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## Editorial.

### THE DELICACY OF A PREACHER'S CHARACTER.

A preacher's character is like that of a woman, and the slightest breath of suspicion blown upon it leaves its impress for all time to come. He may not be guilty of anything that would be noticed in the life of any other good man in the way of a trifling imprudence, but in his case it is liable to be taken up, aired and magnified until it really amounts to a scandal. This makes it necessary for those who know the facts to explain and apologize for his conduct. And however innocent he may have been of anything of a compromising nature, and however fully and convincingly the proof of his innocence may be, yet the stain of the suspicion or rumor will not be effaced. It marks him, to some extent, for all time to come. This grows out of the fact that he is a minister of the holy religion of Christ, and the world has erected an ideal standard for him. If, in any degree, he falls below this standard, there are people who profess to be shocked and outraged. Like the tradition of Caesar's wife, they expect the minister to be without spot or blemish or any such thing. And there are people who are always on the lookout to find some defect in a preacher's character, or some lapse in his speech or conduct that will give them a pretext for talk and criticism. They are looking for notes and colorings, and when they find them, or imagine that they find them, they need nothing more to inflame their imaginations. They muffle their voices, look surprised and wondrously knowing, and speak under breath as to the preacher's suspicious conduct. There is a great deal more in the way they dispose of such matters than in their actual talk. But in any event the preacher becomes the victim. Whatever the outcome, he is hurt in his reputation and crippled in his work. The character of the preacher can not be handled roughly. It is like handling a delicate flower. You grab up and mash it, and by such treatment take the color and the perfume out of it, and henceforth it is an injured flower. So with the preacher's character. Let him be handled about and characterized unjustly, and you rub off that indefinable something that makes him a saintly and a consecrated man in your community. And if a preacher goes beyond mere imprudence or discretion, and brings himself into disrepute, he not only inflicts upon his character a mortal injury, but he indirectly hurts us all in the esteem of many people. More than that, he hurts the Church seriously. Therefore, every minister of Christ owes it to himself, his family, his brethren and his Church the duty of infinite prudence and discretion in his association, as a pastor, with men and women. Under no circumstances can he afford to be anything else but the highest type of the Christian gentleman. The great bulk of our preachers are men of this stamp, and the one of opposite stamp is the rare exception to the rule. But it is the exception that hurts us. As a matter of fact we ought never

to have any exceptions. Christ's rule is the minister's only safeguard: "Be ye as wise as the serpent and as harmless as the dove." The minister who will scrupulously follow this direction will scarcely ever have the evil eyes cast upon him, or evil words spoken of him.

### A SUPER-SENSITIVE OFFICIAL.

The President of the Public School Board of Houston has tendered his resignation to the Mayor of the city, and he gives as his reason for it that the Board gave permission to Rev. Doctor Riley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city, to deliver an occasional lecture on English Literature to the higher classes of the High School. The President's name is Dr. Max Urwitz. He takes the position that if one preacher is allowed to lecture to the classes on this subject, that other preachers will claim the right to lecture on subjects of their liking, and thus the public schools will be mixed up with the different denominations. However, we apprehend that other reasons are back of the ones assigned. Now it seems that the position of Dr. Urwitz is not well taken, and that his reasons are far-fetched and without the support of good common sense. If Dr. Riley intended to go before these classes and discuss the peculiar tenets of any Church denomination, then it would be a different question. But such is not dreamed of. He once held the chair of English Literature in the University of Georgia, and owing to his accomplishment in matters of this sort, he was invited to give the advanced students the benefit of his studies in this important branch of instruction. No other member of the Board saw any Trojan horse in the matter, and why the President should be seized with such fear and trembling, is rather amusing than serious. Perhaps under the circumstances, the very best thing that he could do for the schools and the community is to resign his position as President and give the Council an opportunity to put in his place a man of less prejudice and broader views. The least that men of his way of thinking are associated with public education in Texas, the better it will be for our public schools and for the progressive spirit of the Commonwealth. While no denomination wants to thrust the different questions of doctrine and faith into public school work, yet because a man happens to be a minister of the gospel in this Christian State, where Christian people pay the bulk of the taxes that go to support our schools, must he be tabooed and deprived of the privilege of speaking to advanced classes on purely literary subjects, when invited by those in authority? No one but a bigot, blinded with prejudice, would assume any such a position. There is scarcely a week during the school term in this State when some minister does not address pupils on the various subjects taught in the course of study. But this is the first time that any official has so taken the matter to heart and rushed into print about it. It has come to a nice pass when an educated and accomplished man of letters must be barred access to schools simply be-

cause he is a minister of the gospel. The fact is, without the co-operation of Christian people there would be no public schools in the State; and yet Christian people have quietly submitted to the expulsion of the Bible from the public schools, and now they are virtually called on by the President of the School Board at Houston to exclude ministers of the gospel from the halls of these schools. Where is this thing to stop if men like this Houston official are to govern in such matters? It seems to us that his raising this question is unfortunate, for there are some things that the Christian sentiment of Texas will not hesitate to resent, and this one is dangerously near the resenting point. Nobody in our several Churches is interfering with the schools of the State, but if such ill-timed performances as the one under discussion gain any headway down in that section of Texas where foreign sentiment is to the forefront, then there may come a time when we will be forced to take a hand in the management and control of these issues. But if it does come it will be brought about by people who have more prejudice and fanaticism than patriotism and brains. But the great majority of the people, even in South Texas, have too much sense to be influenced by the petty narrowness of the few to take the radical view of this question entertained by the late Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Public Instruction in Houston. We are glad that he has tendered his resignation, and we hope the Mayor will accept it, and thus eliminate a disturbing factor from our school work in Texas.

### THE SCOTCH FREE CHURCH DECISION.

The Free Church of Scotland was founded, or organized, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Chalmers in 1842. The principal ground for the movement thus instituted against the National Scottish Church was the right of congregations to exercise the veto power on the appointment by patrons to Church livings. It was claimed that this right was essential to the liberty of the Church of Christ. In fact, it was a mild protest to the union of Church and State. While this new movement insisted on the denial of the State to interfere in the internal government of the Church, it also insisted that it was the duty of the State to maintain religion in general, and also to support the Church under given restrictions, and in this particular it distinguished itself from the other free Scottish Church organizations which had adopted the principle of practical separation. These principles, however, it practiced while still claiming to be the National Church of Scotland. Thus the new organization managed to be practically free from the interference of the State and at the same time maintained its National alliance. More than half of the membership and ministers of the National Church, and by far the most religious half, entered into this organization, and it became the Free Church of Scotland. In 1900 the Free Church, which had grown to be a formidable body, decided to enter into union with the United Presbyterian Church, which latter

Church represented earlier secessions from the Established Church. It had long been recognized that these two large bodies were a practical unit in doctrine, polity, order of service and in opposition to State control of Churches, and the mutual benefits of union in reality were apparent to both organizations. When formal action was taken there was not a dissenting voice in the assembly of the United Presbyterian Church to the union, but out of 10,000 elders in the Free Church 500 signed a petition against union. In the assembly, when the final official vote was taken, there were twenty-seven who voted in the negative and 643 voted in favor of it. So on October 31, 1900, the union of the two bodies was formally effected, and the two Churches became one great body. But this small minority organized an active opposition to the Free Church, carrying with them the property that belonged to that body. They instituted suit to retain all the property of the original Church. The lower courts denied them this right and gave to the majority the property of the organization. The opposition appealed from the decision to the English House of Lords, and on August 1 this august tribunal reversed the decisions of the Scottish Civil Courts and turned over millions of dollars worth of property to this insignificant minority. This decision has wrought a revolution in Church circles in Scotland and great indignation is the result. What the outcome will be remains to be determined. If the minority insist that all the property is theirs under this decision, then the majority will apply to the legislative branch of the Government for the enactment of a special law for the proper regulation and settlement of the questions involved. But if the minority will only insist upon their proportionate part of the property according to the numbers adhering to the old organization, then some adjustment may be made satisfactory to both parties in the dispute. Otherwise endless confusion will obtain for years to come. That the minority members are entitled to their just part of the property is not questioned, but for that little handful to fall heir to those millions and the great majority to be deprived of their due portion is an injustice rank and unmitigated. The further proceedings will be watched with deep interest.

The widow who put her two mites in the Lord's treasury along with the rich who were cropping in their hundreds, not only received the commendation of her Master, but her example has come on down to all ages as an inspiration and encouragement to those who sacrifice in giving of their means to a good cause.

Paul was willing to be recognized as the filth and offscourings of the world rather than compromise his relation to the Master, but many people whose names are on the Church records fawn at the foot of the world rather than be thought a trifle straight-laced and peculiar. But Paul had a very robust type of religion and the criticisms of the world had no terror for him. Shallow religious experience makes one's conduct very flexible.



# METHODISM IN BEAUMONT

All the world has known about Beaumont since January 10, 1901, the day Patillo Higgins' efforts to find oil were crowned with success in the Lucas gusher. For a time a sane stranger dropping into town would have thought all that section a great un-walled lunatic asylum, with only the skies for a roof. Beaumont, before this, had become quite a prosperous little city of 6,000 people because of her magnificent lumber and shingle business and rapidly developing rice industry. It is, really, one of the most favorably located points for a city of large commercial and manufacturing enterprises in the Southwest. It is less than fifty miles from the gulf, there is over 25 feet of water over the bar at the mouth of Sabine Pass, and a comparatively small amount of dredging will deepen a channel through Sabine Lake to the mouth of the Neches River, which will permit the largest ships to go to the foot of every prominent street in Beaumont, as the river sweeps around it in near half of a circle, and the river is broad and deep from the city to the lake, and a beautiful piece of fresh water.

Brother John N. Gilbert put his beautiful steam launch, the Gipsy, at our disposal one day, with Bro. Godbey in charge of the party and Commodore Will Gilbert on the hurricane dock, and we went as far as the great Port Arthur canal, thirty miles below. Here we saw large ocean steamers loading with oil and lumber to take to distant domestic and foreign ports. We went past the "Burt" refinery, in the eastern part of Beaumont, with its own great water front, walled in and mysterious, said to be the largest in this country. It was my first trip on the Neches since 1865, when I left the Confederate gunboat Josiah H. Bell at Orange with my father, just before the "break up." But I believe there have been greater changes in Beaumont since then than have come to me since my eighth year. If the announcement be true that iron is being successfully smelted with oil, then will the growth of Beaumont in the next fifteen or twenty years be a marvel to the world. She has iron at her doors, the finest kaolin within reach, inexhaustible beds of brick clay for both fire and finishing brick, within ten miles, being worked, has an abundance of water in her rivers and creeks for rice culture, with many hundreds of thousands of acres of rich rice lands adjacent, which she is beginning to utilize; has the great East Texas pines around her, connected by river and railroads, and is right in the midst of the great oil fields at Sour Lake, Saratoga, Batson and Spindle Top, which experts consider as inexhaustible as any ever discovered. She already has her principal streets paved with brick and has a number of modern five-story business houses. Her manufacturing business is growing rapidly, she has a large and growing wholesale trade, has a fine electrical street car system ramifying every section of the city, and has eight lines of railroads—the Southern Pacific from New Orleans to California, the Southern Pacific to Dallas, the Santa Fe to Center (the old "Kirby" road), the Santa Fe through Saratoga to the main line at Somerville, the Southern Pacific to Sabine Pass, the Gulf and Interstate to Galveston via Bolivar and the ferry—a most beautiful and attractive route—the Kansas City Southern from Kansas City and Port Arthur, and the newly built Sour Lake road. And she will more than likely soon get the Frisco via Paris, thence over the Texas Southern through Winnboro and Marshall, and the good old "High, Dry and Windy" from Longview, with a branch to the Southern into Longview. I believe the long-headed, great railroad statesman, B. F. Yoakum, is heading that way. Then "The Texas Railroad"—I. & G. N.—will likely come in soon, and the "Katy Orphan" from Trinity to Colmesneil cannot much longer be let alone, and the Cotton Belt hasn't very far to come from its Huntington extension below Lufkin.

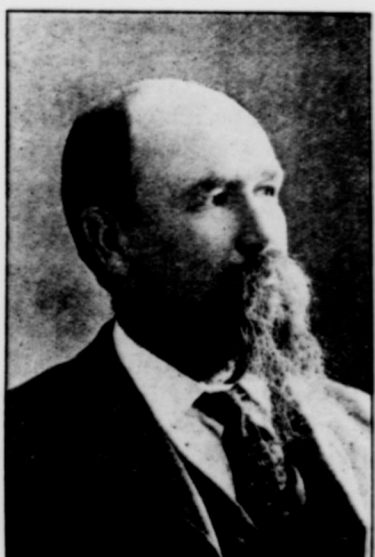
Now all of this is interesting to Methodists who are interested in greater Texas, but doubly so when I let them know that Methodism is keeping up with the material growth of this newly awakened young giant of the Neches. It is never a vain boast to state a fact for the purpose of "provoking one another to good works." In the oil strike that made Beaumont famous it is a fortunate thing for the moral growth of that section that the bulk of the local interests are held by men who are actively engaged in Christian work. Such men as Geo. W. Carroll, the Keiths, P. Higgins and others, are great-hearted Baptists. And what a host of these are Methodists—men who control im-

mense holdings of oil lands, wells and pipe lines and manufacturing interests. Let me simply name those who are stewards in Central Church, of which the indomitable V. A. Godbey is pastor: Geo. W. O'Brien, Geo. C. O'Brien, Wm. Wiess, of whom I have already written, M. L. Hinchie, G. C. Greer. Then, among the members in



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this class there are all the Gilberts, a Methodist host, the Pipkins, among the founders of Methodism here, and the Smiths and all the other O'Briens, and a host of others. Bro. Scruggs has some of them in such men as Brothers Sterling, Bright and McCarley, and Brother Cameron in Brother Watson and others. Probably Brother G. O. B. Millard ought to be called the nestor of our official family in Beaumont. He is a native of Berwick Bay, La.; came to Galveston, and then lived at Columbia (the first Texas capitol was on his family's place), and lived with his Uncle Henry, who was a San Jacinto officer. His uncle, with Messrs. Pulsifer and Hulin, laid out Beaumont about 1838, and his father was postmaster during the Republic. I can find no record as to when the Methodist Church was organized as a society, and no one could tell me, but certainly only a few Methodists were here, and only the Pipkins, the O'Briens, the Millards and the Gilberts were to be depended on for many years. Up to about 1875-76 our people worked in harmony with the Baptists, and thus a union Sunday-school was maintained, with F. L. Carroll, Baptist, superintendent, and Brother Millard as Secretary. Brother Millard has a list of the scholars of this school—many of them now not only the most substantial business and professional men of the city, but active Christians—as George W. Carroll and George W. O'Brien. Brother Millard is also President of the city school board, and one of the originators of the great temperance movement in Beaumont that started in the old Friends of Temperance, when they got a lot and had a modest hall on Pearl street, which has grown into the present Temperance building of three stories, devoted to

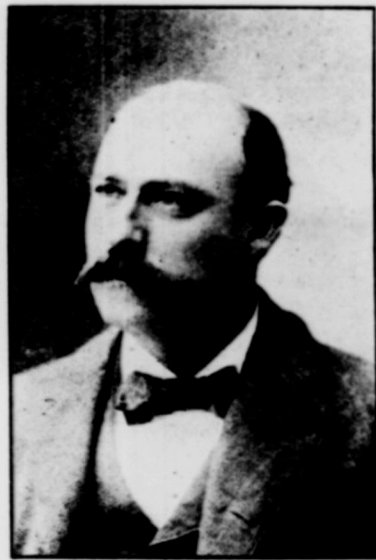


J. D. CAMPBELL, Beaumont, Texas.

general temperance education and charity. It cost \$26,000 and is entirely a local, non-denominational enterprise.

Captain George W. O'Brien has always been a Methodist like his old friend, Geo. O. B. Millard; both are Louisianians. He came to Galveston

in 1848 and to Beaumont in 1852. He has always been a leader in everything pertaining to the best interest of his town and State—civic, commercial, industrial and religious. He could not tell when the city was organized as a separate charge, but a small Methodist church, built at the beginning of the war, was destroyed by the hurricane that swept that section Sept. 15th, 1865. That was the only Protestant Church in Beaumont until the Methodists and Baptists built together, corner Main and Washington streets. Then, in 1876, Rev. E. F. Boone organized the Beaumont Methodist Church, and in 1877 they built a church on Fannin and Main—the present site of Central Church—which was sold in 1895 (and is now opposite its old site and used as a feed store), and Rev. Leon Sonfield built the present Central Church. Captain O'Brien, like Captain Millard, has a beautiful home overlooking the river, with a magnificent sweep of the river stretching out before it. Capt. O'Brien has a family that adds strength everywhere. Mrs. Neal Starke and Mrs. T. L. Townsend, of Dallas, and Mrs. Will James, of Fort Worth, are his daughters, Mr. James being the present Grand Master of Masons in Texas. In our Church at Beaumont are George C. and Cherrault O'Brien, prominent attorneys, partners with ex-Assistant Attorney General R. A. John (son of the late Dr. I. G. John, so long editor of the Advocate). Robert P. O'Brien is a dentist in Orange. Hon. M. W. Littleton, of Brooklyn, N. Y. (late of Weatherford and Dallas), whose great speech nominating Judge Parker at St. Louis made him nationally famous, married Capt. O'Brien's grand-daughter. Capt. O'Brien is always at his place in Church Sundays, unless sick or out of town.



J. N. GILBERT, Beaumont, Texas.

Another "registered and graded" Methodist here, like the above, is Mr. John N. Gilbert. He is a native Texan, born in Limestone County, near where Cynthia Ann Parker was captured at the massacre of the fort. His parents and grand-parents on both sides were Methodists. While he did not join the Church until a few years ago, he has always been a good man—I have known him for twenty years or more. He is quiet and modest and shrinks from publicity. He will be more astonished than any one to see this slight tribute to his usefulness, and will probably want to have me churched for it. But all good people have a right to the example of a good life. Brother Gilbert came to East Texas in 1861; in 1875 he engaged in the saw mill business, being among the pioneers in extensive lumber making. His industry, ability and high sense of honor soon placed him at the head of the lumber business, and the name of John N. Gilbert is to-day a synonym of integrity. He is the kind of man that seeks to assist the needy as much as possible and wants it to end with his act—nothing to be said. He will pay his Church dues, the collections, etc., and then give his pastor a check for a good round sum—say fifty or a hundred dollars—and simply remark, "You may know of some who need help; use that." He has three sisters, all his style of Methodists, in Beaumont—Mrs. M. L. Hinchie, Mrs. L. Fuller and Mrs. A. B. Smith. Mrs. Gilbert is a lifelong Methodist, one of the truest, most loyal in Texas. She was a Wilbarger, of Bastrop, and with her two sisters, Mrs. Pipkin and Mrs. Norvell, is a factor in Central Church.

Mrs. Mattie B. Pipkin is the widow of Rev. Jno. F. Pipkin. Bro. Pipkin was born in South Carolina in 1814; was converted at 18 and ordained a

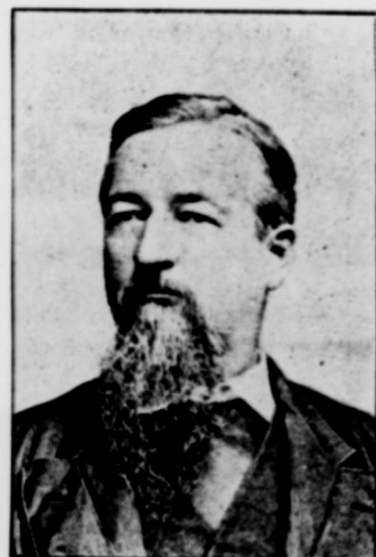
local deacon in 1846 by his old boyhood friend, Bishop Capers. He came to Texas in 1854 and settled in Duncan's Woods, near Orange, and moved to Beaumont in 1861, where he resided till his death—except eight years in Houston. He was a useful, loyal local preacher for more than fifty years; his home was always



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the home of his brethren, and he left a family who are all members of the Church—A. B. S. W. and L. B. Pipkin, of Central Church, Beaumont, and Mrs. S. P. Wells, near Lockhart. He served Beaumont charge before the war and a while during and after. Mrs. Pipkin says she thinks the first society here was organized by Rev. J. C. Woolam, about 1851 or 1852. Rev. Frank Wilson held a great revival near here—Corn Street neighborhood—in 1843, and Rev. H. C. McElroy died during his first year on the Beaumont circuit, in 1853—the first year I find Beaumont in the minutes.

Brother Godbey is doing a great work, and he has a remarkably strong assistant in his wife. She is a wonder in her organizing ability and a success with the young people and with the teachers in Sunday-school and Leagues, and Central Church is doing a long needed work towards enlisting the young people who come to the city and getting them started in the right way. The commodious and beautiful modern two-story parsonage is thrown open to them, and Bro. Godbey charts a boat for excursions and eliminates all objectionable people. Prof. A. B. Phillips, who has the preparatory school for young men and women, is superintendent of the Sunday-school, and he has a corps of active, alert, consecrated officers and teachers. The weekly teachers' meeting is a great success, a regular normal, with an attendance of from 30 to 75 and more. Frank Reedy will find the ground broken and the crop growing there. Judge Jeff D. Campbell, a native of Washington County, and traditional, as well as practical, loyal Methodist, is there. Of course he is a steward. He has been a member of



CAPT. GEO. W. O'BRIEN,  
Beaumont, Texas.

the Annual Conference for many years and has served in the General Conference. He and his wife are always at their places in Church, Sunday-school and choir, and Bro. Campbell is one of the best Secretaries I ever saw—the good lawyer in him makes that. Much of the efficiency of the board of

stewards is due to Bro. M. L. Hinchie, the Secretary. He was born a Methodist, in Illinois; came to Beaumont, and married another rock-ribbed, born Methodist—one of the Gilberts—and they are both indefatigable workers. There is a larger per cent of members supporting the Church at Central than any I know elsewhere—over 80 per cent. No wonder! Besides those named, the stewards are, Huch McFarlane, J. R. Sanders, W. M. Cook, J. L. Cunningham (cashier of the Beaumont National Bank, and whose wife is known in all the W. H. M. societies as one of the greatest workers in Southern Methodism), T. W. Shepherd, R. W. Sanders, F. W. Blackburn, M. L. Moody, county school superintendent, A. T. McDonough, T. S. Faulk, Benson W. Grant, F. P. Crow, J. E. Longe, the great coffee man; M. E. Rowse, Boon Kirk, H. W. Potter, C. B. Daniels, Prof. Triplett, superintendent of the city schools (and every teacher of the splendid schools is an active member of some Church), J. H. Swoffard and C. A. Meagher.

Central Church has made tremendous strides lately. Electric fans—plenty of them—were put in early in the spring, and the congregations are large at both services Sundays, filling auditorium and lecture room. They have one of the best choirs in Texas, and sing our hymns so that "all the people sing." The Church is too small and a fine, large lot has been bought (\$15,000) a block from the postoffice on Broadway and Pearl, and a magnificent new church will be begun next year. Bro. Godbey has arranged for four pages in a strong society paper for all the Church news. He hasn't a little thought in him. He is brotherly, interested in his co-workers, our other pastors there, aiding them by every word and work, and is one of the most persistently energetic men I have ever known. My most pleasant stay at his home was one of the pleasant (and profitable in a social, spiritual and intellectual way) episodes of my life.

What I have said as to the stand taken and work being done by Central Church will largely hold good for Cartwright Chapel, in Southside, and our North End Church. Bro. A. G. Scruggs is doing a good work at Southside and has a large Sunday-school and League. He has some able lieutenants in Bro. Bright, his Sunday-school superintendent, in Bro. McCarley, in Bro. E. A. Sterling, and others. Cartwright is growing and is already a strong Church. It is the only self-sustaining Church within reach of a large population, and especially of the hundreds of families around the great oil refinery. They have a good church building, electric cars only a block away, and there is a great field there. It could be moved a few blocks north to great advantage, and probably will be. The stewards rent the house for Bro. Scruggs, and I spent a few pleasant days with him and his family. It is a typical preacher's home.

North End is served by Bro. G. E. Cameron. He followed Bro. Jno. E. Green. The people loved Bro. Green. He is lovable, and when he was moved some of them forgot they were Methodists and rebelled. Bro. Cameron was wise and let things run their course, like the measles. Then he took hold firmly and earnestly. He soon had the members to realize their duty, and chaos gave way for order and progress. He then bought a lot for a new church, on Magnolia avenue, some of Central Church members helping him, and things are getting in prime condition. It is a fine locality, electric cars in front of the lot, and he expects to begin building before conference. He is one of the best mentally equipped men in the Texas Conference—an Emory and Vanderbilt man—and possessed of coolness, judgment and determination, with patient kindness of heart. We may expect a good report from North End. In Brother Sam W. Foster Brother Cameron has one of the most resourceful Sunday-school superintendents in Texas—or elsewhere. His Sunday-school is really a marvel for growth, attendance, efficiency, varied expedients that keep up a glowing interest, and for enthusiasm among both scholars and teachers. People from other Churches and places visit that school to get points. Dr. Rankin knew Brother Foster's originality, energy and Church work in his old Shearn Church Sunday-school and League in Houston. He has charge of a Mergenthaler in the Journal office at Beaumont, and seems to set type in order to think up new things for his Sunday-school. In Mrs. Cameron Bro. Cameron has a most valuable assistant in all his work. She is a most accomplished musician, and this impor-

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tant part of Church service is at the fore under her capable directions.

The presiding elder, Brother J. B. Cochran, is much loved, not only by the preachers in his district, but by all the members with whom I conversed, both in Beaumont and in that section. He is sympathetic, quick to see and act, and as tireless as his strength will permit. In his case, to call him by the too often trite pseudonym, "the beloved," is not meaningless. He is a friend of intelligent Christianity and says that he hopes to see every official and every family in his district take and read Texas Christian Advocate—and as many other of our periodicals as they can afford. He wants it to be the banner Advocate district in Texas—and to this end I had, and will have, the right of way down there. There are over 1,100 members of our Church in Beaumont; they are, for the most part, loyal, earnest and energetic. I ought to have mentioned before that it was a daughter of Capt. Geo. W. O'Brien that Mr. Alfred S. John, one of the four first graduates of Southwestern University and son of the late Dr. I. G. John, married, and that his brother, Hon. Robt. A. John,

is now an active member of Central Church. Another great admirer of the Advocate and the cause it represents is my old friend Hon. A. J. Houston (oldest son of Gen. Sam Houston), United States Marshal at Beaumont. It is no idle boast to say that just now Methodism stands easily first in Beaumont, and with the efficient pastors and loyal membership that now man the Churches we may reasonably hope that it will maintain its position.

