a telephone message from Greenville stated that Bishop Hoss would be there on Sunday to dedicate Wesley Church, and former pastors were invited to be present and take part in the services. And we so published the announcement. Personally, the Advocate had received no message from the Bishop since his arrival from Europe, the 10th of August. But it turned out that the Bishop did not leave Tennessee last week, and hence he was not able to meet the Greenville engagement on Sunday. But last Tuesday we had a telegram from the Bishop himself, dated at Montezuma, in which he stated that he was preparing to leave for Texas, and that he would arrive in Dallas on Thursday. So by the time the readers are scanning these lines we presume that our Bishop will be here and that arrangements will soon be made for him and his family to move into the Episcopal residence not many days hence. We rejoice to have him in our midst, and all Texas will open her arms to him and his household. By the time he begins our conference sessions he will be a citizen of Texas, and he will be an honored official of the Church. He expects to throw himself fully into our work and lend a hand to all our enterprises. That he will be a great acquisition to our working force cannot be questioned. He will be our leader, and no Bishop in the Church ever lead a more valiant and heroic force than the membership of Texas Methodism. Their cooperation is worthy the best service that a resident Bishop is capable of rendering. And that Bishop Hoss will more than meet the demands is a foregone conclusion.

In an interesting article published in the Knoxville Journal and Tribune, Dr. W. W. Wadsworth, pastor of Church Street Church, announces his purpose of returning to his old Georgia Conference. He has been in Holston for three years, and succeeded.

In a private note to L. Blaylock, from Santa Ana, Cal., Rev. Sam'l P. Wright says: "If you should come to Santa Ana after sixty or seventy days I hope to give you a good place to sleep and eat, since we are just beginning to erect a cottage in which to die. I shall not, take work any more—too old and 'no account.'"

LOCAL OPTION ELECTION IN CALLAHAN.

An earnest call from Callahan County to help in their local option election took us to Baird last Wednesday morning a week ago. We traveled most of the day on the T. & P. Road. The trip was by way of Fort Worth, Weatherford, Thurber, Cisco to the point of destination. In some places along the route the dry weather had hurt the crop prospects, but for the most part the country was looking well. At Baird we were taken in hand by Rev. J. D. Odom, Bro. A. G. Webb and other members of the pro committee. A good supper with Bro. Webb and his family strengthened us for the battle. The speaking was on the court house grounds at 9 that night. The whole space was occupied with men, women and children. Baird was the storm center, the only point in the county where liquor is sold. The antis were supposed to be in a large majority. Two years ago in that town they received nearly three hundred votes to forty-five for the pros, if we remember correctly. So they were claiming everything. They were bold, aggressive, and a trifle mean. They could not behave very well as we poured hot shot into them for about two hours. They took every advantage to interrupt, but they were silenced by side lies and the occasion was a great success. Other speeches during several days prior had emboldened the pros, and that night it was demonstrated that the antis would not have a walkover. A night of rest at the parsonage and we were off early the next morning for Cross Plains by private conveyance, a distance of thirty miles. Bro. Odom, as true a man as we have in that western field, was our company and guide. He did more in rousing the people to the necessity for the election than any one man in the county. On the platform, in the press and the pulpit, he stirred the voters. He knew the byways and roads. By noon we were fifteen miles or more on our journey, and we took dinner with Bro. R. P. Odom and family. They live on a large ranch and are prosperous. A drive of several miles brought us to Rev. G. C. Austin's home, one of our most excellent local preachers. He was Chairman of the Cross Plains Local Option Club. There we took counsel and picked up such facts as to the campaign that would help us. He is a prosperous farmer, has a fine orchard and a good crop. After a rest we drove near the village and took supper with Bro. Nobbs, an excellent German citizen of that section. He is true blue. At night we gathered under a large shed for the speaking. The antis had an ex-preacher on hand and wanted a division of time; but we were there for business and not to bandy words with that crowd he represented. So he pulled off to the schoolhouse with about forty, and we had the community. For nearly two hours we gave them facts, figures and arguments, and we have never had better attention. A pleasant night in the parsonage with Rev. J. C. Carter and his wife, and we were again on the road for Cottonwood, a point about ten miles distant. We reached it through the sand by 10 o'clock and were received by Prof. Crawford and family. There we rested and dined, and Bro. Odom left for Baird and Clyde to render assistance in those places. But Rev. L. L. Mills, of Putman, a veritable old war-horse, joined us. Cottonwood, like Cross Plains, is a prosperous country village, with several stores, a good school and substantial church houses. We spoke to a large audience in our Church, and the attention and response were fine. This was a strong anti neighborhood in the other election. At 10 o'clock that night Bro. Mills and myself entered his buggy, and as we sat behind his two Texas ponies we drove fifteen miles to Putman, where we caught an east bound train at half past 1 o'clock in the morning, and by 9 we were back in our office at work. The election came off on Saturday, the day we got home. Sunday morning the News had a report from Baird that the antis were claiming the election by about

sixty majority. When we were over there they were claiming it by 3 to 1! Was not that a fall? But as we go to press a telegram from Bros. Odom and Webb informs us that with one small anti box yet to hear from the pros were four votes ahead! They stated that they had it on good authority that on account of the small number of people living at this unreported box no election was held; but should this prove untrue, then if the antis got it by the majority conceded to them at that point, they would carry the county by about six. Two years ago they carried every box in the count except one or two, and they got a majority of nearly 500. Now, after the expiration of two years, they have the county by this small margin, if they have it at all; and the vote last Saturday was as large as the vote two years ago. This shows the growth of local option sentiment in that western section. The local option people out that way deserve great credit for the way in which they managed the campaign. They did heroic work in the face of what seemed to be overwhelming defeat. Whatever the final result, they won a signal victory. The antis will concede it, for they were making great boasts of their coming success. They put men in the field from a distance. Two of them were ex-preachers, and the other two were lawyers from Dallas and Waxahachie. There are two papers of long standing in the county, and both of them were rampant antis. Our old friend of the Baird Star, until recently a member of our Church, pulled nearly all his hair out in his ravings for the antis. He was claiming the county 4 to 1. Of course we called to see him and had a pleasant time with him. We always shake hands with the enemy. We fight them terrifically, but personally we like them. If the time ever comes when personal bitterness gets into our make-up, then we will leave the field. We fight their cause, but want to see the men saved. In conclusion, we wish to say that we have never met a more cordial welcome from the people than in old Callahan. Our Church is not overly strong, but they take the Advocate, and were glad to see us. Our preachers over there are doing a noble work. Their names we have already mentioned. In addition to looking after his flock, Bro. Odom had to start a paper, a monthly, the New Era, in order to have a medium through which to defend local option. The other papers were poisonous on the other side. We presume they were under the impression that to side that way was to go with the big majority. But they have woken up to their mistake. Bro. Odom's paper has more than both of them in circulation. He is anxious to turn the enterprise over to some live local option editor, and the field is a good one. Local option has come to stay. The liquor shop in Texas is doomed. Its days are being rapidly numbered. The people have decreed its extermination. On with the battle!

POLYTECHNIC OPENING.

Polytechnic College opened last Tuesday, and it was our purpose to be with them, but a slight indisposition prevented. However, we heard a good report of the occasion. The whole hill was alive with boys and girls until the college authorities hardly knew where to pack them away. Rev. H. A. Boaz has traveled and preached and lectured and visited homes all the vacation, and wherever he has been he won students for the college. He has not rested day or night. We have been constantly on the go all summer in different parts of the State, and we have crossed his track at every point, and often met him in his work for the school. He is one of the liveliest school men in the Church, and his work is telling. He expects to run his matriculation to more than 300 this year. Last Sunday night he was at Oak Lawn and preached a fine sermon to Bro. Lowry's people. We rejoice in his success. Last Saturday we whizzed by the college on the T. and P., and we were surprised at the improvements

that had taken place. The main building in white stone stands out in great relief, and just below it is the large three-story brick dormitory with about fifty rooms for students. Residences had also gone up, showing that people are locating out there for school advantages. Polytechnic is now to the forefront, and Bro. Boaz is making the institution a great success.

CORYELL COUNTY GOES DRY.

Another county comes into line by about four hundred majority—Coryell. The vote was taken last Saturday and the result is quite satisfactory to the local option people. The battle was a stiff one, for the antis always die hard, whether the vote is to put liquor out or to keep it out. But they always die sooner or later, and usually sooner. It is very rare that they carry a county where an election is held, for the people are disposing of them just as fast as they can reach them. All they need is the facts and figures and they do the rest. The old gag that "local option injures business," and that "prohibition won't prohibit," cannot any longer be thrust down the throats of the people. Old Coryell has turned a deaf ear to these things and put herself in line with good morals and prosperity. Even Gatesville, the county seat, went dry. Good for the people of Coryell! On with the battle!

A MERITED COMPLIMENT.

We take the following interesting item from a recent number of the Terrell Transcript:

Rev. L. P. Lively occupied the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, delivering a very intellectual and spiritual address on "The Life and Character of Jacob." The attendance was not as large as it would have been under more favorable weather condition. Owing to his extreme age and physical infirmities resulting therefrom Rev. Lively was forced to remain seated during the delivery of his sermon, but his voice was clear and distinct so that every one could easily hear the words spoken, save at intervals when the aged sneaker was overcome by emotion. The address was much enjoyed by all who heard it.

THE DRY, THE WET AND THE PARTIALLY DRY COUNTIES.

We are having prepared a correct list of the "dry, the wet and the partially dry counties" in Texas under the operation of the local option laws. We hope to be able to give the correct classification to our readers before long. In the meantime, we publish a classified list given out to the press by Judge Bell, the Revenue Agent at Austin. At least the papers publishing it say that he prepared and furnished it. From our own personal knowledge, we know that the list is incorrect. For instance, Falls County is in the dry column, when we know it to be wet. Nacogdoches and San Augustine are in the wet column, when we know them to be dry. Erath's is put down among the partially dry, when it is totally dry. Walker is omitted altogether, when it is a dry county. These are a few of the errors we note at a glance, but there are many others. Now, we want our readers to go over this list carefully, note the mistakes, and write us the correct data from your own county or counties, and the result will help us verify our figures. If your county is not in the list, then tell us of its status. The following is the list said to have been furnished by Judge Bell:

Judge Bell, the State Revenue Agent, has been making a most diligent effort to learn how the counties stand on the law and has a complete list of the "wet" and "dry" counties, from which the following is taken, which is the very latest official list of counties that have adopted local option in whole: Bandera, Baylor, Bell, Bosque, Brazari, Briscoe, Burnet, Camp, Carson, Castro, Cherokee, Clay, Coleman, Collin, Comanche, Concho, Cottle, Crockett, Deaf Smith, Denton, Dickens, Dimmit, Eastland, Ellis, Falls, Fisher, Floyd, Franklin, Glasscock, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Hale, Hall, Hartley, Hays, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Jack, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kent, Knox, Lampasas, Limestone, Madison, Martin, Mitchell, Morris, Motley, Newton, Ochiltree, Orange, Panoia, Parker, Randall, Red River,

Rockwall, Sabine, San Saba, Shackelford, Shelby, Sherman, Stephens, Sterling, Swisher, Taylor, Throckmorton, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Waller, Wilbarger, Wise, Wood and Zavala—84.

Counties that have adopted the law in whole (unofficial): Brown, Delta, Fannin, Foard, Grimes, Henderson, Milam, Smith, Van Zandt and Young—12.

Counties that have adopted local option in part (official): Anderson, Anglin, Bastrop, Bee, Blanco, Borden, Bowie, Brazos, Callahan, Cass, Chambers, Collingsworth, Cooke, Coryell, DeWitt, Donley, Edwards, El Paso, Erath, Freestone, Galveston, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Gaudalup, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Harrison, Hemphill, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, La Salle, Lavaca, Lee, Llano, Mason, McLennan, McMullen, Medina, Montague, Montgomery, Navarro, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Polk, Reeves, Robert, San Jacinto, Schleicher, Tarrant, Uvalde, Victoria, Ward, Williamson, Wilson—58.

Counties under the law entirely, 96; counties under the law in part, 58; total, 154.

From the record in Judge Bell's office the following are the only counties in the State that are wet all over:

Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Austin, Bailey, Bexar, Brewster, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Childress, Cochran, Coke, Colorado, Comal, Crane, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, DeWitt, Ector, Fayette, Fort Bend, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Hardin, Harris, Haskell, Hidalgo, Hookley, Howard, Hutchinson, Irion, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney, Lamb, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mills, Moore, Nacogdoches, Neches, Oldham, Farmer, Pecos, Potts, Presidio, Rains, Refugio, Runnels, San Augustine, San Patricio, Somervell, Starr, Stonewall, Sutton, Terry, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Val Verde, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Winkler, Yoakum, Zapata and Reagan.

A GOOD DEED.

Dear Louis: The necessary money—in ample amount—has come in cash, and the Yacca Artificial Limb Company, of Los Angeles, are constructing for Frank Houser the finest feet known to the science of surgery. Please express California's gratitude to those Texans, Sunday-school scholars and others, who assisted in so sympathetic and beautiful an act as to lift the little fellow from his knees, upon which he is now walking, and place him upon his new feet. I have acknowledged privately, with heartfelt thanks, those sums which came directly to me.

With much appreciation of the part which the Advocate took in the matter and with great esteem for you personally, I am,

Sincerely your friend, SAM P. WRIGHT. Santa Ana, Cal., Sept. 1, 1904.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. W. B. Wilson, of Granbury, came to the city on business the other day. We were glad to greet him for a few minutes in this office.

Rev. J. E. Roach and sister were in the city the other day and did not fail to pay their respects pleasantly to this office.

Rev. R. F. Bryant, of Forney, ran over the past week and while here looked in on the Advocate force. He has a fine field and he is working it well.

Rev. W. H. Moss, of Hubbard, made a visit to relatives in the Territory awhile back and returned the past week. He stopped in the city and while here made the Advocate a pleasant visit.

Rev. S. W. Thomas, of Houston, made a visit to his mother at Arlington for a few days recently, and on returning through this city he paid his compliments to the office force. He is well and hopeful. His work prospers.

CHURCH NEWS.

Trinity College has organized a Law Department, which will begin work September 7.

The Salvation Army is making marked inroad upon the Chinese Colony in San Francisco.

Judge Parker's mother is a prohibitionist and has been for fifty years a reader of a Church paper.

Georgia Methodism is to be congratulated that she furnishes another missionary for our foreign field—a preacher's daughter, Miss Mamie Myers. Rev. H. P. Myers and wife are honored in

the decision of this young woman. They have wrought well in their own home.

Forty-four members of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church have received the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Rev. Daniel E. Kelley, the hard-working pastor of Boyce, Louisiana, has added over 200 to his membership this year.

Dr. D. C. Kelley has taken the place of Dr. W. R. Peebles, deceased, as presiding elder of the Fayetteville District.

Dr. DuBose reports the California State Epworth League Conference as a meeting of much enthusiasm and spiritual power.

The General Conference of the M. E. Church adjourned the last of May. The new Discipline for 1904 is now on sale. That is quick work.

Next year the Methodist Episcopal Mission in India will celebrate its jubilee. It is proposed to raise a thank offering of \$200,000 to be devoted specially to the equipment of the several publishing houses.

First Church, Little Rock, under the pastoral care of Dr. Walker Lewis, has had recently additions to the number of more than one hundred and fifty.

Bishop Burt has held the Italian Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is the first of the new Bishops to preside over a conference.

Dr. J. M. Beard has been transferred by Bishop Morrison from the Louisiana to the East Columbia Conference, and stationed at Walla Walla, Washington.

Dr. W. F. Tillet has been at Evans-ton, Illinois, where, as a member of the sub-committee, he helped to put the finishing touches on the Joint Hymnal.

The Methodist Church of Australia has a membership of 87,279 and a Sunday-school enrollment of 196,610. This is a fine showing for the Sunday-schools.

The report of the Christian Endeavor Society of Japan in its recent national convention showed a net gain of eleven societies in the year, and a total of 126 societies now in the empire.

There are more than 147,000 clergymen in the United States, who minister to the spiritual welfare of 28,689,028 communicants, who have constructed and maintained more than 184,000 Churches.

A Roman Catholic Bishop recently declared that "if all the descendants of our Catholic forefathers had been true to their faith there would be more than 40,000,000 Catholics in the United States to-day."

