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WAR'S UNREASONABLE DESTRUCTION.

There are two explanations for the cause of war in this advanced stage of the world. First, there is still a remnant of savagery in human nature. The dominant trait in the savage heart is to kill and appropriate the possessions of those opposed to them. In the past ages war was the order of the day, and an examination of the cause leading to it is found largely in the above explanation. Unfortunately, all of the savage instincts of human nature are not yet extinct in the hearts of mankind. There is still lingering traces of its existence, and when unrestrained by education, religion and law, this trait manifests itself in the struggles of nations. The general who can distinguish himself on the field of battle by his skillful manipulations of his army in the extermination of his foe, is extolled by his fellows as a great hero, and his name takes its position in history as worthy a conspicuous place in the annals of his country. His opponent, whose army goes down in blood and slaughter, is lacking, in the esteem of his country, those qualities that go to make a mighty man of valor. People seem to have a great opinion of the man who can mow down his thousands, and fill the land with widowhood and orphanage. They love to look upon the bright uniform, the bristling bayonet, the moving column and the paraphernalia of war. Second, the commercial spirit often prompts one nation to so impose upon another as to bring about a clash of arms. One set of people want larger outlets for trade and gain, and they will infringe upon the rights of others to gratify their greed. Conquest is at the bottom of such a spirit—the conquest of territory and of commercial aggrandizement. Other nations will stand by and permit the war to progress because it will create a larger demand for grain, cotton, horses, mules and the munitions of war. Those at peace and watching the conflict get better prices for their produce and they prefer to see it proceed because it enhances their pursuits and brings to their coffers larger means. What if thousands and thousands of their fellow beings are butchered on sea and land, their property ruined, thousands of homes left desolate, widows and orphans created, and suffering humanity made to mourn and lament, provided the neutral peoples are enriched by these awful misfortunes? These calamities amount to nothing when placed over against the fact that those not involved are reaping fortunes. This is a sad commentary upon our Christian century, but it is nevertheless true. There are people in America, England, Germany, France and the other neutral powers, tacitly rejoicing in the war now in progress between Japan and Russia, because of the facts above retailed. Since this horrible war began about ten months ago, nearly two hundred thousand human beings have been sent into eternity at the mouth of cruel guns; and no step has been taken to bring these hostilities to a close. These great peaceful powers could combine and force these belligerents to

lay down their arms and call off their dogs of war inside of one month if they so desired; and these same powers could force Russia and Japan to terms of speedy settlement and stop this stupendous carnage; but it is not to their financial interests to bring about this result. But whenever the commercial interests of the world demand it, they will interpose and not before. These moral and humane considerations will never lift their voices sufficiently loud enough to stay this onward tide of slaughter. What an awful thought! But God will certainly hold these great neutral powers responsible for this wanton destruction of human life. He will not sit silently by and excuse us for our savage and commercial part in its progress. We may think that it does not concern us as Christian nations if these two peoples in the East want to kill each other and thereby increase the prices of our products, but God will take a different view of our relation to this great question.

THE CHURCH AND MATERIAL PROSPERITY.

One would naturally infer that whenever the country prospers materially, that the Church prospers correspondingly, but such is not always the case. Take for instance the support of the ministry and the institutions of the Church in general. When God sends an abundance of rain upon the fields and the crops and the herds grow and flourish, do the people, as a rule, make any increase in the salaries of the preachers? Or do they make their contributions to the benevolences of the Church more liberal? Not by any means. The old assessments stand just where they did the previous year when the dry weather parched the fields and the pests destroyed the cotton and the corn. And it is rare that any prosperous member increases his contribution to the missionary, or educational, or Church extension fund. In fact, it is just about as hard to get the old assessment out of him as it was when times were hard and money was scarce. This year the country is in fine condition, but how many ministers will receive an increase in their support? And how many of them will be able to bring an increase in collections? Then, take the spiritual phases of the question and look at them for a moment. When the year is abundant, the people are actually too busy to take the time from their fields to attend the revival meeting. Some of them actually work on Sunday for fear they will lose some portion of their crops. They become more secular and worldly under the influence of God's great temporal blessings. It is the experience of nearly all our ministers that it is harder to have a good revival in prosperous times than in times of dearth. In the midst of prosperity it is an easy matter to forget God and his great goodness. It takes hard times and the pinch of want to make us realize a deep sense of our dependence upon God. There is one apparent exception to this rule, however, and that is in the work of Church building. It is a trifle easier to get people in the notion of erecting a new church when money is plentiful than when times