Unexpected emergencies and calls for special pastoral work at both Cartwright Chapel and North End Church kept us from completing our visitations for the Advocate, and I promised those brethren that I would return. We managed, however, to get about 160 new subscribers, and as 128 of these were in Central Church, Bro. Godbey's charge still stands as the banner Advocate charge of Texas, with over 180 subscribers to its credit; and as Beaumont has 230 Advocates now, it is, next to Dallas, the banner Advocate city of Texas. Maybe it will pass the Texas metropolis. Eh? WM. A. BOWEN.

to convince the judgments and persuade the wills of those to whom it goes with its message of life.

In these days, moreover, the newspapers are the thought exchanges of the world, the clearing-house to which all those who have something to say that is worth hearing bring their utterances. I do not mean to deery the value of books. No one could be further from that folly than I am. But it is still true that for the great mass of the people books are not the chief vehicle for instruction. What is best in them—best in the sense of being most available for edification—is filtered down into the popular mind through the vehicle of the periodical press. They are read and digested by those who have the time and the inclination, and interpreted to the multitude in reviews, editorials and paragraphs. The old maxim was, "You may know a man by the company he keeps." The new one is, "You may know a man by the newspaper he reads." Whether he is aware of it or not, he is sure to get the color of his opinions from this source.

The question with the Churches is therefore this: "Can we depend on the secular press for the dissemination of religious news and the discussion of religious topics, or must we establish organs of our own?" To this question, duly weighed, there can be but one answer. I gratefully record the fact that the leading journals of the country are generally friendly to Christianity, and are willing enough to publish whatever readable information may come to them concerning its work and progress. This is certainly a fact of no small importance. But it does not fully meet the needs of the situation. To begin with, the secular journals do not understand the language of Canaan, and when they undertake to speak it, they are liable to make ludicrous blunders and mistakes. All the Churches suffer at this point; the Methodists, as I am inclined to think, more than the rest. It remains to be added that a mere general friendliness of temper is not all that is called for. The demands of the hour are for open and active defense and advocacy of the kingdom. If these demands are not met, the cause is bound to suffer remediless loss.

The whole matter may be put to the test of practical experience. Who are the best Methodists? I mean where are we to look for the men and women that love the institutions and enterprises of Zion; that lead upright and godly lives; that freely give of their substance to support and sustain the ministry and the great Christian charities? The testimony of all the best pastors is that they are to be found among those who are the regular readers of the Church paper. I say this is the testimony of all the best pastors; but I might make the assertion more comprehensive, and say of all the pastors. With one voice they declare that their most loyal and liberal members, those upon whom they can depend in every emergency, are just those who, by reason of their weekly contact with the Church press, are best informed as to the claims that are entitled to recognition at their hands.

In view of all that has been said, it is a folly for any pastor to intimate that he has not time to push the circulation of these papers. The very scarcity of time is a reason why he should see to it that every family in his charge is supplied with them. There is no expenditure of effort that brings a larger return. I am personally acquainted with a few uncommonly successful circuit preachers who often subscribe for an Advocate to be sent to each one of their officials, and pay the bill out of their own pockets, when the end can not be reached in any other way. Talking to one of these preachers once I said: "You can not afford to stand the expense of such a policy." He quickly answered, "I can not afford to do anything else; it is

an investment that never fails to yield more than a hundred per cent." And no doubt he was right. Let us sow down the Church as never before with our own Church papers. The duty can not be shirked or neglected without loss in manifold ways.—Raleigh Advocate.

THE BROKEN TOMB.

It is said that a century ago an infidel German Princess, on her deathbed, ordered that her grave be covered with a great granite slab and that around it should be placed solid blocks of stone, and the whole be fastened together with clamps of iron, and that on the stone should be cut these words: "This burial place, purchased to all eternity, must never be opened." Thus she meant publicly to proclaim that her grave would never be opened—never. It happened that a little seed was buried with the Princess, a single caron. It sprouted under the covering; its tiny shoot, soft and pliable at first, found its way through the crevice between two of the slabs; and there it grew slowly but surely and gathered strength until it burst the iron clamps asunder and lifted the immense blocks and turned the whole structure into an irregular mass of upheaved rocks. Up and up through this mass of disordered stones grew the giant oak, which had thus broken the bars of a sepulchre. That oak grows there to-day, a veritable tree of life. In every grave on earth's green sward is a tiny seed of the resurrection-life of Jesus Christ, and that seed can not perish. It will germinate when the warm south wind of Christ's return brings back the spring-tide to this cold, sin-cursed earth of ours; and when they that are in their graves, and we who shall lie down in ours, will feel in our mortal bodies the power of His resurrection and will come forth to life immortal.—Ex.

SINNING AGAINST THE CHILD.

"Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child?" exclaimed Reuben, reminiscently, with reference to the youthful Joseph. The force of these words is not really lessened by the fact that they constituted an "I told you so." For years the sense of having wronged one so young as hardly to be able to defend himself against harm had haunted Reuben like a vengeful memory. It is probable that when he uttered these words of warning, "Do not sin against the child," Reuben had in mind the physical rather than the moral welfare of Joseph. Nevertheless, his words are capable of a wider use than their original application, and may well be employed to-day as a solemn caution not to harm childhood by either deliberately or thoughtlessly doing injury to any of its precious interests.

Childhood is constantly being wronged, both positively and negatively. Words can not measure the sin of those who purposely, with satanic ingenuity, set out to ensnare the young, to poison their minds, to debase their morals, to turn them from the pursuit of virtue into the paths of destruction. A terrible curse rests upon those who thus cause one of God's "little ones" to stumble and fall. Such deliberately malicious sinning against childhood may be comparatively rare, though many adults, by themselves leading corrupt lives, incidentally if not consciously, set examples before the young that have the effect of making sin far easier for the latter than virtue.

How long is the catalogue of the things that ought to be done for childhood that are left undone! How many more prayers for the children should be offered, how many more wise counsels should be given, how many more Sunday-schools should be started, and how many Sunday-schools now in operation might well be improved in spirit and methods! How much more good literature

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MACBETH.

How to take care of lamps, including the getting of right-shape chimneys, is in my Index; sent free.

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should be circulated, how much more sympathetic interest should be taken by older people in the trials, joys, and innocent ambitions of childhood. Childhood deserves many things that are now withheld from it. Childhood makes its appeal with pathetic force, though the appeal often goes unheeded. The cry of the children, however, is surely recorded against all who neglect the culture of the higher interests of the young. His caution addresses itself anew to every generation, do not sin against the child!—Rev. Charles A. S. Dwight, in New York Observer.

REPENTANCE.

The keynote of the preaching of John the Baptist was repentance. "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Christian life begins in repentance. No revival of religion is genuine and permanent in its results in which there is no pungent conviction for sin—no "broken and contrite heart"—no forsaking wicked ways and turning to God with full purpose of heart to keep his commandments. Many have wrong notions of repentance. They seem to think that repentance is merely emotional—a sentimental gush of feeling. John the Baptist did not tell his hearers that simply feeling sorry for their sins was sufficient—his ringing utterance was: "Bring forth, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance." To the people who asked, "what shall we do then?" he said, "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." To the publicans who asked, "Master, what shall we do?" he said, "Exact no more than that which is appointed you." To the soldiers who "demanded of him, saying, "And what shall we do?" he replied, "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages." Repentance is known by its fruits.—Exchange.

He who knows he is in the world for a very little while, who knows and feels it, strikes for the center of living. He does the little daily things of life, but he does them for a purpose.—Bishop Brooks.

WHAT'S THE USE

To Keep a "Coffee Complexion."

A lady says: "Postum has helped my complexion so much that my friends say I am growing young again. My complexion used to be coffee colored, muddy and yellow, but it is now clear and rosy as when I was a girl. I was induced to try Postum by a friend who had suffered just as I had suffered from terrible indigestion, palpitation of the heart and sinking spells.

"After I had used Postum a week I was so much better that I was afraid it would not last. But now two years have passed and I am a well woman. I owe it all to leaving off coffee and drinking Postum in its place. "I had drunk coffee all my life. I suspected that it was the cause of my trouble, but it was not until I actually quit coffee and started to try Postum that I became certain; then all my troubles ceased and I am now well and strong again." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Devotional and Spiritual

As unto thee, O Lord,  
May all our work be done,  
From early morning light  
To setting of the sun.  
As unto thee, O Lord,  
With all our heart and might,  
So may each task afford  
Content and sweet delight.

—Susan M. May.

THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD.

You see a flower growing, not in a garden, but wild in a field or a wood. You admire its beautiful colors, or, if it is fragrant, its sweet scent. Now, why was that flower put there? You may answer, "to please me." My dear friends, I should be the last person to deny that. I can never see a child picking a nosegay, much less a little London child, born and bred and shut among bricks and mortar, when it gets for the first time into a green field and throws itself instinctively upon the buttercups and daisies, as if they were precious jewels and gold—I never see that sight, I say, without feeling that there are such things as final causes—I mean that the Great Father in Heaven put those flowers into that field on purpose to give pleasure to His human children. But then comes the question: Of all the flowers in a single field, is one in ten thousand ever looked at by child or by man? And yet they are just as beautiful as the rest; and God has, so to speak, taken as much pains with the many beautiful things which men will never see, as with the few, very few, which men may see. And when one thinks further about this—when one thinks of the vast forests in other lands, which the foot of man has seldom or never trod, and which, when they are entered, are found to be full of trees, flowers, birds, butterflies, so beautiful and glorious, that anything we see in England is poor and plain in comparison with them; and when we remember that these beautiful creatures have been going on generation after generation, age after age, unseen and unenjoyed by any human eyes, one must ask: Why has God been creating all that beauty simply to let it all, as it were, run to waste, till after thousands of years one traveler comes and has a hasty glimpse of it? Impossible! Or, again—and this is an example still more strange, and yet it is true—we used to think until a very few years past that at the bottom of the deep sea there were no living things—that miles below the surface of the ocean, in total darkness and under such a weight of water as would crush us to a jelly, there could be nothing except stones and sand and mud. But now it is found out that the bottom of the deepest seas and the utter darkness into which no ray of light can ever pierce are alive and swarming with mil-

lions of creatures, as cunningly and exquisitely formed as those which live in the sunlight along the shallow shores.

Surely beautiful things were made to be seen by someone, else why were they made beautiful? Common sense tells us that. But who has seen those countless tribes which have been living down in utter darkness since the making of the world? Common sense, I think, can give but one answer—God!

But more — God has not only made things beautiful; he has made things happy; whatever misery there may be in the world, there is no denying that. However sorrow may have come into the world, there is a great deal more happiness than misery in it. Misery is the exception; happiness is the rule. No rational man ever heard a bird sing without feeling that the bird was happy; and if so, his common sense ought to tell him that if God made that bird He made it to be happy; He intended it to be happy, and He takes pleasure in its happiness, though no human ear should ever hear its song, no human heart should ever share its joy. Yes, the world was not made for man; but man, like all the world, was made for God. Not for man's pleasure, merely, not for man's use, but for God's pleasure all things are and for God's pleasure they were created.—Charles Kingsley.

THE RELIGIOUS PRESS AND THE PASTORATE.

Bishop E. E. Hoss, D. D., LL. D. He is surely a self-conceited pastor who supposes that he is capable without help of any sort, of doing all the work that needs to be done in the congregation or congregations which he is appointed to serve. Let him be as resourceful and as energetic as he may, he can not, solitary and alone meet and discharge the manifold tasks that confront him from day to day. It is, therefore, the part of wisdom that he should re-enforce himself in every possible way, and thus multiply the value of his activities. Surely no one can be found to deny so primary a proposition.

Let us further affirm that a good religious newspaper, widely circulated, is the best assistant that any pastor can possibly secure. The reason for such a statement is not far to seek. Christianity is a religion of intelligence, and not of ignorance. It appeals always and everywhere to an enlightened understanding, and seeks to commend itself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. Repudiating the use of force, and rejecting the very thought of sacerdotal helps and my reason for such a statement is not far to seek. Christianity is thrown back upon the necessity of relying on intellectual and moral agencies. Being in its essence rational and not magical, it has no option except



## Secular News Items.

Eight persons of a party of twelve from Philadelphia met a tragic death Sunday night. They were taking a pleasure trip in a steam launch on the river, and on their return the steamer Columbia on its way from Philadelphia to Bristol crashed into the launch, grinding it to pieces.

It is reported that March 22 next has been set for the date of the marriage of the Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin to Crown Prince Frederick William. The nuptials will be celebrated with unprecedented splendor, as he will be the first Hohenzollern to marry as Crown Prince of the German Empire.

M. Charley, automobile dealer, in Paris, France, announces that he will offer \$10,000 as a prize to the first motor boat to cross the Atlantic from Havre to New York.

Mme. Melba, the distinguished singer, while driving in an automobile in Paris, France, ran over a man about 84 years old, the victim dying instantly. The accident occurred on the Boulevard Péroire, Mme. Melba being on the way from the Hotel Ritz to Versailles. It is not thought that the chauffeur was to blame. Mme. Melba was greatly distressed and returned to the hotel almost prostrated.

An insect resembling the Mexican boll weevil has appeared in the cotton fields of Georgia and South Carolina. The only difference between the new pest and the weevil is that the former seems to sting the cotton boll, instilling into it a certain poison. This poison first dries up the boll, and then it begins to rot until finally the boll crumbles to pieces. Bolls affected by this pest have been sent to State Entomologist Newell, who in turn forwarded them to Washington. Fortunately the trouble began late in the season and much of the staple is too far matured to be injured by the caterpillars.

For the first time in her history Dallas has been designated as the official headquarters of a postoffice inspector, and the man who has been delegated to his duty here is Alfred A. Smith. Mr. Smith has been in the Postal Department for a number of years, and has for the past six years been stationed in the island of Porto Rico. After leaving Porto Rico he is stationed in the free zone on the Isthmus of Panama, where he installed all the postoffices in that district. He will have the same district here as that of the United States Court, namely, Dallas, Rockwall, Johnson, Navarro, Kaufman, Hunt and Ellis Counties.

A six-horse thirty-four passenger coach of the trolley style, has arrived at the World's Fair from Yellowstone National Park, and has been placed at the disposal of President Francis for the remainder of the Exposition. It will be used to convey distinguished parties over the grounds. The coach will be driven by John Reynolds, who has been staging in the West since 1871.

Johnson County farmers are said to be holding 100,000 bushels of wheat for better prices.

Philadelphia was a good deal surprised on learning the great wealth of William Weightman, the manufacturer of chemicals, who died there a few days ago. There will be another surprise, doubtless, when Thomas Dolan dies, as he is worth \$100,000,000, according to conservative estimates. His interests are enormous and many in number. He is "the whole thing" in the great syndicate that controls the traffic in a dozen large cities of this land. He is the gasmaker of Philadelphia and the largest individual holder of Consolidated Gas. And yet, "Tom" Dolan, as he likes best to be called, is a quiet little man who may be seen any afternoon sitting in the cafe of the Bellevue Hotel watching other people taking drinks, willing to pay for the gratification of their tastes, but never imbibing anything himself.—Exchange.

B. F. Stazel, alias Robert Romaine, a deported Colorado miner under arrest in Topeka, Kansas, charged with burglary, has confessed to the County Attorney his complicity in the Independence depot and the Vindicator mine explosions in the Cripple Creek district last June, by which fifteen non-union miners were killed. Romaine says he helped to place the dynamite and wire under the depot, and by which the charge was set off. In his confession he implicated twelve other men.

One of the most important railroad deals ever consummated affecting Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, was closed in New York when the Wabash interests, for the sum of \$12,000,000 purchased the Pittsburg Terminal Railroad and Coal Company, the West Side Belt Road and its branches, including all the associated companies of the coal company. The purchase covers 15,000 acres of coal land in fee simple, 1000 acres surface land, seven

mines, thirty-six miles of railroad with valuable terminals in Pittsburg and Clairton. The present output of the property is 3,000,000 tons per annum, and the deal gives the Wabash the advantage of an immense tonnage for immediate haul and entrance into all the iron tonnage producing mills of Pittsburg.

The family of the late M. Waldeck-Rousseau have issued a statement to the effect that, owing to the controversies in France, which have arisen since the death of the former Premier concerning his change of convictions relative to the religious orders, they propose to publish, not in a spirit of controversy, but to establish the truth, his private papers demonstrating that during and after his Ministry he remained invariably faithful to the same political doctrines.

Mexico will shortly establish a legation at Pekin. Don Carlos Lera, now Mexican Minister to Japan, will also be Minister to China. The Charge d'Affaires here during Don Lera's absence will be Don Mauricio Wolheim, Secretary of the legation, who has already arrived in Pekin. The establishment of a Mexican Legation is not connected with any special object, but is for general purposes, mainly to promote mercantile agencies.

Delegates sent to California to study methods of marketing fruit and vegetable products of that State have returned and will report to meeting of fruit and truck growers to be held at Tyler in October.

An illustration of what can be done in the rapid hauling of cotton at the port of Galveston was given Wednesday at Pier 10, a record being made that will be difficult to equal at any other point along the gulf. During eight hours 108 carloads of cotton were loaded at pier 10 and snugly stowed in the hold of the steamship Irada, cotton being taken aboard from drays, floats and barges at the same time. All told, about 6000 bales were stored in the hold of the Irada during the eight working hours of the day. It is stated that this is the record for rapid handling of cotton at one pier and one ship during the period of time; also the record for the gulf ports.

It is said that the Farmers' Union now has a membership of 80,000 in Texas. Any way, it has grown large enough to have general offices in which fifteen clerks are employed. Arrangements have been made to establish headquarters at Greenville.

The return of the State elections in Vermont on the 6th give the Republican a plurality of over thirty thousand. Chairman Taggart, of the Democratic National Committee, comments as follows: "The result in Vermont is not surprising in view of the unparalleled efforts made by the Republicans and the campaign conducted by the Democrats. The Administration concentrated all its forces and resources upon that State, holding in the last week 200 meetings. The candidate for Vice President, the Secretary of War, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senators of the United States and Representatives in Congress, assisted by a host of lesser light, made urgent appeals to the Republican farmers to go to the polls. In view of these efforts, never made before by any party in a September election, it is remarkable that the Administration did not succeed in increasing the Republican majority. Indeed, it did not even increase the Republican vote."

Perfect housekeepers will be graduated from the Chicago public schools soon if the aims of the Board of Education are attained. The expectations of the Board members are based on a course of study in cooking and sewing just completed by R. M. Smith, supervisor of the manual training and household arts department after a year's work, and which has been given out to the teachers in the different branches. Cooking and physiology will be taught together by the new system. House sanitation, including the chemistry of house cleaning also will be taken up. The classes in sewing will be taught how to patch, to make button holes, to sew on buttons, to darn and to hemstitch. Then they will be given instruction in cutting and making garments. Finally they will be told how to shop, how to select suitable material and how to calculate the amounts necessary.

Austin has been selected as the location of the new Texas State Pasteur Institute for the treatment of rabies. It will be completed and ready for opening about October 1.

A Jewish year book just issued for the period from September 10, 1904, to September 29, 1905, the Jewish year 5665, contains statistics showing that the Hebrew population of the world is now 10,922,777. Of this number Russia has 5,189,401, Austria-Hungary 2,076,378, and the United States 1,253,218. Germany comes next with 586,948, and then Turkey with 466,251. Of the 600,000 Jews credited to the State of New York about 500,000 are

residents of New York City. A list of bequests and gifts by Jews to various institutions covers fourteen pages of the book. Among other biographical statements is one to the effect that forty-one synagogues were dedicated in the past year.

Dr. B. M. Worsham, Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum, of which the Pasteur Institute will be an adjunct, has placed an order for the furniture for the new building.

Texas orators seem to be in big demand for the Democratic campaign in the North. Congressman Morris Sheppard is to put in the entire month of October in Indiana, New York and New Jersey.

The gratifying news comes from New York that Mr. Henry Davis will contribute \$350,000 to the Democratic campaign fund, and that his brother, Thomas, will duplicate this sum.

There is not to be the slightest probability of Diaz accompanying Roosevelt on a hunting trip in November unless the American President should go to Mexico. Neither will he go to El Paso for the Irrigation Congress. Such a thing might be possible after December, on which date Diaz enters a new term; also Corral takes oath as Vice President, but previous to that date it is out of the question. Elaborate preparations are being made for the festivities in connection with the resumption of supreme power by Diaz and the taking of the oath of Mexico's first Vice President. The President's re-election, the celebration of his birthday on September 15, and the Independence Day, September 16, will be attended by unusual enthusiasm.

A telegram from Austin, Texas, says: The local colored population is somewhat worried over the proposition of taking care of the many thousands of delegates and visitors to the National Baptist Convention of the negroes to be held here next week. It is estimated that there will be from 20,000 to 30,000 visitors here. Most of the negro population of Austin is out in the cottonfields and their houses are closed. The situation makes it a problem as to where the visiting Baptists are to be housed and how they are to be fed during their stay of five days. A tabernacle capable of seating 5000 people has been erected for the proposed meeting. The convention will open September 13th.

Chairman Jefferson Johnson, of the State Boll Weevil Reward Commission, states that he will soon prepare the report of the work and recommendations of the commission for submission to Governor Lanham. He intimated that it would be a very interesting report. It is understood that Mr. Johnson does not favor a renewal of the reward of \$50,000 for the discovery of a means for eradicating the boll weevil by the next Legislature. He thinks that the pest will have to meet its fate through some other means than those devised or attempted up to this time. It is understood that Mr. Johnson in his report will strongly urge certain cultural methods by which the ravages of the weevil may be greatly lessened.

The Southern Colored Cotton Goods Weavers' Association was organized at Atlanta, Georgia, September 7, and is to meet again at Charlotte, North Carolina, October 5. Resolutions were adopted recommending that final action be taken at the Charlotte meeting binding the members not to place goods on memorandum, nor to guarantee prices to customers, etc.

Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, is touring England and Scotland in a motor car in order to visit his soldiers in towns not readily accessible by rail. The Salvation Army flag flies from the four corners of his car.

Mr. Balfour is much wealthier than was his uncle, the late Lord Salisbury, the Premier's income, it is said, being about \$350,000 a year. The money came from his grandfather, who earned a vast fortune in India at the beginning of the last century by contracting for the navy, making as much as \$1,500,000 in four years. When the income tax stood so high during the Boer War it was stated that Mr. Balfour handed over to the inland revenue an amount equal to his salary as Prime Minister.

John Wanamaker has in contemplation the erection and endowment of a college for men near Ellenville, Ulster County, New York. The location selected for the college is on Mount Menasha, one of the Shawangunk range. Mr. Wanamaker and J. S. Huyler are interested in a prospective publishing house to be erected at Ellenville, wherein 300 men will be employed and a general magazine and book publishing business conducted.—Chicago Chronicle.

The great packers' strike, which began July 12, in Chicago, involving almost 75,000 men in various cities, and which has cost in round numbers to the packers in damage, lost business to the railroads and to the men in wages about \$14,000,000, has been declared off. It ended at midnight September 8. The terms constitute a prac-

tical surrender for the strikers. Those for whom places can be found are to be taken back at the wages prevailing before the strike was called. Otherwise there are no terms. The union stewards are to be abolished, the yards will remain "open" and the packers will reduce forces so that all employes can be given a full week.

Ex-Gov. Robert Taylor, of Tennessee, was married to Miss Mamie St. John, of Chilhowie, Virginia, September 7. The wedding occurred at the bride's home and was attended by many of the wide circle of relations. Gov. Taylor has been married three times, having been divorced only a few months ago from his second wife, at Knoxville. Gov. and Mrs. Taylor will reside at Bristol.

Acting under the express orders of Attorney General Crow, representing the State of Missouri, Sheriff Hencken, of St. Louis County, has arrested three of the toradors who have been participating in a series of bull fights inaugurated last Sunday in an arena near the World's Fair Grounds. The arrests were made in the arena just before the finish of an exhibition. The men, Felix Roberts, Enrique Acuna and Lorenzo Gordito, were admitted to bail.

Major Henry Seton, of New York, a veteran of the United States Army in the Civil and Spanish-American Wars, a noted Indian fighter with Gen. Crook, a brother of Archbishop Seton, of Rome, and a grandson of Elizabeth Ann Bailey Seton, founder of Sisters of Charity in the United States, is dead in Baltimore. Mr. Seton was 66 years old. About a year ago he contracted pneumonia while stationed in Arizona, and coming East fell a victim to tuberculosis. His last active service was with the Twelfth Infantry in the Philippines.

After setting fire to the jail at Huntsville, Alabama, September 7, and smoking out the prisoner while the fire department was held at bay with guns and the Sheriff, his deputies and the soldiers outwitted, a mob estimated at over 2000 people lynched Horace Maple, the negro accused of murdering John W. Waldrop, by stringing him to a tree on the court house lawn. This action of the mob was taken notwithstanding strong protests made by Solicitor Earl Pettus and J. H. Wallace, in stirring speeches in which law and order were pleaded for eloquently.

Official estimates of the coming rice crop in Japan forecast remarkable conditions. It is certain that the harvest will produce more than 50,000,000 koku (25,000,000 bushels). This will be a crop 20 per cent above the average and will break the record in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. There will be no necessity of importing rice, which will make the balance of trade favorable. The barley and tea crops and the silk cocoon yield are also excellent. This extraordinary prosperity is deemed especially fortunate at the present juncture.

The Isthmian Canal Commission having terminated its present legislative work in Panama left Colon September 7 per steamer Finance for New York direct. Admiral Walker and the members of the Commission called officially on President Amador to bid good-bye and present Gen. Davis, who, as Executive Officer of the Commission, resumes his former position as Governor of the canal zone, but with considerably increased power, having special instructions from President Roosevelt, acting as his personal representative on the isthmus, to assume charge of and hasten to a satisfactory solution of all pending negotiations with the Panama Government, and regarding reciprocal trade relations between the canal zone and the Republic as soon as Minister Barrett, American Diplomatic Representative, should have smoothed matters and paved the way for a successful ending.