Methodism in Canada has made progress during the last statistical year. The increase in membership is 3,436; while for 1903 it was 4,542. The total membership is now 299,873. In two of the twelve conferences—Nova Scotia and New Brunswick—there was a total decrease of 310.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, speaking to a New York East Conference recently, said: "Bear this in mind, that no Presidential chair, no Emperor's throne, was ever yet built high enough to be within ten leagues of the pulpit, in which the fearless preacher stands, winning immortal souls to Jesus Christ."

Of the address of Bishop Hoss, the Christian Commonwealth, of London, says: "The American Bishop had a good time at the open session, but his address was constructed after such a massive pattern that he ought to have had a day for himself. He amused the conference by declaring, as he passed over leaf after leaf of his MS., that he was leaving out all the best bits."

EPIGRAMS

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- (Prepared especially for Texas Advocate.)
- Fashion is the faith of fools.
- Character is enduring capital.
- Walls do not make the house of worship.
- Prayer is to faith as the key to the clock.
- You may know the dogmatic by their bark.
- There is no true culture apart from character.
- Following the right is fleeing from the wrong.
- The longer the tongue the shorter the temper.
- Sin will never be slain with sugared sentiments.
- The strongest arguments may use the softest words.
- God's Word is a handle that fits all of heaven's tools.
- You can apprehend many things you can not comprehend.
- You can not grow tulips of purity out of onions of pretense.
- Zeal is the servant of the wise and the master of the weak.
- God may have to make us destitute that we may become docile.
- Preaching that is only dissection is not going to produce conviction.
- Men who buy diamonds with lead dollars are highly indignant to find them paste.
- A man does not have to pass an examination on the geography of hell to get into heaven.
- The man who takes a drop for the sake of business will soon make a business of taking a drop.
- There are many men who would like to have a band play when they pray if only some one would pay for the music.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Prof. Cody and family have returned safely from the Fair.

The Annex announces to its patrons and prospective patrons that its utmost capacity is now filled, and requests that no one bring or send a daughter here until Dr. Allen has been communicated with and has notified them that he has the room. This does not apply to those who have already had rooms reserved; but if any among these find that they cannot use the rooms reserved, they will greatly oblige the institution by dropping a postal card to Dr. Allen and letting him know that the room can be given to another.

The faculty for next year has been secured. Prof. McSwain's place has not been filled, and the requisite work in the Bible has been placed in Dr. Allen's hands, while relief is afforded him by turning over the work in economics to Dr. Hollis.

The old faculty, with this exception, will be in their places for their usual work, viz: Drs. Cody, Hyer, Shands and Allen, and Profs. Young, Vaden, Hardy and Tinsley.

Dr. C. G. Carroll returns to the chair of chemistry after having won at Johns Hopkins University the reputation of being one of the ablest investigators who has ever attended that institution.

Dr. C. P. Hollis, A. M., from Wofford, and Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins, will fill the chair of history and economics.

Dr. Carlisle speaks of Dr. Hollis in the highest terms.

In the Annex Miss Cahoon, after many years' faithful work, goes out, having become Mrs. Watts. She carries with her our love and prayers. As Miss Larmer returns to her place, Miss Siner, a fine artist, goes out. Miss Larmer brings the highest of commendation from her teacher in Berlin, Madame Stepanoff. Miss McKenzie, after three years' absence, resumes charge of the Art Department. She has been teaching at Alma College, Canada, and studying under Mr. Smith, the celebrated water color artist, who has furnished some of the loveliest pictures in the Canada section in the Fine Art Buildings in St. Louis.

Misses Boyer, Bowen and Oldfield will resume their work.

Miss Bertha Seabury will take Miss Cahoon's place as teacher of violin and madolin. Miss Seabury is from Peoria, Ill., a graduate of the Conservatory there, where she spent some years; and then she went to Europe and spent three years under such masters as Wietrowetz, Klingler, Wirth, Joachim and Witke. The last gave her the following letter:

"Miss Bertha Seabury has shown during her term of study with me, besides decided talent, so much industry and intelligence, that I can sincerely recommend her as soloist and teacher, and wish the best for her future."

We have not a teacher in our musical department who has not spent from one to three years at study in Europe.

Mrs. Allen resumes her place as matron in the Annex. Mrs. Crawford will be the professional nurse, and Mrs. Brituelle, as chaperone, completes our Annex contingent.

Prof. A. S. Pegues will be in charge of the Fitting School, and also of the Gidding's Hall. He will be assisted in the Fitting School by Profs. Burcham and Smith, and Miss Howren.

All is ready for the opening on Sept. 13th.

BIBLES IN MEXICO.

H. G. H.

Nashville Advocate of Aug. 11 says: "The first Protestant Bible ever brought to Mexico is now in our Mission Rooms in Nashville, the gift of Rev. Sostenes Juarez." The account of how this Bible was obtained by Juarez is that he was fighting in the Mexican Liberal army, was captured, imprisoned, and was being guarded by a detachment of French soldiers, and from one of these soldiers he obtained the Bible. The supposition is that the Bible was in the French language. Now the French did not enter Mexico to uphold the invasion and enthronement of Maximilian of Austria until 1860 or 1861, and they were expelled in 1865.

Let us go back a little. In 1846 Zachary Taylor, Winfield Scott and Gen. Kearney each led an invading army of American soldiers into Mexico. There were a number of Protestant chaplains in these armies. Were they without Bibles? There were hundreds of Christian men in these armies. Were they all without their Bibles?

In 1859 R. P. Thompson and his wife were sent as missionaries on the lower Rio Grande. They were supplied with Bibles printed by the American Bible Society in the Spanish tongue, and they sent many of these Bibles across the Rio Grande where they were not permitted to go over themselves.

In 1860 J. K. Harper and his wife were sent as missionaries to the Mexicans on the lower Rio Grande. They were supplied with Spanish Bibles from New York, and while Harper preached on this side of the river, his congregation carried concealed Bibles across to the land of "God and Liberty."

I was present when Thompson's and Harper's appointments were read out, one by Bishop Pierce at Goliad and the other by Bishop Andrew at San Antonio.

Alejo Hernandez found one of these Bibles in Mexico, and it was the first means of bringing him to the light.

I will not dispute the fact that the French soldiers under Marshal Bazaine and Emperor Maximilian took Bibles along with them, as wicked as was their invasion of Mexico.

THE AMERICAN HOME JOURNAL.

The September number of the American Home Journal is before us and is up to its usual standard of merit. The outside cover has an appropriate illustration. The first inside page has an account of the business progress of the periodical and a list of prizes offered for new subs. Homer M. Price has the next page with an interesting story on "Post-office Box 1414." The article is well illustrated. "A Business Proposition," by Mary Greathouse, is a very readable story and written in excellent style. "Texas Boy on Top" is an account of Carl Stenger, who has made a creditable record as a student in telegraphy. The editorial page and "Talks With Girls" have many good suggestions. "The Chautauqua" is an interesting account of this great literary, moral and religious institution. The illustrations are fine. "The Old Stone Fort" is by William A. Bowen and has good Texas history in it. These are a few of the many interesting features of the Journal for this month. Mr. Fred Johnston is putting forth extra effort to give his readers a periodical worthy of their patronage. It is published in Dallas.

MISSOURI METHODISM.

It is my good fortune to be in attendance once more upon a session of the Missouri Conference and as there is a large contingent of Methodists from the old State now in Texas, they will be interested in hearing from their brethren. The first session to assemble in Columbia was in 1845, fifty-nine years ago, that being the year after the memorable General Conference of 1844, at which time that body took steps for division of the Church. The Conference then embraced the entire State. Now it is divided into three conferences—the Missouri, the St. Louis and the South-west Missouri. The membership in 1845 was 26,061, of whom 2,529 were colored. The present membership in round numbers is 105,000. The first conference was presided over by Bishop Joshua Soule, who was born in Maine—one of the colossal characters of American history, but who took sides with the Southern delegates against the abolition agitation of the North. Measures were taken for a peaceable separation, if it should be judged best, at a convention to be held in the near future, and the ministers on the border were to decide by vote whether a separation was desirable and to which side they would adhere.

Rev. Wm. Patton offered resolutions in favor of division and adherence to the Southern Church, eliciting a long and animated debate. The resolutions were finally adopted; yes, 86; nays, 14. Time has vindicated the wisdom of their course. It was my good fortune to have been a member of this conference fifteen years, having been admitted to membership in the body in 1860. Great changes have taken place, both in the personnel of the membership and in material and spiritual conditions. This conference has given great men to the Church—Enoch Marvin, Wm. Goff Caples, Andrew Munroe, the Pritchetts and the noble Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, now presiding, and who was born in the adjoining county of Howard. This session is moving on a high spiritual plane. The opening session was begun with a communion service, a practice to be commended in all our conferences. Dr. John D. Vincil, for the forty-second time was elected Secretary, a record truly enviable. He is a model Secretary, an eloquent preacher and a sincere Christian gentleman. The Church in which the conference is being held has just been completed under the direction and laborious attention of Rev. S. P. Cresap. It is of stone, Romanesque in architecture, with all modern conveniences, a thing of beauty and a joy forever. The cost was about \$35,000. Brother Cresap married a daughter of Rev. Moses U. Payne, the local preacher, and the only millionaire Methodist preacher I ever saw or heard of, and he was a wise steward of the manifold gifts and grace of God. Church building has taken hold of the Church in Missouri as nowhere else so far as my observation extends.

There was a large attendance of con-nec-tional officers and other visitors, lay and clerical. Drs. Tigert, DuBose, Whisner and Ward, Dr. J. C. Morris, of Central College, Fayette, and Rev. A. F. Smith, of Central Female College, Lexington, and our own George W. Bruce, of St. Charles, were present and presented their claims to the conference support.

Dr. Palmore was at home here as everywhere, a cosmopolitan character of generous soul and varied acquisitions.

The past year seems from reports to have been prosperous in an eminent degree. A week spent among the brethren at Mexico and Columbia was like the season described by John Bunyan on the Delectable Mountains. No fellowship is like Christian fellowship, and I could but think and in my heart sing:

If our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we know
When round His throne we meet?
H. A. BOURLAND.
BAIRD.

Callahan County is pro with four majority, and one small box not yet heard from. This box may not have held any election at all. If they held election it will go anti with three to six majority. The anti majority two years ago was 480. A. G. WEBB, J. D. ODOM.

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CONSUMPTION

The Sunday-School Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 12, Sept. 18.

ISRAEL REPROVED.
Amos 5:4-15.

Golden Text: "Seek the Lord, and ye shall live." (Amos 5:6.)

Topical Outline.—I. An Earnest Exhortation. (Verses 4-9.) II. A Solemn Warning. (Verses 10-15.)

Time: Between 787 and 760 B. C.

Place: Amos was born at Tekoa, about twelve miles north of Jerusalem, but he prophesied in the kingdom of Israel, chiefly at Bethel.

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

A Call to Seek Jehovah. 4:9. The words of the lesson are Jehovah's own words. They were spoken to the house of Israel, but they teach principles that apply to all peoples and all ages. It is as true to-day as it was in the days of Amos that to seek Jehovah is the way of life, to forsake Jehovah is the way of death. The lesson opens with a command and with a promise. The one who obeys the command will obtain the promise. A wonderful promise it is, life. What does it mean to "seek the Lord?" To seek is just the opposite to forsake (I Chr. 28:9; 2 Chr. 15:2). It is to turn the face toward him instead of turning the back upon him. It is to seek his favor by learning and obeying his will (2 Chr. 20:3; 34:3). For one who has wandered from Jehovah to seek the Lord is simply to turn from sin, to turn from our own ways and our own thoughts, and turn to the Lord in obedience and trust. When we do this, he is ready to abundantly pardon (Isa. 55:6, 7; Deu. 30:28). There is life for the greatest sinner who will thus seek the Lord. Bethel and Gilgal and Beersheba were all places where idolatrous worship had been established, beginning with Jeroboam's setting up his calf at Bethel (I K. 12:28, 29). To seek these places was to turn the back upon Jehovah. To seek idolatrous and unscriptural modes of worship to-day is to turn the back upon God. All these places had sacred memories attached to them, Jehovah himself had manifested himself at each of them in one way or another. The new false worship, the new theology, always seeks for itself points of contact with the old God-given worship and theology. It can thus more easily beguile the sincere but unwary soul. God is a consuming fire to all those who spurn his grace and refuse to repent and obey him (Heb. 12:28, 29; Mark 9:43-49). In 5:7 we have a striking description of the rulers of that day (R. V.). Is it not a good description of many judges and rulers of our own day? How many there are who seeking justice at court get wormwood instead. To seek the Lord is supreme wisdom; for he is full of power and grace (v. 8). His power is illustrated in four ways. (1) He made the stars. How distant and how stupendous are the stars! Jehovah made them all. It is well to have him on our side. It matters little who is against if he is for us. (2) He turneth the shadow of death (the deepest darkness) into the morning with its sunshine and gladness (Ps. 30:5). For how many of us in his wondrous grace, he has done this very thing. (3) "He maketh the day dark with night." He has done this literally again and again, not only in Bible times (Ex. 10:21-23), but in modern times as well, e. g., in connection with the volcanic disturbances at Martinique. He can do it any day he will where you and I live. (4) He "calmeth the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth." This is not merely a beautifully poetic description of rain, but also a profoundly scientific one. God is the father of the rain. As we are all so utterly dependent upon the rain for food and drink and all things, happy the man who has the author of the rain upon his side. "The Lord" or "Jehovah," the self-existent, eternal—the One who was, is and ever shall be—is his name. Man's strength is nothing against his (5:9, R. V.).

A Call to True Repentance. 10-15. Sinners always hate the man who rebukes the sin (ch. 7:10-17; I Kings 21:20; 22:8; 2 Chr. 24:20-22; 25:16; 36:16; Prov. 9:7, 8; Jno. 7:7; 15:19, 22-24). It takes an unusually wise man to love the one who rebukes him. It is poor compliment to a preacher to have the praise of the wicked (Luke 6:26). The one who speaks uprightly will be abhorred of the one who lives crookedly (Jno. 3:18-20). Verse 11 describes many of the rich of to-day as well as of Amos' day (R. V.). The magnificent houses that they build out of the proceeds of their oppression of the poor will do them no good. They "shall not dwell in them." How often this proves literally true. The first half of verse 12 should sink deep into every sinner's heart (R. V.). There is not a sin we commit by day or night but God knows all about it. He knows its full extent. There are three

counts in Jehovah's indictment against Israel. (1) "Afflict the just" (cf. Acts 7:52). A common practice to-day and one God will punish. (2) "Take a bribe." A rapidly growing iniquity in our land. (3) "Turn aside the needy in the gate." The gate was the place of holding court (Deu. 16:18; Ruth 4:1). How difficult it is for a poor man to get justice in courts of law. This is an enormity that God is observing, and which he will sternly punish. All that a prudent man can do in such a time is to hold his peace and wait upon God, except as God calls him to lift up his voice as a trumpet and show the people their sins (Isa. 58:1). Amos describes his own day as "an evil time." All times are evil until the King whom God has appointed shall come (Eph. 5:15, 16; 2 Ti. 13:1; I Jno. 5:19). But while the times are evil the individual may be good (vs. 14, 15). The thing for us to do in this evil is to "seek good and not evil." The result will be that Jehovah, God of hosts, "will be with us" even in this evil time (cf. Gen. 39:2, 3, 23; Phil. 4:8, 9). True goodness may be summed up into two words, "Hate the evil, Love the good" (cf. Ps. 97:10; Ro. 12:9). Do you really hate sin? Do you really love righteousness? This is the path of blessedness (Heb. 1:9).

The Epworth League Department

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

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GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

The ninth Annual Conference of the Greenville District Epworth League met at Commerce August 26-28. The attendance from the district was small, there being only about thirty delegates present, yet the conference was one of the best ever held in this district. Commerce gave us good audiences and entertained us royally. We had with us Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, of Gainesville, who preached our annual sermon for us; he also filled the pulpit Sunday night, preaching two of the best sermons we ever had the pleasure of hearing. Friday was taken up by the assigning of homes, the address of welcome by Bro. R. C. Hicks, the pastor, and response by Bro. Roach, our President. The social half hour and business session finished the afternoon and at night we had our Junior service, consisting of music and talks, closing with "What the League Has Been to Me," by the Leaguers.