are depressing. But often it requires tremendous effort upon the part of the preacher and his faithful few to raise the money, even for this sacred purpose. And it is also less difficult to distribute religious literature when harvests are full; that is, if the pastor gives his conscientious attention to such matters. But why can not we make this plentiful year an exception to the rule generally? Why can not the stewards make a special effort and add something more than the assessment made in the beginning of the year for the support of their pastors? Why can not the members increase their contributions to the various causes of the Church? Why can not more of them take the Advocate into their homes and give their children an opportunity to keep up with the progress of the Church in the State? Why can not more of them invest a larger amount in good books and make their libraries a blessing to their families? God has been gracious to nearly every section of our State, and the people were never in better material condition than to-day. In turn for his mercies, we ought to show our gratitude to him by putting back into his treasury a better portion of his gifts to us. When he blesses us in this way he expects larger returns, and when we fail to show our gratitude, he withholds from us as the years go by. No man loses anything by being liberal with God. But we all lose in heart and in granary when we practice a niggardly course with our heavenly Father. We ought to stop cutting off our support of his institutions when times are close, and failing to add to our liberality when times are good. God makes a note of these things, as little as we think about it.

FOREIGN BREWERS TAKE A HAND IN LOCAL OPTION.

A few weeks ago Lamar County held a local option election and the antis lost out by over three hundred majority. Then they applied to the Civil Court of that district for an injunction restraining the County Commissioners from giving publicity to the election and putting local option into effect. The court promptly refused to interfere; then we presume that other courts were sought with the same result. And what followed? August Busch & Company, a noted brewing firm, whose principal member spends a good deal of his time in his castle in Germany, applied to the United States Court for a writ restraining the county officials from declaring the result of the county election. Judge Bryan, of Sherman, granted a temporary restraining order to be heard before him the sixth of this month, and at this writing we presume the case is being heard. Now, it is a well known fact that the United States Court has refused time and again to interfere with the State law on this subject, on the ground that the State has jurisdiction over such questions. No one knows this better than these brewers; but their idea is to get it in the United States Court and tie it up indefinitely, just as was done in the Johnson County case more than two years ago. This is the only motive prompting the Busch Brewing Company. Thus, this great brewing

corporation proposes to come into Texas, and by the process of injunction interfere with the principle of local self-government. They are not willing to permit the free citizens of the commonwealth to decide these matters for themselves. Now, this new turn may complicate this question and bring about results that the Busch Brewing Company do not contemplate. We have honestly and scrupulously used our influence, both in the press and on the hustings, to prevent a State campaign on this question of suppressing the liquor traffic. We have done this on the ground that local option is the wisest and most satisfactory settlement of this matter. We still believe this to be true. But it is true under given conditions, and one of these is that the people get local option when they have fairly voted and carried it at the ballot box. Does this bloated brewing corporation propose to interfere with our rights; and by dilly-dallying with the question in the courts, by assuming one false pretext after another, hope to defeat the will of the people of Texas? Have these corporate interests no respect for public sentiment? Do they propose to accomplish, by indefinite postponement through the medium of United States Courts, the result which they failed to accomplish through the free ballots of free American citizens? Then, despite our wish to the contrary, the Busch outfit had just as well get ready for a State contest. The people will not tolerate such a flagrant injustice, and the time is rapidly approaching when they will rise up and sweep these brewers clean out of the commonwealth. And just like the foolhardiness of the liquor and beer business, has brought about the present antipathy to the saloon in Texas, so these impudent and super-imposing brewers are fast bringing about the conditions that will produce State prohibition. We do not think that this will be the wisest thing to do, but we know the temper of the local option movement well enough to realize that interferences like this Lamar County incident are bringing the matter dangerously near the point of a State campaign. If these outside brewers can not afford to abide the will of the people, then the people will ultimately rid the State of their domineering and insolent tactics.

Some furniture is veneered until it can scarcely be distinguished from hard, solid wood, but if you will scratch under the surface the deception is at once detected. So it is with the piety of a hypocrite. When you scratch underneath the outward gloss, you get into the deformities of a bad life. And the gloss will wear off sooner or later.

If we so desire we can spend our days striving with the small experiences of life and never rise to higher points of richer things. It is a good idea now and then to mount up on wings as eagles and widen the horizon of life's larger possibilities. Why always grope in the darkness of the lowlands when just above the clouds the sun is shining brightly and the sky is clear and blue. To dig into this upper-air life is a change that brings hope and inspiration to the discouraged soul.