### FROM THE FAR EAST.

Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters, in the Field, Aug. 30, via Fusan, Sep. 8.—The artillery battle which thundered around Liao Yang to-day from early morning until darkness and hid foe from foe was certainly one of the most stupendous and spectacular of history. The combined armies of Japan, with the exception of part of the force under Gen. Kuroki, concentrated batteries against the Russian lines under Gen. Kuropatkin and several hundred guns, probably not less than 300 upon each side, were worked incessantly for twelve hours. Even after nightfall and in the driving storm of wind and rain that swept over the field of battle the conflict did not cease entirely, for Russian shells are to-night bursting over the hills before the Japanese positions. Not only the number of guns in action, but the rapid fire, made the conflict remarkable. For several hours the cannonade averaged sixty shots a minute and the rate seldom fell below twenty shots a minute. From a high mountain, almost over the nearest Russian batteries, the foreign attaches and newspaper correspondents with Gen. Kuroki's army had a view of the fighting which prob-

ably never will be surpassed. Liao Yang, a small Chinese walled city, with a gray pagoda towering from its center, stands on the southern bank of the Taitse River. The observers noted the yellow roofs of military storehouses on the outskirts of the city. From the city the river sweeps on a broad curve to the southeast road and then takes a turn to the north. To the northwest of Liao Yang there extends a great plain, while to the east and south, a range upon range, are the mountains, through which the Japanese armies advanced to the theater of one of the decisive battles of the struggle. The whole Russian front was bordered with twinkling lights, this being the flashes from the guns. Much of the artillery was in skillfully covered positions, and absolutely smokeless powder was used. Clusters of white shrapnel smoke broke out fitfully around some Japanese positions in the mountains and then drifted slowly away, showing that often two or three batteries upon either side were pitted against one another. The nearer ridges of the mountains and the edge of the plain were constantly dotted with sudden flashes of white smoke from exploding shells, and the sound that came to the ears of the observers was as a continuous rumble of thunder, varied by successions of sharp peals, as two or three batteries united and fired together. Throughout the day the positions of the opposing forces were but little changed, and at nightfall the honors appeared to be even. The Japanese infantry, which was massed behind the hills, was often under severe fire, and especially when the Russians directed the regiments to advance from one point to another. There was some infantry fighting on the hills bordering the plain. Bodies of Russian troops could be seen marching about Liao Yang, with the appearance of great activity, and one Russian column, composed of several regiments of cavalry, moved out to the left of the Russian rear, as though to protect the retreat of the main body. Trains could be seen steaming out of Liao Yang to the northward every half hour during the day.

Cronstadt, Sept. 11.—The Baltic fleet sailed to-day for the Far East. The vessels of the fleet are as follows: The battleships Souvaroff, Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship; the Navarin, Sissoivelky Borodino, Alexander III, Orel, Oleg and the Oslaba, Rear Admiral Voelkersam's flagship; the cruisers Admiral Nakhimoff, Dimitri, Donskoi, Aurora, and the Almaz, Rear Admiral Enquist's flagship, and several torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 11.—In a telegram to the Emperor Nicholas, dated September 10, General Kuropatkin says: "There were no hostilities to-day (Sunday) except insignificant patrol encounters, in which we sustained no casualties."

London, Sept. 11.—A dispatch to Retuer's Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says it is understood that Viceroy Alexieff, in view of the military contingencies in the Far East, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Emperor, but that no decision with regard to it has yet been made.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 11.—The Emperor has called to arms the reserve troops in twenty-two circuits of the governments of Khersan, Bassarabia, Ekartoslav and Taurid, belonging to the military district of Odessa, and also one category of reserve officers throughout the empire.

Mukden, Sept. 11.—All is quiet in this region. It is understood that the main force of the Japanese has retired to Yental. A solemn service was held here to-day for the repose of the souls of those who died in action. It was attended by the entire staff and garrison. Distant shots were heard, but this did not disturb the solemnity of the service. The weather is threatening and more rain is expected.

Washington, Sept. 11.—A dispatch from Tokio which reached the Japanese Legation to-day places the total casualties on the Japanese side at the battle of Liao Yang at 17,539 officers and men killed or wounded. Of these the army of the right (Kuroki) lost 4,866; the center, (Oku), 4,992 and the left (Nodzu), 7,681. The number of officers killed was 136 and the number wounded 464.

Advices received from Rev. Charles D. Morris, presiding elder of the North Korea District of the Korea Mission, show that the work of the missionaries has been actively resumed throughout part of the Korean Empire.

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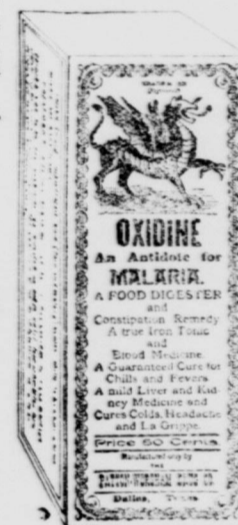
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#### Notes From the Field.

##### NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

###### Haskell Mission.

Geo. A. Nance, Sept. 8: We closed a meeting at Marcy last Sunday night, held in connection with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We think there were 14 conversions. Both Churches received some members. A meeting is now in progress at Pinkerton under the auspices of the Baptist Church, from which we will receive some members. Fourth Quarterly Conference will be the 16th instant. We are rounding up for conference with prospects for full report.

###### Kennedale.

G. F. Winfield: The meeting at Cold Springs closed Sunday night. The services were somewhat hindered Sunday by a very heavy rain, but we closed out Sunday night in good shape. Bro. Bussey, the Baptist County Missionary for Tarrant County, was with us part of the time. He did very faithful work. On the first Sunday at 11 o'clock we organized a Methodist class with about 25 members. During the meeting there were about 25 conversions and 20 accessions to our Church. We have two acres of land near where the arbor stood and the brethren decided to build a church soon. Then land was donated for a large campground. It is one of the best places for a campground I ever saw. It is about the center of this circuit and close to Fort Worth. We hope to be able to invite the editor to come to the camp meeting and preach under a large tabernacle next year.

###### Peaster.

G. W. Shearer: Since coming on this work in June we have held four meetings. Our first meeting was at Peaster. The visible results were not great. We were assisted by Bro. Span, a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Bro. Cook, a local elder in the M. E. Church, South. The preaching was well done. Our next meeting was at Poolville. Rev. A. P. Lowrey did all the preaching except two sermons. Some of the results were as follows: 63 conversions, 30 joined the Methodist Church, 11 the Baptist Church, and 7 the Presbyterian Church. Many lives were strengthened and the Churches wonderfully built up. Many family altars were erected, and a public prayer-meeting organized. Many of the leading men of the town and community identified themselves with the Church. We would not forget to mention the consecrated labors of Bro. Lowrey's wife. She rendered valuable service at the organ and in the congregation and altar. Any one

wishing help would do well to write to Bro. Lowrey at Waco. Our next meeting was at Agnes. Had 14 conversions, 9 joined the Methodist Church; some will go to the Baptists. Bro. Hucklebee of the Aledo Circuit, preached three days for us. His preaching is good. From there we went to Carter. We were assisted there by Bros. Rogers, Fox and Waters. All did good work. Twelve conversions; six joined the Methodist Church; some will go to the other Churches. We will organize a Sunday-school at that place. In all, we have had 95 conversions on the work. Received 44 into the Church. We have dug a cistern at the parsonage and built a neat, new fence; bought a nice church bell for the church at Poolville. Nearly all the conference collections are received. Everything will be paid in full by Annual Conference.

###### Azle.

H. P. Shrader: Our meeting at Silver Creek embraced the first and second Sundays in August. Rev. S. Richardson, of the Polytechnic College, was with me and did nearly all the preaching. He caught the ear of the people at the first service and held their attention with increasing interest to the last. He gave us a very fine series of sermons—scriptural, logical, eloquent, forceful and convincing. There were quite a number of conversions, and the Church was stirred from center to circumference. The work was deep and thorough. Such a meeting has not been in that community for years. Some say it did them more good than any they ever attended. On the last Sunday we raised our conference collections for that place; the best collection ever raised there for that purpose. Richardson is an untiring worker, not only in the pulpit, but also in the altar. I know of no one whom I can more heartily recommend to brethren needing help than Bro. Sterling Richardson. The Lord bless him abundantly in all his work. I am grateful for his valuable service.

###### Lovelace.

E. R. Patterson, Sept. 7: On Monday night, Aug. 22, we closed our meeting at Lovelace, the best meeting we have had this year and in many respects the best here for years. Bro. Chas. Davis, of Waco, was with us the first six services and did some very fine work. From the first service the Holy Ghost fell on us, the Church seemed to be ready for the conflict and went into the fight for a victory. I never saw a Church work better. Bro. Davis preaches with power and gave us a fine start. He left us Wednesday morning, but the Spirit's power continued with us. Bros. Wilhoit and Clack, of the C. P. Church,

rendered some valuable service in preaching, prayer and personal work. God bless them in their work. As a result of the meeting we had about forty conversions and as many additions to the M. E. Church, South. Bro. Davis is a safe man and any preacher will do well to have him as help. We expect to report "everything in full" at conference.

###### Dawson.

J. H. Walker, Sept. 6: We began our revival at Mt. Zion the first Sunday in July. Bro. R. B. Evans came down and preached two splendid sermons. The results were not what we hoped them to be. Yet the Church was greatly revived. We began at Harmony the fourth Sunday of July. The tide was low and we had the promise of a hard fight. The Captain of the Lord's hosts came, the members began earnest praying and we claimed the victory through Christ. My local help did us valuable service in preaching, praying and singing. We began our last meeting at Dawson the second Sunday in August. Bro. C. Bruce Meador, of Hubbard, came down and assisted us, doing his work only as Bruce does it. He bearded the old lion in his den and he roared, but this is only common where the gospel is preached. But the devil said if you can't find cotton futures and baseball in the Bible it is not gospel to condemn it. Many differences were settled and our Church greatly revived. The result of the summer's work from a visible standpoint amounts to fifty conversions and fifty additions.

###### Brownwood.

W. B. Andrews, Sept. 7: We have just closed a meeting in our Church here of sixteen days' duration. Some sixty or seventy professed faith in Christ. They came to the altar and were converted in the good old way. Many of these were members of some Church. Thirty have given their names for membership in our Church and several for other Churches. My brother, John B. Andrews, of Siloam Springs, Ark., did all the preaching after the third day. The League and Home Mission Society will send the pastor to the St. Louis Fair next week.

###### Santa Anna.

M. H. Major, Sept. 7: We have had three very excellent meetings on the charge during the months of July and August. One at Salem in which there were five conversions and four accessions. The Church was also greatly revived. Revs. Chas. Davis and Lee Clark did the most of the preaching. Our meeting at Rockwood was so far as results are concerned our best meeting. There were about twenty-

five conversions and twenty-two accessions. The Church was powerfully blessed. Revs. David and W. R. Crockett did the preaching and led the singing. These both were well done. Methodist doctrines are strongly set forth and in such manner as to do good, by Bro. David Crockett. Our new church at Rockwood was dedicated on third Sunday in August by Rev. J. D. Crockett. Our last meeting was held the latter part of August at Santa Anna. Rev. W. J. Hearon, of Coleman, did most of the preaching. It was strong and effectual. The meeting had to close too soon on account of cotton picking. Six joined the Church. Some seven or eight conversions. The Church was greatly edified. We hope that finances will be all right by the middle of November. We have one extraordinary good League. Our congregations are large and attentive.

###### Taylor Station.

J. W. Story, Sept. 5: We closed a most wonderful meeting last night; the best Taylor has had for many years—120 conversions and reclamations and 65 additions to the Methodist Church, with more to follow. A good number have joined other Churches in the city. Almost the entire membership of the Church have been quickened into new life and zeal for the Master. Eternity alone will tell the blessed results in all their fullness. Rev. John P. Lowry, of Little Rock, Ark., did the preaching and led in the work. He is immense—preaches a full gospel, leads the singing and stirs the Church to duty. There is no clan-tran method. He preaches the gospel in the power of the Spirit, calls penitents, has them get on their knees, commands them to repent, pray, forsake sin and trust Christ until the witness comes. If brethren need help they may depend on John P. Lowry under God to do faithful and efficient service. We will now begin to round out for conference. This is the fourth year, and so far the best of the four. Will close out with everything full and over and the debt on the new church provided for. God has been gracious and the people kind. May he bless them more and more.

###### Horn Hill.

R. E. L. Stutts, Sept. 9: On Friday night before the first Sunday in July we began our first meeting at Horn Hill. Rev. J. T. McKeown, of Dawson charge, was with us and did most of the preaching, and it was well done. We closed out second Sunday in July with a fine revival. The work of the Lord is prospering in Horn Hill Church. A League of thirty-five members are behind it all. We were next

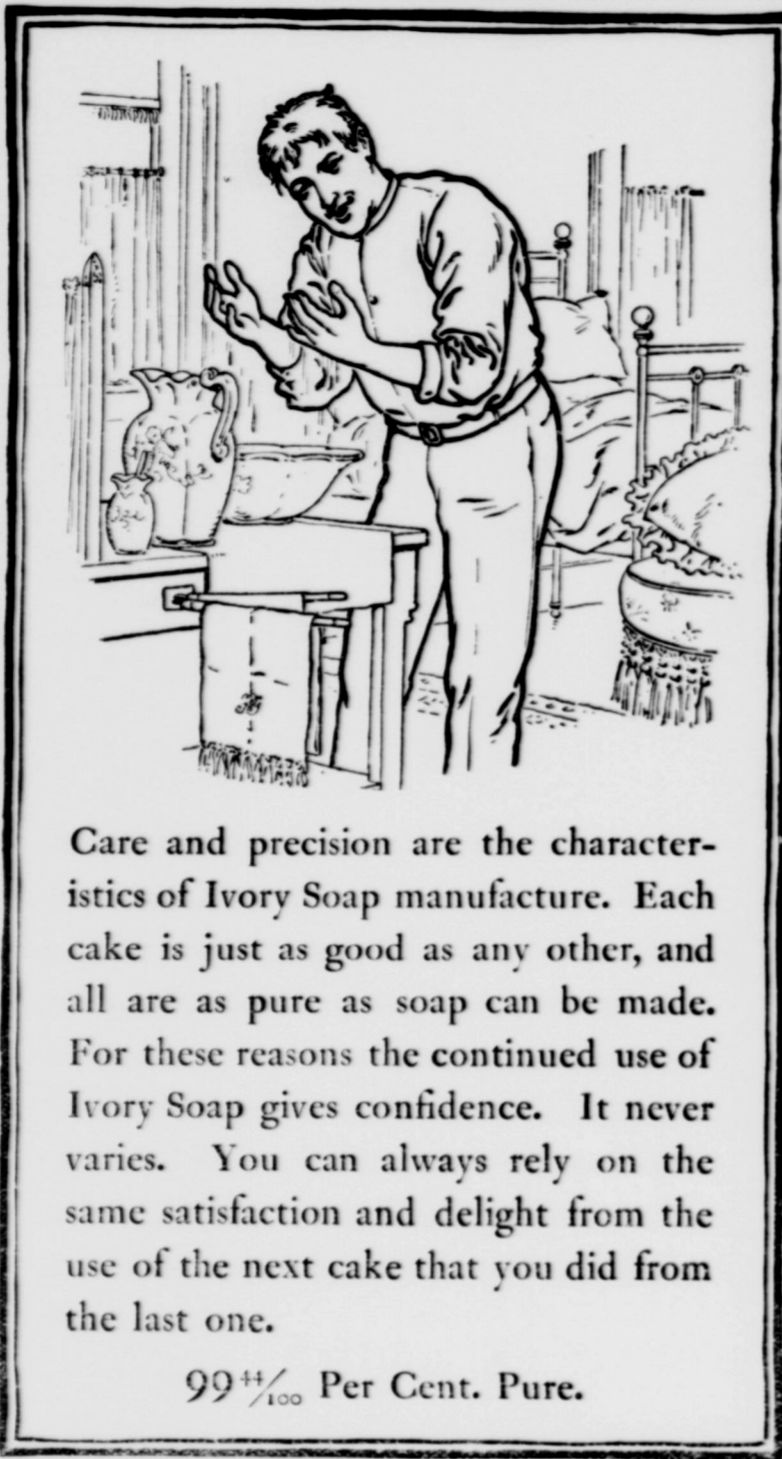
at Central Institute. Here Rev. E. T. Harrison did most of the preaching. He did it to the delight of all. The meeting resulted in about one dozen conversions and three additions to the M. E. Church, South. The meeting at Mesquite was beset by difficulties from first to last, and of course was not satisfactory. The Rev. P. O. Vinson, of Coolidge, was with us and did some fine work. We had a number of conversions, though none joined our Church. We began our meeting at Ben Hur on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in July. On Monday Presiding Elder J. M. Barcus came and did all the preaching to August 7, and it was well done. The people say it was one of the best meetings ever held in Ben Hur. A number of conversions and four additions to our Church. On Monday, August 8, Bro. Barcus held our third Quarterly Conference and it was good. The Building Committee appointed at second Quarterly Conference continued, and on Monday morning, August 15, the brethren of the charge began work on the two rooms added to our parsonage and by the fourth Quarterly Conference we hope to have it done and nicely furnished. We expect to go to conference this fall with all the collections in hand.

###### Hillsboro.

Jerome Duncan, Sept. 5: One week ago we closed our second special revival effort for this conference year. The services were held for fifteen days in a tent on our West Side Church lots, purchased a year ago. The attendance and interest were encouraging from the beginning. The results, visible and invisible, were exceedingly gratifying. Seventy-six persons made public profession of faith in Christ; many homes were reconsecrated to his service; forty-one persons united with our Church; twelve or more with other Churches; and in many other ways we were wonderfully blessed. One remarkable feature of the meeting was the conversion of several homes, including both fathers and mothers. Brother R. E. Goodrich was with us several days and did most effective service, in the pulpit and in the altar. Brother E. R. Patterson also attended several services and rendered helpful aid. For all these helps the pastor is especially grateful, and, moreover, as it was in the day of Nehemiah, "The people had a mind to work." In closing the third year of this delightful and busy pastorate, I am thankful for the many tokens for good to our people, not the least of which is the indication that we will soon be able to build a new church and secure two preachers to lead in the

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## The Home Circle

### CHEER UP.

Grumble? No; what's the good? If it averted, I would; But it doesn't a bit—Not it.

Laugh? Yes; why not? 'Tis better than crying a lot; We were made to be glad, Not sad.

Sing? Why, yes, to be sure. We shall better endure If the heart's full of song All day long.

Love? Yes, unceasingly; Ever increasingly; Friends' burdens wearing, Their sorrows sharing;

Their happiness making; For pattern taking The One above, Who is love.

—Motherhood.

### SHRUBS ABOUT THE HOUSE.

How wonderfully a few shrubs and vines will transform the appearance of an old schoolhouse yard has been many times made clear to readers of The Companion. An expert of the Agricultural Department has recently been making an investigation of what may be done in simple ways for beautifying home grounds, whether they include only the back yard of the city residence or embrace the spreading acres of the old farm.

Trees and shrubbery, the government expert suggests, should hide unsightly buildings without interrupting the line of vision where the outlook is pleasing. Their use as screens and windbreaks may be combined with pleasing effects.

Walks should generally be straight. Any ornamentation that sends the traveler a longer way round defeats one of its own objects.

Greenward is everywhere an element of beauty as a common background for almost everything that grows. The perfect lawn is a possession hardly less rare than beautiful paintings; it usually represents a triumph over difficulties in addition to giving restfulness and delight.

Shrubs ought to be grouped so that

those of upright habit and robust growth will occupy the rear, and form a general background for all the lower-growing sorts. The eye may thus be carried from the turf to the highest foliage without resting on bare stalks anywhere. In this nature herself is one of the safest of guides; her companionships usually include plants which love the light and those which can bear the shade, growing side by side. The hand of the gardener should always be concealed.

Evergreens seem to many people somber. Nevertheless in the winter of Northern latitudes they offer a striking contrast of the living with the dead.

They are also useful as a means of emphasizing slight elevations. The value of vines in decorative planting is well understood.

Such ornamentation of the home grounds costs something in time, money and effort. But the effect on a cozy place of enlisting a little of nature's aid can never be measured in dollars. There is a restfulness in the beauty of the plant-life to those who enjoy its atmosphere, and that doubtless adds to the vigor with which they can take up duty's daily rounds.

### A MOTHER'S READING.

What must a mother's purpose be? Of course, to make herself the most inspiring, wise, helpful wife, mother and citizen that she can be. Her reading, therefore, must all tend directly or indirectly toward that end. She may read on a dozen subjects in one afternoon, but her reading will not be desultory if she selects it according to that purpose. The five minutes with St. John or St. Paul before the day begins may help to give the poise and uplift that will carry her through the fracas in the nursery and the news that coal has risen and the cake is burned. The ten minutes over the cook book and as many more over an article in the health journal may contribute directly to her family's welfare. The "Southern Workman" on the Charities Review which the mail brings may claim a little time if she tries to call from them just the story that she wants to tell the children or the facts that can be utilized in some way. Is the death-rate increasing or diminishing? Have

the proposed baths been built? Can we get a tenement house commission in our city? What has such a committee accomplished in New York? Fifteen minutes may suffice to get an answer to these questions and the one hundred and fifty pages of matter irrelevant to this woman's particular purpose may be laid aside unread. It may be of importance for another woman to search for certain other matters in this report, but each who reads with a purpose reads few things completely from cover to cover, except when reading the great masters. Especially is this true of magazines. The florist's wife will read the article on rhododendrons and omit those on Karnak and the French chateaux which an architect's wife reads first. Mrs. Judson, whose brother is a missionary, reads the article on Mohammedanism, and Mrs. Anthony, who is a woman suffragist, reads "Suffrage in Australia." Out of a dozen magazines, each with a dozen articles, the good reader selects only those few that meet her needs, that will nourish her, and resolutely shuts her eyes to the others, which, however alluring, would dissipate her time to do better things. —Pilgrim.

### PASS ON THE PRAISE.

"You're a great little wife and I don't know what I would do without you." And as he spoke he put his arms about her and kissed her and she forgot all the care in that moment, says a wise exchange. And, forgetting all, she sang as she washed the dishes and sang as she made the beds, and the song was heard next door and a woman there caught the refrain and sang also, and two homes were happier because he had told her that sweet old story, the story of the love of a husband for a wife. As she sang the butcher boy who called for the order heard it and went out whistling on his journey and the world heard the whistle, and one man hearing it thought, Here is a lad who loves his work, a lad happy and contented.

And because she sang her heart was mellowed and as she swept about her back door the cool air kissed her on each cheek and she thought of a poor old woman she knew and a little basket went over to that home, with a quarter for a crate or two of wood.

So because he kissed her and praised her the song came and the influence went out and out.

Pass on the praise. A word and you make a rift in the cloud; smile and you may create a new resolve; a grasp of the hand and you may repossess a soul from hell.

Pass on the praise. Does your clerk do well? Pass on the praise.

Tell him that you are pleased and he will appreciate it more than a raise. A good clerk does not work for his salary alone.

Teacher, if the child is good, tell him about it; if he is better, tell him again; thus, you see good, better, best.

Pass on the praise now. Pass it on in the home. Don't go to the grave and call "Mother." Don't plead, "Hear me, mother; you were a good mother and smoothed away many a rugged path for me."

Those ears can not hear that glad admission. Those eyes can not see the light of earnestness in yours. Those hands may not return the embraces you now wish to give.

Pass on the praise to-day.—Selected.

### HYGIENE OF THE MOUTH.

A great many of the bacteria that cause disease enter the body through the mouth. Germs are always to be found upon the gums. Those peculiar to the contagious diseases have been repeatedly discovered within the mouths and throats of healthy persons. Some of them persist for months in individuals who are not susceptible to infection; but if, from exposure, physical exhaustion or other cause, susceptibility is developed, the germs promptly produce illness.

There is also a group of diseases which affect only the mouth. The most dangerous of these are known as "ulcerative stomatitis" and "noma." The former generally begins at the junction of the lower gum and the teeth, and may destroy the tissues down to the bone. It is highly contagious. Noma begins on the inner surface of the cheek, and causes extensive destruction. Its progress is so rapid that it sometimes terminates fatally within a few days unless checked by vigorous treatment. It attacks delicate children or those who are recovering from an acute disease, particularly measles or diphtheria.

Fortunate it is comparatively rare, but the possibility of its occurrence indicates the importance of frequent cleansing of the mouth during illness.

The less serious class of mouth diseases includes several which, although not dangerous to life, are painful, and may prove injurious, especially to children, by interfering with mastication and impairing nutrition. The simplest of them is characterized only by redness, with perhaps a few small ulcers

on the tongue or lips. It often results from neglect of the teeth or the habit of introducing into the mouth such improper substances as pieces of wood or rubber, and in older persons from the use of tobacco. Although it is generally of short duration, it is sometimes followed by other more serious affections. The contagious mouth diseases are often communicated from child to child by the fingers or through the exchange of toys and pencils, or by the eating of fruit and confections in common.

Decay of the teeth is due to the action of bacteria which thrive upon the remnants of food that adhere to the gums and teeth after every meal unless removed with the brush.

The infectious diseases cannot be prevented with any degree of certainty solely by attention to the mouth, but those of a local nature rarely attack a mucous membrane that has received proper care.

### SPENDING MONEY.

A great many people, especially young people, spend their money—and often hard-earned money, too—very foolishly. If they would stop and think of two things every time they are tempted to buy anything they do not actually need, they would oftentimes save money.

The first of these things is the fact that it is the small items that count up so fast—five cents for candy here, a soda there and an ice cream somewhere else. They seem like small matters, but they count up enormously in a year. Even so small a sum as fifteen cents a week will amount to nearly eight dollars in a year. It is doing without the little things that enables one to get the large ones that count for something.

The other thing to think of is this: How long does it take to earn the money one thinks of spending? Many people spend for some foolish thing which can never do them any real good, money which it has taken hours of hard labor to earn. An article may not cost very much money, but it is the labor which the money represents which should be considered. Many of us are doing work which "goes against the grain," and if we could save the money ordinarily spent foolishly we might in time get into some occupation that is more congenial. And so, whenever we are about to spend money, let us count the cost and see if we would be willing to put the labor it represents into the intended purchase. —Ex.

### THE HAPPIEST LITTLE BOY.

"Guess who was the happiest child I saw to-day?" asked papa, taking his own two little boys on his knees.

"Oh, who, papa?" "But you must guess."

"Well, said Jim, slowly, "I guess he was a very rich little boy with lots and lots of tandy and takes."

"No," said papa. "He wasn't rich; he had no candy and no cakes. What do you guess, Joe?"

"I guess he was a pretty big boy," said Joe, who was always wishing that he was not such a little boy; "and I guess he was riding a big, high bicycle."

"No," said papa. "He wasn't big and of course he wasn't riding a bicycle. You have lost your guesses, so I will have to tell you. There was a flock of sheep crossing the city to-day; and they must have come a long way, so dusty and tired and thirsty were they. The drover took them up, bleating and lolling out their tongues, to the great pump in Hamilton court to water them. But one poor old ewe was too tired to get to the trough and fell down on the hot, dusty stones. Then I saw my little man, ragged and dirty and tousled, spring out from the crowd of urchins who were watching the drove, fill his hat and carry it—one, two, three—oh, as many as six times! to the poor, suffering animal, until the creature was able to get up and go on with the rest."