Saturday morning Bro. Nichols gave us an impromptu talk on "Spirituality vs. Formality," which proved that he could talk without preparation, though Bro. Hicks says he can't; but if you had heard him on "The League's Responsibility to Unsaved Young People" you would have believed he was mistaken. Miss Laura English, of Campbell, read a very interesting paper on "Religion and Pleasure." "What Our Charity and Help Department is Doing" brought out some very interesting suggestions from the different delegates. In the afternoon Bro. Nichols talked on "The Needs and Benefits of Instructing Our Young People in the Doctrine and Polity of Our Church," and I wish that all the "anti-League" people could hear that talk. Then the delegates talked on "How to Maintain a Literary Department, the Advantages and Difficulties." A debate, "Resolved that the desecration of the Sabbath is more hurtful to spiritual life than modern social evils," followed with Miss Florence Dial on the affirmative and Rev. J. H. Scrimshire on the negative side. We had no judges, so in each mind the question was settled; and we never learned the result. A business meeting followed and the conference selected Wolfe City as the next place of meeting, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. John E. Roach, Campbell; First Vice-President, Rev. A. N. Julian, Leonard; Second Vice-President, Miss Ella Taylor, Commerce; Third Vice-President, Rev. J. H. Scrimshire, Wolfe City; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Laura English, Campbell; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Florence

Dial, Greenville; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. E. L. Spurlock, Celeste. At night Rev. C. W. Dennis, of Floyd, preached a very interesting and helpful sermon.

The Sunday services consisted of a sermon at 11 by Bro. Nichols, a missionary rally in the afternoon led by Bro. Hicks, and the closing service at night with a sermon by Bro. Nichols. FLORENCE DIAL, Secy.

NOTES.

The Alabama Christian Advocate, in a recent issue, had this to say: "From the Texas Christian Advocate we get these facts regarding the North Texas League Conference, which was in session at Gainesville July 28-31. The opening sermon was preached by Dr. Alonzo Monk, a former Alabamian, and was a masterly effort. In the President's annual address he reported district organization completed and an Epworth League Conference held in each of the ten districts during the year. The general outlook was reported as the most promising in years, and an unusual period of growth and development was predicted. As an evidence of the high missionary spirit prevailing three young women and two young men offered to consecrate themselves to missionary work either at home or abroad. Pledges to the extent of \$1000 were made for the erection of the North Texas Conference Epworth League Chapel of the Settlement Home at Dallas. The conference was characterized by a most enthusiastic spirit; the North Texas Leaguers seemed ready to undertake great things, and the Gainesville people abounded in genuine hospitality. Altogether it was a great conference."

We publish this week two splendid reports of League Conference meetings in Greenville and Austin District. A brand-new feature is reported by each, namely: a debate. Read the reports. They are interesting.

Bro. T. F. Sessions writes us from San Angelo to this effect: "I wish you great success. Whenever I can enter a wedge to help you will do so. Am charmed with my new work."

Much of our space this week is given to the reports of the retiring officers of the State League, and these reports should be closely read and studied by our Leaguers. It is to be hoped that we all desire to improve even upon the excellent records of these retiring officers, and to that end let us study the condition of our work at this time and be ready to aid in any forward movement. G. W. T.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

When I accepted the appointment as Secretary-Treasurer of the State Epworth League I asked for the past records and found none save a copy book containing a few letters and reports from the Secretary to the State Conference in 1903. These records contained nothing that would assist me in reaching the Leagues.

The imperfect organization of Conference and District Leagues has hindered my undertaking beyond measure.

The time of my labors has proven too short to accomplish the desired results. With the imperfect organization of conferences and districts it will take most a year's time to reach all the Leagues and receive communications from them. A great number of them you have to write a third time and even then some of them fail to respond.

From the work accomplished you will readily see that the State League has not been a factor in assisting the local work of the Leagues, and had we the time to make it such a lack of means would have prevented any undertaking in this direction.

During the four months of our service we have spent our efforts largely toward collecting the State dues, at the same time keeping a careful record of all the Leagues as they reported to us, from the conference officers to the local Leagues.

There has been a steady increase in the work of the Leagues during the past year, and if we could only devise some means to overcome the seeming indifference on the part of some of our young people in the League work, and inspire them with some of the zeal and energy that first characterized the work, we would again see the Leagues of our State making rapid progress.

The following collections have been made during the year, viz: Decatur Jr., \$8.80; Gainesville, Broadway, \$1.75; Gainesville, Broadway Jr., \$2; Prosper, \$1; Rockwall, 75c; San Marcos, \$1; Cameron Jr., 75c; Pottshoro, \$1; Bells, 50c; Forney, 75c; Garland, 50c; Valleyview, \$1.10; Sutherland Springs, 50c; Jacksboro Jr., \$1; Myra, \$1; Gainesville, Denton St., \$2.50; Wichita Falls, \$1; South Austin, 50c; Dublin, 50c; Oak Cliff, \$1; Cleburne Jr., \$2; Terrell, \$1.50; Princeton,

\$1.50; Greenville, Willow St., \$1; Mineral Wells, \$3.30; Buda, 50c; Bridgeport Jr., 50c; Dallas, First Church, \$2; Sherman, Travis St., \$1; Plano, 50c; Tyler, Marvin Church, \$1; Marble Falls, \$1; Millford, 50c; Alvarado, 50c; Mesquite, \$1; Ferris Jr., \$1; Center Point, \$1.50; Caletto, 50c; Van Alstyne, \$1; Van Alstyne Jr., \$1; Waxahachie, 80c; Haskell, \$1.50; Lancaster, 50c; Groesbeck, 80c; Plano Jr., 50c; Boyce, \$1; Ferris, 50c; Coleman, \$1; Salado, 50c; Austin, First Church, \$1.50; Kennedale, \$1.20; Orange, \$1; McKinney, \$1.50; Nevada, \$1; Houston, German, 60c; Gatesville, \$1; Jackahoro, \$1; Goliad, 50c; El Campo, 50c; Blooming Grove, \$1; Grassyville, \$1; Plano, \$1.50; Santa Anna, 90c; Kyle, \$1.50; Rising Star, \$1.50; Galveston, \$1.25; Greenville, 50c. Amount collected since convening of conference, \$14.50. Total collections, \$91.50.

The following amounts have been disbursed during the year, viz: For printing, stationery, envelopes, etc., \$13.50; postage account, \$20; Miss Mollie Daviss expense account, \$6.10; Miss Clara Wood, on expense account, \$9.85; J. E. Swepston, expense account, \$17.40; for printing programs, \$14.40; Rev. J. R. Hill, on expense account, \$5. Total disbursements, \$86.30. Balance on hand, \$5.20.

The following account is unpaid, viz: President Halsell's expense account, \$25.75.

The following is the statistical report:

North Texas Conference.—Senior Epworth Leagues, 191; members, 3200; Junior Epworth Leagues, 59; members, 5612. Total Leagues, 160, total members, 5612. Raised for missions, \$525.88; for other purposes, \$2286.93. Total, \$2794.37.

West Texas Conference.—Senior Leagues, 84; members, 1356. Junior Leagues, 44; members, 1356. Total Leagues, 128; total members, 3919. Raised for missions, \$329.45; for other purposes, \$1499.53. Total, \$1828.98.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Senior Leagues, 149; members, 4919; Junior Leagues, 95; members, 3625. Total Leagues, 244; total members, 8555. Raised for missions, \$704.29; for other purposes, \$3121.50. Total, \$3825.79.

Texas Conference.—Senior Leagues, 58; members, 1898; Junior Leagues, 24; members, 298. Total Leagues, 82; total members, 2896. Raised for missions, \$286.92; for other purposes, \$1590.70. Total, \$1877.62.

German Mission Conference.—Senior Leagues, 13; members, 331; Junior Leagues, 1; members, 25. Total Leagues, 14; total members, 356. Raised for missions, \$42.39; for other purposes, \$86. Total \$128.39.

Recapitulation. Conference Leagues. Members. North Texas..... 160 5612. West Texas..... 128 3919. Northwest Texas. 244 8535. Texas 112 2896. German Mission... 14 356. Total 668 21,318. J. E. SWEPSTON, Secretary-Treasurer.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

When I accepted the appointment as Second Vice-President of the State League I did so with fear, feeling my inability to fill the position. Though having done the conference work for two years I did not know how to take hold of so vast an undertaking.

I at once wrote to Bishop Candler, Drs. H. M. DuBoise and Seth Ward, all of whom advised me to get in touch with as many local Leagues as possible and ask for and give new ideas in the work.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. K. Ragsdale, the then State Secretary, I corresponded with the Mercy and Help chair of the Federation of Epworth Leagues of New York, Chicago and Boston, asking their methods of operation. While receiving some assistance I found our work as a whole as well organized as any. In some ways better.

During the year I have tried to so stress the "Help" feature as to eliminate from the minds of the workers in the smaller Leagues the idea that supplying the bodily wants of the destitute is the mission of our department. In fact, I operate only two charity sub-committees, while we use twelve help sub-committees.

I think the greatest amount of good has been accomplished in the "Shut-in" department.

As far as possible I have reached the chairmen of this department, but there are many I could not know. In West Texas Conference I can report only six organized departments. In North Texas, 17; Northwest Texas, 13; in Texas, 47; making a total of 83 organized charity and help departments. Visits to poor sick, 7352; visits to absentees from S. S. and E. L., 10,523; visits to jails and hospitals, 780; visits to new Church and League members, 1176; new members secured for S. S. and L., 4027. Employment secured for 513 men, 279 women. Have placed

Bibles in the hands of 101. Lookout committees have greeted 19,154 strangers. Visits to "Shut-ins," 698. Sunshine packages to "Shut-ins," 43. Visits to rescue and orphan homes, 373. Prayer-meetings, 589. Bouquets of flowers, 13,027. Magazines and papers distributed, 11,142. Amount of moneys expended, \$7236.49.

(MISS) MOLLIE E. DAVISS, Second Vice-President.

JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

It gives me very great pleasure indeed to tell you something of what our little Juniors are doing in this vast State of Texas; yes, a great country, clothed in the beauty of natural grandeur and overflowing with bounties of its own resources; but thank God, best of all, a Christian land, alive with Junior Leaguers.

A little army, one might say, whose forces this year have reached 8129 strong, and Jesus their Captain at the head of the line. There are dozens and hundreds of little ones waiting to be enlisted, but hear it Christians! our work is being shamefully retarded on account of the insufficiency of Christian leaders.

As I note what wonderful progress we have made during the past year my heart burns with gratitude to God, yet when I think of what we could have done and the opportunities that we slighted, I feel like bowing humbly before God and begging his forgiveness. There is not a man or woman who bears testimony to the love of his Savior who has not in his heart a desire to do something for his Master; and, my brother, sister, the greatest mission you can fill is to gladly superintend the Junior League of your home Church when the pastor calls you. There are many Wesleys, Moodys and Whitefields enshrined in these little hearts and beneath the little tan brows there are minds of Presidents and great political leaders who will govern the future of our Church and State. So now let us stamp the seal of godliness upon their lives that will bless all generations to come.

I have been very incompetent to take the place of one preceding me as State Junior Superintendent, and without the aid of so many good, Christian workers I feel that I would have faltered utterly in my part of the work; but in helping one another we have met with encouragement on every hand, and I know that God has blessed our efforts, though weak they may have been.

I found it necessary on one or two occasions during the year to correspond with our presiding elders and to my very great surprise I received a ready reply from all in the State, I believe, with the exception of three. It is very encouraging to have our preachers and presiding elders stand so faithfully by us in our Junior work. We have a number of preachers who have organized Junior Leagues themselves this year and others say, "We are ready to organize just as soon as we find a suitable leader." My friends, don't let your pastor delay this important work on account of having no superintendent, but say, "Here am I."

A number of District Junior Superintendents have been appointed during the past year, possibly twenty. North Texas boasts of having one in each of the ten districts. None of the other conferences, however, are quite as well supplied. Texas and North Texas Conferences have each been supplied with faithful and energetic Conference Superintendents.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Number Leagues, 95; last year, 70; increase, 25. Members, 3625; last year, 2787; increase, 838.

West Texas Conference.—Leagues, 44; last year, 28; increase, 16. Members, 1356; last year, 1045; increase, 311.

North Texas Conference.—Leagues, 60; last year, 51; increase, 9. Members, 2412.

Texas Conference.—Leagues, 25; last year, 15; increase, 10. Members, 736.

Totals: Number Leagues, 224; members, 8129; new Leagues, 60.

Leagues reported, 1096.

Members, 4681.

Department of Worship.—Number devotional meetings held, 5025; average attendance of boys, 814; average attendance of girls, 1182. Junior Leagues who are members of M. E. C., 439.

Department of Practice.—Number visits to sick, 4117; number visits to strangers, 314; number bouquets placed in Church, 345; number bouquets sent to sick 734; number Bibles, papers, tracts, etc., distributed, 4270; number scholars procured for Sunday



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SECRETARY'S MINUTES.

The twelfth session of the Texas State Epworth League Conference met in Shearn Church, Houston, Texas, Aug. 9-11, 1904, at 8 p. m. Dr. Du Bose of Nashville, Tenn., preached the opening sermon from Luke 4:18, 19.

Wednesday Morning.

Sunrise prayer meeting was conducted by Pres. Halsell, and song service was conducted by R. D. Harcastle, of Cleburne.

At 8 a. m. after devotional service, communications from the following were read expressive of regrets that they were unable to attend the conference. Rev. J. Sam Barcus, Rev. J. T. Smith, Miss Allison, Rev. W. F. Packard.

The roll was called by conferences and the chair appointed the following committees:

Committee on Nominations.—North Texas Conference, Gus W. Thomasson, W. J. Flesher; West Texas Conference, Rev. C. S. Mills, Miss Whitner; Northwest Texas Conference, Mrs. C. W. Henry, Rev. A. D. Porter; Texas Conference, Rev. A. D. Thomasson, Miss H. A. Dechaums; German Mission Conference, Mrs. Kate M. Rabe, Rev. S. W. Koym.

Committee on Resolutions.—North Texas Conference, Rev. J. W. Hill, Miss L. B. Harlins; Northwest Texas Conference, R. D. Harcastle, Miss Fannie Beard; West Texas Conference, Earl Huffer, Rev. C. S. Mills; Texas Conference, Rev. S. R. Hay, Rev. Ellis Smith, Miss C. Oxley; German Mission Conference, Mrs. Katie M. Rabe.

Report of the Assembly Committee was called for and read, which by order of the Conference was referred to Committee on Resolutions. The President made his annual address. By order of the Conference the recommendations were referred to Committee on Resolutions. At 9:20 Dr. Du Bose spoke on the Assembly plan and condition of the Epworth Era.

Reports from the North Texas, Texas and German Mission Conferences were called for and reported, showing a deep spiritual interest and general increase along all lines. Dr. Du Bose and others discussed the organization of the Northwest and West Texas Conferences, after which an intermission of 15 minutes was taken.

At 10 a. m. Rev. G. S. Sexton of Galveston delivered an address on "The Need of Conference Organization." At 11 a. m. Rev. J. W. Hill of Denison delivered an address, subject, "The Young Man of To-day."

Announcements for the afternoon and Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Devotional services were conducted by Miss Louisa Hartman of Dallas.

After reading of the minutes of the morning session the Sec.-Treas. made his annual report. At 3:20 Miss Clara Wood, Jr. supt., made her report on Jr. work. At 3:00 Mrs. C. W. Henry read a paper on, "The Relation of the Junior League to the Senior League," which was ordered published in the Texas Christian Advocate. At 4:00 Miss Constance Oxley, of Longview, discussed the subject, "Is the Junior League a Benefit to the Church?" At 5:30 Dr. Du Bose delivered an address on the general work of the League.

Thursday Morning.

Sunrise prayer meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. W. Henry of Cleburne. Devotional service was conducted by W. J. Flesher. After reading minutes of the evening session, Miss Haskins, City Missionary of Dallas, talked on the home mission work, presenting a call from the Home Mission Society for workers in the Mission field.

R. D. Harcastle asked to make a partial report on Resolutions. By order of the Conference the order of business was suspended in order that the resolution referring to appointments of committee, to draft By-Laws and Constitution be considered. By motion the resolution was adopted and the chair appointed the following as committee on By-Laws and Constitution: Rev. G. S. Sexton, Rev. J. W. Hill, Gus W. Thomasson.

Rev. A. D. Porter of Cleburne delivered an address on the "Field of Bat-

tle." Gus W. Thomasson asked that the "Round Table Talk" be omitted on account of lack of time which was granted. R. D. Harcastle spoke for a short time on, "What is the Scope of the Word Help as Distinguished from Charity?" Miss Myrtle Woolford of Galveston read a paper on, "How the Charity and Help Department can be Beneficial to the Church." At 10:30 Miss Mollie Daviss of Houston, occupied a short time in discussing the "Charity and Help Department." Wesley Peacock of San Antonio conducted open discussion on the "Literary Department." After a recess of 5 minutes Rev. G. S. Sexton of Galveston spoke on his travels in the Holy Land.