OUR SUPERANNATED PREACHERS.

Now, I believe, will be a good time to call attention to one of the greatest, if not the greatest, works that we have in our Church. And while I appreciate the effort made by the Churches to raise the endowment fund for these brethren, and appreciate the efforts being made in other States, and also in Texas, to secure homes for our superannuated brethren, at the same time, I can see, if we don't mind, wherein these things may cause some of us to neglect the important matter of caring for these brethren, who are now in our midst, and I regard this as the greatest obligation that we have upon us.

It is right to work for the future, but we must remember the great work of our Church, which has been done in the past, and done by men and women who are still living in our midst, and it is to them that we owe more than to any other people. Not only are we getting the spiritual benefit of these brethren's labor, but if every Methodist in Texas would read Bishop Candler's last book, they would see what effect revivals, camp-meetings, and the personal influence of these our brethren have had upon the civil, educational, and material growth of our State.

The time has been when no man coming into the State of Texas would dare to go through this country unarmed, but now he can safely go into what might be termed the most wicked places and not feel at all uneasy about his life. Who have been the main men to bring about this change? If you will examine the "honor roll" of our minutes you will find their names. There was a certain county in this State at one time, in which it was dangerous for a State witness to live. No man's property or life was safe in that county. There went one of these men of God into that county, began his series of meetings, all classes of people came to hear him preach, and when he was through the District Judge stated that he could tell in what part of the county this man had held his meetings. No indictments by the Grand Jury were made in the section of the county where these camp-meetings were held. Then, as a Church, if we will only go back for fifty years, and see what these brethren had to contend with, what they had to do, and how they had to do it; no railroads, telephones, parsonages, church buildings, nothing but people, and they sent to organize the great work which we have now, and then think of what we have, the number of perfect organizations, Sunday-schools, Missionary Institutes, Home Missionary Societies, among the children, the young people; in fact, to my mind, we have as perfect an organization as man can get up, and none of these things could not have been, had not the labor and suffering of these men been given to the Churches in the past. Are they not worthy? Yes, says every preacher and member in Texas.

Now, what are we doing for these brethren? Well, I will not give you figures, but if you will get the general minutes of our Church and see what a host of the men and women we have in the Church, and see how God has blessed the laity of our Church with rich soil, utensils complete, good homes, good schools, good churches, the foundation of all of which was laid by these men. And yet, when you see what a pittance they received, it will certainly drive you to your knees, and then when you get up from your knees, cause you to open your pocket books or go into your bank account and make a special donation to your pastor for the conference fund. I do not believe that any one of these funds have a claim over any other, but if there is one that has the greatest claim it is this. And I send this to the Advocate, not because I am an agent or have a special work on this line, but because I am not, but I believe that if we had to have special men for special work there is none more important than this. Now I suggest, inasmuch as the Joint Board of Finance has this matter in hand, that it would be well for the Chairman of each Board to devote a little time, and spend some money in increasing the collections for this cause. Why not call upon men to make a special donation of a thousand, five hundred, two hundred and fifty, one hundred, fifty or twenty-five dollars above the assessment? I am sure that there is not a board in Texas but what would rejoice if every pastor in Texas would bring at least twenty-five or fifty per cent over his assessment for this cause, and I am sure that many hearts would be made glad when they reported at the Annual Conference. Brethren, let's do something this year, at least for this great cause.

I know a widow of a preacher who was licensed in Texas, traveled when there was not fifty miles of railroad in the State, gave his life and cut off at least twenty years by hard service in horseback riding. That woman

got last year one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Now, brethren, living in good parsonages, having the conveniences of life, let us do something and make these good people rejoice and give God all the praise.

Inasmuch as we have a few weeks before conference, and there are many men in our Church, if this matter were brought before them, might make a special donation, thereby increasing the collection and helping the Joint Boards out. This, I believe, is better than to wait until conference and bewail our necessity. Pass a very complimentary resolution and let it go into the minutes and sleep undisturbed until next conference. When the world wants to do anything, they do it. Can't we do better than they do? Yes. The strongest force in Texas is the Church of God, and we are one of the greatest parts of that force.

I. Z. T. MORRIS.

WHY THE CHURCH AT ONANCO HAD NOT PROSPERED.