"Did the sheep say, 'Tant you!' papa?" asked little Jim, gravely.

"I didn't hear it," answered papa. "But the little boy's face was shining like the sun, and I'm sure he knows what needs helping."—Christian Observer.

### CARLYLE'S APPRECIATION OF HIS MOTHER.

The good old heart of a mother! She is the saddest and the tenderest sight we have in this world; one could weep floods of tears, were there not something in it of a sacredness that is beyond tears. It was the most high God that made mothers and the sacred affection of children's hearts; yes, it was he—and shall it not in the end be all well, on this side of death or beyond death? We will pray then more from our inmost heart if we can, "Our Father, which art in heaven, thy will be done!"

Our good and beloved old mother is gone from us; on this earth we have no mother. \* \* \* It had long been signified expressly to our dear mother that if she gave the least sign or wish

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to see me I could be with her in one day; but she was too magnanimous ever to express such a wish, and it was not till last week that I could fairly see I ought to go without delay. During the journey it became frightfully uncertain to me whether I should still find her alive. Walking from Kirtledridge, where the early morning train set me down, I durst ask nobody; I learned with certainty only when halfway up this staircase. Thank God (as I may do for the rest of my life) my dear old mother was still alive, still able with a perceptible joy to recognize me. \* \* \* Jean said she heard her nightly whispering her prayers along; forgetting none of us, nay, not forgetting any public or general interest fit for prayer. \* \* \* O my brother, we are to be forever thankful to such a mother! A pious dignity, a truth, affection, generosity and simple valor and invincibility were in her, such as are given to only very few; and are a high and noble treasure, far above this world's wealth, to all connected with them.—New Letters of Thomas Carlyle.

### TO MAKE WASHING EASY.

Many excellent housekeepers disagree as to the best method of washing white clothes. Some of them prefer to soak their clothes over night in cold water. Others who are equally good managers, after examining each piece to see if there are any stains or spots that need special attention, plunge them into boiling hot soap-suds and let them stand for several hours, or over night. This latter method seems to draw out the dirt quite thoroughly, as the water itself will attest next morning. The clothes are then lifted out of this water into clean, warm water, the few soiled places that remain are rubbed out and the clothes are put in the boiler to come to the boiling point. If the water is hard, a tablespoonful of washing soda, but no more, should be added to every gallon of water in the boiler, the soda being first dissolved in a little boiling water. If it is put in without melting, it may eat a hole in the clothes. If the water is soft, a little melted soap should be used instead of soda, and soap should be rubbed over each piece as it is put in the boiler. Very few of the best laundresses boil their clothes longer than three minutes, just long enough to allow them to be thoroughly scalded. Longer boiling only tends to make white clothes yellow. When the clothes are taken from the boiler, the water they were boiled in should be poured over them and they should be allowed to stand in it several hours or over night. No woman who does this will ever be troubled with yellow clothes. There is no better way to bleach them in winter.

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GLEN ROSE.

The First Superannuate's Home in Northwest Texas Conference—San Angelo Training School and Other Notes.

By Hubert D. Knickerbocker.

I have just gotten back from a month's vacation. Spent several weeks in Glen Rose, a beautiful village about twenty miles from Morgan, on the Santa Fe Railroad. The name of the place is not a misnomer. Beside a crystal stream, made melodious in all its streets by rippling, running springs and surrounded by hills that in the distance have almost the majesty of mountains, Glen Rose reminded me of the following beautiful description of Canaan: "For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks, of water, of fountains and depths, that spring out of valleys and hills."

Surely the water of David's delight—the water of Pharpeir, or the stream "that makes glad the city"—is not more delicious than these waters that in artesian channels flow from some far snow-fed heights and bring with them the coolness and the crystal of their icy source. Freestone and iron and sulphur are the waters and when you drink them you get the appetite of a growing boy. You are reminded at every meal of the little boy's definition of appetite. Said he: "Ma, I know what appetite means. It means you are 'appy when you are eating and tite when you get through."

These artesian wells flow from depths that vary from 125 to 250 feet, so that everybody has water to waste. The flow is strong enough in some cases to run water wheels and in every case strong enough to pipe throughout the house. The temperature of the water is 56 degrees F., so that no one has to take ice. A spring house through which the waters constantly flow is better than a refrigerator. A well in the yard of the hotel where I stopped has both freestone and sulphur water flowing from the same drill. This is accounted for by the fact that there are two depths to the well—one of 135 feet flows sulphur water, the other of 250 feet flows freestone water.

This place is a paradise for preachers. At the Campbell House, where I stopped for a week, we had chicken twenty times in seven days. The one meal we missed having chicken was supper and I had a gizzard and a drum stick left from dinner. No wonder I gained seven pounds in weight. There is more stored energy in two pounds of good, active yellow-legged frying-size chicken than in all the "grano" breakfast foods I ever tried. I made two visits to Glen Rose. One by myself for a week and one with my wife and little girl for ten days. On the first visit I was entertained most royally by the Milam dynasty, C. A. Milam, a banker there, was one of my stewards in Weatherford. J. R. Milam, Miss Laura Milam and Mrs. Hill make up the resident members of the dynasty. They are mighty fine folks, worthy scions of a noble ancestry. Tradition holds very sweet the names of their father and mother who were pioneers in that section of the country—pioneers in every good word and work.

For some time I have been interested in the new plan of providing parsonages for superannuate preachers. I have intended to do some work in securing the gift of such parsonages, so I made a start in Glen Rose, which impressed me as being an ideal place for an old preacher to live. I persuaded Bro. Jesse Milam to deed a cottage to the Church, for the use of the superannuated preachers of the Northwest Texas Conference. The rest of the Milam dynasty gave \$250 in cash to paint and furnish the house. The property is a nice four-room cottage, with an acre of ground, good well, barn and outhouses. It will be comfortably furnished throughout and while valued at about \$1000 in Glen Rose there are many places where it would cost much more. It is a handsome and worthy gift. The house is leased, but if the tenant will give it up, it will be ready for the occupancy of a superannuate immediately after conference.

Bro. Hall, the pastor at Glen Rose, is in high favor with his folks. He and his most worthy wife would grace any parsonage in the connection. The folks all want him back for his third year, but are afraid that a larger field will take him away.

From Glen Rose I went away out to the "jumping off place"—San Angelo, Texas. It's the last town on that branch of the Santa Fe. It is a big town of about 7,000 or 8,000 folks, the distributing center for all the railroadless towns for hundreds of miles west. I visited while there my old friend and schoolmate, Rev. T. F. Sessions, who is now the principal of the San Angelo Training School, a Methodist institution created by the San Angelo District, and its tireless, dauntless and faithful presiding elder, Rev. J. D. Scott. The school is domiciled in four or five adequate build-

ings, all on a campus of several acres. It is destined to a fine future. It has a wide territory of hundreds of miles that is practically untouched by any school. Bro. Sessions is a college man and Mrs. Sessions is a college teacher when Tom got her, so they will make a great team in school work.

While at San Angelo I camped out for a week on Clear Creek, which empties into the Concho. I was most graciously entertained in the camp of Mrs. Dr. A. C. Scott, of Temple, Texas. In the absence of Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Miss Sherwood were my most cordial host and hostess. I had a big time. Under the spreading pecan trees, the tents were pitched, and the hammocks swung and the camp fires built. It was an ideal place. Not far away a cold spring bubbled and a clear creek sang. Along the creek many pecan trees grew and young squirrels frolicked therein. We hunted those squirrel; we found them, and the energy of many a transmuted pecan we added to our system while we were there. We also fished and caught and fried and the phosphorous of that brain food is producing some of the brilliance of these notes.

The best part of camp life is the sleeping. To lie down under the wide branches of a great tree and look up at the far away stars and listen to the murmur of a nearby stream is very soothing. By and by the stars begin to look sleepy and on the drowsy currents of the murmuring stream you drift away to the land of dreams. The fresh, pure air bears to you only visions that are beautiful and far in the night you wake from some fairy's touch in that land of sleeping fancies, and then lie and listen to the voices of the trees and the infinite voice of the infinite night. You are in a temple. It is time for worship. Your soul is awakened like the young boy Samuel and hears the voice of God.

"O it is well to waken with the woods And feel, as those who wait with God alone, The forest's heart in these rare solitudes Beating against our own. Close shut behind us are the gates of care; Divinity enfolds us prone to bless, And our souls kneel. Night in the wilderness Is one great prayer." Dallas, Texas.

NO PLACE IN THE SOUTH FOR TWO METHODISMS.

By Rev. John L. Williams.

It is frankly admitted by every one that if a house be divided against itself it cannot stand. In no honorable sense can it be conceived a Christian duty that two Churches practically the same ought to attempt to occupy the same field at the same time, especially when there stands a record which has declared that these bodies, now separate in ecclesiastical jurisdiction, shall confine themselves to the territories therein described. In the face of the facts, known and read in Methodist history, we have two Episcopal Methodisms operating in the same field and earnestly contesting in all our centers of population for a footing. By an agreement between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a solemn compact and distinct understanding was entered into that the Methodist Episcopal Church should not operate in the South, and that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, should have this exclusive territory without being embarrassed in its work. With the joint commission of the Churches defining the status of the two Methodisms, and in the face of our federation, all which seems to have been a mere form of words without any sincerity on the part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it appears to me to be about time that we stop and see "where we are at." That we have some things in common—our common order of service, our common hymnal, our common catechism and educational interest—all may be very well; but it is up to the Methodist Episcopal Church to withdraw wholly from the South and thereby show her good faith and willingness to recognize the Southern Church in her own territory. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Los Angeles in May, A. D. 1904, seemed to repudiate all former agreements between the two Churches in the fact that it said, "We have a right in the South, a place and a mission." The fact that the Methodist Episcopal Church has spent thousands of dollars in the South, right where the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is operating, and this money spent by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, justly belonged to the heathens of the Orient—a burning shame upon the Church. That the Methodist Episcopal Church has never acted in good faith with her sister denomination, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is a fact beyond a reasonable doubt. The fact that her preachers have used all sorts of methods and schemes in the invasion of our legiti-

mate territory in those cities and towns where we have churches and parsonages, they have set up their banners oftentimes to the dividing of the household and the Church. In the bounds of some of our Southern Conferences, after we have been on the ground sixty years, they have entered their Churches and set on foot their schools. In some instances they have taken our class books, and out of our own people, through their misstatements of the facts of Church history, organized their societies. They have become the champion proselyter of the age. They have sought to absorb the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, wherever it is possible, and yet they cry, "Peace! peace! peace!" Therefore it is high time that we quit our child's playing and continually talking union, and federation, and fellowship, and stand firmly upon our time honored principles of independency, sovereignty and rights as a great Church doing the work of Christ at the time and place that God has appointed to be done.

NATH'S MUSINGS.

A few chips and chunks. Some may burn and want. Wrong is unreasonable. A lie is like a locomotive—it must be fed to keep going.

The genuine Christian carries on a conscious constant conflict with the devil.

I do not like some Methodist female schools in Texas. Cost too much, and the fruit shows they lay more stress on "style" than spirituality.

Our "Sunday School Magazine" is the finest thing out for grown folks, and that "Children's Visitor" can't be beat for the young folks. It will pay any school to supply themselves well with these.

A preacher's wife ought to be a model housekeeper as well as lead the sisters in prayer.

At home or abroad has right smart to do with the looks of some women. We gather the chips when the wood is all gone.

"How you tell it" makes the meaning.

Bishop Potter, of New York, ought to have the Right Reverend Dr. Cotton, of Fort Worth, under his jurisdiction.

Some folks are so liberal they reach a long ways out, but little ways down. Why are some preachers' congregations like the ocean? Because they are so big. No; because they ebb and flow.

Religion is a good thing even for a preacher to have.

The difference between some folks and the devil is size. The most dignified thing I ever saw was a tombstone.

I like our "New Order of Worship." It is flexible.

That which is "cute" in the child is often "cussedness" in the man. NATH THOMPSON.

SOCIETY OF THE SAINTS.

The society of the saints among themselves will be no small part of heaven's happiness. Comparisons in sin can never have such true pleasure and delight in one another as sometimes the Lord's people have in praying together and in conversing about those things to which the world is a stranger. In the general assembly of the first born in heaven none of the saints who ever were or will be on the earth shall be missing. They will be all together in one place. There we shall see our godly friends and relatives, pillows in the Temple of God, to go no more out from us. It seems that we will know each other in heaven. If the Thessalonians converted by Paul's ministry shall be his "crown of rejoicing" in the presence of our Lord (1 Thess. 2:19), then will not our ministers know their people and we our ministers in heaven? The disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration knew Moses and Elias, whom they had never seen before (Matt. 17:4). I most firmly believe we will know our children and friends there.

MRS. M. L. SHERRELL, Terrell, Texas.

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The editor of this paper met with a slight accident some ten days ago, in which he slipped and fell on the steps leading to the second story of his barn. The papers got hold of it and telegraphed it over the State, and many inquiries have come asking about his condition. The hurt was not serious enough to entitle it to such notoriety. His back was wrenched a little and he was confined to his home some six days, but now he is out and hard at work again. He appreciates the many expressions of sympathy received from the brethren, both among the ministry and the laity.

A FEW LOCAL OPTION NOTES.

The antis are now claiming the election in Callahan by three majority. Before the election was held they were claiming it by three to one. Well, they had to have the number three mixed up with the result, and they are mighty glad of the pretext of three to hang their hopes to. The official count may blight this diminutive hope for them.

The official count in Lamar gives the pros 303 majority. The antis have not at this writing applied for an injunction, but we presume they will. They are firm believers in government by injunction.

The antis carried the day in the Jefferson precinct election by the negro vote. The white people voted a majority for local option, but the blacks stood by the barrooms and the antis won. They believe in black supremacy over there, when it comes to liquor shops.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

The following amounts have been received since last report:

Aug. 4, W. H. H. Biggs, Llano	\$ 6 00
Aug. 20, R. L. McIntyre, Kingsland	8 00
Aug. 23, W. A. Gilleland, Abbott	2 00
Aug. 24, S. W. Turner, Gatesville	8 25
Aug. 20, T. W. Rodetzky	2 00
B. C. Rausch	8 75
Aug. 31, L. F. Heickmann, Waldeck	1 50
Ed R. Wallace Munday	15 00
Sept. 3, W. R. Thornton, Seymour	15 00
Sept. 3, H. W. Weise, Georgetown	6 00
Sept. 5, J. P. Garrett, Blanco	10 00
Sept. 5, J. T. Bloodworth, Childress	10 00
Sept. 5, W. E. Washburn, Durango	7 15
Total	\$99 65

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Grace Church, assessed \$14, paid \$17.50. MRS. L. H. POTTS, Treas.

A SUNDAY IN TEMPLE.

A run of one hundred and thirty-five miles over the Katy last Saturday night and I was at the depot in Temple at 11:20 o'clock. Brother A. C. Buchanan and his good wife were there to meet me in their comfortable rig. Think of people coming out that hour of the night to meet a tired itinerant! Do you think I did not appreciate it? Well, when you come to think of it, Brother Buchanan is a staunch Methodist, and his wife is the daughter of my old East Tennessee friend, the late William Dickey, and sister to the late Rev. D. H. Dickey, whose remains sleep in the Temple Cemetery. He was my classmate in college. We entered the Holston Conference and passed through the four years' course of study in the same class, and we were co-pastors in Knoxville and Chattanooga. I was delighted to be entertained in the home of such a family. At night as I retired I happened to glance on the wall just over the bed, and there hung the picture of my dear college and conference mate, "Houston" Dickey. As his familiar face looked down upon me, I felt that I was a boy again, reciting lessons once more to dear old Dr. J. H. Brunner! Many memories came trooping up as I dwelt on the scenes of days long gone. Houston Dickey has finished his course and entered into rest, even in the prime of manhood, but I am still here battling with the affairs of this life, but some sweet day I will meet him on the banks of that stream, where people never die.

After a night of rest we faced a good congregation in our handsome church, and we had an edifying service. Rev. C. R. Wright was away on his vacation, recuperating his strength for his fall work, and I had things my own way. We have a very large list of readers in Temple, and the people were not strangers to me. Many of them I met at the close of the service and the greeting was warm. Temple is a fine town, rather a city, and it is prosperous. Our Church is strong there, and our people are among its best citizens. Some twelve months ago, local option was voted on in that county and went into effect. A number of business men seemed honestly to fear that it could not be enforced, and that it would injure the business of the city. Others who stand just as high in business circles had no such fears. Well, they have tried it twelve months, and the city still lives and thrives. Business houses are all occupied, the crop conditions are excellent despite a shortage in cotton, and the people say that times are good. I was reading the statements of the two leading national banks of the city in the local papers, and their annual showing is in advance of any previous year. The First National Bank reported \$109,909 deposits one day last week, and this was no special feature of its business. Many of the handsomest residences that I have seen anywhere in the State have been built there during the past year and several more are in process of building. An interurban electric road is now being constructed between Temple and Belton, and Temple will also have the benefit of the electric street car system. If there is any evidence of business death lying round loose or hidden away on any of the streets and alleys of Temple, I failed to see or hear of it. The fact is, Temple is one of the liveliest towns I have visited in some time. But what about the enforcement of the local option law? Well, a few men who were formerly connected with the saloon business in the city undertook to make their prophecy good, that the law would not be enforced. So they opened up club rooms for the purpose of making the law a farce. Some adopted other methods to bring the law into disrepute. But according to the local papers, quite a little army of them are working out fines and penalties on the county farm, and a great many others are indicted, found guilty and have appealed their cases. When these are decided, and scores of other cases now pending are put through, the

county will get a great amount of work done, in addition to that now going on, by the people who said, "Prohibition won't prohibit." One thing certain, it is prohibiting a lot of them at this writing. And the result proves what we have held all along, and that is the men engaged in the liquor business are not law-abiding citizens. They hold that they are bigger than the laws of Texas; but a great many of them are learning the opposite now as forced tillers of the soil in Bell County. When they got through with their penalties they will be wiser as well as sader men. The people and the officers of Bell County are determined that the law shall be enforced. And so it is in all local option counties. G. C. R.

THE DALLAS POLICE FORCE.

Commissioner Blaylock and Chief Epps G. Knight, along with the police force, are now making it hot for the gamblers. Last Saturday night several places were raided, and the inmates taken before the court for a hearing. Some of them languished in the lock-up for a season, and all were fined for their conduct. They contributed \$500 to the city treasury last Monday morning. Since the force was reorganized, Chief Knight has been making it hot for these law-breakers, and he has given it out in no uncertain tones that now he has his hands on the force and that gambling has got to stop. The police force has never been so well organized as at the present time, and the whole department is giving satisfaction to the entire community, save the gamblers, the Sunday saloon violators and those who believe in a wide open town. The Times-Herald, from the tone of its editorials and locals, is dead against the work of the Commission, and lets no opportunity pass to sneer at it and to put the police department in the worst light possible. It is very anxious to have the courts kill the Commission, and is using its columns to this end. But we are glad to note that the Daily News is virtually giving its support to the work being done by the Commission, and the general public approves its course. The better element of people are more than satisfied with the conduct of the police department, and they are anxious to have the courts sustain it. Anyway, the gamblers, who have all along defied the law, are now very much disturbed at the turn things have taken. It matters not what the courts may do, as long as the present Commissioner is in charge the laws of the city will be enforced. Our county officers are doing nothing to enforce the laws against these offenses in the city, and it is well enough that we have a Commission now looking after the interests of law and order in Dallas.

SENATOR WILLACY VOTES FOR LOCAL OPTION.

According to State Topics, there was a local option election in Portland awhile back on the local option question. That is a small voting box, and cast but twenty ballots on the question. It stood eleven for the pros and nine for the antis. And it is claimed that Senator Willacy cast the vote which decided the issue for the pros. The Senator realized that the saloon in so small a place was not conducive to the moral weal of the community and he did just what any good citizen ought to have done—voted to do away with the evil. We congratulate him and his community on their determination to have local option in the precinct of Portland. After they have tried it for awhile they will be more than ever convinced that it is the best disposition that can be made of the liquor question.

LIMESTONE COUNTY STILL DRY.

Two years ago a local option election put Limestone County in the dry column by a majority of less than 250, and after a court contest the barrooms moved out. The other day the antis brought on another election, as they were not satisfied with the former one. The election was held last Saturday, and the pros won by more

than six hundred majority this time. Will this satisfy the antis? No county in Texas that has tried local option two years has since gone back to barrooms, unless it be Midland County, away out West and thinly populated. Where plenty of people live and see the bad effect of the liquor shop and proceed to vote it out, they also keep it out. A goodly number have voted the second time, but local option sticks with an increased majority. Limestone wants no more barrooms, and they do not propose to have them. It is the business of the State Liquor Dealers' "Secretary" to nose round dry counties and stir up another election. His work must show some sort of activity, but the result so far ought to be very discouraging to the "Association." He always gets his crowd licked with worse results than ever. On with the battle!

A FEW LOCAL NOTES.

We frequently receive lengthy manuscripts from different people in the State asking us to read them critically and give our opinion of them as productions worthy of book form. We have no time to give to work of this sort and we beg all persons having such matter to send it to the Publishing House people, as they are in the book business.

Our local pastors are all back, those of them who took vacations, and they are busy with their work. The Trinity people have begun work again on their handsome new church, and they want to push it until they can get into their auditorium. Even now it is a beauty. The Grace Church people worshiped for the first time in their auditorium last Sunday. The inside finish has not yet been put on, but the windows will be in shortly, and then it will be comfortable. Rev. George R. Stuart will begin a meeting out there the 18th.

Rev. I. W. Clark is rounding out his quadrennium on the district. His work has been a great success. As a preacher he has but few equals in the State and he has not spared himself in this respect. He has helped his preachers in revival services in nearly every charge in the district. As an organizer, he has shown good sense and prudence in helping his brethren project new enterprises and in aiding them in making their work a success. He is in the very best sense a leader of men. The people recognize his ability and consecration, and they follow him. And he is still a close student and his mind is of the progressive type.

Uncle Buck Hughes is quietly living in his good home at Oak Lawn. Yet the old fires are still burning in his bones, and once in a while he takes his stand among his brethren and preaches sermons of power. His name is a savor of manliness, devotion, integrity and honor. When he speaks nobody ever questions his statements. He has influence with all classes in the city and the county, and when he is gone to the home beyond, his life and character will be embalmed as a rich legacy in the hearts and minds of thousands throughout this whole country. Everybody believes in and loves Uncle Buck.

MRS. A. C. ZEHNER.

For some time it has been our purpose to speak a word concerning Mrs. A. C. Zehner and her work in religious and local option fields of Texas. And we do this without her knowledge, much less her suggestion. To begin with, she is the daughter of a deceased member of the Southwest Missouri Conference. For many long years her devoted father was one of the most useful members of that body and a consecrated and earnest preacher. No man stood higher among his brethren than he, and now that he is dead his memory is revered by all alike up there, both among the ministers and the laity. Mrs. Zehner has always been a devoted member of our Church, and she now holds her membership in

Oak Cliff. She has been in this city a number of years. She is a woman of more than ordinary gifts, and while she is in no sense attempting to preach, or to exercise the functions of the ministry, yet in her simple talks on the Bible from the altars of the church, she has been instrumental in the salvation of hundreds of souls. When it comes to local option work, she has no superior and few equals. Her grasp of all phases of that subject, her acquaintance with human nature, her motherly instinct, her gift of speech and her womanly fearlessness make her the most formidable opponent to the liquor traffic in the State. There is nothing bold or masculine in her style. She is a womanly woman, and her appeals to fathers and sons are almost irresistible. In addition to this, she knows how to organize and direct a local option campaign. She interests the women, and she steers clear of all political entanglements and confines herself wholly to the moral phases of the question. The antis of all this section would rather see anybody turned loose in a local option campaign than Mrs. Zehner.

IN A NEW DRESS.

State Topics, edited by our friend Jeff McLemore, at Austin, is out in a new dress, and the garment is very becoming. The Topics says that it is "An Independent Journal" and that it deals in "Politics, literature and society." Since the recent State primaries, the paper has improved very materially in its manners and tone generally. The editor, with whom we had the pleasure of shaking hands at Houston, is a sprightly writer, and what he says is interesting, whether you agree with him or not. We found him to be a very agreeable gentleman, and since then he has actually been trying to deal fairly and squarely with us, but he still wabbles a trifle when he has occasion to mention us in his paper. While he speaks kindly of us, at the same time he adroitly uses the point of his pen-knife, showing very clearly that his old wounds have not altogether healed. But he is improving, and by the 16th of next January we hope he will be wholly recovered. In the meantime we congratulate him on the progress of his journal and wish for it and him a smooth sea and favorable winds.

BISHOP HOSS PASSES THROUGH DALLAS.

Last Thursday, as we were on the press with the Advocate, Bishop Hoss came into the office and spent an hour or so with us. He is in the best of health and spirits and his presence was veritable sunshine. He had a great trip across the sea and did us honor at the session of the Wesleyan Conference. He only spent a day and night in Dallas, and left the next morning to visit his wife and son in New Mexico. He made many inquiries about the Texas work and manifested great interest in our enterprises and progress. He has placed his little home on Monteagle on sale, and is making every arrangement to fix himself and family in Texas. Just as soon as the good ladies of the Church throughout Texas supply the Episcopal home with substantial furniture, as they have proposed to do, he will be ready to move in and take possession. His books and some of his luggage will be deposited there at an early date. He is pleased with the home and the preparation which is being made to receive him and his family. He will be in New Mexico until after the session of that conference, and then, as seen below, he will be in Texas preaching and dedicating churches. Let the work of collecting the money for the Episcopal home go forward as rapidly as possible and let reports of same be made to Rev. G. W. Owens, of this city. If any of the brethren want to correspond with the Bishop within the next few weeks, they can address him in care of the Publishing House, in this city, and their letters will be forwarded to his address, as he will be somewhat on



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the wing. We quote from the Times-Herald of this city the following interview with the Bishop, which will give the readers some idea of his work and movements:

Well, I got here this morning several hours late as usual, and intended to go right on to New Mexico, but the delay prevented this, and I shall now be obliged to remain here until tomorrow morning. My family is at the present time at Lalux, New Mexico, where I am going. On the twenty-second of September I will open the New Mexico Conference at Albuquerque and remain there until September 25. After that I shall preach at Cisco and will dedicate churches at Gordon on the 29th and the first Sunday in October I will dedicate one at Austin. I will be in Moody October 8, and on the 14th and 16th will dedicate three churches in the Waxahachie District. On October 26 I will open the Indian Mission Conference at Muskogee. November 6 will find me at the Travis Park Methodist Church in San Antonio, and after that I will hold the four Texas Conferences, at Cuero, for the West Texas District; Mineral Wells, for the Northwest; Bonham, for the North Texas District, and finally the Texas Conference, at Marshall.