Thursday Afternoon.

Devotional services conducted by Pres. Halsell. After the reading of the minutes of the morning session, the Committee on Resolutions submitted its report which was received and after some alterations was adopted. Committee on By-Laws and Constitution submitted its report, which after some alterations was adopted.

Committee on Nominations submitted its report which was adopted as follows: Pres., Gus W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne; First Vice-Pres., Rev. A. D. Porter, Cleburne; Second Vice-Pres., Miss Laura Allison, Austin; Third Vice-Pres., Prof. W. Palmer, San Marcos; Fourth Vice-Pres., Rev. C. A. Lehmburg, Fredericksburg; Sec.-Treas., Theo. Bering, Houston; Junior Supt., Mrs. C. W. Henry, Cleburne.

Assembly Committee.—Rev. G. S. Sexton, Galveston, Chairman; Rev. J. M. Peterson, Terrell; W. G. Lee Woods, San Antonio; Hon. R. W. Hall, Vernon; H. H. Halsell, Decatur.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted. On account of lack of time the committee on By-Laws and Constitution asked that they be allowed to report the By-Laws at the evening session, which time was granted. At the evening session the Conference heard the reading of the By-Laws, which were adopted; after which the conference adjourned to hear Rev. J. W. Hill preach the closing sermon.

J. E. SWEPSTON, Sec.-Treas.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

The first two days of the District Conference held at Elgin, Texas, June 21-22, 1904, were Epworth League days.

The League Conference opened by a very impressive prayer service lead by Rev. Callaway. Following which was an address by Miss Nora Brooks of Elgin, of most cordial welcome as well as a brief synopsis of League history. To this Miss Mary Dechard of Austin responded, giving a word of inspiration to the Leaguers in charge of the Conference work.

As usual all Leaguers were glad when Mr. Bailey came forward and presented some facts in the all important question, "What can we do to improve the Devotional Exercises in our League?" After these remarks the Conference enjoyed listening to a very fine debate: "Should the Pastor Attend and Take Part in the Devotional Exercises of the League." Affirmative, Rev. C. H. Booth and Prof. R. W. Fowler; Negative Rev. A. V. Harbin and Mr. W. C. Bryant. So thoroughly did Rev. Booth discuss his side of the question that when he had finished it seemed to the listeners that there remained but little to be said, his most important thought being that it was a pastor's duty at all times to mingle with his flock, giving encouragement and enthusiasm to his members. His colleague, Prof. R. W. Fowler, made some very fine remarks. However, Rev. Harbin found reasons to differ and in a good, sound, logical way by saying that it was impossible for the pastor to always be present. In this he was rejoined by Mr. Bryant, who came forward with a few very witty and terse remarks. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative.

The Leaguers were all glad to hear Miss Laura Allison on "How We Can Make our Missionary Topics More Interesting." Miss Allison has served so long in various departments of Church work that the Leaguers felt benefited in listening to anything she might say, and especially were they benefited in her discussion of missionary work, as this has always been found to be rather a hard problem for Leaguers.

Among others whose papers were very worthy of mentioning were Mrs. Ellis on "How Best to Discover and Aid the Worthy Poor," and Miss Bernice Mosley on "How Shall We Raise Funds for the Charity and Help Department."

The afternoon session was opened by the devotional exercises lead by Miss Lena Bishop of Austin. To this we were glad to note that the trains had brought in more Leaguers, making quite an increase over the morning session. The meeting was very enthusiastic. In the afternoon mention must be made of the paper read

by Miss Nellie Foxon, "Some Things Our Junior Leaguers Do."

One of the important features of the afternoon session was the model business meeting which illustrated League work in all phases and gave the Leaguers ideas of how similar meetings should be conducted.

The song and prayer service of the night session was lead by Mrs. A. C. Ellis of Austin. The readings by Mesdames Booth and Ellis and Miss Nettie Hunt were very fine and enjoyed by all, as was also the solo by Miss Organ of Bastrop.

Rev. Sterling Fisher's address, the main feature of the evening, was very interesting and profitable as he gave new ideas of League work.

The second day's session opened Wednesday with a prayer and praise service lead by Miss Allison of Austin.

The morning session was principally devoted to business, and from the reports of various officers we were glad to note quite an increase in membership and also an encouraging account of the work being done by the different Leagues. There has been several new Leagues organized in our district, both Junior and Senior Leagues.

The principal features of the night session were the missionary address by Messrs. Hoge and Fisher. Both of which were very enthusiastically and ably handled.

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SYMPATHY.

Grief, prowling darkly at my door,
Came in unbid to-day,
And boldly said, "I've come to stay,
Unless, perchance, I'm driven away
By some sweet word of sympathy."

The darkening clouds still darker
grew,
As round my hearth, unblushingly,
Grief held its sway,
The livelong day,
And kept unwelcome company.

At last there came the longed-for
word,
And, as by chance unwittingly,
Grief went her way,
She could not stay
In touch with sweet-voiced Sympathy.
—Susan A. White, in Boston Traveler.

A copy of the minutes of the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of Northwest Texas Conference, held in Corsicana, came to hand from our friend and sister, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, and we hereby express our appreciation of the favor. The contents of the neat and attractive pamphlet show the advance movement made by this society the past year in every department of the work and give information of careful and systematic plans for the work of the coming year.

FIELD NOTES.

Prayer hour, 9 o'clock a. m. "Hither-to ye have asked nothing. * * * Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Rollins, informs us that the application of Miss Fannie Mann for preparation for deaconess work has been accepted and the Conference Society becomes responsible for her education. This young lady is from Joshua, Texas. She has the fullest indorsement of her pastor, Bro. Mussett. She has felt the call of God from her childhood, living a beautifully consistent and devoted life, and now, in the maturity of her young womanhood, the way opens, under God, for a fitting for her calling. We bespeak faithful prayer for her as she goes out, our first student at the Scarritt School.

Shall we not be glad, dear sisters, with a solemn gladness, for the consummation of this movement? Not with any intention to cease our effort, but a little season to "rejoice in the Lord," and then on to greater things.

We have not yet fulfilled our part for the Waco Deaconess Home. There must be a building for the Dallas Home. There are few of our women but can take a share in this at \$1, and many of them can take a number of shares. Mrs. W. H. Johnson is now in California in the interest of this enterprise.

Mrs. Lumpkin, from the Sanitarium in Temple, writes that she will shortly be able to be removed to her home. Her season of affliction has proven a time of great spiritual awakening and she will go out with a new baptism of strength for a higher service. Amen!

Dublin District has a young lady for District Secretary. She writes: "My brothers, sisters and I have this week deeded a house and lot for a superannate preacher's home, and provided money to paint, paper and furnish it." This information was not intended for publication, but I must send it on to tell its story of noble devotion to God's cause and ministry.

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Sweeter than any grace of tint or form; nobler than the keen look of intellect, or the massive breadth of power; noblest when it is added on to these is the beauty with which holiness of soul lights up the face. It makes the plainest features pleasant to look upon; it lights up the sunken eyes of sickness, smooths the worn brow of care, wreathes the drawn lips of suffering into smiles and gives to age a glory which is like a foreshadowing of the very "crown of life." Someone has said that a woman can not choose whether she will be beautiful at twenty, but that it is her own fault if she is not beautiful by the time she is sixty. True—and for men as well as women. As life goes on our faces become what we make them.—the silent outgrowth of the character within.—Brooke Hereford, D. D.

HONOR AND HONORS.

Honor and honors are two very different things. A man who is loaded with honors may be destitute of honor, and a man who is the soul of honor may be lacking in honors. Honor is an element of character. Honors are dependent on reputation. Character is what a man is. Reputation is what others think of a man. A man of honor will be right and do right whether he gains or loses by it. A man can not have honors unless others think he is entitled to them. More than once a young student has won class honors, in a college contest for a prize in composition and rhetoric, by having an essay written for him, and has not had honor enough to confess that he was not entitled to the honors. It is always well to have honor. It is not always well to have honors. Honors should never be counted the first object in life. Honor should always be given the first place in personal conduct.—Selected.

THOUGHTS ON MISSIONS.

(A paper read by Mrs. Robt. Seay, of Trinity Church, Dallas, at an open meeting of the auxiliary, W. F. M. Society, Oak Cliff Church, Dallas, and published by request.)

The W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society are both important wings to the Methodist Church, whose twin mission is to bear the tidings of great joy, "beginning at home," extending to the uttermost parts of the earth, according to our Savior's command. We believe the time will come when it shall not be home or foreign missions, but "missions," and our battle cry, "The world for Christ!" While the past century has been wonderful in its material, social and political developments, it has been no less eventful in the onward march of the conquering legion of King Immanuel. When we compare fourscore years ago with the present age it suffices to remind us of the amazing changes, so if we reckon time by its results twenty-five years of this century may out measure a millennium of olden times. Glorious will be the change when prejudice and indifference—the great foes to foreign missions—shall be unknown, and we shall honor "one God, one law, one element, and one far-off event to which the whole creation moves."

Christianity has always been and must be missionary, since missions began when the Lord Jesus began. From the time that St. Paul went to Cyprus and Asia Christianity has been a missionary religion, nor did Paul wait until all were converted in the home Church before he went to new fields. The spirit of Christ is spreading. There is more of philanthropy and brotherly helpfulness in the world to day than ever before, but not enough to meet the need. Who shall teach the way of Christian living to those who sit in darkness?

Governments cannot, merchants and military men will not. Who but Christians can pass on the life that means all blessing? If the mind of Christ is really the mind of his people, the first desire will be to communicate the great blessing to some other heart, and onward still to another from person to person, from nation to nation, extending in space, and expanding in minds and hearts, until the whole world shall know him, "whom to know aright is life eternal."

The most vital need today is a larger Christian intelligence, more love for God, and the souls of our fellowmen. Goethe's dying cry was, "More light." Our living cry should be, "More love." Another hindrance confronts us, selfishness, which will hold us and ruin us, unless it be driven out by the gospel of love, and the heavenly light will brighten our narrow horizon. Every faculty we have was given by the dear Lord for his service, and when he said, "Go ye," every child of God was called to this work, either to go or to send.

It is inconceivable that any Christian should accept Christ for himself and deny it to the world. If it is good enough for him, why not good for the world? The most blessed part of life is the giving forth of what we have, not merely money, but knowledge, character, hope, faith, sympathy and love. The Church must stand behind its missionaries with loving sympathy and support. The most pathetic spectacle in the world is that of one foreign missionary in some distant heathen city. Paul never grew plaintive in his brave letters until he was alone. Elijah never lost his courage until out in the desert alone. When we think of the millions who do not know Christ as their Savior, is not that enough, without going into details as to their ideas of life and morals?

We hear you say, "Charity begins at

home." Charity is love, and love counts every needy soul a neighbor, even the world. What do we find in Gal. 5:14? "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." If love begins at home, 'tis only a starting point for the farthest goal. We must admit our own selfish pride is to a great extent mingled with home missions, while the foreign is wholly unselfish. In this age of progress distance has ceased to be a hindrance. Language no longer make men strangers. Should we not, if we love our neighbor as ourselves, hasten to reveal to them the light and life of the gospel?

Again, we hear you ask, "Why not evangelize the unsaved in our home land? We would answer, "America is a Christian nation." From the bell-fries of her many churches peal forth the bells, calling her people, from Sabbath to Sabbath, to come and partake of the "gospel feast." But, alas! how many are kept away by the world and its environments with the flattering unctious of a promise to do better in the future. Our obligation to the heathen we feel to be personal and alienable. Lastly, it may mean sacrifice and self-denial, but no human life can please God by only saving itself. We must die to live. This is but following in the blessed footsteps of our Savior. Like those flowers which give out their sweetest perfume when crushed, the precious life of Jesus gave out its most holy sweetness when suffering most unjustly.

Let us seek to know what the Lord would have us do toward carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. He who is not a missionary Christian we fear will be a missing Christian when the great day comes for bestowing the rewards of service. The holy spirit is using a multitude of influences to bring us to goodness and to heaven, and also to save the heathen. Let us move on from conquest to victory and with expectant faith look forward to that wonderful time, the final accomplishment of God's purpose concerning humanity, when the religion of Jesus Christ shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

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Heaven's house of lords is the house of the lowly.—Ram's Horn.

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God, Rev. D. F. Fuller. He came and labored with us ten days. Bro. Fuller is one of the strongest preachers of North Texas. We loved him before he came to assist us; he was my grandparents' pastor, when in California; for two years my mother's pastor and has always shown himself a friend to young men. There were no conversions, but we all were benefited—in that we knew we had a better conception of divine truth. Our next meeting was a joint one with the C. P. Church; several conversions; quite a number joined both Churches. With a few days' rest we were ready for the conflict again. Beginning the first Friday night of August we attempted to plant the banner of Christ in a place where sin had long had its way. Dye Mound was once the center of a circuit. Here is where Joe Weaver was such a source of terror to the Campbellites. God bless you, Bro. Weaver; there will be many persons who will meet you in heaven and say, "You led me to Christ by preaching to me the doctrines of Methodism." Bro. Byars, of Southmayd, reached us Monday night and labored with and for us like a Trojan through the meeting, capturing the hearts of saint and sinner. The Church was built up and Dye is coming to the front again. But the climax was reached in our last meeting at Mt. Tabor. Bro. Stafford, our presiding elder, reached us on Friday night, stayed with us through Sunday morning service. I never saw a preacher win the hearts of a community as quick as Bro. Stafford. Our Quarterly Conference was the best we have had. Bro. Hightower, of St. Jo, followed Bro. Stafford and we had a glorious revival, the results of which we received seven into the Church the last service. Now we are at rest, and in a few days we will start in for the home run. God bless the Advocate and all of its readers.

Denison.

M. A. Cassidy, Sept. 1: I closed a meeting at Ada, I. T., last Sunday night. Had over 100 professions; 70 joined Church. The meeting was held in a big tent 60x90 feet, which was too small for the crowds. We used all the seats from the Methodist, C. P., Campbellite, Salvation Army and court house and 200 besides, and yet the people were not all seated. Our pastor there, Bro. McDonald, is a fine man, an excellent preacher and a good general. Our Methodism is moving forward in both Territories.

Millican.

E. S. Hursey, Sept. 1: We have just closed three fine revivals on our work. We have added to our Church this year sixty members; had seventy-five conversions, baptized thirty-five adults and twelve infants. We have organized one Epworth League, one Home Mission Society, one Sunday-school, all of which are doing good work. All our conference collections are paid in full, and there has been a great spiritual uplift throughout the entire charge. We have had some very remarkable conversions, some as bright as I ever witnessed, together with the settlement of old neighborhood feuds and quarrels, the result of strenuous personal work. Bro. I. F. Betts, of Bryan, helped me in one meeting, and came to help me in a second, but we were rained out. Otherwise, I did all of the preaching myself. Brother Betts is a fine preacher and a good helper in a meeting. If I were Bishop, I might appoint him presiding elder of Huntsville District next year.

Kingston.

J. W. Blackburn, Aug. 29: We have held all our meetings for the Kingston Circuit but one. Eighty conversions and seventy additions to our Church. In our meeting at White Rock Bro. Parrish gave us a start; better help is hard to find. Here also Rev. Sam Ashburn rendered valuable service until suddenly summoned from us by tidings of sickness at home; then his brother, I. S. Ashburn, filled his place, preaching with old-time power, to the teeming multitudes that crowded to his ministry. At Mount Carmel we had the best meeting of all; organized a Church of forty members. Here we stood alone, except two services held by Bro. Gibson.

Woodland.

Walter Douglass: Our camp-meeting continued ten days and closed on Monday. We had a very gracious revival. Had about fifty conversions and reclamations; twenty-two have joined the Church and others will come in. So we thank God and take courage. Bro. Casey was with us three days; his sermons were soul-stirring and wrought conviction upon our people. Bro. Powell, of Bagwell charge, and Bro. Dickey, of the Detroit Presbyterian Church, did part of the preaching. They are young men of fine ability and were favorably received by our congregation. Bro. Kendall, local elder

of this charge, deserves special mention. He was with us most all the time. His sermons are practical and spiritual. Bro. Kendall has been preaching to this people more than thirty years; we trust he may live many more to do the work of the Lord. All our Advocate readers are pleased with the paper. Dr. Rankin's editorials are well received. We believe him the right man in the right place.