The Rev. March Franklin did not know what to do. He had been pastor of the Church at Onanco for the last two years, and was all ready to take the morning train for the Annual Conference at Dallas. His grip, containing all he thought he would need, was packed. But there was one paper of a disquieting nature that he was reluctant to put in. And yet that paper was a very suggestive one, and contained the very information the conference ought to know. It was the report of the officers of the Church. This report was not of an encouraging nature. In fact, it was very much the other way. It gave the number of members, general condition, etc., of the Church in 1902-3-4. This report, to say the least, showed stagnation. And in spiritual matters stagnation is death. Rev. Franklin leaned his head on his hand and pondered over the discouraging paper. The town had grown in wealth and population. In everything but religion it had made considerable progress. Why, then, was he forced to either confess that his two years' pastorate had been a failure, or, what was about as bad, say nothing at all and hope no one else would? The more he thought the more bewildered he became. He grew more and more perplexed, till at last he cried out—half to himself and half aloud—"I can't understand it. I wonder if the fault is with me."

"Of course the fault is partly with you," said good old Deacon Bulwer, who had stepped in to say good-bye and overheard the last sentence of Mr. Franklin's soliloquy.

"Good evening, brother. I wish you would show me where I have failed to do my duty," said Mr. Franklin.

"I did not really mean just that," said Bulwer. "I only meant that as you were a human being you had made mistakes, as all men do. You don't pretend to know enough to avoid all errors of judgment, do you?"

"Oh, no; of course not. But don't you remember Christ said a prophet was without honor save in his own country?"

"Yes, I know that; but, Bro. Franklin, Christ does not even intimate that the fault is entirely with the people. On the contrary, a fair construction of his words forbids such an application. No doubt he meant that the prophet was as much to blame for it as the people were. Now, it is just so in your case, and your case is not the only one I know of."

"Well, Bro. Bulwer, in view of the present condition of the Church here and what it was when I came, I do not expect the conference will send me back. Granting that I have made mistakes, could you point out a few of them so that in my new field I may avoid the same errors that seem to have hurt my influence for good here?"

"It would not be hard to do that; but I am afraid you would not admit yourself at fault."

"Maybe not. Still I would be glad to have you say on, and however much we may differ, no offense will be taken."

"Well, then, in the first place, you have spent far too much of your time—time you gave to God—lounging around the stores and streets. You should have been visiting the people at their homes. Are there not many people of this town upon whom you have never called?"

"Why, yes."

"And are not some of them members of your own Church?"

"Yes, some of them are."

"And were there not sick people upon whom you did not call?"

"I presume so."

"Then, when you consider the Lord's command to visit the sick, how can you hold yourself blameless in passing by a sick person and spending the time in idle gossip on the streets?"

"Do you think I should have hunted up the sick people in order to visit them?"

"Most certainly, I do."

"Well, say on."

"You have rebuffed legitimate callers too rudely."

"I don't remember any."

"Do you not recall the day when, soon after your first arrival here, a gentleman whose family had been fairly regular in Church attendance called on you, partly, as he said at the time, to make your acquaintance, and partly to ask if you did not want a book he was selling?"

"Oh, yes; I remember it now. The book was, in my opinion, a dangerous one."

"Thousands of good people differ with you. But that is not the point. Did you decline with as much politeness as you would want a man to decline your own invitation to church or prayer-meeting?"

"Not really. But—"

"That's enough, Brother Franklin. Your manner was such as to give him an unfavorable opinion of you. Of course, he never came to church after that."

"Well, what next?"

"Just one thing more. A few months ago you so far forgot your calling as to mingle in political strife."

"I know I did; but I felt confident the man I supported was all right."

"It may be so; but that is not the point. Your business is that of preacher and pastor, not of a political striker. A preacher who meddles with political matters always lessens his power for good."

"But I thought the man whom I supported had been unjustly accused."

"Did you investigate the truthfulness of the accusation?"

"No; I was sure it was false."

"You may have been mistaken. Were there not other good men running for the same office, whose friends were citizens of your town—some of them members of your own Church?"

"Yes."

"Then you certainly know they would think you were out of your place."

"I knew they would; but I think the man I worked for was the best."

"He may have been. That is not the question. The more you try to make your conduct excusable, the worse it appears. You admit that you knew it would injure your influence for good. That is enough. I think I have said as much as I need say."

J. J. MATTHEWS.

WHENCE OUR ENGLISH BIBLE.

Elizabeth's accession as queen of England in 1558 was the herald of a new era for Bible translation and distribution. The Geneva Bible had rapid won favor, and was gradually displacing the Great Bible of Coverdale. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Matthew Parker, proposed a plan for the revision of the English Bible. He secured several bishops and many other scholars to co-operate in producing such a revision. When issued, in 1568, it was called "The Bishops' Bible." It soon displaced the Great Bible, which had been put by authority in all the churches. Its great size, however, limited its editions, and placed it in a disparaging light as compared with the Geneva version. It had issued by 1611 only twenty editions, while the Geneva Bible came out in a hundred and twenty editions.