I have been absent in Europe for the past ten weeks and had a most enjoyable trip. I sailed from Boston to Naples, stopping at Gibraltar, Genoa, Marseilles and in Italy. I spent some time at Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan. I went through the St. Gothard tunnel into Switzerland, thence through Lucerne to Paris. I was in England four weeks and spent one week in Ireland. While in England I attended the session of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference at Sheffield, and delivered a fraternal address.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. J. H. Roberts, of Waxahachie, made the Advocate a pleasant call last week.

Rev. J. D. Hendrickson, of Killeen, and his people are in the midst of a good meeting.

Rev. Jerome Duncan and Brother C. F. Graham, of Hillsboro, delighted the office this week with a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Minnie Smith, of Groesbeck, and Miss Laura Fanning, of Dallas, made the Advocate a pleasant, social call the other day.

Rev. R. W. Nation, of Bardwell, dropped in on us recently and he reports his work all right. He promises to do well by the Advocate.

Rev. W. B. Andrews, of Brownwood, made a trip to the city the past week and gave the Advocate the benefit of a few moments of his pleasant company.

Rev. T. N. Weeks, of Mesquite, was in the city recently and remembered to make himself agreeable around this office for a short time. His work is in good shape.

Rev. Allen Tooke, of Bellville, has done good work in that difficult field. Our Church is not overly strong there, but its members are true and the pastor has shown the grit of a hero.

Rev. Leon Henderson, of Grand Saline, came up the other day and reported things all right in the salt section of Texas. We hope to be with him and his people the first Sunday in October.

Rev. J. W. Smith, of Wichita Falls, has had a prosperous year. He has greatly improved the church building, and he has fine congregations. He expects to start a big tent meeting at an early day.

Rev. J. B. Sears, of the Palestine District, made a hasty visit to the city last week and gave the Advocate a pleasant call. He is a busy and wide awake official and looks after all the interests of his field.

Rev. J. W. Bergin, who went from the Texas Conference some time back and was stationed at Butte, Montana, was recently transferred back to his old conference, so we are informed. But he did a fine work at Butte, as pastor of St. Paul's Church. The Butte Miner speaking of him and his work says among other nice things: "Doctor Bergin has done wonderful things at Saint Paul's this year. A debt of seven thousand dollars has been

raised and the Church greatly strengthened in every department. Congratulations are coming in from every side."

Prof. M. L. Williams and wife, both late of Clarendon College, and Mrs. Pardue, of Dallas, sister of Mrs. Williams, were pleasant callers at the Advocate office this week. Prof Williams was en route to take a course in the State University.

Rev. S. F. Chambers, of the Texas Conference, has been transferred to the West and stationed at Butte, Montana. It seems that quite a number of Texas preachers are headed for that far-off country of late. We regret to have them go, but the brethren out that way will find them true and tried men.

Rev. W. H. Howard and his good people at Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth, have the walls of their new church as far as the window sills in erection, and they hope to complete it by conference. It will be a handsome structure. Brother Howard's people have voted him a vacation and a purse with which to enjoy it.

Rev. Abe Mulkey has just closed out a great meeting in our Church at Cleburne. He was with Rev. C. W. Brown, our pastor, and the two worked manfully in the service. Upwards of two hundred were converted, and more than a hundred have already joined our Church. During the meeting several thousand dollars were raised for the liquidation of the Church debt, and for the purchase of a pipe organ. Abe is a success.

Rev. J. David Crockett, now on the supernumerary list of the Northwest Texas Conference, is holding some fine meetings, and as his strength will permit he is rendering the brethren faithful service. He has been instrumental in conducting a goodly number of successful revivals, and good results are following his efforts. Like every other devoted Methodist preacher, he does not know how to rest from his labor.

CHURCH NEWS.

The alumni of the Randolph-Macon College are united in the effort to raise \$35,000 to endow a chair of modern languages.

Rev. C. A. Tague, of the Japan Mission Conference, will not be able to return to his work on account of failing health.

Between 1900 and 1904 the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church has raised through its six chartered institutions more than \$130,000 for the cause of education.

The Government of Japan has recently placed the Methodist Theological School on the same footing as other schools, regardless of the class of studies.

Commander Booth Tucker, the head of the Salvation Army in the United States, who is to be transferred to new work, will leave about the middle of November. His successor has not been announced.

Rev. Joseph Agar Beet, who for twenty years has been Tutor in systematic theology at Richmond College, has notified the British Wesleyan Conference that he will resign his position at the conference of 1905.

Mr. Robert Davies, a wealthy ship-holder, has given \$675,000 to the Welsh Methodist Missionary Society for the development of its mission work in the hill countries in India.

The Protestant Episcopal Church year closes with August. Reports show 5,983 congregations and 765,000 communicants. Figures are not yet at hand to show the full amount of Church donations during the year.

Rev. John Gould, for many years the Wesleyan Methodist representative in East Anglia, England, has severed his official connection with English Methodism and will undertake work in South Africa.

The Rev. Dr. Pentecost, lately returned from the East, asserts as the result of his personal observations on mission fields that Christianity is making more rapid progress in Korea than in any heathen country of the world.

Dr. Munhall, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, secured as a relic a piece of the live oak tree on St. Simon's Island, off the Georgia coast, under which John Wesley preached his first sermon in America. Charles Wesley and George Whitefield also

preached under this tree, which goes to show that field preaching was not such a shocking thing in the new world as it was in England.

Rev. L. F. Beaty, of the Sunday-school Department, who has been so long and so dangerously ill, is now so far recovered as to be in his office again. This will be good news to our whole connection.

Miss Ada Mudge, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Mudge, of the New England Conference, goes to India as teacher in the Isabella Thoburn College, at Lucknow. Her traveling expenses and first year's salary are provided by a friend, Mrs. Chester C. Corbin.

Mr. Charles H. Crittenton, the noted philanthropist and Christian worker, is expected to visit Birmingham, Alabama, early in September to consider the establishment of a rescue home. He will have the active co-operation of the Pastors' Union of the city in the movement.

Dr. A. M. Chreitberg, of Columbia, South Carolina, and father of Dr. H. F. Chreitberg, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, Western North Carolina Conference, is eighty-four years old, and for sixty-five years has been an active minister. He is still able to preach.

The last issue of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate contains a sermon by Rev. J. C. Simmons, the Nestor of Southern Methodism of the Pacific Coast. The sermon is illustrated by a good picture of the venerable Doctor. "The Wesleyan Advocate Pulpit" is one of the best features of that excellent paper.

An Associated Press dispatch states that a Southern Methodist Church at Hobart, Oklahoma, has established a precedent in returning an excess of fire insurance. The insurance company allowed the Church \$1,200 for repairs; but the Church found that the repairs cost only \$1000, and returned the remaining \$300.

Rev. R. J. Campbell, of the City Temple, London, has never written out a full sermon, nor attempted to read one from the pulpit. He often uses brief notes, however. Mr. Campbell says: "I always hold myself free, when addressing an audience, to depart from the main line if I choose, or repeat a point in different words, if I feel it has not been understood."

Bishop W. A. Candler, in a recent number of the Wesleyan, says of Dr. Thomas F. Pierce, lately deceased: "He was a man of childlike simplicity, candid and cordial, tender and true. His soul was a stranger to greed for gain or ambition for place. With neither pride nor pretension, he walked and worked among us, a strong, brave, God-fearing man without the slightest reproach for wrongs done or duties neglected. He was a man of sorrow, as who is not who lives so long and toils so earnestly? But he was always cheerful and buoyant to the last. It was not in trials to overwhelm him nor in weightiest responsibilities to disquiet his soul, while with manly and fearless step he walked the path of duty to which his divine Father appointed him."

NOTE FROM BISHOP HOSS.

During the month that has gone by since I landed at New York, I have been very busy trying to dispose of the mass of correspondence that accumulated while I was away from the country, and getting ready for the work of my conferences. I can not say that I have satisfactorily discharged that task, but I have done the best that I could with it under the circumstances, and now I am on my way to New Mexico, where I will be engaged till the close of the present month. After that it is my purpose to spend the first three Sundays of October dedicating churches and looking after other duties. Every day of my time is already mortgaged up to the middle of December. It distresses me that I am not able to go to all the places to which I have been invited, but it is out of my power to multiply the number of Sundays in a month. Letters addressed to me, care of Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas, will be promptly forwarded. As soon as the parsonage is ready for me, I shall bring my belongings to Dallas and take up my permanent residence there.

E. E. HOSS. Texas & Pacific Ry., Sept. 9, 1904.

GRACE CHURCH MEETING.

Rev. Geo. Stuart will hold a meeting at Grace Church, in the new building, commencing Sunday, September 18, lasting ten days or two weeks. Seating has been arranged for 1000. Special evangelistic singer and choir of 100 voices. W. Andrew Hemphill will render solos during the meeting.

TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS AGAIN.

Bro. Jester's last report shows the following sent during August:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Amount. Includes Huntsville District (\$377.90), San Augustine District (152.00), Calvert District (127.50), Brenham District (113.00), Marshall District (103.00), Tyler District (101.80), Palestine District (43.40), Beaumont District (40.00), Pittsburg District (39.00), Houston District.

Total \$1,097.60

This puts the districts on total collections as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Percentage. Includes Pittsburg (\$1391.25-73 per cent), Marshall (1289.90-80 per cent), Huntsville (1270.40-80 per cent), Palestine (987.15-54 per cent), San Augustine (906.35-56 per cent), Tyler (828.70-41 per cent), Brenham (542.20-30 per cent), Calvert (462.85-23 per cent), Houston (425.10-18 per cent), Beaumont (368.95-28 per cent).

Total \$8472.85-47 per cent

The above is the per cent each district has paid on their assessments, and the total the per cent on the conference. This shows 53 per cent that is to be collected in the next two and a half months. It is a big job, but it should be done. If it is not done the work of our Conference Board of Missions will be hindered. In Advocate of August 18 the printer made me say Marshall District had "ten" missions. I wrote "two." Suppose it looked like "ten."

J. T. SMITH.

CHURCH DEDICATIONS.

Bishop E. E. Hoss will dedicate our church at Gordon, Texas, September 29th, 8 p. m. All former pastors are expected to be present. We also expect many others to attend, and will furnish homes and entertainment to all visitors on that occasion. We hope the Weatherford District will be well represented. Come and let us rejoice together. J. F. TYSON, Pastor. Gordon, Texas.

The new First Street Church at Austin will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 2d, by Bishop E. E. Hoss. All former pastors are cordially invited to be present.

CULLOM H. BOOTH, P. C.

NOTICE.

Brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference will save time and trouble by sending to Rev. C. R. Wright, Temple, Texas, for Church Extension blanks. I do not keep them. I am always willing to accommodate when I can. J. H. CHAMBLISS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference: Please send in both foreign and domestic money. At this time of year each Board needs to be remembered in a practical manner. J. H. WISEMAN, Treasurer. Dublin, Texas.

NOTICE.

Those pastors desiring aid for parsonages from the W. H. M. Society of West Texas Conference will please have their applications in hands of Secretary one month before time of annual meeting, the last of October.

MRS. B. M. HINES, Con. Sec. W. H. M. S. West Tex. Con.

METHODIST MUNITIONS.

Having read with some care the several books by Rev. C. L. Ballard, I wish to give to them the heartiest endorsement and urge their circulation. Special attention is called to the book, "The Campbellite Defeated." I read most carefully the manuscript of this work and do most heartily commend it. My experience as pastor and presiding elder has demonstrated to me the importance and value of such works as can be circulated easily and at small cost among our people. There is a large and imperative demand for such. These books are rapid-fire guns of accurate and deadly aim to the foe. W. L. NELMS.

"ON WITH THE RECEIPTS."

Let them flow in one steady stream until November 12. We have three daily mails, but it takes them two days to get here after they leave the railroad. The Brotherhood and Orphanage receipts go to some other committee. SAM B. SAWYERS, Sec. Auditing Com. N. W. Tex. Con. Lubbock, Texas.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

The postoffice address of Rev. Jas. J. Rape is Corrigan, Texas.

Impaired Digestion

May not be all that is meant by dyspepsia now, but it will be if neglected.

The uneasiness after eating, fits of nervous headache, sourness of the stomach, and disagreeable belching may not be very bad now, but they will be if the stomach is suffered to grow weaker.

Dyspepsia is such a miserable disease that the tendency to it should be given early attention. This is completely overcome by

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LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY EXHIBIT.

In connection with the amusement feature of the Texas Festival and Kappa Celebration at Dallas, October 8-16, there will be a live stock and poultry exhibit, in which all owners and breeders are invited to participate without any cost in the way of barn, stall, pen or coop rent, and without paying any entry fee. Exhibitors will be allowed to make sales of their exhibits and purchasers can remove their purchases at any time during the Festival. There are absolutely no restrictions imposed on exhibitors.

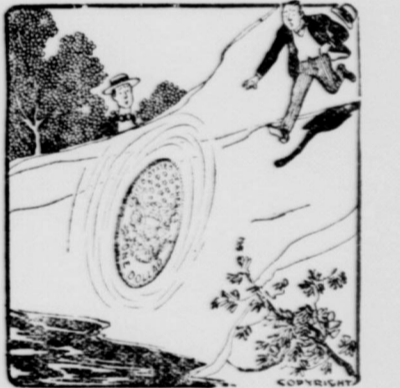
Already barns, stalls, pens and coops have been engaged by breeders of fine stock and poultry from all over Texas, and it is assured this early that this feature of the festival will be on a scale never surpassed in the State. There is still room for more exhibitors, and they are invited to secure it without charge of any kind.

NEW TYPEWRITER FOR SALE.

The Pittsburg Visible is one of the best typewriters made. I have a brand new one for sale at a reduced price. The machine is equal to any of the \$300 machines. If you want a new typewriter at a great reduction, write me at once.—James Morgan, Suite 304 Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

Business College Scholarships.

I have for sale a scholarship in one of the best business colleges in the State. It can be taken as a scholarship simply in shorthand or a full, unlimited scholarship in all departments. First come, first served. If you want this scholarship, write me immediately.—James Morgan, Suite 304, Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Tex.



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The Sunday-School Department The Epworth League Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 13, Sept. 25.

QUARTERLY REVIEW.

Dr. Paul Whitehead in the Sunday School Magazine gives the following doctrinal exposition of the present quarter's lessons:

The quarter's lessons cover a very interesting and instructive portion of the history of Israel, reaching from the secession of the ten tribes, and the formation of the northern kingdom under Jeroboam to the commencement of Elisha's career as a prophet. From Abijah the Shilonite to Elijah the Tishbite, inspired men of God, of greater or less ability and usefulness, stand out in the forefront; Kings of all degrees of goodness and badness reign and misgovern or try to guide aright the ship of state; wars and bloody deeds defile the land and make its streams run blood; society goes on gradually deteriorating, drifting to the end of disorganization and decay.

The course of an overruling Providence is marked out in much of this history. The influence of the sins of men in high places to bring curses upon a land is distinctly pointed out. The root of all the bitterness which afflicted both kingdoms is located in Solomon's apostasy and corrupt alliance with idolatry. For David's sake, who, through falling so terribly in one instance, was on the whole a faithful follower of Jehovah, condign vengeance was not visited on Solomon's kingdom; but when his son mounted the throne, brewed out of his father's sin and the people's iniquity, met him at the threshold, which he was ill prepared by character or natural gifts to encounter and control. The rending asunder of the kingdom left unbroken by David and Solomon—leaving two monarchies generally hostile, arrayed against each other—was an evil expressly declared to be "from" the Lord.

This is a general doctrine of Scripture, that the true explanation of disastrous and disturbing events is not in the human factors alone; not in men's blunders nor in the seeming accidents and slips of human movements; not in the nearer and apparently more direct reasons and influences. "This thing is from me;" in its ultimate nature and result, it is the movement of my Providence, for my glory and the carrying out of my purposes.

The course of sin, progressive and cumulative, is shown in the history of the northern kingdom. Jeroboam's sin was small beside the abominations of the house of Omri. But it was the entering wedge. The people, broken off from Jehovah and his temple at Jerusalem, became disbelievers in God and his law. No longer taught by men trained in the holy families of Levitical priesthood, estranged from the associations of Jerusalem and the house of the Lord, accustomed to gradual corruption and degradation of worship, they fell away, more and more from good and right and pure living. Practical debauchery of life follows the loss of high ideals; the force of mighty sanctions is broken, and "passion and envy, lust and pride," with the whole brood of vipers of the soul, issue forth without restraint.

It is worthy of remark that the line of Kings of the northern kingdom presents no exception of virtue and worthiness. Some were weaklings, some men of energy and force; all were corrupt alike—many of them murderers and usurpers. On the contrary, though beginning with Rehobam and his son, Abijah, the Kings of Judah speedily added Asa and Jehoshaphat to their list, men who in most respects were worthy to be David's successors. This was not accidental. The influence of good traditions, the presence of the law and the external worship of Jehovah, the families of the priests, the children of the prophets, the visible temple and the relics of a better age, helped to maintain as well as suggest the reforms which long saved the smaller and weaker kingdom from the moral decline and the earlier doom of the ten tribes.

In Elijah and Obadiah we have examples of loyalty and obedience to God in trying times and difficult circumstances. They strove to stem the current of evil lives and evil counsels. Pure and godly, they were of the kind of men who "lead to heaven and point the way," in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

Oil Cure for Cancer.

Dr. D. M. Bye has discovered a combination of oils that readily cure cancer, catarrh, tumors and malignant skin diseases. He has cured thousands of persons within the last ten years, over one hundred of whom were physicians. Readers having friends afflicted should cut this out and send it to them. Book sent free giving particulars and prices of Oils. Address the home office, Dr. D. M. Bye Co., Box 462, Dallas, Texas.

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

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NOTES.

There were three items in a recent issue of this paper which would have made excellent reading for the League Department, as they related to League work entirely. Will not our brethren send the League items to this department?

The Alabama Christian Advocate has this to say of our Houston meeting: "The twelfth session of the Texas State League Conference has just been held at Houston. The conference took a forward step in the adoption of a new constitution and in deciding upon an assembly hereafter lasting several days instead of the conference lasting only two or three days. Gus. W. Thomasson, League editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, was elected President for the ensuing year."

Miss Dora Garner, of Huntsville, is Fourth Vice-President of the Alabama State Epworth League Conference.

The General Secretary's annual report has just been issued, and while no statistics are given the general condition of the League department is reported as being very gratifying.

Dallas will ask for the 1907 session of the International League Convention.

A meeting of the Assembly Committee is to be called early in October to outline a plan of work. Several cities are pressing their claims for the annual encampment. The movement promises great results.

While in St. Louis recently we met Prof. W. A. Palmer, our newly elected Third Vice-President. He and his wife were doing the Fair. He had just heard of his election, and said it was all right—he was willing to do his best.

Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of Fort Worth, dropped in to see us recently and told us that Handley (between Dallas and Fort Worth) wanted the League encampment. The Business Club of that place will submit a proposition to the committee when it meets.

Rev. J. B. Gober, of Paris, gave us the distress sign the other day, but circumstances were such that we could not respond. The occasion was a big League rally. Brother Gober has put new life into the League in Paris District and we tip our hat to him.

Brother Theodore Bering, our new Secretary, and Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, Assembly Committeeman, are at Manassas this week engaged in army maneuvers.

Rev. George F. Greene has this to say in the Baltimore and Richmond Advocate: "No pastor can better invest his time and efforts than in the training of his young people; it pays the largest dividend of all. Encourage the Leaguers by your presence at their meetings. Be ready and willing to co-operate with them in their work. Take time to give them suggestions. Be willing to lead the meeting when called upon, and by and by you will wake up to the fact that you have a strong right hand of power; your influence will be felt in the whole community through these young people. Think of the power behind an hundred consecrated, well trained young men any young women banded together with such a motto: 'All for Christ!' Let us devote more time to the training of the young life in the Church. We can, and must, afford the time."

We want to pay as we go in our State work this year and to that end we ask our local Chapters to remit as soon as possible their year's dues. The assessment is as it has been for several years, namely, 50 cents for every 20 members. Of course it is not necessary to say that we will need the fullest payment from all chapters; we merely want to impress upon our Leaguers the importance of paying the dues promptly. Brother Bering will publish his first list next month. What Chapters want to be enrolled in that first list? Let us have your dues without delay. G. W. T.

WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING.

From time to time in our "notes" we have called attention to some special work the Chapters of other conferences are doing.

The League idea is growing. Not only are the Leagues of other conferences alive to their Chapter work, but as conferences they are uniting on some special work. And this does not satisfy their ambition (?). They are over leaping conference bounds in assembly work. Three or more conferences center upon a suitable location and erect an assembly building in which they purpose annually to hold meetings upon the basis of the missionary meeting to be held in Asheville next year.

The time has perhaps not come for North Carolina Leagues to undertake an alliance with other conferences in assembly work, but they should most gladly take the first step in that direction by a hearty co-operation in the support of a League missionary. A few stalks of cotton in the corner of the garden would produce the required amount. A few hours of work at odd times would secure it, or the Chapter might vote to contribute twenty-seven cents from their treasury for this purpose.

We have already cited the fact that several League Conferences had undertaken some special work. Now the North Texas Conference at Gainesville the last week in July pledged \$1,000 for the erection of a League chapel for the Settlement Home in Dallas.

There are few conferences in our Southern connection that are doing nothing as a conference toward the furtherance of the cause of Christ. That is as it should be. It is an evidence of growth. Are we not strong enough not only to stand alone, but also to help others?—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

NORTH TEXAS RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted at the Gainesville session of the North Texas Conference Epworth League:

Sabbath Observance.

Whereas, The desecration of the Sabbath has become alarmingly prevalent in our State, and

Whereas, We believe the disregard of the Commandments in reference to this sacred institution will be destructive to the interests of both Church and State, be it

Resolved, That the North Texas Conference Epworth League condemn all such impious practices and recommend all our Leagues to set an example before the world and the Church, by abstaining from all unnecessary work on the Sabbath day; from riding on railroads on Sunday; from going on excursions which their managers arrange at such times as to make it necessary either to start on Sunday or travel on Sunday before reaching destination, and that this body especially condemn the growing tendency of its members to leave the conference for home on Sunday.

Gratitude.

Whereas, God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, has seen fit to prosper this past year the bounds of this League Conference with great spiritual, numerical and financial growth and with the prospects of a better ensuing year; therefore, be it

Resolved, That gratitude for these blessings be shown by each member of this conference by most strenuous efforts to inspire the respective home Chapters to a greater spiritual and numerical growth and to impress them with the importance of paying in full all local conference and State League dues, and to pay when ordered their apportionment of the special assessment of \$1,000 for the North Texas Conference Epworth League chapel in Dallas, the raising of which amount has been intrusted to a competent committee which will work under the instruction of and in conjunction with the North Texas Conference Epworth League Board.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Be it Resolved, That we, by a rising vote, express our appreciation and hearty thanks to our President, Mr. Gus. W. Thomasson, for his able and exhaustive address on the status of Conference League work after the loss by fire of our records and archives, also for recomposing from memory a historical sketch of our League Conference from its organization to the present session.

To Bro. Marvin Nichols for his intelligent and enthusiastic support of the Conference State and Local League work in all departments and along all lines, too numerous to name.

To all who have taken part on the programs and especially to those who have made business and personal sacrifices to attend the sessions of this conference.

To all Committees on Entertainments; to the Chapter of Broadway and Denton Street Churches; to the ladies' societies of these Churches; to the several railroads; to the citizens of Gainesville, who have so royally en-

tertained the visiting Leagues; to the newspapers and pulpits of the various Churches; to all others who have so successfully conspired to make this one of the most enjoyable and profitable sessions ever held under the auspices of the North Texas Conference Epworth League.

Endorsement of Assembly.

Resolved, That we endorse the proposed movement to establish an annual Texas State League Assembly.

Local Option.

Be it resolved, That we reaffirm our allegiance to the local option movement and pledge ourselves anew to the support of the cause whenever an opportunity for legal enactment is presented. Be it further

Resolved, That we most heartily endorse the policy of Dr. Rankin in his vigorous warfare on the liquor traffic and pledge him our sympathy, prayerful support and hearty co-operation.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

For two or three years past I have given much thought to the use of unfermented wines for sacramental purposes, and the more I see the more I think, for some times when I have been in a church where the sacrament is to be administered, the moment the bottle is opened the highly alcoholic fumes have filled the house, causing one to feel as if he were passing the door of an open saloon, rather than sitting in the house of God, waiting for the consecration of the elements to be over. The prayers of a minister in such a case seem to be nothing but mockery. When he says, "This is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ," etc., he seems to tell a falsehood, for God never intended that Jesus' blood should be represented by that agent of misery and woe and destruction—fermented wine. Some men, and I am persuaded many of them, have had their first taste of alcohol at the altar of God, and from the hand of him who is called to minister to his soul life and godliness. A few men who were reformed drunkards have been turned again into the way of wreck and ruin. One such case has come under my own observation. My dear brethren and fellow pastors, this may seem to you a small matter, but when the "great day of the Lord" shall be made known the secret of some man's heart may be, "You put the cursed cup to my lips and called it the 'cup of blessing.'"

Let's have a clean record. H. A. BURNS.

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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 11:3-9 we find a parallel to above scripture and in 24th 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 that modern 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.

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**F. H. C. ELLIOTT.**

**DR. GAMBRELL ON THE DEBATER.**

By Dr. John M. Moore.  
 Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Dallas, the General Secretary of the State Board of Missions of the Baptist Church, gives to his denomination in the Baptist Standard a most sensible article, which I would be glad to have every Methodist read. To me the article is a herald of better things in the united efforts of the Churches to bring this world to Christ. It is perfect harmony with the heroic statement of the Rev. Geo. W. Truett, D. D., of Dallas, in his eloquent address before the last Southern Baptist Convention, when he said: "The day of the denominational bully has passed." May the day speedily come when John Wesley's injunction shall be our motto: "Think, and let think." This great leader of the Baptist Church in Texas wisely points to soul-winning as the supreme work of the Church and its ministry. Upon this common ground Methodism can join with her beloved sister and the two may do wonderful things in the salvation of this world.