Campbell Circuit.

John E. Roach: We have had three meetings since last report. At Caney I was assisted by Rev. C. P. Simpson, a true, loyal, local preacher, and pastor's friend and helper. His preaching is pointed and powerful. But for sickness and rains we would have had a great meeting. At Friendship we had a fine meeting; ten or twelve conversions and seven accessions to the Church. The most harmonious meeting it has ever been my pleasure to hold. The round was finished at Campbell. A great meeting. Eleven conversions and fifteen accessions to the Church, some by certificate. The oldest man in Campbell was converted at the altar. Rev. C. C. Young, of Georgetown, assisted me in these last two meetings. He is an excellent young man and a fine preacher. His help was thoroughly appreciated by all my people. He returns to finish his course this year.

Brashear.

J. A. Elder, Sept. 4: Our meeting at Brashear closed last Sunday at 11 o'clock, our pastor (Bro. J. B. Minnis) going to Emblem for his meeting there. Bro. H. M. Pirtle came on Saturday before the third Sunday in August and gave us ten days of good, wholesome, sound gospel preaching. Visible results: three professions, four joined the Church. All in all, we had a good meeting; Church revived and good to come in days to come. Bro. Minnis is liked by all his people. He has given us two years of faithful work. And Bro. Pirtle (may the Lord bless him and keep him and his in much peace) came and gave us two of his doctrinal sermons in his own plain way and in a spirit that none could find fault with, but made his subject so plain that the wayfaring man, though he be of little wit, could not help seeing it was the Bible straight from God unto man. I can say that any Church that needs the doctrinal subjects of our Church need not be afraid to call on Bro. Pirtle to preach them for it. Of course some will object, but all true Methodists that love the Church and its cause will stand by the Church, but some can not stand sound doctrine.

Gober.

K. L. Ely, Sept. 5: We closed our fourth and last meeting on this charge last night here at Gober. Have had about 60 conversions and 50 additions to the Church in these meetings. We are very much indebted to Bro. G. A. Marvin, local deacon of Ladonia; Bros. Smith, Riddle and Bludworth, of Dodd City and Honey Grove; also to Bro. A. M. Shaw, of Crossett, Ark., for very efficient services rendered in these meetings. We have all the collections in hand and good subscriptions. This has indeed been a great year with me. To God be all the praise. If it were not for the four year limit I would want to come back another year; but I cheerfully submit.

Ruby Springs.

L. F. Tannery, Sept. 6: This is my father's 77th birthday and my first year as preacher in charge and my first report to the Advocate. I have just closed my protracted meetings for the summer. The first Sunday in July we began at Prairie Valley. Bros. C. A. Martin and G. W. Conley were with us and did some good preaching. Two conversions, two additions to the Church and the Church greatly revived. Then we came to Reily Springs the third Sunday, where we held an eleven days' meeting. E. L. Egger, of Winstonsboro Station, was here and preached 7 of his soul-stirring sermons. The connecting and converting power of Jesus Christ fell on the people and sinners gave their hearts to God; 33 conversions, 12 joined the Church and the Church wonderfully revived. Then on August 4 we held our third quarterly meeting and our beloved C. B. Fladger, presiding elder, was on hand and preached one of his soul-stirring sermons, then dinner, after which conference convened; \$75.70 was reported. We have a fine Board of Stewards and they look after their preacher. We protracted our meeting for eleven days; eight conversions; eleven joined the Church. Brothers C. M. Livingston and G. W. Conley did some fine preaching for us. The Church greatly revived. Then from there we went to Shooks Chapel on the third Sunday, where we stayed for fifteen days; 42 conversions; 46 joined Church. It is said to be the best meeting ever

held at this place. Brothers C. B. Fladger, J. M. Dunn, Cunningham, C. A. Marlain and G. W. Conley, also Bro. Morris, a Baptist preacher, preached once for us. We are serving a fine people. Any preacher ought to be glad when his name is read out for Ruby Springs Circuit. Oh! we must say something about our poundings. There came a pounding from Prairie Valley in July to the amount of \$10.75 and from Shooks Chapel today to the amount of \$25. So you see now we feel happy and give God the glory.

Marysville.

J. K. McMillan, Sept. 5: We have held three of our meetings and have two more to hold. Our first was held at Mountain Creek, which was held the second Sunday in July, resulting in about 12 or 15 conversions. From there we went to Spring Hill and commenced with our third Quarterly Conference. Bro. Stafford, our presiding elder, was with us, preaching Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock. His sermons were inspiring. Then he came again Monday night and gave us another good sermon. This scribe did the rest of the preaching throughout the week and over Sunday, closing out Tuesday night after the fifth Sunday in July. Results: Eight conversions, and seven accessions to the Church. We then commenced at Marysville on the first Sunday in August. We had no help except lay help. Bro. Homan, a Baptist, preached once for me. Had eight conversions; received six into the Church. Our meeting for Sivelts-bend was set for the third Sunday in August. Rev. P. G. Smith, of Anna, Collin County, came to help us, but we were taken sick and were not able to get to the meeting. So Bro. Smith ran on until Wednesday night and closed out. We are to commence there again the third Sunday in September. Our collections ordered by the Annual Conference will be full. Nearly all in sight now. We commence again to-day at Mt. Creek.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Quitman.

C. B. Smith, Sept. 3: I closed my last meeting last night. Have held three since I last wrote. At Salem we had a good meeting in the Church; two conversions, one accession. Bro. Wheeler was with me. At Liberty we had a great meeting. The Lord was with us at every service. Bro. Moxley was with me. Bro. Wheeler last two days. I did all the preaching except one sermon by Rev. Atwood, M. P. of Louisiana. Visible results: twenty-two or more conversions, fourteen of whom joined our Church. The meeting at St. Paul was a good one in the Church. No converts; two accessions. Our work this year has been very much hindered by sickness.

Edom Circuit.

A. A. Kidd, Sept. 2: We have held our round of meetings. We had good meetings. Some better than others. Some wanted good meetings and had them; others did not care so much and of course did not get so much. We received fifty-four into the Church during the summer. We organized one W. H. M. Society at Ben Wheeler, and will soon organize others on the work. We inspired our Sunday-schools, so they are doing better work. Several infants baptized. We were assisted by Revs. C. H. Smith (Uncle Caleb), Jno. R. Warlick, of Malakoff; W. K. Strother, President of A. C. I., Jacksonville, and Leon Henderson, of Grand Saline. We need not say that these brethren did us fine work. We will send three or four of our boys and girls to A. C. I. W. K. Strother knows his place, and he is in it. He will give us a good school. We will have the best report of our life at conference, if nothing happens out of the ordinary. We are now beginning our round up for conference; and we feel sure we will be in on time. Will help the brethren some this fall.

Bethel Camp-Meeting.

E. H. Lovejoy: The Bethel camp-meeting began August 19, with all the tents occupied except two, and a large attendance of those who could not camp. The best of interest was manifested from the beginning to the close and good order prevailed throughout the entire meeting. This is the twenty-fourth annual encampment upon these grounds, not having missed a year since the organization in October, 1881; but with growing interest and steady improvement until now they have a good tabernacle, twenty substantial camp houses and a beautiful new church erected upon the ground. Our meeting was shortened on account of sickness in the home of Bro. Oxley, who was helping us, and our presiding elder, Bro. Jas. W. Downs, having business that called him away. We were obliged to close at the end of the sixth day. We had with us a few days our beloved superannuated brother and former pastor of this

charge, Bro. D. P. Cullen, who was an inspiration to the meeting. We had the best of preaching, which caused an unrest in the minds and hearts of the unsaved, and many came up for prayer and pledged themselves to live better lives. There were about twenty-five conversions and reclamations and six united with the Church on profession of faith, and we hope there will be many others to follow from the good seed that was sown in this meeting.

Mineola.

T. J. Milam, Sept. 5: We closed a two weeks' meeting on August 28. We had twenty-seven accessions to the Church, and scores formed resolutions for a better life. Bro. Bailey, a brilliant young preacher from Alabama, preached a few days for us, to our profit and pleasure. Dr. W. F. Packard, of Tyler, preached ten days. Dr. Packard is a man of real ability, profound in exegesis, clear in his statements of Bible doctrine. He uses choice language, short sentences; his words are well chosen. They can be understood by the schoolboy or the philosopher. While his utterances are profound they are not obscure. His familiarity with letters, with history, with the Scriptures and his confidence in God make him a master of the situation, and Mineola counted herself exceedingly fortunate to have such a man preach in her midst ten days. His masterly sermons will not be forgotten.

Emory Circuit.

E. A. Sample: Because of sickness we have had only one meeting this year. We started two others, but sickness in both the preacher's home and the homes of the people kept us from running long enough to do very much good. The meeting held at Ford's Chapel was a success. There were 12 conversions and reclamations. Two joined the Church. Bro. Fletcher, from Alba, did the preaching. He is a good preacher and revivalist, if we go by his work at Ford's Chapel. He used to be pastor of this circuit, and is loved by everybody. Wife's father, Rev. T. J. Darby, is visiting us and assists in the work of the circuit very much. I guess I had better tell about our pounding. The first part of the pounding was a six-pound girl. Then in about a week the Woman's Home Mission Society began a pounding by giving money to pay a cook during wife's sickness, and this was followed by a lot of groceries, and now the preacher has enough groceries to last beyond conference. We appreciate these things very much. It is hard to find words to express our thanks for them.

Big Sandy Mission.

John W. Mayne: We have just closed our last meeting for this year at Hawkins. We had a most glorious time. The power of God was manifested, souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and the Church greatly strengthened in every way. Bro. Milam, of Mineola, was with us four days and did some fine preaching. He did us great good by his preaching. Our meeting at Gladewater was indeed a good one. We had several conversions and accessions to the Church. The Church was greatly blessed and the cause of Methodism strengthened by the preaching of Rev. J. B. Turrentine, of Willis Point. The power of God came upon us, and it was a time of refreshing before the Lord. On account of sickness in the country of Red Springs we didn't hold but three days at that place, but we believe great good was done. Our last Quarterly Conference will soon be on hand, and we are rounding up our year's work for Annual Conference.

Clayton.

J. R. Ritchie, Sept. 3: We have closed our round of protracted meetings. Have protracted at the following places: Ragley, Wesley's Chapel, Bethlehem, Clayton and Gary. Have had some very fine revivals; have added 72 to the Church during the year. I am under lasting obligations to our much esteemed presiding elder, C. A. Tower; Rev. J. T. McClure, of Timpson, and Rev. B. C. Anderson, of Garrison, for efficient service rendered. At Gary we were quite fortunate in securing Miss Bell Carnahan, of Timpson, as organist; also Mrs. Nora and Miss Rubie Hairston, of Timpson, rendered valuable help both in song and altar service. Methodism being new at Wesley's Chapel, we thought it wise to have our doctrine and polity vindicated there. So we fixed the time Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and Bros. Tower and McClure were called on to do the work, and as a result I feel sure that Methodism is there to stay.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Saba Mission.

T. N. Barton, Aug. 30: On last Sunday night we closed a very successful meeting, resulting in the conversion of

fifteen souls, eighteen additions to the Church, the dedication of thirteen infants to the Lord by baptism, and an awakening of the Church. On the last Sunday of the meeting we took our conference collection and received \$12.40 in cash and subscriptions; also raised \$26 for a poor family that was sick and had no food nor money. This made the forty-sixth camp-meeting that has been held at this camp-ground—known as Lower Cherokee. Bro. M. J. Allen was with us in the first of the meeting; did some good preaching. After he had left two local preachers, Bros. Smelser and Ragsdale, and myself did the preaching. The Lord has graciously blessed me and my people since I came June 6th. We give God the glory and press on.

Paint Rock.

M. T. Allen, Sept. 1: Our meeting on Mustang closed last Sunday night. It was one of the best meetings ever held in Concho County. There were about thirty professed conversions. We received twenty-five members. A Methodist Sunday-school will start there next Sunday. Bro. S. J. Franks and wife, of Corsicana, did us much good.

Bertram.

M. J. Allen, Sept. 5: Well, the meetings are about all over. I have held all my meetings. Bro. M. T. Allen, of Paint Rock, helped at Bertram a part of the time. Next place was Strickland. W. F. Gibbons, of Willow City, helped me a part of the time there. Then we went to Mt. Horeb and Sycamore. There I was assisted by Bro. J. R. Ragsdale and Bro. Means, of San Saba Mission, and Rev. T. Lee, of Burnet and Marble Falls. These brethren all did good work; about 50 conversions and the Churches much revived. Praise the Lord, the most of the people in the country are members of some Church. We now start in to wind up for conference as fast as we can. We are bringing things to pass in the Llano District. Praise the Lord. I have helped the following brethren: W. F. Gibbons at Willow City, about 50 converted; T. Lee at Marble Falls, about 25 converted; Bro. Barton at Cherokee Campground converted 15 up to the time I left. Then I went to Bro. Lee at Fairland, where we had about 80 converted. A large number of the people that were converted joined the Church in all these meetings. Crops are short as a rule, but we hope to be able to make a full report at conference. Have some as good and true people in the bounds of this work as any man ever served.

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MRS. H. W. BRANDON.
Brazoria, Texas, Sept. 1, 1904.



MRS. CECELIA STOWE,
Orator, Entre Nous Club

176 Warren Avenue,
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BRO. T. H. ROGERS.

At a ripe old age, on April 4, 1904, Thomas Hansford Rogers passed peacefully away. He was a good man and true in all the relations of life, and wielded a good influence in the communities where he lived. He joined the Methodist Church in 1850. Much of his life was spent on the frontiers of Texas, where he was cut off from Church privileges and Christian association, except his devout wife, who still survives him. But he told me that for eighteen years his way had been clear. He lived close to the Lord and died in the faith. No man loved the service of God's house more devotedly than he. He was reared near Jacksonville, Texas, and on or near his father's farm there was a great camp-ground, where for many years such "mighty men in Israel" as Shanks, Shook, Finley, Roundtree, and others, proclaimed the gospel with power. Here Bro. Rogers got the inspiration for his start in a religious life. In 1871 he went to Johnson County, Texas, and was a member of the conference in 1875, when this writer was licensed to preach. He moved to Erath County and lived there during the war. Many dangers did he face and many privations did he undergo, to defend and redeem that country from the Red Man. Many times his wife and children have gone several miles to Church when that section was depredated upon by the savage Indians. Often she and her little ones would remain at home alone for days while he was pursuing these savages, or looking after his stock. He lived in the Panhandle country for 19 years. "Uncle" Tom and "Aunt" Martha, as they were lovingly called, were known throughout that country; and their presence and prayers have been an inspiration to many a discouraged preacher as he traveled over that broad expanse and endeavored to plant Methodism. And nothing they had was too good for their Church or preacher, and they divided liberally. In 1901 he came to Hobart, Okla., where he spent his last days in feebleness. He has three sons living here. He was greatly respected in this community, a fact attested by the large concourse attending the funeral. He leaves a wife and ten children, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She is awaiting the summons to "come up higher" and join her now sainted husband. He has an aged sister, Mrs. Ingle, who lives at Grandview, Texas. She was with him when the end came. There were shouts of victory in the death chamber, demonstrating the power of the gospel to make "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Bro. Rogers was born in Alabama in 1823, married to Miss Martha Knight in 1857, converted and joined the Church in 1850. He was a good man and has gone to his reward. We expect to meet in the sweet by-and-by. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

W. J. MOORE, P. C. Hobart, Okla.

BURTON.—Luther Burton was born in Navarro County, Texas, January 20, 1881; died in the U. S. Army Hospital in San Francisco, Cal., March 29, 1904; was baptized in infancy by Bro. Sam Morriss and joined the Methodist Church under Bro. N. M. McLaughlin in 1892. He joined the U. S. Army in Waco, Texas, in December, 1903; was ordered to the Philippines soon thereafter and at the time of his death was en route to those islands. His body lies buried in the National Cemetery in San Francisco far away from home and friends. His last message to his loved ones at home on the eve of leaving for his far-away duties closed with an affectionate farewell and a request for prayer. In his moments of quiet while sick he was engaged constantly in prayer, so writes the assistant surgeon to the heart-broken father and loved ones. Far away from home among strangers and at an unexpected hour he was called to meet God, but those who loved him hope to some day meet him again. May God bless and keep each of them and help them to ever live ready for the meeting. His pastor, A. E. CARRAWAY.