Dr. Gambrell's article is as follows:

**Which Way, This or That?**  
 One of the chief of the debaters advises that "Dr. Gambrell" get up some debates as a means of uniting the brethren. He has had a little debate with a Campbellite debater, and he says all the Baptists lined up together. Likely those present did. But unhappily for the suggestion, the brethren who do things to much account were not there, and will not be at the next one. The Campbellite with whom this debater came the best part of a thousand miles to debate told us that the trouble with him had been that he could not get a debate with a representative Baptist. This will be his trouble next time we see him.  
 I do not insist that debates never do good, or that it is never wise for a Baptist to take part in them. I have a feeling to the contrary of this, though I have never seen the time when a greater victory could not be won by not having a debate. Hence, though challenged repeatedly in the past, I never saw my way as a minister to do what the flesh and the world would delight in, take the "cuticle" off an obstreperous belligerent. I knew it could be done, and had a feeling that there would be some satisfaction in it; but there was no market for Campbellite and Pedobaptist "hides." And, besides, I preferred to take another course and get the "hides" and the people in them all in the Baptist Churches in a comfortable state of mind, soul and body. Thus I have missed some fine chances for debates.

Still it may be that now and then a debate would be good.

This article is directed against the professional debater, his spirit and methods. I have a long, painful, unsatisfactory acquaintance with the subject in hand, having seen the cause suffer many things at the hands of this unhappy class. Are they or their ways helpful toward denominational unity and cooperation? They are not. I could write down the names of the leaders of the tribe and show that severally and collectively they are the most factional, turbulent sowers of discord within Baptist ranks. This is notorious. They have the contentious spirit and must fight on till death, and fight they will. Turned into pugilists by their debates, they lose interest in other things, and must turn everything into a fight. Well did Dr. J. B. Moody turn away from a course, which was rapidly disqualifying him for higher, holier and better things. To secure unity with such a spirit and such methods, the denomination would have to be like them, and that would be to turn our whole working force into a perpetual prize ring exhibition. Look at the very heroes of the debating arena, and they are in one eternal round of fights, with outsiders and insiders. The less unity on that line the better.

But I have well matured convictions on the subject, going to particulars. It may help us to a fair understanding of the matter to state some of them.

1. Speaking now of the professional debaters, I risk nothing in saying, that of all men among us, they are poorest representatives of New Testament Christianity. They are extreme in statement, lopsided in doctrine, and off tone in spirit. They are the unsafe guides in religion, being extreme at this point, entirely blank there, and in spirit trash, and of the world, the flesh and sometimes worse. Read their papers; read the accounts given by their admirers of their performances, and see the coarseness, the vainglorious spirit, the utter absence of that spirit which breathes through every page of the New Testament. It is the spirit of the bully and the prize ring, not the spirit of the Nazarene. Can this sort of thing win for Jesus? No. It is a reproach to the cause and a curse to the Baptist people.

2. These debaters and debates infect the denomination and the public with their vainglorious spirit. They make contentions and strifes in communities to the detriment of the spiritual life of God's saints. They never dispose the people to prayer or praise or to any of the sweet charities, which are the strength and chief ornaments of religion. They are, as they go, fruitful of many small questions which do minister strife rather than godly edifying. They have turned multitudes, even whole Churches, away from the main things and set them off into vainglorious wrong, while the last are neglected.

3. These debates harden sinners, as well as saints, the way they are commonly carried on—a battle of gladiators without tenderness or love; without grace or unction. The communities where they are held become spiritually dead and barren, like spots where log heaps or brick kilns are burnt. The results in many cases are such as to appall any soul devoted to the chief thing for which Christ lived and died and rose from the grave and interceded on high, the saving of the last world. They are schools for the deceitful handling of God's Word.

4. They are not favorable to the propagation of the Baptist faith; for they commence in an atmosphere of opposition, and men's minds are set against the truth. The conditions are had to begin with, and are nearly certain to get worse. Both sides nearly always report a victory. The world, the flesh and the devil have a fine chance at an ordinary debate where the "fur flies" for the fun of it, and where sinners lost are made partisans touching things beyond them. This is not the place for truth to have the best chance. Without one shadow of a doubt, I believe the professional debater a burlesque on New Testament Christianity, and an awful curse to the cause of Christ. If a time came when some Goliath must be met, let the Churches select some spiritual pastor, well-rounded in his theology and Christly living, and let this man, in lowliness of spirit, care for the cause, and then take care that he be not infected with the spirit to go about and seek with whom he may get up a debate. And let him be careful not to be beguiled into starting a paper to exploit his paper, so as to catch things coming and going.

What is the best way to unify our people? I answer: Lift up a standard for the great thing nearest the heart of Christ, even the rescue of the perishing. Not hold debates, but hold revival meetings, blood warm; God has given every redeemed soul a love for this. A revival will heal more bickerings, more strife, more heartaches and heartbreaks than anything ever set agoing among men. To see the lost coming home to God, will lift a man or a Church higher than anything else human eyes can see this side of

heaven. A great revival will burn out the dross, purify Churches, and clarify the atmosphere. It opens more hearts than anything, and disposes more people to receive the truth and walk in it. It makes the finest possible conditions for preaching Bible doctrine, and results in baptizing more Campbellites and others than all the debates ever held. Moreover, it associates strong doctrine with Christly spirit, and puts no stamp of reproach upon the Baptist name, as the average debate does.

"Dr. Gambrell" is distinctly in better business than holding little, pesky debates. To preach to a little congregation in a school house, as I have been permitted to do lately, and to hear the shouts of souls born to God, is immeasurably more glorious than all the pitched battles of all the debaters walking the earth to day.

I may be extreme, but I can't even imagine Paul quitting his great missionary work to hold a five days' debate with Diatrophes at \$100 a debate. I must close with this remark additional: We owe something to God's people who are not Baptists, and it is bad to give them a stone for bread.

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### ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Texas Conference will be held in Terrell, Oct. 18-21, 1904. The executive meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon Oct. 18. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. R. C. Hicks Tuesday, Oct. 18. We hope to have some one from the Scarritt Bible and Training School to give an address.

We urge the presence of every officer, superintendent, delegate and visitor at the opening service Tuesday night.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,  
Cor. Sec. Conf. Society,  
Dodd City, Texas.

### JUST A WORD.

Ere this appears I shall have said the good byes and taken my departure from our Texas land, joining the other Texas girls in Denison. We shall go in a party to Kansas City, there to re-enter school in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, taking our places and feeling very important as the "dignified seniors" of "Scarritt."

Though the vacation has seemed very short, and there have been so many calls upon our time, yet mingled with the feeling of sadness at the thought of taking leave of loved ones for another nine months, there is a deep feeling of gratitude to kind friends and to God, and a prayer of thanksgiving in our breasts for the great blessings we enjoy. We look forward to the time when we shall again be established in the ways of school life. Brightly lighted libraries, with many books, and the thought of again being taught, advised, loved by noble women, all seem to beckon us back to "Scarritt." How happy we shall be to meet again the friends of last year and to greet with loving welcome the "new girls."

To every member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Conference, I bid a loving farewell until next May, when I hope to return to you—a—but I anticipate! I ask your earnest prayers that I may be strong and faithful in performing every duty. With St. Paul, I thank Him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to his service.

SOPHIA MANN,  
Cotton Gin, Texas.

### LOVE NEEDS NO RULE.

In a sermon on the text, "She hath done what she could," we find Dr. Bushnell speaking very plainly of what love in the heart does for one. Love is better than logic, better than learning, better than genius. If one would be sure he is doing the right thing in every case, let him have his heart filled with love and he can scarcely miss the mark. Love needs no rules nor precepts. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." Many do wonderful things with their money, their genius, and their learning, but if their hearts are not in their work, and if they are not moved by love, they are not doing their best. One may give millions for schools and libraries and charity, he may give his body to be burned, but without love he is nothing. He that loves God with all his heart, loves his kindred, his brethren, his neighbors, his enemies, strangers and sinners, will be carried forward on a wave of heavenly life to do his best.—Selected.

### W. F. M. SOCIETY.

The work of missions goes steadily on in the Church at Terrell. Realizing that the gift of life is given us that we may make the best of it by doing His will and keeping His commands, we work faithfully to contribute our mite toward "preaching" the gospel in all lands.

In the last quarter we had our three regular meetings with good attendance.

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ance. At the August meeting thirty were present, which shows that summer suns had no very depressing effect on our enthusiasm. We have finished our \$50 conference pledge, and are right well advanced on the others.

Four months ago we elected two Captains and let them choose sides, thus dividing the members into what might be termed opposing factions, though always meeting together.

Our surmise that the rivalry for good reports would reap good results was not incorrect. I mention this that other societies may give it a trial.

In gratitude for so many blessings we give thanks unto the Lord, and ask the prayerful readers of the Advocate to pray for us that we may continue steadfast, and that with the help of all others interested in foreign missions we may be a part of the grand army marching on to victory, which victory shall be accomplished when

"The earth shall be filled with His knowledge and glory,  
As waters that cover the sea."

MRS. J. H. COCKRELL,  
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### A JAPANESE BOY'S NAME.

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At 15 the Japanese boy receives a new name in honor of his coming of age. His name is changed again on the occasion of his marriage and on any advance in his position. Even mortal illness does not end this confusing state of affairs; for, when death comes, a new name is given him by which presumably he is known in the spirit world.—Selected.

### MEDITATIONS.

We feel confident in the eternal life there is no waste of time. Therefore let us ever be busily engaged in all work for Christ. No life can be happy without useful employment which occupies mind, body, heart and soul. So let no one try to escape or shirk any duty devolving upon us. As long as we live we can and should find work to do for Him who left us an example of perpetual activity. No one ever grows too old or feeble to labor in some way for the Master. Each day brings new opportunities, so let not one pass unheeded, as it is ours to enjoy. Lost opportunities bring into our life sorrow and regret. Then let us be faithful and prayerful in the discharge of every duty, as our lives are imperishable, and all will be called to render a strict account of how we spend our probationary state. Is it right to attend any gathering or live in any place where we would not be willing to die?

The mind and heart should possess jewels superior to the purest diamonds. We learn from jewelers that diamonds shine with increased brilliancy after being thoroughly polished. Just so our whole life must have the polishing and awakening touch of the Holy Spirit before it will emit its purest, brightest rays. Our relatives, money and all earthly treasures must leave us at death's door. But treasures laid up in heaven will meet us to enjoy throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Then is it not best to keep mind and heart at all times in a spiritual condition for the great change that must come to every human being? Let us constantly look at the possibilities which need perfect development. "Man was made in the image of God." Then to him alone we owe our best service. "As are our hopes and aspirations, so must be our life." Fields which are well cultivated will enlarge in rich fruitage until the gatherings astonish the laborer, who probably began life with the poorest, most obscure prospects of success. Nothing in this life will compare to pure and undefiled religion. It is valuable in all stages of life's history, and it is also demanded of every human being, as our crucified Lord made a rich, complete atonement for all, leaving not one out of his free and full salvation for all who will accept his plan of atonement. He finished his sacrifice when in his latest breath he cried out, "It is finished." No one is justifiable in refusing him due allegiance. His intercessions reach out after all classes and conditions of humanity. If we persist in refusing these saving truths we alone are to

blame, and must be of choice eternally lost. Have we rightly learned to measure the value of this swiftly fleeting life? To young and old the great change must sooner or later come. Then if we let the seed time of life pass unnoted, the harvest time will find us unprepared. So let us be eager to treasure every golden hour and each diamond moment, as all are hastening to a final judgment. Each day, hour and moment ought to find us wiser and better, and each sunrise should reveal to us new beauties, a larger and a more perfect life within and a grander and a more beautiful world without, calling forth our trust and gratitude. This is the fruit of pure and undefiled religion. When we comply with divine commands and so number our days that not one be lost in the service of sin and Satan, rich rewards follow even in this life, with glorious results in an endless eternity.

It has been truthfully said, "The greatest waste and destruction come from man's hand. He is a great destroyer." When engaged in the service of the old Deceiver he casts fire brands in the way of young and old, causing desolation to mark life's pathway. His greatest destruction is in the temple containing this immortal soul. Watch the progress of one in sin. His will becomes weak, his affections are crushed, his reason destroyed, his memory breaks down, while his whole life becomes a total wreck. Sinful women suffer the same retributions inflicted on sinful men. All nature rejoices in praising and honoring our great Creator except sinful humanity, who are ever prone to evil and rebellion. Let each of us while on the stage of action play well our part, as the cycle of time is cutting short our years. May we gather many sheaves too for the Master's use. Life is what we make it. So let us be active each day and hour in making use of opportunities as they come to us. It is well to remember the old adage, "The monotony of a quiet life is straining on a busy brain. The active, busy brain must have something to do, casting out dull thoughts, leaving the life so illuminated with divine light that it must be spent only in good." "Occupy till I come" is from the Holy Book of Inspiration. So let each redeem this allotted time. Time in its flight never looks backward. Each can say with David, "My soul cleaveth unto the dust; quicken thou me according to thy word."—Psalm 119:25. "Make me to understand the way of thy precepts; so shall I take of thy wondrous works."—Psalm 119:27.

"Heaven is not gained by a single bound.

But we build the ladder by which we rise  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
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### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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great work committed to our hands in Hillsboro. One hundred and forty-seven members have been added to our Church here this conference year alone and, notwithstanding the many changes in membership, our net increase for three years has been more than two hundred. With a present membership of eight hundred, it is evident that the time for "expansion" has arrived. So mote it be.

### Albany and Moran.

R. S. Heizer, Sept. 6: The fourth Quarterly Conference for this charge was held Sept. 5. Our beloved Rev. E. A. Smith, was on hand Friday night and preached the last five sermons in our meeting at Albany. His preaching was with power and in demonstration of the Spirit. Sunday night closed the second protracted meeting on this charge. We were assisted at Moran by Rev. T. N. Lowrey, who did us faithful, earnest work. The meeting resulted in some ten conversions and reclamations and five additions to the Church. The meeting at Albany lasted a little over two weeks. The pastor preached eleven times at the beginning of the meeting; then my son, R. H. Heizer, of Armour Circuit, came and preached one week and captured the people. There were eight conversions and seven additions, with two more to be received. This meeting was a great success. All the Churches of the town worked together and such harmony is rarely seen. The young girls to the number of thirty-four held prayer-meeting at the parsonage every evening, while there were three ladies' prayer-meetings in different parts of the town. During the meeting the pastor was remembered in the way of a most excellent pound- ing, for which we are very thankful, and pray God's richest blessings on every one of the participants. We are now on the home stretch and hope to report everything in full at Mineral Wells.

### Memphis.

Ben Hardy, Sept. 8: As our work has not been noticed before this year, will give a brief summary of our year's work. Our parsonage, which was only partially furnished, has been furnished throughout. Have just put down two new carpets, making four rooms that have been carpeted this year. We now have as cozily furnished five-room parsonage as can be found in the district. (Our P. E. is authority for that statement). Our W. H. M. Society is responsible for the above, and for other good things, among them a box valued at \$50, which is at the depot now ready to be shipped to our Rescue Home at Dallas. Memphis is a half station. Newlin, a village eleven miles southeast, and Union Hill, a country Church eleven miles west, complete the work. Have held all our meetings, had conversions in all of them; have received fifty into the Church during the year. Our collections, which were raised 30 per cent above last year, will be paid in full. Salary, two-thirds paid to date, will be paid in full; so the stewards think. Last Sunday I asked my people here for \$200 to fence our church and to repaint the church. The amount was subscribed in a few minutes and work has begun. I am indebted to Rev. W. B. Dodson, J. H. Overstreet and Geo. Harris for valuable assistance in my meetings. Rains have been abundant and the harvest will be bountiful. We are grateful to the good Father for his blessings and with confidence we face the future.

### Riverside.

W. C. Smith, Sept. 12: Our fourth Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Our presiding elder came and preached us one fine sermon, administered the sacrament, held the Quarterly Conference, and on he went, winding up his fourth year on the Fort Worth District. We all love him; hate to say good-bye. He is a great man, doing a grand work for the Church. Our finances are behind, but we think everything will be paid in full. You made my communication of August 22 read 50 or 60 reclamations; should have read 50 or 60 conversions and reclamations. We want to wind up the year with a revival and a good report.

### Comanche Circuit.

Geo. W. Kincheloe, Sept. 10: We closed our last meeting for this conference year last Sunday evening at Cottonwood and organized a Church with seventeen members, as a result of the meeting. We report only fifty-two conversions as the result of our meetings and seventy-seven additions to the Church during the year by certificate and on profession of faith. We are glad to note improvements on churches at Mesquite, White Point and Indian Creek by painting and repainting the churches. Our Mesquite Church, after spending over \$100 in

repairing and painting church, was burned down by the explosion of a lamp, without any insurance, but before the ashes were cold our people had started a subscription to rebuild and we now have a much larger and better house nearly completed. They are to be commended for their pluck and energy and any help extended by our people from a distance will be greatly appreciated. Our only girl left for Georgetown this morning to enter Southwestern. The parsonage will be very lonely without her. Four others from my circuit will leave Monday to enter our University at Georgetown. Let every preacher talk and preach for our Church schools. If we save our country we must have Christian education.

### Sipe Springs.

J. M. Baker, Sept. 10: Meetings all held except one, some 95 conversions and reclamations. Members received to date, 42. One of these meetings was held by Grandpa Law, a man 76 years old, a few miles from Sipe Springs, in a neglected neighborhood, where he had 19 conversions and 16 reclamations. One man, 84 years of age, was converted. Financially the work is behind, but we hope to come out ahead by conference, if hard work and perseverance count anything. This has been the most trying year in more respects than one, of the 23 years spent in the itinerancy of the Northwest Texas Conference.

### Eliasville.

J. M. McCarter, Sept. 10: On the night of the 7th inst. we closed a good meeting at this place. Results: 29 professions and 8 accessions to our Church, with the membership much built up. Rev. J. M. Bond was with me, and did most of the preaching. As a preacher, he is inimitable; as a worker, he surpasses. His wit and sarcasm against sin, his unique presentation of gospel truth will not soon be forgotten, and his sledge hammer blows for Methodism will bear fruit in the years to come. He is a devoted, brave and true preacher. May the good blessing of God continue with him, and may his bow long abide in strength. Rev. E. F. Boone, our presiding elder, was also with us; held our Quarterly Conference, and preached one very fine sermon. I do not know when I have heard a greater. He grows on us; he is a very fine beloved; his deep piety and devotion to God and the Church, his uniform kindness, his perfect health and strength, his thorough mastery of details admirably fit him for the high office which he so ably and worthily fills.

### Crystal Falls.

J. M. Slatten, Sept. 12: Crystal Falls is moving along very well. Our meetings all over. Results as follows: At Baker, embracing fifth Sunday in July, good revival in the Church, but no converts, one addition by letter; at Grocan next a wonderful revival in the Church with no converts; many gave their hands to be prayed for; but we had to close too soon on account of our meeting at the Falls, which embraced the third Sunday in August, resulting in a fine revival; 11 additions to the Church, and the Church graciously revived; almost every one leading in prayer when they were called on; next was at old Fort Griffin, on the fourth Sunday in August, resulting in good revival; 3 additions to the Church; many gave their hands for prayer, but on account of rain we had to close. We have had many hindrances this year, but I have supplied the work with Bro. Lane, from Scranton, and Boatman, from Cisco, and last, but not least, Putman, from Throckmorton; and either of the two makes a team; God bless their souls. I am now at home by the bedside of my wife; she has been sick during the past year, and we have been expecting her death for some time, but at this writing she is greatly improved.

### Victory.

F. M. Winburne, Thornton, Sept. 12: Just in from Locust Grove, where I preached the best I could, received 4 members, visited 6 families, received 2 cash subscribers for the Advocate, collected several dollars on general collections, sold 2 Bibles, baptized 3 people, drove about 25 miles, and last, but not least, am in fine health, enjoying religion. Voted for prohibition with 603 majority for Limestone County.

### Whitt and Bethesda.

L. B. Tooley: Our meetings for the summer have been successful. About 100 conversions. In the meeting at Whitt there were sixty-two conversions and reclamations. This was the most powerful meeting ever held at Whitt, and we believe abiding good has been done. Bro. J. S. Huckabee, of Aledo, assisted me here. His preaching was plain, sympathetic and forceful, and while he reached the sinner, the Church also was greatly revived.

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ed, edified and strengthened. Bros. L. G. Rogers, of Weatherford, and S. J. Vaughan, of Cisco, assisted me at Bethesda, and while there were but few conversions, yet the Church was greatly strengthened. I had no ministerial help at Salesville. Our Church has only been organized about one year at this point, and we are near fifty strong. The new parsonage at Whitt is about complete, and when finished will be worth about \$700. The people of this charge have been very kind to the pastor and his family, and have looked well after our material interests.

Baird.

J. D. Odum: Our work here is moving along very nicely. We have just passed through a very hot prohibition campaign. The vote stands, for prohibition, 620; against prohibition, 623. This is the unofficial count. No doubt but that a number of illegal votes were polled. The matter may go into the courts. We had the help of some of the ablest men in the State. None of them did us more efficient service than Dr. Rankin, editor of the Advocate. Dr. H. A. Bourland is in our city on a visit to his daughter. He preached for us Sunday morning a very strong and spiritual sermon. He delighted and edified our people.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Walnut Bend.

H. H. Goode, Sept. 12: We closed our meeting at Walnut Bend yesterday, one week after Bro. W. H. Brown left us. We did all the preaching the last week and there were 17 conversions. Received 22 into the Church. Paid Bro. Brown \$25 and gave the pastor, as a free will offering, between twenty and twenty-five dollars. Old settlers say this was the best meeting, taking all things into consideration, that has been held there for twenty years or more. Have received on the work 34 members. We now turn our attention to the collections.

Blue Ridge.

S. W. Miller, Sept. 12: Our meeting at Snow Hill was quite a success, but owing to the early opening of cotton and some sickness, we closed rather early. There were 13 conversions and 5 accessions to the Church. We will make another effort to build a church there, also. Bro. Rosser did not get to our Quarterly Conference, but he came by and attended one service later in the meeting. Our Quarterly Conference was better than usual, but on the whole finances are very much behind. I hope the work will come to the front this fall. We are in a condition to build up permanently on the work if we can only infuse life and interest into the membership at Blue Ridge. Most of our members at this point are in the country, and are so careless about attending Church. Bro. Francis, my colleague, is at home by the bedside of his father, who is sick. I hope he will be able to return soon, as there is a great deal of work before us. I earnestly trust his father will soon be well. Rev. H. U. Keller and Rev. Charley Smith did us excellent work in both Snow Hill and Rock Quarry meetings. I have had the privilege of marrying Rev. Minor Bounds to Miss Effie St. Clair. She is one of our most excellent Christian girls, and highly accomplished.

Oak Cliff.

M. L. Hamilton, Sept. 6: We closed Sunday night, Aug. 28, a very gracious revival in our Church. Bro. J. J. Clark, of Terrell, was with us for nearly two weeks, and did most of the preaching in the meeting. The Lord graciously blessed his work with us. The results of the meeting were about 75 conversions and reclamations, 29 additions to the Church, with some for other Churches, and I think more for ours. We also had a gracious spiritual uplift in the Church. Bro. E. G. Phillips, the gospel singer, led the song service, and did it well; also contributed much to the success of the meeting by personal work in soul-winning. I don't think that I should fail to mention the faithful service rendered by the Woman's Society, the Epworth League and the faithful men who stood behind us in the work. The Lord blessed their labors, for which we thank him.

Trinity Church, Dallas.

Hubert D. Knickerbocker: We have just given orders to our builder to go ahead with the work on our auditorium and push it to completion by conference. We had suspended work on the building for about three months. Our plan is not to run in debt too heavily, and so we have built as we made collections. We will have the auditorium completely finished by conference. To date we have spent \$25,000 on the auditorium. It will cost \$5000 more to finish it. Besides that we have had subscribed and partly paid in \$3500 for the seats and the stained glass windows. Then we will raise \$1500 for a steam heating plant, so

that the auditorium, with the seats and heating, will cost us \$35,000; expect to have this clear of any debt. We expect the \$5000 we have borrowed from the Church Extension Board by Jan. 1. Next year we expect to finish the Sunday-school room at a cost of about \$8000. Also we will put in a \$4000 pipe organ and carpet the floor. The building when finished and furnished will have cost about \$50,000. It will be worth every cent of the money, too. Its construction is thorough and its arrangement ideal. Many believe it will be the handsomest church in the city. This year we have not been idle. We have had 115 accessions, a good part of them by profession of faith. Our Sunday-school is first class, with one of the best superintendents I ever saw, in Bro. Frank Reedy. Leaguers doing well, Woman's Societies flourishing, "everything lovely and the goose hanging high." This year we have added about \$7500 to our subscription on the church and furnishings. We have collected between \$12,000 and \$15,000 on the old and new subscriptions. Our stewards have paid the salaries and rents in full every month. We are having accessions every Sunday. We have laid in our winter's wood and hay and are laying plans that reach forward into the "future that is to be." The Lord is with us and we are "happy on the way."

Chisholm.

J. W. Beckham, Sept. 9: I have held all my meetings, and while the results have not been what we had expected, yet we have had reasonable success, and I think the charge is in good condition. I am under obligations to the following brethren for able assistance: F. F. Threadgill, T. J. Beckham, R. F. Bryant, D. A. Aston, J. W. Holt, W. J. Holder and J. M. Peterson. These brethren all did faithful preaching. The last named is my esteemed presiding elder and life-long friend. He and I have been together in many great meetings in the past. Our collections will come up in full I think. I am anxious and my people are, and by the help of the good Lord we are going to come up to conference and report everything in full, Bishop. I serve as good people as any preacher ever did, or I think so at least. The people at Allen's Chapel decided to dress this preacher up, and three young ladies raised the money at that place and at Chisholm, and now I have the finest suit that I ever had in my life. I feel unworthy of such kindness, but by the help of the good Lord I am going to be faithful. May the Lord bless them all.

Rosston.