STEVENSON.—Mrs. Maria Louisa Stevenson (nee Franklin) was born in Franklin County, Tenn., Oct. 22, 1837. While an infant her parents moved to Lincoln County, Tenn., where she grew to womanhood, and where, in the summer of 1855, under the ministry of the Rev. W. G. Hensley, she was soundly converted to faith in Christ, and joined the M. E. Church, South. While her pathway was beset with the trials and difficulties common to this life, yet she ever maintained her Christian integrity, and was without wavering as to her faith in God. She was married April 7, 1859, to Dr. F. E. B. Stevenson, God blessed this union with eight children, five of whom survive her, three having died in infancy. In 1869 she came with her husband and family to Texas and settled in Ellis County, where they lived for about three years, and then removed to Marystown, Johnson County, where they remained until December, 1896, when they moved to Brown County and settled in the bounds of the May Circuit, where she lived until the summons which called her from labor to rest, June 23, 1904. The death of this saintly woman cast a shadow over the homes and hearts of a large circle of relatives and friends, for wherever her consecrated Christian life came in contact with others it left its impress for good. Her home was always a place of rest for all weary ministers and many are the itinerants who will recall with pleasure the hearty manner in which she welcomed her pastor into the sanctity of her quiet, Christian home. She was a woman of sound conviction and was on the right side of all moral questions and with all the gentle influences of her godly life she sought to bring her family and friends to the same high ideal. This fixedness of purpose and unflinching fidelity to God strengthened her as she battled with the opposing forces of life, and enabled her to triumph in the end. When the extreme moment came and all the forces of nature were yielding to the ravages of death and she was approached by her heart-broken husband and asked as to her prospects, she answered: "The way is clear; not a single cloud; I am ready;" and after some words and tokens for the children, all of whom were absent, she expressed her especial concern for the salvation of those of her children who were not religious. She then asked those about her to sing, and as they sang, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Sweetly Trusting in Jesus" and "The Unclouded Day," she would join in the singing; and thus on the wings of the sweet songs she loved so well her blood-washed spirit was wafted away to the place which Jesus had gone to prepare, and there with a stronger, sweeter voice she will mingle with the ransomed choir singing the songs of Moses and the Lamb. "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." She died well because she lived well. After appropriate services, conducted by her pastor, her remains were lovingly and tenderly laid to rest in the Rising Star Cemetery, to await the final resurrection. May God bless and sustain the bereaved husband and children, and so lead them in all the walks of this life that they too may be ready when the summons shall come, and at last may they constitute an unbroken family in heaven.

Vernon, Texas. J. G. MILLER.

CRUMPLER.—Death angels visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Crumpler and took from them little Carrie. She was born April 4, 1900, and died August 27, 1904. She was sick but a short time when God took her to himself. O how she will be missed; she was unusually bright and the pet of the family. Dear father and mother, cheer as best you can. Though the light of your home is gone, she is safe in the arms of Jesus, free from sorrow. Let your hope mingle with your sorrow and cause you to look forward to a better world, where little Carrie will be first to welcome you.

CORA LAWLER.

BOWER.—On the 4th of August, our town, our community and our Church, suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Miss Jessie Bower. She fell a victim to the dreaded typhoid fever several weeks before, and while indications had during her entire illness been unfavorable to her recovery, her death was nevertheless a shock to those who so faithfully watched at her bedside, and to her hosts of friends. Kind and loving hands administered to all her wants, and it is not amiss here to pay tribute to her faithful mother and to her most devoted brother, Philip, who throughout the trying period watched, and waited, and administered, through the long days and nights alike, refusing rest and recuperation, unmindful of self in their great desire to save the life of the daughter and sister. Our people generally have suffered a genuine loss in the death of Miss Jessie, whose life in the home, the community, and in the Church, was an inspiration. She will be missed, and it is with profound sorrow that we record her

death in these columns. Genial, kind, cheerful, amiable, and patient, she endeared herself to all, and her life was a continual benediction. Her influence was felt wherever she moved. May the memory of this sweet, Christian life be to her sorrowing relatives, former companions, an incentive to the highest type of Christian manhood and womanhood, and may we all strive to follow in that shining path that leads to the beautiful life beyond, where the shadows and sorrows of this planetary existence are no more. "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." R. C. GEORGE, Pastor. Jefferson, Texas.

DIXON.—Mrs. Fannie Leona Dixon died at her home in San Augustine, Texas, Sunday, June 26, 1904. She was the daughter of James and Louisa McKnight, and was born four miles east of Melrose, Nacogdoches County, Texas, July 27, 1841. When about eight years of age she united with the M. E. Church, South, at the old Cove Spring Camp-ground in Nacogdoches County, and was a faithful member till her death. Sister Dixon was twice married. Her first marriage was to Mr. Moses J. Davis, December 15, 1859. To this union were born three children, two of whom, Rev. W. F. Davis, now of Navasota, and Mrs. Cora L. Dawson, survive her. Mr. Davis, her first husband, fell in the battle of Mansfield in the Civil War, on April 8, 1864. Her second marriage was to Judge Felix B. Dixon, of San Augustine, Texas, on December 18, 1873. To this union were born four children, two of whom, Miss Felix B. Dixon and Mrs. Jennie M. Chambers, survive her. She became a widow the second time by the death of Judge Dixon April 17, 1896. Sister Dixon was faithful in all her relations, discharging well her duties to those to whom she bore relation, both in and out of her home. She passed through many of the dark and trying experiences of a life in this world. Some of these were such as come to but few people, and fell with great weight upon her. But her life as I knew her clearly manifested that she had thrown herself wholly and submissively upon God, who by his sanctifying grace developed in her the grace of patience, and a calm, restful and submissive trust in the blessed "God of all comfort." It was my privilege to know her for two and one-half years; and I found her always the same, whether at home, in the house of God or on the street. She seemed to live daily in conscious touch and fellowship with God. As a consequence she had an abiding concern for the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the souls of the people. While she was a loyal Methodist, she was a Christian first; and every true lover of the Lord could always find in her the true response of a Christian fellowship; and her prayers and efforts were accordingly linked with those of others for the religious interests of the community and the good of the people. While she sleeps in the grave the influence of her consecrated life lives on, and will be felt yet many days. She bequeathed to her children an example well worthy their emulation; and though greatly grieved over their sad loss, they should praise God for giving them such a mother, and for sparing her so long to exemplify before them the blessedness of faithfully serving the Lord of glory, who has bought us by his redeeming blood. Now, that she sleeps in Jesus, may the full meaning of her life and the value of her example come with a new and added force both to her surviving children and all who knew her.

T. B. HARRELL, Pastor of Baptist Church, San Augustine, Texas.

BEAUCHAMP.—William Henry Beauchamp was born in Troup County, Ga., January 1, 1854. When seventeen years of age he came to Texas and on November 14, 1876, he was happily married to his first wife, Lizzie W. Beauchamp. To this union were born three children, one of whom, a son, died while an infant. The other two—W. H. Beauchamp and Mrs. Beulah D. Curreath—still live and make their home in Mangum, O. T. On June 13, 1886, Mrs. Beauchamp died and on August 7, 1889, Mr. Beauchamp was married to Miss Minnie J. Cummins, of Plano, Texas, daughter of W. S. and S. P. Cummins. To this union were born three children, two of whom are living; the third, Albert Winston, having died Nov. 16, 1901. While quite a boy Mr. Beauchamp united with the Church of the Disciples, but soon after his first marriage he identified himself with the M. E. Church, South, in whose communion he lived until the day of his death, which occurred at Bowie, Texas, July 21, 1904. Mr. Beauchamp was a man of most lovable disposition, as was witnessed by the large circle of friends which he had. Wherever he was known he was beloved and was affectionately and familiarly known to every one as "Henry" Beauchamp. About a year before his death he suffered a partial stroke

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of paralysis and while he rallied considerably, so much so that high hopes were entertained of his final recovery, he never fully recovered from the effects of that stroke, and after a lingering illness of over a year he quietly and peacefully left us for a brighter and happier home. During his long and at times exceedingly painful illness his patient resignation to the afflictions of a good Providence was remarked by all who visited him. It was the privilege of this writer to visit him often during his illness, and in all our conversation not one word of complaint was ever heard to fall from his lips. His expressions of abiding faith in the goodness and mercy of God were good to hear and after praying with him at times it seemed as if heaven came close down to the sick room and we held communion with unseen forces. His hope was fixed on the unfailing and changeable mercy of God, his favorite song being the words "Jesus sought me when a stranger." At the time of his death he was the County Treasurer of Montague County, having twice been intrusted by his fellow citizens with the responsibilities and duties of that office. Perhaps it is safe to say that no more popular or efficient officer ever served the county, and on the day of his burial quite a large number of friends from Montague, among them several of the county officials, came over to attend the services and bear their last testimony to the love and esteem in which he was held. Sometimes a feverish curiosity spends itself on the incidents connected with the last hours of death and many would find more hope in a few orthodox phrases uttered in the last moments than in a whole lifetime of breathing the spirit of Christ. But in truth the closing scene of a life is worth very little except in so far as it is in harmony with the general tenor of the whole life. So the long months of our brother's illness, when for days he was face to face with death, gave us such an insight into his real life and character that when he came to die there was no need of a "dying testimony." The faith which had sustained him through all those hours of pain and suffering was sufficient for him to die with and so he quietly and peacefully fell asleep. May the grace of God be sufficient for the loved ones who remain and may the reunion in heaven be enough to assuage all the sorrow and prove enough to compensate for all the suffering and disappointments of life.

ROBERT GIBBS MOOD.

SHELTON.—Jessie Gertrude, daughter of Jas. W. and Mattie Shelton, was born Sept. 6, 1889; converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, May 1, 1904, in Wolfe City, Texas. After twenty-one days' illness, her happy spirit was transported to the heavenly mansions. Jessie was an affectionate child, and her gentle, guileless and confiding spirit won to her many loving friends. Her devotion to her parents was of the fondest type. After her conversion her Bible, hymn book and Discipline were her constant companions. When her last sickness was slowly gathering its silent coils about her she asked to go to Church, but when her parents told her they feared it might fatigue her she went into her room, sang and prayed, and returned to her mother and said: "I am so happy." Thus, like a beautiful star painting the western sky with its golden hue, as it quietly sinks beneath the horizon to rise on distant shores, her virgin spirit adorned by redeeming grace made its glorious transition from earth's gathering shadows into the heavenly land. Sorrow not, loving ones; your little daughter is a child of the King. Her pastor, J. E. VINSON. Wolfe City, Texas.

PEELER.—Royce Monroe, son of R. M. and Benie E. Peeler, departed this life August 26, 1904, in Canyon City, Texas. His illness lasted only three days and, although he was a very strong boy, yet his suffering was so intense that medical aid could not save him. Royce was born in Canyon City, Texas, August 18, 1894, being ten years and eight days old at his death. He was a very bright boy, made good progress in his studies and always had a good Sunday-school lesson. He was a favorite with all his teachers. He

always played a conspicuous part in our Children's Day and Christmas programs; apt to learn and always ready and anxious to do anything assigned him. His place will be hard to fill; all will miss little Royce. But he is gone! He has joined the little angel sister, and they sing and rejoice together and beckon mamma and papa, their two brothers and little sister, and all loved ones and friends to meet them in the sweet by and by. May the sorrowing parents look beyond the grave for dear little Royce. His pastor, J. E. STEPHENS.

BOYD.—Little Ethel, daughter of James R. and Ardonia Boyd, was born February 27, 1899. She came and abode as a sunbeam, bringing light and gladness into the home, until, after a brief illness, on the 25th of August, 1904, her spirit took its flight to the everlasting city. Of course, her departure brought sorrow and disappointment to the hearts of the fond parents; but, dear brother, sister, you weep not as those who have no hope. Though she can never return to you, you can go to her. Oh, then, be submissive to the will of God, and live as God directs, and, some bright, happy day, you will meet her again in the "Father's house," where partings come no more. FRANK HUGHEN. Cotton Gin, Texas.

AUGHTRY.—Mrs. Sarah Aughtry was born February 6, 1843, in Greene County, East Tennessee; was married to A. E. Aughtry Sept. 7, 1865, in Asheville, N. C.; afterwards moved to Montague County, Texas, and lived near Bowie. Then moved to Cooke County, near Gainesville, and there lived until her death, which occurred June 30, 1904. Sister Aughtry was a loving wife, faithful mother and a devout Christian. She died in triumph of a living faith. Let us follow her example, imbibe her spirit, and meet her in the better world. To her lonely husband I would say, you are parted, but not forever; you will meet in the home of the good. F. O. MILLER.

STONE.—Never was our community more shocked than when the news came to us that Will was dying. He was at Hamilton, Texas, where he had gone on a visit to his parents. His sufferings were great, but of short duration. He was never heard to complain. If he had lived till next March he would have been twenty-three years old; but the Lord saw fit to take him and we will have to submit to His will. It is a mystery to us sometimes why a life so young and full of hope should be taken, but when we think of his dying words: "I am not afraid to die," we feel it is for the best, and if we live as he did we will meet him again, where there will be no more sad partings. He was married to Miss Maggie Griffin Nov. 4, 1903, to whom we will say, look heavenward, dear sister, and some sweet day you will meet your darling Will where meetings never break up and Sabbaths have no end. Will Walton Stone was born March 13, 1881, and died Aug. 6, 1904. May we all live so we can meet him again, is the prayer of his sister-in-law, LULA RUCKER. Oglesby, Texas.

ELLISON.—Virgil Calhoun Ellison, son of J. W. and N. D. Ellison was born near Old Evergreen, in San Jacinto County, October 6, 1875. Most of his life was spent in Wharton, Texas, where he died August 4, 1904. The last year he was confined almost all the time to his bed and room. Here he suffered the will of God. During this last sickness he drew near to his Maker. With the darkening shadows came the greater spiritual light. He never murmured nor complained beneath the chastening rod; for it taught him how to lean upon his God. He was the baby of seven children. Even before his last illness, he had several quite serious attacks that made him an anxious case to his fond parents. The greater burden calls forth the deeper love. Their arms ache to-day, not because of physical toil, but because they can clasp him no longer to their bosoms. A Christian father and mother sit alone in sadness in their declining years, and yet not in despair. A few days at best and they shall see him again. B. W. ALLEN, Pastor.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Fourth Round. Weimar cir, at Weimar, Sept. 10, 11. La Grange sta, Sept. 13, 14. McDade cir, Sept. 17, 18. Egin sta, Sept. 19, 20. Manor sta, Sept. 21, 22. Webbville 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. 18, 19. 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. Mathis, Sept. 10, 11. Gollard, Sept. 14. Rockport, Sept. 17, 18. Pleasanton, Sept. 24, 25. Kenedy, Sept. 28. Oakville, Oct. 1, 2. Laveria, Oct. 4, 5. Stockdale, Oct. 12, 13. S. Springs, Oct. 15, 16. Berclair, Oct. 22, 23. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Llano District—Fourth Round. 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. Burnett, 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. Port Lavaca, at P. L., Sept. 9, 11. Runge, at Runge, Sept. 14. Flatonia, Sept. 15. Shiner, at Shiner, Sept. 16, 18. Nursery, at Thomaston, Sept. 20. Hallettsville, at Williamsburg, Sept. 23, 25. Yoakum, Oct. 2, 3. El Campo, at El Campo, Oct. 7, 9. Palacios, at Markham, Oct. 10, 11. Victoria, Oct. 15, 16. Leesville, at Leesville, Oct. 20, 21. Rancho, at Bundick, Oct. 22, 23. Clear Creek, at Kocky, Oct. 23, 29. Cuero, Nov. 5, 6. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round. Cotulla and Millett, at C. Is. Sun Sept. Bonds and Devine, at H. 2d Sun Sept. Eagle Pass, Sept. 12. Del Rio, 3d Sun Sept. Uvalde, Sept. 19. Carrizo Springs, at C. S. 4th Sun Sept. Utopia cir, at Utopia, 1st Sun Oct. Moore cir, at Moore, 2d Sun Oct. Pearsall, Oct. 18. Bexar cir, at Benton, 3d Sun Oct. Laredo, Oct. 17. West End, 11 a. m. 4th Sun Oct. Sherman St., 8 p. m. 4th Sun Oct. Prospect Hill, 11 a. m. 5th Sun Oct. South Hightis, 8 p. m. 5th Sun Oct. Travis Park, 1st Sun Nov. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round. Lometa, 2d Sun Sept. Lampasas, Sept. 12. Goldshwaite, 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. Bracy sta, (night) 4th Sun Oct. Milburn, 6th Sun Oct. J. D. Scott, P. E.