R. E. Porter, Sept. 5: I began my meetings at Forestburg July 3. Had eleven days' meeting there; was helped by Bros. Combs, of Greenwood Circuit, and Culver, of Duncan, I. T. Results: Church considerably revived and three conversions. Began at Rosston July 17, continued twelve and one-half days; was assisted a part of the time by Bro. Hart, L. P., of Broadway, Gainesville. The singing was led eight days by Bro. C. B. Pryor, of Woodbine, and was well done. This was a great meeting; was an old-time revival. The Church was considerably revived and we had eighteen conversions and reclamations. Began at Hood July 31 and held a two weeks' meeting. Bro. Patterson, of Hood, led the singing. Bro. Hart helped a week there also. We had a very hard pull at that place, for a part of eleven days, and then we had a real good meeting the last three days, having the last day and night six conversions, and eight in all, six of these being young men, a thing that don't often take place in this part of the country. Would have continued here longer, but had no help for Hardy, and had to go there myself next day. Continued at Hardy two weeks; had lots of penitents and only four conversions and reclamations, but the meeting was a success. It helped our own people. Four family altars were established in our Church there, and three out of it; we have nine in that Church in all. Bro. W. B. Mincey led the singing for us at Hardy nearly all the time. I preached three days, beginning July 28 at Gladys, an evening appointment, where we only have ten members. The Church was helped some; had some penitents at the altar every service after Sunday morning, but had no conversions. We had a fine children's service at Rosston; also at Hood, and a very good one at Hardy. Had 112 services in all and preached myself 82 times. My wife was sick nearly all the time of the Rosston and Hood meetings. Our third Quarterly Conference was held at Forestburg Sept. 3. Bro. Stafford was on hand and preached Saturday morning and night, but was rained out on Sunday. The finances are in pretty good shape; have an excellent Board of Stewards. They know their business and work at it too. I feel like they will see that the presiding elder and preacher in charge will be paid. We have all the conference claims in cash and good subscriptions.

Have received forty-three members since conference and dismissed forty-three. We are holding our own pretty well; have held fourteen Church Conferences, made over 300 visits, painted one church and are expecting to paint another. Have preached 178 times in all and I am praising God that I have been able to do this work. I trust that it has not all been in vain. If it has, I am to blame, but I believe the charge is in a better condition spiritually than it was a few months ago.

Pleasant Hill Camp-Meeting.

W. B. Martin: We have just closed one of the most successful meetings ever held at Pleasant Hill Camp-ground. The preaching was pitched on a high key at the start by Rev. R. W. Thompson, of Dallas, and continued by Rev. C. R. Gray, of Mt. Vernon, and Rev. I. W. Davis, Baptist, of Purley, and last, but not least, came the old war-horse of Sulphur Springs District, Rev. C. B. Fladger, who for three days preached, prayed and shouted in the power of the Spirit. As a result thirty souls have found the light and seventeen united with the Church. A number will go to other Churches. Pleasant Hill Church is on higher ground than it has been in years. Among the laymen who rendered valuable help we mention Uncle Jim King and wife, who for thirty-five years have camped on the ground, Brother and Sister J. W. Bailey and Uncle Bob Kirby and others too numerous to mention. It was a concerted action on the part of all denominations and on the last day fully 400 testified to the saving power of our religion.

Annona.

J. A. Wyatt, Sept. 7: On account of continued rains we had to close our meeting here (Annona) last Sunday night. We ran just eight days and had a truly great meeting. Many backsliders were reclaimed and most of the Church brought to "shouting grounds." Many who had never been converted manifested much interest, but none of this class were converted so far as we know. We believe they would have been, however, had we not been rained out just when we were. Rev. W. R. McCarter, of Deport Circuit, came to us on Tuesday and remained to the close. His preaching was characterized by a flaming zeal for the salvation of souls, and a directness that went straight to the mark, with now and then a fusillade of pointed ridicule against sin. He did us good work and we showed our appreciation of his having been with us. Rev. E. H. Casey, our presiding elder, was with us two days and did masterly work while here. The time of his coming is always looked to by us with great expectancy, and on this occasion he was truly a flaming evangel. We hope to renew the battle again in October and expect to gather in the fruit of these labors. We closed out at Coleman Springs on the third Sunday in August in good order. Received five into the Church and took subscriptions that practically provide for the collections at that point.

Neola Mission.

S. L. Crowson: After twelve days' siege at Harris Chapel, beginning July 19, we closed one of the most successful revivals in many respects we ever attended. The additions to the Church were not so prominent in numbers, yet the value of it consisted in the permanency of the work that was done. The entire Church was lifted to a higher standard and with zeal and love for man and God, they sang, they prayed, they shouted and "into highways and hedges" they sought the lost and erring and invited them to the mourner's bench, and mourners were converted, backsliders reclaimed and many consecutive services with rejoicings over the lost that were found attested the fact that God was with us, which resulted in seventeen additions to our Church. We were ably assisted eight days by Rev. J. R. Green, of Congregational Methodist Church, who did some fine work both in the pulpit and altar. Also assisted by Rev. A. Ballew, pastor C. P. Church here, who jointly in connection with the meeting did some excellent work, though after four days' labor, he took sick, much to our regret, and had to leave us. Rev. J. T. Cready, L. P., on our charge, preached once for us, but could not be with us much on account of sickness in his home. We were made to exclaim: "Bless the Lord O my soul, what shall I render unto him for all of his benefits?" After the close Friday night we early next morning started for our home, but was soon accosted on our way and apprised of the fact that we had caused much trouble in the homes around there, so under guard of several couples in buggies and a wagon that creaked and groaned under its heavy burden containing a purse of money and clothes for the preacher, wife and children; potatoes, flour, meal, sugar, coffee, canned fruits, etc., on down to starch and bluing for kitchen pantry, eight fowls for poultry yard and the good old horse and cow

thankfully received their store house of corn and oats; contents in all amounted something near \$20. The parsonage being reached we spent a delightful day and previous to our separation in the evening we read a portion of God's Word, talked and prayed and with our hearts afire for God we bade adieu. God bless those good and thoughtful Christian hearted people. They are worthy of a Bishop—but, hold hands off, possession is nine strands in the rope.

Yowell Circuit.

C. W. Jacob, Sept. 7: The protracted meetings of Yowell Circuit are over for 1904. The real results will be recorded in the eternity beyond, and sad will be the destiny of many that passed through the series of meetings that gave them another special opportunity for salvation, and joy unspeakable will be the condition of others. They themselves will be so. But we had some good meetings in spite of the devil and infidelity. At Pecan Church, vulgarly called "Mud Dig," we had a real good spiritual time, a number of young men were converted and reclaimed, and middle-aged men also. Some received the gift of life at the altar, some on the road, and some at home; and many of the members of our Church and of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches were greatly revived, and some shouted as of old. Nineteen joined our Church there; thirty-one in all on the charge. Rev. A. F. Hendrix preached two effective sermons for us and Rev. G. H. Adams, of Fairlie, gave us Holy Ghost sermons and help for two days, and we had a gracious time. Our third Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday at Moss Chapel. Bro. J. A. Old preached for us a good spiritual sermon on Faith. It made us feel happy, and our dear Bro. Fladger gave a fine talk during conference on "True Conversion and Home Religion; Family Prayers." Bro. Fladger is a royal Christian, a noble man of God. He enjoys and loves the gospel, Christ and him crucified. God bless him and his labors. What a grand army Christ would soon have if all ministers were of his type. Our prospect for a full report at conference is gloomy; the worms took the greater part of the cotton in the bounds of this circuit last year, and the dry weather and worms and bugs of some specie have cut short the crop this year; but we are not in despair.

Dodd City.

L. P. Smith, Sept. 8: On the second Sunday in July we began a meeting at Windom which was continued about twelve days. Rev. C. E. Tally did most of the preaching, and did it well. Seven or eight professed faith in Christ. Our meeting at Dodd City was protracted fifteen days. Rev. J. R. Atchley, of Trenton, preached eleven days. We began with a series of sermons on the controverted doctrines. Bro. Atchley handles these subjects well, and in a fine spirit. Bro. Eber Parish was with us the last week of the meeting and did faithful work. About twenty-five professed conversion and reclamation. Fourteen have joined our Church, and we expect some others to join. The Church and community were greatly benefited. One of our young ladies has decided to give herself to Christian work and started to-day to the Scarritt Bible and Training School to prepare herself for it. Is it not a fact that many more young ladies are offering for Christian work than young men? Mrs. MacDonell, Corresponding Secretary of the W. H. M. Society, has been in correspondence with reference to deaconess work alone, and many of the brightest and best of our young ladies are offering for other kinds of Christian work. But alas, very few young men are offering for the ministry. Should we not have united prayer for the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the ministerial department? Again, we are told that at least five young ladies graduate from our schools and colleges to one young man. Why this great falling behind in mental and spiritual development on the part of our men and boys? While there are likely several reasons for this, I mention but two: First, the tobacco habit, especially the use of cigarettes; and, secondly, the domination of fleshly lusts. Oh, for deliverance from these curses!

Paradise.

J. P. Rodgers, Sept. 12: Our protracted meetings are over. Since our last report have held meetings at Mt. Zion, Boonville and Paradise. At Mt. Zion we had 4 conversions, 5 additions. Bro. M. B. Johnson was with me; he preached one time and helped in altar. At Boonville Bro. Mood helped; he preached nine times for us; the people were delighted with his preaching; had 3 conversions, 4 additions. At Paradise Bro. Forester preached once, and Bro. Miller four times. We were delighted with their work. No one was converted; one addition. Conference collections taken at all the appointments, and without a doubt will be in full. Meeting at Par-

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adise held in our new church, which is the prettiest church in Wise County. We are putting on roof of our new church at Boonville. All in all, we will not be ashamed of report at conference. Children all well now, and we will do our best now till conference.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bay City.

H. R. Kimbler, Sept. 6: Old Matagorda County is waking up. On a petition of nearly 500 voters the Commissioners' Court has just ordered an election for local option in the county. Election September 27. Of course we expect to carry the county.

Leon Mission.

J. W. Cummings, Sept. 6: I came from Mississippi to the Texas Conference at Bryan last December a stranger. I was sent to Leon Mission and came at once to my new field of labor. I made the first round before I got a crowd to preach to. Finally I met a few people at one of my places. One lady said: "Is that Bro. Burroughs?" "No, no; I am Cummings, the circuit rider. Brother Burroughs is only a presiding elder." I have been blessed with health, and have done all I could for my people. I have held four of my meetings, with good results. Received twenty-three members, and others will join. Our members were revived. We are building one new church house, and will build another next year. This is the boll weevil district, and times are very hard. I fear I shall go to conference with a sad heart, but I feel that our people will do the best they can.

Cedar Creek Circuit.

R. A. Waltrip: As I have finished my last protracted meeting, will give an account of them. At Red Rock, rain, mud, Campbellites, but the greatest of all, some old-time shouting, a number of conversions and 4 additions by profession of faith. We have organized this Church since conference. We now have 32 members, some of whom are very faithful. The next meeting was at Cedar Creek. There we had a great revival, many were converted and 12 additions by profession of faith. The good people at Cedar Creek have paid for their church, and the best Junior League I ever had the pleasure of attending. All in all the Church at Cedar Creek is in the best shape it has been in for years. The next was at Hill Prairie. This meeting was one that reached the Church, struck one little boy, and he was converted and united with the Church (but I will say that nearly all the young people belong to the Church—they don't wait until they get grown and then try to get them converted). This was no failure, by a great deal. From there we went to Watterson (better known as old Lance Branch), and that was one of those old-time Methodist meetings. There were about 40 conversions and 21 additions to the Church, and a number are going to unite with some other Church. This was the best meeting that they have had since Bro. Fred L. Allen used to be preacher in charge on that circuit. I also helped Bro. J. T. Osborn, at Osborn, on the Webberville Circuit. There were 21 united with the Church. I think a little over doubled the membership. I preached 12 days at Webberville for Bro. Osborn. He was confined to his bed; a load of wood fell on him and has almost crippled him for life. We heard some old-time shouting—boys, girls, men and women were converted. It would have done you good to have heard little girls and boys, not more than 9 years old, get up and praise the Lord. Thirteen united with the Church, but there were about 25 or 30 conversions. They say this was the best meeting they have had there for 15 or 20 years. Another good feature in that



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SCOTT.—Mrs. Martha Ellen Howard Scott was born March 27, 1863; was married to Walter W. Scott Dec. 29, 1893, and died August 13, 1904. Another good woman has passed away. She joined the Church in childhood. She experienced many vicissitudes—we all do, sometimes sorrowful, gloomy; at others hopeful, cheerful and happy. Whether sick or well, sorrowful or cheerful, she realized, "Thou God seeest me." Modest and unassuming, she never manifested extremes of joy nor magnified her depths in sorrow. Christian training in girlhood maintained its grasp on her soul to the last. Not demonstrative, her sorrowful experiences, and her spiritual life, like deep water, flowed smoothly—calmly. Every person was her friend. In frail and feeble health much of her life she was regarded with solicitude. Danger developed suddenly a week before her death; numerous ladies rushed to her bedside; disease steadily baffled skill and resisted efforts to restore. The day before she died stupor caused rationality to appear clouded. Her husband, to assure himself of whether consciousness was clearly enthroned, called her and asked if she knew him. "Why, yes," said she, "this is my Walter," and placing her arm around his neck, pulled his face to her and placed dying kisses upon his cheek. Then, in clear and impressive articulation, she began singing, "There's a Beautiful Land Far Beyond the Skies." Being asked by her daughter, "What land, and where, mother?" she replied, "Why, the land beyond—heaven!" She then called names of each child, from youngest to oldest. Having called one name, she remembered that that child was not at home, and said, "Oh, she is in Arkansas!" Speaking of her prospects and the future, she said, "It is grand, sublime, indescribable, wonderful, glorious." To the preachers she expressed herself as spiritually ready for the change, and said: "This matter is with the Lord. I am willing to go or stay as He wills. I see angels here ready to take me home. You cannot see them—your eyesight is not spiritualized as mine is now. Wonderfully beautiful! Wonderful!" Thus passed away a sweet-spirited saint, bequeathing deathbed benedictions to sorrowing husband and weeping children, to aid them in their efforts to meet her in that "beautiful land." It is like a golden censer filled with spiritual frankincense and myrrh, burning before the Lord as a sweet perfume before Him, and for them.

A FRIEND.

WALTMAN.—Sister Fannie J. Waltman (nee Currie) was born March 13, 1848; was converted and joined the Methodist Church in childhood; was married quite young to Brother J. W. Waltman, of Leon County, Texas; has raised a large family, most of them now grown to manhood and womanhood. She died Aug. 13, 1904. Sister Waltman had been a leading worker in the Church in Jewett for over twenty years; was an efficient President of the Woman's Home Mission Society, a teacher in Sunday-school, much loved by her class, and one of the most devoutly religious women in the Church. Our Church here has lost an efficient leader, the preacher one of his warmest friends and counselors. May God's blessings be abundant on the bereaved family.

G. W. RILEY, Pastor.

MANGUM.—Mrs. Elizabeth Mangum was born Nov. 30, 1831, near Vicksburg, Miss.; was married to D. S. Mangum Aug. 30, 1862, in Smith County, Texas. She leaves three children behind to mourn her departure—two daughters and a son, her husband having preceded her to the glory world. She was converted quite young and joined the Church and lived a consistent member until her death, which occurred September 4, 1904, three miles from Alice at her daughter's home, Mrs. W. F. Moore. She fell asleep in Jesus as a little child. May our life be as the righteous and our last end be like his. Her pastor.

C. W. PERKINS.

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WALLACE.—Little VanRo Wallace, son of Rev. Ed. R. and Edna Wallace, was born March 7, 1903, and died July 16, 1904. Through his illness, which lasted for some weeks, loving and faithful physicians were untrusting in their efforts to comfort and restore, but all in vain, the dark-winged angel had come and claimed VanRo as his victim. This little sunbeam came into this home under circumstances which led his parents to regard him as a child of promise, and they often expressed their wish that God would call him to preach the gospel; and while his stay here was brief, he has left a lasting impression, for he at once became the center of affection in the home, and his death was a severe shock to the entire family. His was the first baptism performed at the altar of the beautiful new church in Munday, and his was the first funeral service held inside its walls, and his the first lifeless form borne from its sacred precincts to the silent city of the dead. VanRo was also the first member of this family called to vacate his place in the home here and fill his place in the home above. How gladly would his fond parents have kept him, and how lonely the home must be without him, but God has ordered otherwise, and they meekly bow to the will of God. Through it all the people of Munday Circuit have stood nobly by their pastor and his heart-broken family, and with their words of sympathy and deeds of kindness have sought to minister to their comfort. May God comfort the hearts of the bereaved family and some sweet day may father, mother, and all the children, be united in that home where parting will be no more.

J. G. MILLER.

Vernon, Texas.

YOUNG.—Mrs. Mary Susan Young was born in Bowie County, Texas, Nov. 18, 1868. She professed faith in Christ at the age of about twenty-two years, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Red Bayou Church, of which she lived a consistent member until her death, which occurred Sept. 3, 1904. She was the daughter of W. J. and Mary O'Dell, and was married to M. C. Young. To this union were born five children; three preceded her to the glory world about three months ago. The funeral service was held in the old Home Church, Red Bayou, at 3:30 Sunday evening, after which kind friends placed the body to rest in the Red Bayou Cemetery, there to await the resurrection. May the Lord comfort the ones who are left behind. We say to her father and mother, be faithful a few more days and then the Lord will say, "Enough; come up higher." Husband, children, brothers and sisters and all her relatives, live religious so as to meet that loved one in the sweet beyond, never more to part, but to be with those gone before. Written by her pastor, J. S. OGLE.

New Boston, Texas.

WALTMAN.—On August 13, 1904, the glorified spirit of Mrs. Fannie J. Waltman, wife of Jno. W. Waltman, of Jewett, Texas, winged its way to "the saints' eternal rest." Please allow me to place one flower on the grave of this good woman. When I say a good woman, I but voice the sentiment of all who knew her. A kind, modest, true woman in every relationship of life, she loved God and the Church. Those who have been her pastor will testify to her efficiency and faithfulness. A leader in Church work, ever ready to do what she could for her Church or pastor. A good woman in the community, prudent in conversation, gentle and tender to all; the neighbors' reputation were safe in her hands, for she did not "backbite with her tongue." But it was in her home perhaps where her virtues shone brightest. A loving mother, an affectionate wife was she. How she will be missed. The daughters will miss the counsel of dear mamma; the sons will miss her, oh, so much, but most of all will the husband, by whose side she has walked these well-nigh forty years. Miss her? Yes, Bro. John, the sweet voice is hushed and the gentle footstep is heard no more, but we will let her rest. Dear Sister Fannie, you have earned your crown. May we all follow the Savior that you loved, and meet you in "the sweet by and by." I presume an obituary will be furnished by the pastor; have desired to say this much as one who knew and appreciated Sister Waltman.

SAM J. FRANKS.

Corsicana, Texas.

CREASY.—Another home made desolate, a silent voice, a vacant chair, an absent form which brings gloom and sadness to every heart. On July 2, 1904, my dear companion, after five days' intense suffering, ended the journey of life in the triumph of a living faith and her spirit went away to the God who gave it. She was born in Union County, Miss., October 9, 1867. At the age of thirteen she professed religion and united with the Baptist

Church, entering at once upon her Christian duties. We were happily united in marriage Nov. 1, 1883. From that day to the day of her death she made my home a heaven. As an instrument in the hands of God she brought me back from a state of darkness to a sense of my duty. For more than seven long years her life was a life of sacrifice, in order that I might, as a local preacher, go forth and in my weak way call poor sinners to repentance. Soon after our union she came into our Church, entering upon her Christian duties with greater zeal than ever, both in Church and home, where her sweet prayers will long be remembered and cherished. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband and nine children, five of whom she brought into the fold of Christ and are pressing on to meet mamma in that day. May God help me that I may bring our little ones all as golden sheaves into the heavenly garner, that we may be an unbroken family in that sunbright elme. Her husband, T. F. CREASY.

NEAL.—Brother Marcellus B. Neal, son of Bro. J. M. and Sister Mary V. Neal, was born March 21, 1878, in Bell County, Texas, and died at the home of his father in Reagan, Texas, August 24, 1904. He was converted in 1899 in a camp-meeting in Comanche County conducted by Rev. R. C. Raymond, preacher in charge of Sipe Springs Circuit, Northwest Texas Conference. He held his membership at Carbon, Texas, until 1894, when he moved to Perry and became one of the charter members of our Church organized there by Bro. C. E. Simpson. Bro. Neal was working for the Santa Fe railroad at Navasota, where he contracted a cold last December, which ended in consumption, from which he died. He came home about two months before his death and was ministered to by his parents, sisters, brothers and friends until God called him to himself. How sweet to think when we fall on sleep that mother and father are by our side! He was aware of the fact that the end of life was near, yet he was as calm and submissive as a lamb. He acknowledged that his life had not been at times what it should have been, but said that he had found peace with God. His last words were, "I see Jesus." From the evidence he gave us, we are assured that he died in the triumphs of faith, and has gone to a rich reward. To the father, mother, sisters, brothers, loved ones and friends, we extend our sympathy. May God bless them, and may they meet again.

J. W. TREADWELL.

SHIELDS.—Sister Winifred Catherine Shields (nee Bourland) was born in Alabama April 25, 1829; removed to Tennessee when quite a child; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church when quite young. She was married to Brother Shields, who lives to mourn her death. They moved to Texas in 1881 and settled near Oakwoods, Leon County, at which place she died September 2, 1904. Sister Shields was the mother of ten children, only four of whom are living. She was a devout, faithful woman, an earnest worker in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and interested in all the work of her Master's cause. She suffered greatly for many months in her last illness, but was patient and resigned and died in the triumph of faith. Her pastor, G. W. RILEY.

BENNETT.—Little Mary, daughter of James M. Bennett and Ida L. Bennett, came to an untimely death on the 24th day of June, 1904, by falling into a watering trough. There was not much water in the trough, but enough to drown little Mary. She was playing about the yard and lot with the other children, when she climbed upon the trough and fell in, and was taken out dead. We held her funeral at Miami amid a host of sympathizing friends. While her parents had to say good-bye to little Mary, faith looks beyond the cold, silent grave, where they shall see her bright face again, and where there are no more means of death and no more parting. She went from a loving home of father and mother on earth to a better home in heaven to live with the Lord forever. M. W. ROGERS.

KEELS.—The subject of this sketch, Rev. Wm. I. Keels, was born in Sumter District, South Carolina, March 7, 1819, where he lived till 1856, in which year he moved to Houston County, Georgia. In 1858 he moved to Decatur County, Georgia, where he remained till 1891, in which year he moved to Houston County, Texas, where he remained until God took him, May 8, 1904. Brother Keels was converted in South Carolina at old Shiloh camp-ground in 1837, at which time he was appointed class leader, and in the same year was licensed to exhort. He was licensed to preach by J. T. Smith, in July 1892. Brother Keels was married to Miss Nancy Allen, November 20, 1839, from which

union nine children were born. Three daughters preceded him to heaven; three sons and three daughters remain to mourn their great loss. He was strong in song, prayer and exhortation. His long life was full of good works, and the end was triumphant. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Dear ones, you have another tie in heaven, and he will be watching and waiting for you over there. J. B. LUKER.

OTTS.—Miss Lura Otts, of Wortham, Texas, calmly fell asleep in Jesus August 25, 1904. She had been in a low state of health for more than a year, but was seriously ill only a few weeks. Through all the days of ill health she was ever an example of undaunted Christian faith and resignation. She always had a bright smile for every one. Her last illness was of such a nature that we knew she would soon leave us, but we needed not words of assurance as to her hopes, for truly had her pure life impressed all who knew her. She was converted in 1898 at Jacksonville, remaining to the last a devout member of the Church. She often expressed a wish that she could attend Church, but on account of her weakness had been unable to attend for some time. She has now entered into the inheritance of the Lord. The time will come when we shall know why the good Lord took her so early in life, in the tender years of young womanhood. May the grace of God strengthen and keep his sorrowing ones in the "paths of peace." A. T. CULBERTSON, P. C.

GIBSON.—Mrs. E. A. Gibson was born February 12, 1835, and departed this life September 1, 1904. She moved with her parents from Lowndes County, Ala., in 1838 and settled in Walker County, Texas, about ten miles west of Trinity, near the old town of Cincinnati. After her marriage to Geo. Gibson in 1853, she moved to Trinity, which makes her one of the oldest settlers. She joined the Methodist Church at this place in 1875 and has been a loyal, consistent member ever since. She raised five boys and one girl. Sister Gibson was a friend to the preacher and the Church. Her hospitality and liberality was known far and wide. Such noble Christian characters are a benediction and blessing to any community. She was sick several days in her last illness, but was not heard to murmur nor complain against her Master's will. She recognized God's hand in it all. The devotion of this mother to her children and these children to their mother is not often seen. They loved each other and showed it in their lives. This Christian mother's influence will abide in the hearts of her children and will be a constraining force to keep them from sin. May the blessed Savior she loved so well keep them pure and holy and faithful to the end, is my prayer. HER PASTOR, Iola, Texas.

DEETS.—A. H. Deets was born in Henry County, Tenn., April 25, 1826; married to Miss Amanda S. Turner Sept. 15, 1846; moved to Kentucky January, 1847; to Arkansas Dec., 1848; to Texas 1874, and in 1876 settled near Aubrey, Denton County, Texas, where he resided until the day of his death, which occurred July 28, 1904. He was converted at the age of twenty-six years and joined the Missionary Baptist Church; lived in said Church a few years, then joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member until God in his goodness called him to the church triumphant. His wife died in 1893. He was married again in about a year to Mrs. S. J. Gray in Denton County, Texas, who survives him. Of the eleven children by his first wife, five have gone on before with their father and mother to the home above, while six remain here to mourn the death of an aged father. Bro. Deets was a friend to his preacher, strong in faith and love of God. It was his constant prayer that he might be rational when he died, and so God heard him and he died peacefully in the triumph of a living faith. J. W. TINCHER, P. C.

DARBY.—Cornelia H. Darby (nee Womble) was born in Louisiana Feb. 13, 1819. She was married to T. J. Darby in Grimes County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1856. To this union were born 12 children, four boys and eight girls, two girls dying in infancy. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Zion, in August, 1867, under the ministry of Bro. J. A. Duncan. She lived a faithful and devout Christian life from that time until God said, "It is enough; come up higher." At her home near Iola, Grimes County, she closed her eyes in death, to awake in glory, July 20, 1904. Her home was the preachers' home, and many pleasant hours have I spent in the home of Bro. and Sister Darby. She always had a word of cheer, and looked on the bright side of things. All through her long sickness she was so patient, saying, "The Lord knows best, he does all things well." When the final hour came there was no fear of death or dread of the future, but she called those of the family that were present about her and told them that "all is well," and said to her weeping husband, who is a local preacher, to "battle on, when you come I'll be at the gate waiting for you." The great concourse of people for miles around who attended her funeral shows how Sister Darby was appreciated and loved. Husband and children, while there is a vacant chair in your home, and a voice that was loved is still, look up, for soon we'll meet wife and mother in the "land of the sweet by and by," and in "that land of joy and song we'll never say good-bye." Her pastor, JNO. M. NEAL, Iola, Texas.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Fourth Round.

McDade cir, Sept. 17, 18.  
Elgin 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. 16, 17.  
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.