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. Buda, Oct. 9. Kyle, Oct. 9, 10. Timan, at Harrison's Chapel, 3d Sun Oct. Staples, at Harrison's Ridge, 4th Sun Oct. San Marcos, Oct. 25. Dripping Springs, at D. S., 6th Sun Oct. Lockhart, Nov. 4. Gonzales, 1st Sun Nov. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District—Third Round. Woodbine, 2d Sun Sept. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Gainesville District—Last Round. Belcher, Sept. 17, 18. Bonita, Sept. 24, 25. Dexter, Oct. 1, 2. Ponder and Krum, Oct. 8, 9. Grace, 11 a. m. Oct. 15, 16. Marysville, 11 a. m. and night, Oct. 19. Aubrey, Oct. 22, 23. Pilot Point, Oct. 23, 24. Greenwood, 11 a. m. and night, Oct. 27. Rosston, Oct. 29, 30. Montague, Nov. 5, 6. Necona, Nov. 6, 7. Saint Jo, Nov. 12, 13. Woodbine, 11 a. m. Nov. 17. Sanger and V. V., Nov. 19, 20. Denton Street, 8 p. m. Nov. 22.

Dear Brethren: The Lord has been abundantly kind, both in grace and good providence. There is no reason on earth why there should be a shortage on anything anywhere. Let us prove faithful to our trust. Those of you appointed to cooperate with the presiding elder in the collection of the district parsonage assessments, please give the matter your immediate attention, so there will be no shortage when note matures in November. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Greenville District—Third Round. Wolfe City, Sept. 10, 11. Lone Oak, Sept. 17, 18. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Allen cir, at Cole's Ch., Sept. 17, 18. Princeton cir, at Wilson's Ch., Sept. 24, 25. Boner cir, at Richardson, Oct. 1, 2. Frisco cir, at Frisco, Oct. 8, 9. Weston cir, at Weston, Oct. 15, 16. Prosper cir, at Prosper, Oct. 22, 23. Celina and Roseland, Oct. 29, 30. Blue Ridge and Mission, Nov. 5, 6. Coveville mis, at Clear Lake, Nov. 8. Nevada cir, at Nevada, Nov. 12, 13. Wylie cir, at St. Paul, Nov. 16. Farmersville sta, Nov. 18. McKinney sta, Nov. 19, 20. Trustees, make reports. Reports from Secretaries of Women's Foreign and Home Mission Societies. Let officials be present. F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bonham District—Third Round.

Ladonia sta, Ladonia, Sept. 10, 11. Bailey, Crandall, Sept. 17, 18. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Petty, at Petty, Sept. 24, 25. Whitetrock, at Whitetrock, Oct. 1, 2. Brookston, at Brookston, Oct. 1, 2. Randolph, at Edhube, Oct. 8, 9. Ector, at Ector, Oct. 8, 9. Honey Grove cir, at McLeland, Oct. 15, 16. Honey Grove sta, Oct. 15, 16. Lannus, at Brotherton, Oct. 22, 23. Dodd, at Dodd, Oct. 22, 23. Guber, at Hall, Oct. 29, 30. Ladonia sta, Oct. 29, 30. Trenton, at Trenton, Nov. 5, 6. Bamey, at Bamey, Nov. 5, 6. Lamasco, at New Hope, Nov. 12, 13. S. Bonham, at S. Bonham, Nov. 12, 13. Bonham sta, Nov. 19, 20. Have Quarterly Conference record present, trustees report, and all collections in hand, or secured, not forgetting episcopal parsonage. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round. Chleota, at Chleota, Sept. 10, 11. W. H. Casey, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Centenary, Sept. 21, 25. Lamar Ave., Sept. 25, 28. Rexton cir, at Rexton, Oct. 1, 2. Bonham sta, Oct. 2, 3. Woodland and Kanawha, at W. Oct. 8, 9. Detroit sta, Oct. 9, 10. Marvin cir, at Milton, Oct. 15, 16. Blossom and Sylvan, at B., Oct. 15, 17. Rosalie cir, at Rosalie, Oct. 22, 23. Deport and Halesboro, at D., Oct. 23, 24. Clarksville cir, at Cherry, Oct. 29, 30. Albion mis, at Albion, Oct. 29, 31. Clarksville sta, Oct. 31. Annona cir, at Annona, Nov. 5, 6. Whitetrock sta, Nov. 5, 7. Douglass mis, at Lydia, Nov. 12, 13. Bagwell mis, at Bagwell, Nov. 13, 14. Chicota cir, Nov. 19, 20. Emberson cir, Nov. 20, 21. Let the stewards see all our people and collect in full the salaries of the pastors. They will need every dollar assessed. Also let the pastors press the collections. "Everything in full" is our watchword. Let trustees be prepared to report as Discipline directs. Industry and perseverance will enable us to make the best report in the history of Paris District. Where the Quarterly Conference is on Monday we expect preaching at 11 a. m. and conference at 2 p. m. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Frutland, Sept. 10, 11. Bowie, Sept. 11, 12. Boyd, Sept. 17, 18. Rhome, Sept. 18, 19. 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. 15, 17. Iowa Park, Oct. 22, 23. Wichita Falls, Oct. 23, 24. Archer City, Oct. 29, 30. Holliday, Oct. 30, 31. Decatur cir, Nov. 5, 6. Decatur sta, Nov. 6, 7. Crafton, Nov. 12, 13. Ghtown, Nov. 13, 14. T. J. Flann, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round. Rockwall, at H. H., Sept. 24, 25. Royse, Sept. 25, 26. Fate, at Fate, Oct. 1, 2. Garland, Oct. 2, 3. Reinhardt, at Reinhardt, Oct. 8, 9. Mesquite, at Mesquite, Oct. 9, 10. Forney, Oct. 15, 16. College Mound and Elmo, at C. M., Oct. 16, 17. Terrell mis, at Able Spgs., Oct. 22, 23. Terrell sta, Oct. 23, 24. Chisholm, at Poetry, Oct. 29, 30. Kemp, at Kemp, Nov. 5, 6. Mabank, at Mabank, Nov. 6, 7. Crandall, at Crandall, Nov. 12, 13. Kaufman, Nov. 19, 20. Where the conference meets on Monday we will have preaching at 11 a. m. and conference at 2 p. m. Let the W. H. and P. M. Societies be ready with their reports. Also the trustees of church property. Let the exhorters be present. If possible, if they wish their license renewed, and let preachers, stewards and people remember that it is expected that Terrell District pay in full all the claims against us and work and pray to that end. Bro. P. C. and stewards, don't let your charge be the one to fail behind. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. Lancaster, at Lancaster, Sept. 10, 11. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at D., Sept. 17, 18. Lewisville, Sept. 24, 25. West Dallas and Grand Prairie, at G. P., Oct. 1, 2. Wheatland, at Wheatland, Oct. 8, 9. Argyle, at Garza, Oct. 15, 16. Grace, 11 a. m., Oct. 22, 23. Ervay Street, 8:30 p. m. Oct. 23. First Church, 11 a. m. Oct. 30. Clark's Chapel, 8:30 p. m. Oct. 30. Trinity, 11 a. m. Nov. 6. Oak Lawn, 8:30 p. m. Nov. 6. Denton, Nov. 12, 13. Cochran and Caruth, at Cochran, Nov. 19, 20. Oak Cliff, 8:30 p. m. Nov. 20. God has abundantly prospered us; let all assessments be paid in full. Trustees must report condition of all church property. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Commerce mis, at Smith's Ch., Oct. 1, 2. Commerce sta, at night, Oct. 2. Campbell, at Shady Grove, Oct. 8, 9. Floyd, at Caddo Mills, Oct. 15, 16. Kingston, at Kingston, Oct. 22, 23. Greenville mis, at Salem, Oct. 29, 30. Merit, at Harrell's Chapel, Nov. 5, 6. Celeste, at Celeste, night, Nov. 8. Leonard, at Leonard, Nov. 9. Kavanaugh, Nov. 11. Neola, at Wire Grass, Nov. 12, 13. Lone Oak, at L. N., night, Nov. 15. Quinlan, at Quinlan, night, Nov. 17. Fairlie, at Fairlie, night, Nov. 18. Wolfe City, Nov. 20, 21. Wesley, Nov. 21. Places marked "night" Quarterly Conference will be held in afternoon and preaching at night. Let the stewards make settlement in full at Quarterly Conference, so that we have no fifth meeting. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Third Round. Bonanza cir, 2d Sun Sept. Klondike cir, 11 a. m. Sept. 14. Lake Creek cir, 11 a. m. Sept. 15. The appointment 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.

Abilene District—Fourth Round. Albano and Moran, at A., Sept. 3, 4. Anson cir, at Anson, Sept. 10, 11. Asperment mis, at A., Sept. 14. Haskell mis, at Pinkerton, Sept. 16. Haskell sta, Sept. 17, 18. Stamford, Sept. 18, 19. Spring Creek, at S. C., Sept. 19. Big Springs, Oct. 8, 9. Lynn and Terry, Oct. 12. Gall mis, at Gall, Oct. 15, 16. Midland, Oct. 15, 16. Colorado sta, Oct. 19. Clairmont 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 Ruscoe, 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—Fourth Round. Canyon City, Sept. 10, 11. Claude, Sept. 17, 18. Plavine, Sept. 24, 25. Fuller, Sept. 26, 27, 11 a. m. Hale Center, Sept. 29. Lubbuck, at Pearce's S. H., Oct. 1, 2. Flyodada, at Emma, Oct. 4. Dickens City, Oct. 6. Lockney, Oct. 8, 9. Siverston, Oct. 10, 8 p. m., Oct. 11, 11 a. m. Albrecht, at Jericho, Oct. 15, 16. Cataline, at Shamrock, Oct. 18. Amarillo, Oct. 19. Higgins, Oct. 22, 23. Canadian, Oct. 24. Dumont, 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. Wellington mis, Sept. 10. 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—Fourth Round. First Church, Sept. 18. Coot's Memorial, Sept. 18. Weatherford mis, at Greenwood, Sept. 20. Aledo, at Mary's Cr. Sept. 21. Palo Pinto, at Palo Pinto, Sept. 24, 25. Mineral Wells, Sept. 25, 26. Millsap, at Holders, Sept. 29. Santo, at Tarleton, Sept. 30. Ranger, at Ranger, Oct. 1, 2. Breckenridge, at Eolian, Oct. 4. Crystal Falls, at Grogan, Oct. 6. Gordon, at Mingo, Oct. 9, 10. Whitt, at Beth, Oct. 15, 16. Peaster, at Carter, Oct. 21. Springtown, at Peden, Oct. 22, 23. Others will follow. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round. 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.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Georgetown sta, Sept. 21, 25. Taylor Bohemian mis, Oct. 1. Taylor sta, Oct. 1, 2. Temple, First Church, Oct. 8, 9. Rogers cir, at Rogers, Oct. 22, 23. Holland cir, at Holland, Oct. 23, 24. Florence cir, at Florence, Oct. 29, 30. Belton sta, Oct. 29. Salado cir, at Salado, Oct. 29, 30. Temple, Seventh St. Church, Oct. 31. Moody sta, Nov. 1. Pendletonville cir, at P., Nov. 2. Troy cir, at Troy, Nov. 2. Granger cir, at Granger, Nov. 5, 6. Bartlett sta, Nov. 5, 6. North Georgetown cir, at Weir, Nov. 8. Hutto cir, at Hutto, Nov. 9. J. S. Chapman, 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. 28. Frost, at Frost, Oct. 1. Prandon, at Malona, Oct. 8. Blossing 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. 23. Armo, Oct. 28. Wortham, Oct. 28. Cotton Gin, 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—Fourth Round. Hubbard, Sept. 10, 11. Whitney, Sept. 17, 18. Lorena, at Lorena, Sept. 24, 25. Hewitt, at Hewitt, Sept. 25, 26. Fifth St., Oct. 1, 2. Elm St., Oct. 2, 3. Abbott, at Bell Springs, Oct. 8, 9. Penelope, at Bynum, Oct. 9, 10. Austin Avenue, Oct. 15, 16. Morrow St., Oct. 15, 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. Aquilla, at Aquilla, Nov. 5. Morgan, at Morgan, Nov. 6, 7. Bosqueville, at Bosqueville, Nov. 12, 13. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. Kennedale, at Handley, Sept. 10, 11. Peach Street, Sept. 11, 12. Azle, at Azle, Sept. 17, 18. North Church, 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. Blum, Oct. 19. Covington, at Covington, Oct. 20. Joshua, Oct. 22, 23.

Bono, at George's Creek, Oct. 23, 30. Grandview, Nov. 5, 6. Cleburne and Mission Ch., Nov. 12, 13. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. 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. Gatesville mis, at W. Chapel, Oct. 22, 23. Killeen, at K., Oct. 23, 24. Copperas Cove, at Pidcocke, Oct. 27. Brookhaven mis, at the Grove, Oct. 29, 30. Giesley, 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. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Calvert District—Fourth Round. Hearne and Wheelock, at H., Sept. 10, 11. Centerville, at Rodland, 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. Peteway, 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.

Dublin District—Fourth Round. Clairette, at Clairette, Sept. 10, 11. Hico, p. m., Sept. 11, 12. Desdemona, Sept. 17, 18. Delson, p. m. Sept. 18, 19. Morgan Hill, Sept. 24, 25. Stephenville, p. m., Sept. 25, 26. Duffau, at Duffau, Oct. 1, 2. Iredell, p. m. Oct. 2, 3. Cisco mis, Oct. 7. Eastland, at Eastland, Oct. 8, 9. Cisco sta, p. m. Oct. 9, 10. Carbon mis, Flat Woods, Oct. 15, 16. Carbon and Gorman, at C., p. m. Oct. 16, 17. Bluff Dale, at Panther, Oct. 22, 23. Glen Rose, at G. p. m. Oct. 23, 24. Granbury, Oct. 25. Green's Creek, Oct. 29, 30. Carlton, Nov. 5, 6. Fairy and Lanham, at F. p. m. Nov. 6, 7. Huckabay, Nov. 12, 13. Full attendance of officers is earnestly requested; important business to look after. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Loveale, at Union Valley, Oct. 8, 9. Itasca, Oct. 9, 10. Maypearl, at Bethel, Oct. 15, 16. Forrester, at Nash, Oct. 16, 17. Alvarado, Oct. 22, 23. Grandview, Oct. 23, 24. Hillsboro, Oct. 25. Milford, at Berry's Ch., Oct. 29, 30. Italy, Oct. 30, 31. Ovilla, at Sterrett, Nov. 4. Venus, at Mt. Peak, Nov. 5, 6. Midlothian, Nov. 6, 7. Ferris, Nov. 19. Palmer, Nov. 11. Ennis, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 11. Bardwell, at Elm B., Nov. 12, 13. Waxahachie, Nov. 14. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Comanche sta, Sept. 17, 18. Indian Creek, at Bethany, Sept. 22. Bangs, at Bangs, Sept. 23. Ballinger, Sept. 24, 25. Winters, at Winters, Sept. 25, 26. Wingate, at Hylton, Sept. 28. Robert Lee, at Robert Lee, Oct. 1, 2. Glen Cove, at Glen Cove, Oct. 3, 4. Santa Anna, at Santa Anna, Oct. 4, 5. Sipe Springs, at Sipe, Oct. 8, 9. Rising Star, at Rising Star, Oct. 9, 10. May, at Holder, Oct. 15, 16. Cross Plains, at Burket, Oct. 16, 17. Comanche cir, at Indian Creek, Oct. 21. Gustine, at Gustine, Oct. 22, 23. Proctor, at Proctor, Oct. 23, 24. Blanket, at Blanket, Oct. 29, 30. Coleman mis, at Junction, Nov. 5, 6. Coleman sta, Nov. 5, 6. Brownwood, Nov. 12, 13. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Naples, at Naples, Sept. 10, 11. Texarkana, Rose Hill, Sept. 17, 18. Texarkana, Central Church, Sept. 18, 19. Atlanta, Sept. 20. 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. Gilead, Oct. 22, 23. Gilmer sta, Oct. 23, 24. Cason, at Cason, Oct. 29, 30.