Rockport, Sept. 17, 18.  
Pleasanton, Sept. 21, 25.  
Kenedy, Sept. 28.  
Oakville, Oct. 1, 2.  
Lavernia, Oct. 8, 9.  
Stockdale, Oct. 12.  
S. Springs, Oct. 15, 16.  
Berclair, Oct. 22, 23.  
Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Llano District—Fourth Round.

Liberty Hill cir, at L. H., Sept. 17, 18.  
Bertram cir, at Mt. Horeb, Sept. 24, 25.  
Burnet, at Marble Falls, 2 p. m. Sept. 26.  
Sunny Lane mis, at Lankford, Oct. 1, 2.  
Kingsland mis, at Kingsland, Oct. 8, 9.  
San Saba sta, Oct. 15, 16.  
San Saba mis, Oct. 22, 23.  
Cherokee, Oct. 29, 30.  
W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Cuero District—Fourth Round.

Shiner, at Shiner, Sept. 16, 18.  
Nursery, at Thomaston, Sept. 29.  
Hallettsville, at Williamsburg, Sept. 23, 25.  
Yoakum, Oct. 2, 3.  
El Campo, at El Campo, Oct. 7, 9.  
Palacios, at Markham, Oct. 19, 21.  
Victoria, Oct. 15, 16.  
Leesville, at Leesville, Oct. 20, 21.  
Rancho, at Bundick, Oct. 22, 23.  
Clear Creek, at Rocky, Oct. 28, 30.  
Cuero, Nov. 5, 6.  
J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round.

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. 16.  
Bexar cir, at Denton, 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 Heights, 8 p. m. 5th Sun Oct.  
Travis Park, 1st Sun Nov.  
W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round.

Sterling City, 3d Sun Sept.  
San Angelo, Sept. 21.  
Sonora, 4th Sun Sept.  
Menardville, Sept. 28.  
Junction City, 1st Sun Oct.  
Mason, 2d Sun Oct.  
Pontotoc, 3d Sun Oct.  
Brady cir, at Bear Creek, 4th Sun Oct.  
Brady sta, (night) 4th Sun Oct.  
Milburn, 5th Sun Oct.  
J. D. Scott, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round.

Belmont, at Belmont, 3d Sun Sept.  
Luling, at Prairie Lea, 4th Sun Sept.  
Pleasant Grove, 1st Sun Oct.  
Buda, Oct. 8, 9.  
Kyle, Oct. 9, 10.  
Tilman, at Harrison's Chapel, 3d Sun Oct.  
Staples, at Pleasant Ridge, 4th Sun Oct.  
San Marcos, Oct. 25.  
Driggs Springs, at D. S., 5th Sun Oct.  
Lockhart, Nov. 4.  
Gonzales, 1st Sun Nov.  
Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Gainesville District—Last Round.

Belehr, Sept. 17, 18.  
Bonita, Sept. 24, 25.  
Dexter, Oct. 1, 2.  
Ponder and Krum, Oct. 8, 9.  
Era and Bolivar, 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.  
Roston, Oct. 29, 30.  
Mont-gue, Nov. 5, 6.  
Nocona, Nov. 6, 7.  
Saint Joe, Nov. 12, 13.  
Woodbine, 11 a. m. Nov. 17.  
Sanger and V. V., Nov. 19, 20.  
Broadway, Nov. 20, 21.  
Denton Street, 8 p. m. Nov. 22.  
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round.

Allen cir, at Cole's Ch., Sept. 17, 18.  
Princeton cir, at Wilson's Ch., Sept. 24, 25.  
Renner 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.  
Culma and Roseland, Oct. 29, 30.  
Blue Ridge and Mission, Nov. 5, 6.  
Copeville mis, at Clear Lake, Nov. 8.  
Nevada cir, at Nevada, Nov. 12, 13.  
Wylie cir, at St. Paul, Nov. 16.  
Plano sta, Nov. 17.  
Farmersville sta, Nov. 19.  
McKinney sta, Nov. 19, 20.  
F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Donham District—Third Round.

Bailey, Crandall, Sept. 17, 18.  
Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round.

Petty, at Petty, Sept. 24, 25.  
Whitlock, at Whitlock, 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 McLelland, Oct. 15, 16.  
Honey Grove sta, Oct. 15, 16.  
Lanmus, at Brotherton, Oct. 22, 23.  
Dodd, at Dodd, Oct. 22, 23.  
Gober, at Hall, Oct. 29, 30.  
Ladonia sta, Oct. 29, 30.  
Trenton, at Trenton, Nov. 5, 6.  
Bailey, at Bailey, Nov. 5, 6.  
Lamasco, at New Hope, Nov. 12, 13.  
S. Bonham, at S. Bonham, Nov. 12, 13.  
Bonham sta, Nov. 19, 20.  
Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round.

Centenary, Sept. 24, 25.  
Lamar Ave., Sept. 25, 26.  
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. 16, 17.  
Rosalia cir, at Rosalia, Oct. 22, 23.  
Deport and Halesboro, at D., Oct. 23, 24.  
Clarksville cir, at Cherry, Oct. 29, 30.  
Albion mis, at Albion, Oct. 29, 30.  
Clarksville sta, Oct. 31.  
Annona cir, at Annona, Nov. 5, 6.

Whitlock sta, Nov. 6, 7.

Douglass mis, at Lydia, Nov. 12, 13.  
Bagwell mis, at Bagwell, Nov. 13, 14.  
Chicota cir, Nov. 19, 20.  
Emerson cir, Nov. 20, 21.  
E. H. Casey, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round.

Winnboro sta, 2d Sun Sept.  
Cumbo cir, at Cumby, 4th Sun Sept.  
Como cir, at Harmony, 11 a. m. Sept. 29.  
Relly Springs, at R. S., 1st Sun Oct.  
Ben Franklin, at P. G., 2d Sun Oct.  
Mt. Vernon, at Mt. V., 3 p. m. Oct. 14.  
Purley cir, at Sallito, 3d Sun Oct.  
Sulphur Bluff, at Hopewell, 4th Sun Oct.  
Cooper sta, 8 p. m. Oct. 28.  
Yowell cir, at C. L., 5th Sun Oct.  
Kiondite, 8 p. m. Oct. 30; 11 a. m. Oct. 31.  
Sulphur Springs sta, 8 p. m. Nov. 1.  
Lake Creek, 1st Sun Nov.  
Bonanza cir, 2d Sun Nov.  
Birthright, at Tarrant, 3d Sun Nov.  
The trustees of Church property will please be ready with their written reports.  
C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round.

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. 16, 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.  
Craffton, Nov. 13, 14.  
Gibtown, Nov. 13, 14.  
T. R. Pierce, 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.  
J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round.

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 Argyle, Oct. 15, 16.  
Grace, 11 a. m., Oct. 22.  
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.  
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.  
O. S. Thomas, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Abilene District—Fourth Round.

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. 19.  
Colorado sta, Oct. 19.  
Clairemont mis, at Elkin, Oct. 21.  
Snyder and Dunn, at S., Oct. 22, 23.  
Colorado mis, at Union, Oct. 25.  
Buffalo Gap, at Elm Grove, Oct. 27.  
Merkel and Caps, at C., Oct. 28.  
Sweetwater and Roscoe, Oct. 29, 30.  
Sweetwater mis, Oct. 31.  
Roby cir, Nov. 1.  
Truby cir, Nov. 1.  
Merkel cir, Nov. 5.  
Clyde cir, Nov. 7.  
Baird, Nov. 7.  
Putnam cir, Nov. 10.  
Abilene, Nov. 12, 13.  
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round.

Claude, Sept. 17, 18.  
Plainview, Sept. 24, 25.  
Tulia, Sept. 28, 8 p. m., Sept. 27, 11 a. m.  
Hale Center, Sept. 29.  
Lubbock, at Pearce's S. H., Oct. 1, 2.  
Floydada, at Emma, Oct. 4.  
Dickens City, Oct. 6.  
Lockney, Oct. 8, 9.  
Silverton, Oct. 19, 8 p. m., Oct. 11, 11 a. m.  
Alamreed, at Fericho, Oct. 15, 16.  
Cataline, at Shamrock, Oct. 18.  
Amarillo, Oct. 19.  
Higgins, Oct. 22, 23.  
Canadian, Oct. 24.  
Dumas, Oct. 29, 30.  
Channing, Oct. 31.  
Dalhart, Nov. 1.  
Stratford, Nov. 2.  
Hereford, Nov. 5, 6.  
Hereford mis, with Hereford sta, and same date.  
Rowe, Nov. 9.  
J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round.

Pendletonville cir, Sept. 17, 18.  
Moody sta, Sept. 24, 25.  
J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round.

Georgetown sta, Sept. 24, 25.  
Taylor Bohemian mis, Oct. 1.  
Bluff sta, Oct. 1.  
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. 26.  
Belton sta, Oct. 28.  
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. 3.

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.

Vernon District—Fourth Round.

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.  
Couts 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.  
Dedication at Gordon, Bishop Hoss, Sept. 29.  
Millsap, at Holder's, Sept. 28.  
Santo, at Tarleton, Sept. 30.  
Ranger, at Ranger, Oct. 1, 2.  
Breckenridge, at Eolian, Oct. 4.  
Crystal Falls, 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.  
Graham mis, at Upper Tonk, Oct. 29.  
Graham sta, Oct. 30, 31.  
Farmer, at Hawkins, Nov. 1.  
Ellisville, at S. Bend, Nov. 3.  
Throckmorton, at T., Nov. 5, 6.  
Dear Brethren: Let us begin at once to get things ready for the last quarterly conference and not wait till the day before conference. "All things come to him that waits," but sometimes it is disgraceful failure that comes. The Lord has greatly blessed us, and there is no reason why good reports should not be made, if we will all do our duty. I urge the trustees to be present with reports according to Discipline.  
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Corisicana District—Fourth Round.

Alma, at Alma, Sept. 17.  
Rice, at Reynolds, Sept. 19.  
Barry, at Drane, Sept. 24.  
N. Corisicana, at Wesley, Sept. 28.  
Frost, at Frost, Oct. 1.  
Randon, at Malona, Oct. 8.  
Blooming Grove sta, Oct. 4.  
Blooming Grove cir, Oct. 8.  
Dawson, Oct. 11.  
Pleasant Grove, at P. G., Oct. 15.  
Groesbeck, Oct. 20.  
Horn Hill, Oct. 21.  
Thornton, at Big Hill, Oct. 22.  
Mexico, Oct. 24.  
Armour, Oct. 28.  
Wortham, Oct. 28.  
Cotton Gin, at Cedar Island, Oct. 29.  
Richard, Nov. 5, 6.  
Kerena, Nov. 7.  
Corisicana, 12th Av., Nov. 8.  
Corisicana, 1st Church, Nov. 9.  
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round.

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, at Austin, Oct. 15, 16.  
Morrow St., Oct. 16, 17.  
Axtell, at Kirk, Oct. 22, 23.  
Mart, at Mart, Oct. 23, 24.  
Peoria, at Kirby, Oct. 29, 30.  
West, at West, Oct. 30, 31.  
Aquila, at Aquila, Nov. 5.  
Morgan, at Morgan, Nov. 6, 7.  
Bosqueville, at Bosqueville, Nov. 12, 13.  
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round.

Azle, at Azle, Sept. 17, 18.  
North Fort Worth, Sept. 18, 19.  
First Church, Sept. 25, 26.  
Trinity, Sept. 25.  
Mansfield, at Mansfield, Oct. 1, 2.  
Polytechnic College, Oct. 2, 3.  
Smithfield, at Keller, Oct. 8, 9.  
Missouri Avenue, at M., Ch., Oct. 8, 9.  
Grapevine, at Minter's, Ch., Oct. 15, 16.  
Cresson, at Cresson, Oct. 18.  
Blum, Oct. 19.  
Covington, at Covington, Oct. 20.  
Joshua, Oct. 22, 23.  
Bono, at George's Creek, Oct. 29, 30.  
Grandview, Nov. 5, 6.  
Cleburne and Mission Ch., Nov. 12, 13.  
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round.

Crawford, at Crawford, Sept. 17, 18.  
Valley Mills, at Valley Mills, Sept. 24, 25.  
Hamilton, at H., Oct. 1, 2.  
China Springs, at China, 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.  
Gelesby, Oct. 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.

Centerville, at Redland, Sept. 17, 18.  
Rogers Prairie, at R. P., Sept. 18, 19.  
Franklin cir, at Macy, Sept. 24, 25.  
Franklin sta, Sept. 25, 26.  
Brewer, at Brewer, Oct. 1, 2.  
Fairfield, at Fairfield, Oct. 2, 3.  
Pyburn, at Mt. Zion, Oct. 8, 9.  
Koss, Alto, Oct. 15, 16, 17.  
Bremond and Reagan, at B., Oct. 22, 23.  
Calvert sta, Oct. 29, 30.  
Petewade, 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.

Desdemona, Sept. 17, 18.  
DeLeon, p. m. Sept. 18, 19.  
Morgan Mill, 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 Fater, Oct. 22, 23.  
Glen Rose, at G. p. m. Oct. 23, 24.  
Granbury, Oct. 26.  
Green's Creek, Oct. 29, 30.  
Carlton, Nov. 5, 6.  
Fairly 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.  
Forreston, at Nash, Oct. 16, 17.  
Alvarado, Oct. 22, 23.  
Grandview, Oct. 23, 24.  
Hillsboro, Oct. 25.  
Millford, 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. 10.  
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.  
Roberta 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.  
Fross 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.  
Prairie Plains, Nov. 12, 13.  
Brownwood, Nov. 19, 20.  
W. H. Matthews, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round.

Texarkana, Rose Hill, Sept. 17, 18.  
Texarkana, Central Church, Sept. 18, 19.  
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.  
Leesgrove, at Friendship, Oct. 15, 16.  
Pittsburg, at Pittsburg, Oct. 15, 16.  
Gilmer cir, at Mt. Gilead, Oct. 22, 23.  
Gilmer sta, Oct. 23, 24.  
Cason, at Cason, Oct. 29, 30.  
Daingerfield, Oct. 30, 31.  
Quintman, at Forest Home, Nov. 5, 6.  
Queen City, Nov. 12, 13.  
Dalby Springs, Nov. 19, 20.  
Redwater, Nov. 26, 27.  
J. T. Smith, P. E.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round.

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

Tyler District—Fourth Round.

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. Sivan, 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 Bay, at Cedar Bay, Oct. 29, 30.  
New York, Oct. 29, 30.  
Athens, Oct. 30, 31.  
Meredit, 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.

Marshall District—Fourth Round.



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### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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meeting was that they made me a present of a purse of \$40, which was appreciated and also very much needed. During the year we have received 62 by profession of faith. The Lord helped us at all these places. We are now trying to round up for conference, and hope to bring everything up in full.

#### Beckville.

J. T. Allison, Sept. 5: The third Quarterly Conference for Beckville Charge was held at Ebenezer on Saturday before the first Sunday. Our presiding elder, J. W. Downs, was on hand and in full spirits, reporting that the revival fire was ablaze all over the district. On Saturday at 11 o'clock he preached a helpful sermon on the subject of "Prayer and Self Examination." On Sunday at 11 o'clock he preached a fine sermon to a large and appreciative audience. On Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m., at Allison Chapel, he gave us a touching sermon on the subject of "Home Living—Christ in the Home"—and to a proposition at the close: "How many desire and will try to have Christ more in the home?" Nearly the entire audience rose to their feet. Sunday night he preached again at Beckville. After the 11 o'clock service on Saturday there was a sumptuous dinner spread and served by the good people of that Church and community. It reminded us of many happy Quarterly Conference occasions enjoyed there in years that are passed and gone. I met with and heard preach at Pine Hill on the second Sunday in July one of our old pastors, J. R. Wages, now of North Texas Conference, and he was asking me about the Churches he served here away back in 1878 and 1879. I told him the country Churches here were like the waves of the ocean—they would ebb and flow alternately. At revival seasons they would build up and then by death and removals and other causes they would go down; but the Church at Ebenezer had held up better, had done more work and better work than any country Church in all our country. When old Uncle John Ross died some said the Church there would go down, but it did not. When Malcom Ross died and Jim Ross and Joe Phillips moved away it was said that Church would go down, but it did not. When Bud Copeland, one of the best collecting stewards we ever had, died and Tom Ross and Jack Lockwood, two influential workers, moved away, some said the Church would go down, but it did not. When John Copeland, devoted, model steward, died and James Watson, a noble worker, moved away, it was repeated that the Church would go down, but it did not. When one of their standard bearers dies or moves away the Lord raised up another to take his place. The banner of love over them is not suffered to trail in the dust, but is held up that it may float in the breeze of heaven, and when the great roll is called up yonder we feel that Ebenezer will have a long list and a fine report. What a glorious reunion that will be! At 2 o'clock Saturday conference opened. One Epworth League organized this quarter with 75 members enrolled. Two Sunday-schools organized, which gives us a Sunday-school at each of the five appointments, with an enrollment of 304 members. On the spiritual state of the Church 148 professions, 44 additions by ritual, 18 by letter and 25 backsliders reclaimed. Others will join our Church. Some have joined other Churches and some are on the fence waiting to decide which Church they will join. Our Woman's Home Mission Society organized with 14 members, which the pastor says is the work of Mrs. J. W. Downs, who visited us during the meeting at Beckville. A prayer meeting at every appointment. Conference collections are being pushed. Quarterage report splendid for this quarter. The best report all around we have had in years. We do not mean by this to flatter our pastor. We do not wish to spoil him—we need him again another year—but merely

to give figures and facts. And if he will only nurse and train these young converts and keep the Church in as good working order as it now is eternally only will reveal the amount of good accomplished this year on this work. This we feel confident our pastor will do. If a stock ranchman were to mark and brand a lot of yearlings in the spring and then turn them loose on the range to get at random in twelve months he could not reasonably expect to find many of them in marketable shape. May the good work go on.

#### New Hope.

E. J. Killingsworth, Aug. 30: Bro. Favre, our pastor, began our protracted meeting at New Hope on Sunday, August 21, and continued for eight days. The presence of the Lord was manifested at the first service. Bro. Favre preached two sermons a day in the Spirit of the Master, reaching the heart of both saint and sinner, and the result was a powerful awakening in the Church and out of it. We had a number of conversions, twenty-eight accessions and the Church membership raised to a higher plane of Christian life, for which we give God all the glory. Many of our members worked faithfully during the meeting to lead sinners to Christ, and rejoiced with them when they found the Savior. There were eight or ten penitents at the altar when the meeting closed. Bro. Adams, of Mt. Pleasant, came up and preached two good sermons for us, which were appreciated by the people. I want to say in regard to our Bro. Favre, that he does not need any laudation from us, nor would he appreciate anything of the sort, yet we think it is right and proper that we should say that we greatly appreciate his labors as a good minister among us during this conference year.

#### Pettaway.

W. H. Brooks: Pettaway Circuit in many respects is on the up-grade. The spirituality of the Church is somewhat improved, attendance upon public worship is good at every point, prayer-meetings have been started at three places and are being kept up with good effect. We have added about forty new members to our rolls this year, and have one meeting yet to hold. At our third Quarterly Conference, which was held at Boon Prairie, Bro. Burroughs preached two good sermons and presided over the conference with the wisdom of an up-to-date, first-class presiding elder. Bro. B. is much loved by all the preachers and people of his district. He looks after the interest of his preachers and the Church with painstaking and is a conservative and wise counsellor. Rev. J. W. Treadwell, of Bremond, and Reagan, was with us and preached a good, stirring sermon on Saturday at 11 o'clock and made a strong and impressive talk in the Quarterly Conference on the necessity of teaching the doctrines of Methodism in our Sunday-schools, and excluding from our children the influence of trashy and irresponsible union literature. We had the pleasure of receiving two members into the Church just before the sacrament was administered, both of whom came and took the sacrament with about fifty other communicants. We took dinner on Sunday with Bro. Dero Gann and wife and after dinner a small company of near neighbors gathered in at this place, where we had an impressive service and Bro. Burroughs baptized Bro. and Sister Gann's two children. The work is far behind in a financial way, due to a succession of crop failures. Many of our people are preparing to leave here this fall and many others would leave if they could, but despite the gloomy outlook, we are hoping to make a fair showing in our collections. Altogether, we have had a good year so far, and we are thankful.

#### Gilmer Circuit.

J. N. McCain, Sept. 10: On December 7, 1903, Bishop Duncan announced that our lot was cast with the people of the Gilmer Circuit. Three days later we were on the ground. We regretted to leave the good people of the Musgrove Springs work, for we had, during our stay with them, learned to love them. And we will never forget their kindness toward us. There being no parsonage on the Gilmer charge, we moved to Bettie, a small town on the Cotton Belt R. R. Gilmer Circuit has lots and lots of good people; in fact, it has never been my lot to meet better, more noble or generous people on any charges than I have found here; and I see no reason why it should not be one of the best circuits in the Pittsburg District. It is located in a very fine farming country. Can raise anything that grows in Texas. And there is no part of the State that has finer prospects, or broader possibilities for future development, than this section. When we made our first round we saw the great need of work on churches over the entire work, and we began to plan and make preparation to repair and build new churches where needed. Our

church in Bettie looked more like an old barn or "outhouse" than a church, so wife and I, assisted by other Christian workers, began operations and soon had money enough to erect a respectable place in which to worship God. Now we have not only a good church, but a pretty one—papered and painted; have also purchased an organ for same. At Hopewell our church had almost fallen down. Now we have there a nice new church completed, worth \$900 or more. Bros. J. W. Busby and Jas. Humphreys deserve great praise for pushing the enterprise as they did, and we desire to thank them for their benevolence and assistance. At Saul's Chapel we have erected a cupola and placed a bell therein at a cost of about \$75; which adds greatly to the beauty of the church there. We have material on the ground to build a new church between Saul's Chapel and Gilmer, and the work will begin at once. I would not be surprised if we didn't call it "Rankin's Chapel." How does that suit you, Doctor? We need a new church at Glenwood, and I feel confident we will be moving in that direction soon. Now, some of you preachers would probably like to ask me about religion on the Gilmer Circuit, and I make you the answer. "Just about like it is on your own charge." We closed our last meeting Saturday night. We have had 93 conversions, 79 accessions to the Church up to date. We have had some gracious meetings. God has been with us, and to him we give the praise and the glory. I was assisted in my meetings by the following brothers: Ed J. Morgan, R. L. Steelman, W. H. Vance, Dr. G. V. Ridley, C. M. Davis and R. A. Jackson. All these brethren have our sincere thanks for their faithful and efficient work. We are somewhat behind with our finances, but expect to "come in on the home stretch." I have been greatly and ably assisted in my work by our beloved presiding elder, Bro. J. T. Smith, who is a great help to a young preacher.

#### Big Sandy Mission.

Jno. W. Mayne, Sept. 12: In my write-up of my work in last week's issue of the Advocate, I failed to mention the timely assistance and effective work of my father and mother, of Lindale, Texas. My father was with me in every meeting on my work, and preached several times at all the appointments save one. My mother rendered some valuable aid at Hawkins in conducting the ladies' prayer-meeting. I think we have as noble a set of good women at Hawkins as you can well find. I esteem it one of the greatest privileges of my life to have my father and mother with me in my work. There is no place like home, and no one like father and mother. Up to date we have received thirty-five into the Church; some by certificate, and some by profession of faith. The prospects are that several more will join soon.

#### INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

##### Cumberland, I. T.

W. M. Leatherwood, Sept. 10: We are in a fine meeting here. The work is evidently of the Holy Spirit. Christians are strong and the conversions are in evidence. Rev. J. L. Gage is the popular and useful pastor. Bro. Averyt, presiding elder, and Bro. Goodweigh, of Madill Station, were with us last night. I go to Sulphur next week to assist Rev. John L. Sullivan, the ecclesiastical "pugilist" of Sulphur.

##### Hobart, O. T.

W. J. Moore: Yesterday was a great day for Hobart. The Oliver Bros. are with us and are leading us to victory. Fully 3000 people attended the services and 125 or more were converted. Never saw it on this fashion before. We have a choir of 400 voices. This town and country are being moved toward God. Evangelist Oliver is a strong, consecrated man, and makes no compromise with sin. His brother is the best leader of a choir I have ever seen.

### NOTES FROM POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.

The opening of Polytechnic College on the 6th inst. was most gratifying. The weather was fair, the wind bracing, and all nature appeared to lend grace to the occasion. The large auditorium was filled with the student body and friends of the school. George Mulkey delivered the address of welcome. Prof. Hogg, Superintendent of the Public Schools of the city, and Rev. A. Monk, pastor of First Methodist Church, delivered appropriate addresses, which were well received. All the speakers paid much appreciated compliments to the school. The music rendered on the piano by Prof. C. W. MacDonald, director of instrumental music, and Miss Lillian Bonnell, his assistant teacher of piano, was of a high order. The solos of Prof. W. A. Hemphill were par excellence. The climax was reached when Prof. Jacob Schreiner, teacher of violin, rendered "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Many were

moved to tears. All in all, it was a great occasion, and a prophecy of the future greatness of the school. To say the trustees, who have labored against such odds to build up a school, such as to command the respect of the world at large, and do the work that should be done by our Church in this rapidly developing country, were elated, is but a faint expression of the truth. About 125 more students were present than were present last year at the opening. We expect the largest enrollment by far than any previous year of our history. Our new three-story brick dormitory is completed and is full to overflow. We have added three valuable and well equipped professors to our faculty. Our progress for the past two years has been marked. We trust, under God, to go forward and accomplish much good for our race.

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#### San Augustine District—Fourth Round.

Garrison cir. at Concord, Sept. 24, 25.  
Shelbyville cir. at S, Oct. 1, 2.  
Center sta, Oct. 2, 3.  
Tenaha, at Tenaha, Wed, Oct. 5.  
Center cir. at Asbury, Oct. 8, 9.  
Lufkin mis. at Keltys, Oct. 15, 16.  
Lufkin sta, Oct. 16, 17.  
Timpson sta, Wed, Oct. 19.  
Melrose, at Melrose, Oct. 22, 23.  
Nacogdoches sta, Wed, Oct. 26.  
Burke cir. at Huntington, Oct. 29, 30.  
San Augustine sta, Wed, Nov. 2.  
Hemphill mis. at H. Fri, Nov. 4.  
Geneva cir. at Patroon, Nov. 5, 6.  
Mindon, at Redland, Nov. 12, 13.  
Clayton, at Wesley Ch., Thur, Nov. 17.  
Cushing, at C. Nov. 19, 20.  
Carthage sta, Wed, Nov. 23.  
Appleby mis, Nov. 26, 27.

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