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Dalingerfield, Oct. 30, 31. Quidman, at Forest Home, Nov. 5, 6. Queen City, Nov. 12, 13. Lody Springs, Nov. 19, 20. Redwater, Nov. 26, 27. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round. (In Part.) Waller, at New Hope, Sept. 17, 18. Hempstead, at Hempstead, Sept. 18. Montgomery, at Stonham, Sept. 24, 25. Prairie Plains, at Ray's, Oct. 1, 2. Zion, at Zion, Oct. 8, 9. Midway, at Elwood, Oct. 15, 16. Anderson, at Road's Prairie, Oct. 22, 23. Cold Springs, at Evergreen, Oct. 29, 30. Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. 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. Mineola, Oct. 8, 9. Lindale, at Lindale, Oct. 9, 10. White House, at Flint, Oct. 15, 16. Malakoff, at Malakoff, Oct. 22, 23. Cedar Street, 8 p. m. Oct. 25. New York, Oct. 29, 30. Athens, Oct. 30, 31. Meredith, Nov. 5, 6. Troup and Overton, at T., Nov. 12, 13. St. Paul's, at St. Paul's, Nov. 16. Marvin, 8 p. m. Nov. 25. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

San Augustine District—Third Round. Clayton, at Gary, Sept. 10, 11. Carthage sta, Wed. Sept. 14. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Marshall District—Third Round. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Sept. 11, 12. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Silsbee, at Hall's Springs, Sept. 10, 11. Warren, at Village Mills, Sept. 17, 18. Kountze, Sept. 18, 19. Sabine Pass and Port Neches, at Deweyville, Sept. 24, 25. Beaumont, North End, Oct. 1, 2. Beaumont, First Church, Oct. 2, 3. Beaumont, Cartwright Chapel, Oct. 8, 9. Corrigan, Oct. 12. Livingston, at Mt. Rose, Oct. 15, 16. China and Sour Lake, at S. L., Oct. 22, 23. Jasper mis, at Peach Tree, Oct. 29, 30. Jasper and Kirbyville, at J., Oct. 29, 31. Burkeville, at Newton, Nov. 5, 6. Call, at Cairo, Nov. 12, 13. Liberty, at Deavers, Nov. 16. Orange, Nov. 19, 20. Wallsville, Nov. 23. Woodville, Nov. 26, 27. Trustees will please have their reports ready. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Palestine District—Fourth Round. Jacksonville sta, Sept. 10, 11. Neches cir, at Neches, Sept. 17, 18. Elkhart cir, at Antioch, Sept. 24, 25. Grandland, Sept. 25, 26. Palestine, Howard Ave., 11 a. m. Oct. 2. Palestine, Centenary, 8 p. m. Oct. 2. Willard cir, at Glendale, Oct. 9. Trinity and Lovelady, at T., Oct. 9, 10. Brushy Creek cir, at B. C., Oct. 15, 16. Beaver Valley cir, at County Lane, Oct. 19. Crockett cir, at Reynard, Oct. 22, 23. Kennard cir, at Bethel, Nov. 5, 6. Groveton sta, Nov. 6, 7. Mt. Selman cir, Nov. 12, 13. Jacksonville cir, Nov. 13, 14. Alto cir, at Alto, Nov. 19, 20. Rusk sta, Nov. 20, 21. Augusta cir, Nov. 27, 28. Crockett sta, Nov. 29, 30. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

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INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE WORK.

By J. B. Cranfill.

I have received letters from a large number of your readers concerning the Reliance Life Insurance Company, of which I am joint manager for Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma. It will be pleasing information to my friends when I tell them that our company has added to the territory of Cranfill Brothers Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and now our agency has three of the greatest subdivisions of the American Union under its supervision.

A number of friends have written to me that they had never before heard of the Reliance Life Insurance Company, and they wished to know something about it, and I take pleasure in giving them the information they request. The Reliance Life is the colossus among life insurance companies, having been organized something more than a year ago with a surplus to policy holders of two millions of dollars. It is the strongest life insurance company ever organized in the history of the world, and the fact that it confines its business to the United States, which is the most healthful country in the world, will indicate to every prospective policy holder that it will be giving the best possible results in every way. When my brother and I were canvassing the matter of joining hands in this great work we had before us the question of accepting the management for a company fifty years old and for the Reliance Life, and we deliberately chose the Reliance Life as the best life insurance proposition in the field, and we have had no reason whatever to regret the choice that we made.

Life insurance business has been an evolution. Life insurance is scarcely more than 100 years old, and every year has witnessed new achievements and developments in this great line of human activity. The Reliance Life was organized by practical insurance men who, in its organization, availed themselves of all of the mistakes and successes of other companies during the past. With this splendid basis for its organization the Reliance Life began its work in the best possible way. It is a well known fact that the older insurance companies are already top-heavy with mortality risks. Every company that has been in the field as much as 25 or 30 years has accumulated a large number of bad risks. Everybody knows this, and everybody knows that the older companies are not now able to earn as large dividends for their policy holders as they were in the earlier years of their history. During all the life of the present generation the Reliance Life Insurance Company will yield larger dividends by far than any other life insurance company in the field. Instead of paying out its income on death losses these funds will be wisely invested in interest bearing securities, and the returns therefrom will go to make up the large dividends which it will pay to its policy holders.

Now and then a man will be found who will place great value upon the age of a company as a part of its value. For my part, I prefer the new, up-to-date things of our time. I would rather have a young horse than an old horse; I would rather wear a new suit of clothes than an old suit of clothes; I would prefer a new battleship to one of the time of George III; I would rather do business in this age of telephones, telegraph wires, railroads and steamships than to go back 50 years and find myself in the old stage coach days.

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This leads me to say that we not only want to insure the lives of your readers who are insurable, but we want all of your readers who are capable of selling life insurance to write us for terms to agents. The man or woman who can successfully engage in this high calling is a public benefactor. The life insurance work antedates the orphan's home. If the fathers and mothers of our land would properly protect their children by life insurance policies there would be no orphan's homes. If the husbands of our land would carry policies on their lives in a company like the Reliance Life there would be no necessity for homes for old widows. The fact is,

that the matter of life insurance has been greatly underrated by most of our people, and those who are capable of presenting the merits of life insurance to the public will not only confer a great benefaction upon their friends, but they themselves will be pleased in every way with the results of their achievements.

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I can not close without a further word to those of your readers who have neglected to properly cover themselves with substantial policies. With the passing of every day some man who was the day before insurable becomes non-insurable. In my short experience in this line of work I have known of at least half a dozen cases who expected to take policies later, but who, within a very short period, became non-insurable through some physical ailment or defect. Recently I delivered a policy to a Baptist minister who, when he was examined, passed a fine examination. When his policy came I went to deliver it and found him suffering with an attack of rheumatism. Within that short space of time he had become non-insurable, but I had the substantial pleasure of delivering him one of our life endowment policies. He may get well, and I think he will, but his attack of rheumatism will always cast a shadow upon his future in the matter of life insurance. I wish that all your readers would think seriously of this vital problem. Any of them who desire life insurance should write to us at once and we will arrange to take their applications and have them examined. Address suites 303-4 Wilson Building, Dallas, Texas.

TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

In sending our order to the General Secretary for the twenty-sixth annual reports of Woman's Board of Foreign Missions I appealed for 120 extra copies for you, which were granted and have been sent out. To each of you has also been sent minutes of the twenty-second annual meeting of our Conference Society which convened in Austin June 8-12. There were apprehensions of the waste basket, but I guaranteed your careful attention to both, which will yield rich returns for the expenditure. If by chance they escape your attention resurrect them from their hiding place and make good my word. Next to God's sustaining grace is needed the sympathy and co-operation of our preachers.

I wrote last week to each of you who have no Woman's Foreign Missionary organizations and to one woman in each charge, asking her co-operation with you in pressing the claims of this work upon the women of your respective Churches. There is plenty of time before conference to establish little societies in almost every charge. When it is altogether impracticable to organize, find one or two willing to become members of Conference Roll, which is constituted by reporting name for enrollment and the payment of 10 cents a month dues and 25 cents annually for conference expense fund. It is supposed, of course, that these members of Conference Roll will read the Woman's Foreign Missionary Advocate. The District and Conference Secretaries will keep them in touch with the work by correspondence. I thank you in advance for any assistance in establishing the work in your charge.

MRS. SAM'L SPEARS,
Corresponding Secretary of W. F. M. S. of W. T. C.

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We send greetings of Clarendon College to all the schools of Texas Methodism, and wish to say that the college has had the largest opening in all its history. We have everything to encourage us, and hope to do the best work this year that has ever been done in Clarendon College.

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It is said that white blackberries are yellow when they are green, while black blackberries are red when they are green.

GOOD NEWS.

The sunshine told the raindrops,
The raindrops told the trees,
And all the green leaves whispered
And spread it on the breeze.

And in the early morning
The sunbeams told the dew,
And as the birds listened
They quickly downward flew.

But no one told the children,
They knew it all along,
And came with baskets laden,
A laughing, joyous throng.

A cow stood in the meadow,
As in a pensive dream,
And as she watched the children
She vaguely murmured "Cream!"

And oh! what merry voices
Came floating gaily past:
"The strawberries are lovely,
And really ripe at last!"

—Constance M. Lowe.

MARRIAGES.

Johnson-Terry.—At the Christian Church, San Gabriel, Aug. 3, 1904, Mr. W. T. Johnson and Miss Lena Terry, Rev. C. E. Simpson officiating.

McAnninch-Rumsey.—At the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, near Little River Switch, Aug. 15, 1904, Mr. W. D. McAnninch, of Milam County, and Miss Effie Rumsey, of Bell County, Rev. C. E. Simpson officiating.

Edwards Gregory.—At the Methodist Church, Friendship Community, Sept. 1, 1904, Mr. J. C. Edwards, of Walker County, and Miss Lena Gregory, of Milam County, Rev. C. E. Simpson officiating.

Hampton-Heath.—August 25, 1904, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. C. Heath, near Argyle, Texas, Mr. Will Hampton and Miss Dora Heath, Rev. W. M. Leatherwood officiating.

Geddie-Mayne.—At Ben Wheeler, Van Zandt County, Texas, August 28, 1904, at 8:40 a. m., Mr. William R. Geddie and Miss Rosa A. Mayne, of the Coifax community, Rev. J. F. Everitt officiating.

Walling-Kilpatrick — At Thornton, Texas, Aug. 25, 1904, Mr. M. T. Walling, of Childress, Texas, and Miss Bernie Kilpatrick, of Thornton, Texas, Rev. F. M. Winburn officiating.

Reed-Patton.—At home of officiating minister, Rev. Daniel Morgan, Sept. 1, 1904, Mr. James R. Reed and Miss Mary L. Patton.

Timmons-Jewell.—At the parsonage, Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 28, 1904, Mr. Gordon Albert Timmons and Cornelia Jewell, Rev. James C. Rawlings officiating.

Tucker-Switzer.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Umphres, of Pleasant Mound, Texas, Mr. Joseph L. Tucker and Mrs. Gurtie Switzer, Rev. D. G. Stokey officiating. A large number of acquaintances were present. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Umphres, a niece of the groom.

Since my last report I have officiated at the following marriages:

May 8—Mr. James W. Belcher and Mrs. Mary Anthony.

May 15—Mr. J. E. Stinson and Miss Julia Ferguson.

May 21—Mr. J. Richmond and Miss Anna Johnson.

June 18—Mr. Leo. Barber and Miss Agnes Mitchell.

Aug. 17—Mr. B. J. Galloway and Miss Pearl C. Peterson.

Aug. 29—Mr. James L. Kincaid and Miss Julia F. Puckett.

These parties were all married in Galveston and all except the last named couple reside here.

C. N. MORTON,
Pastor West End Church,
Galveston, Texas.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM AUG. 1 TO 31.

Beaumont District—F. M. Boyles, Port Arthur, Orphanage, \$10. J. W. Johnson, Orange, foreign missions, \$25; Children's Day, \$6.57. M. L. Story, Silsbee, foreign missions, \$2. J. C. Stewart, Kountze, domestic missions, \$10. H. R. Taylor, Warren, domestic missions, \$3; Orphanage, \$1.15. Brenham District—C. U. McLarty, Caldwell, domestic missions, \$3. E. W. Petter, Fulshear, foreign missions, \$55; domestic missions, \$55.

San Augustine District—J. T. McClure, Timpson, foreign missions, \$64; domestic missions, \$64; Orphanage, \$17; Children's Day, \$14.50. D. S. Burke, Melrose, foreign missions, \$11; domestic missions, \$10; Orphanage, \$10. W. S. Easterling, Geneva, domestic missions, \$3; education, \$2.

Calvert District—G. H. Phair, Lott, Bishops' fund, \$5; foreign missions, \$17; domestic missions, \$20; American Bible Society, \$1; Orphanage, \$5; Children's Day, \$1.65. J. W. Treadwell, Bremond, domestic missions, \$20. J. P. Skinner, Fyburn Mission, domestic missions, \$8; Children's Day, 65 cents. J. W. Mills, Rosebud,

foreign missions, \$31.50; domestic missions, \$31; Orphanage, \$2.50.

Huntsville District—H. M. Whaling, Huntsville, domestic missions, \$145; I. F. Betts, Bryan, foreign missions, \$12.90; expense delegate General Conference, \$12; Paine and Lane, \$5. W. F. Davis, Navasota, foreign missions, \$89; domestic missions, \$89. T. R. Cain, Dodge, foreign missions, \$6; domestic missions, \$5. H. D. Huddleston, Anderson, foreign missions, \$4. E. S. Hursey, Millican, conference claimants, \$29; education, \$7; expense delegate General Conference, \$3; Paine and Lane, \$3. W. M. Foster, Cold Springs, foreign missions, \$9.

Palestine District—T. H. Hall, Beaver Valley, foreign missions, \$7.75. I. F. Pace, Brushy Creek, domestic missions, \$12. H. J. Hayes, Trinity, Bishops' fund, \$10.95; foreign missions, \$23.65; Church extension, \$7.50; education, \$22.65; Orphanage, \$12.15; Paine and Lane, \$2.85. B. H. Great-house, Jacksonville, Children's Day, \$7.50.

Tyler District—T. T. Booth, Cedar Street, foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$8. E. A. Sample, Emory, Orphanage, \$2.60. Leon Henderson, Grand Saline, Orphanage, \$9. J. B. Turrentine, Wills Point, domestic missions, \$35; Church extension, \$29. L. H. McGee, Troup, foreign missions, \$18.80; expense delegate General Conference, \$6; Children's Day, \$3.70; Paine and Lane, \$3. W. M. Sherrell, Golden, conference claimants, \$5.

Marshall District—J. B. K. Spain, First Church, foreign missions, \$2; domestic missions, \$40. C. J. Oxley, Longview, education, \$56. L. P. Davis, Harrison, foreign missions, \$39; domestic missions, \$22; Orphanage, \$12. R. C. George, Jefferson, Children's Day, \$8. E. H. Lovejoy, Arles-ton, Orphanage, \$8.25.

Pittsburg District—W. T. Ayres, Queen City, foreign missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$10. R. J. Smith, Redwater, domestic missions, \$24.

Houston District—B. W. Allen, Wharton, conference claimants, \$4.55. Total, \$1427.32. L. L. JESTER, Conference Treasurer.

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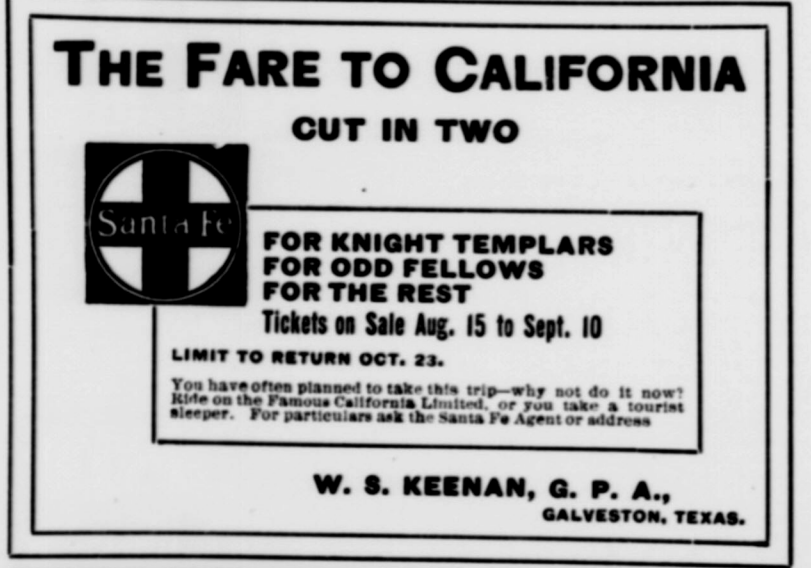
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