Roman Catholics, in order not to be outdone, produced at their English Seminary at Rheims, in 1582, the entire New Testament. This institution was removed to Douai, and from that place produced, in 1609, the Old Testament in English. The combination of these parts was and is called the Rheims and Douai Version. The translation, however, was made, not from the original Hebrew and Greek, but from the Latin Vulgate. Thus, as a translation of the Bible it has next to no value. It is, besides, poor English, being stilted, stiff, and awkward. Its success was very small.

Parker's plan for the Bishops' Bible temporarily succeeded, for it had displaced the Great Bible, and maintained its hold until the reign of King James. But its popularity never equalled that of the Geneva Bible. James came to the throne in 1603. At a conference of bishops and Puritan clergy in Hampton Court, early in 1604, the Puritans asked for certain concessions in the matter of religious requirements. The preface to the Authorized Version states that, after they had failed to get other concessions, they made "a very poor and empty shift."

Dr. Reynolds, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, was speaker for the complainants. He said the translation of the Bible in the Communion Book "was a most corrupted translation," and the Puritans could not subscribe to it. He also found fault with the Great Bible and the Bishops' Bible. The conference adjourned, but Reynolds' speech still rang in the ears of King James. He was stirred to action to produce a new version of the Bible that would meet all requirements. After consultation with his wisest counselors, he had the preliminaries arranged by July 22, 1604. The plan was agreed on by all the high ecclesiastical and state officials. It was agreed that a body

of translators of recognized biblical scholarship and learning should be selected from the two great English universities—Oxford and Cambridge. These translators included, not only professors of Hebrew and Greek, but practically all the best biblical scholars and clergy of the day. How the selection of these men was made no one knows, but the total number of revisers was fifty-four. It is thought that several died or resigned, for the actual workers included but forty-seven names.

These men were organized into six groups—two at Oxford, two at Cambridge, and two at Westminster. Each group worked separately, at first, on a special portion of the Bible. The Westminster group revised Genesis to II Kings inclusive, and Romans to Jude inclusive; the Oxford group took Isaiah to Malachi inclusive, and the Gospels, the Acts, and the Apocalypses; the Cambridge group revised I Chronicles to Ecclesiastes inclusive and the Apocrypha. The rules that governed the work of these bodies were detailed and minute. They were to follow as their basis "the Bishops' Bible," and to alter it as little as the truth of the original would admit. There were to be no marginal notes except necessary explanations of Hebrew and Greek words. When a translation of any book was completed, it was sent to all the other groups for review and suggestion.

The entire time for carrying out the great enterprise may be divided into two periods: (1). The first three years (1604-07) were spent in getting all preliminaries arranged, and, on the part of some of the translators, considerable private study of the original texts; (2) the second of between two and three years (1607-10) of combined and co-operative labor, during which the translation was made and perfected. Following these two periods we have nine months of final revision in London by a committee of six—two men from each group or center. At the conclusion of their work in 1611 the translation was issued from the press.

The revisers did their work entirely without compensation other than ecclesiastical preferment. The final revisers, however, received from the Company of Stationers the sum of £30 (\$150) each for their nine months' service.

While the Bishops' Bible was made the basis of revision, the revisers made free use of the Rheims and Geneva versions. When we remember what Tyndale's influence was in the production of the Bishops' Bible, we can realize in part his contribution to the King James' Version. The Old Testament was a particularly fine reproduction of the Hebrew, while the New Testament is said to be superior to the original Greek as a piece of chaste literature.

The new version was issued without any flourish of trumpets, edict, or proclamation. It bore on its title-page this simple statement, "appointed to be read in the churches." It met opposition, of course; but the eminence of its producers, and the approval of the highest authorities in the kingdom, gave it an impetus from the very start. It soon outran the Bishops' Bible, which was not reprinted after 1606. It had a running fight with the Geneva Bible for a full half-century, and finally on the ground of its superior merits and non-partisan character, completely took the field.

Kenyon sums up the superiority of King James' Version as due (1) to the greatly advanced character of Hebrew and Greek scholarship of that day over the same one-half century earlier; (2) to the co-operation of all parties and schools who worked for a common end—namely, to produce the best translation of the Bible; (3) to the superb literary achievements of the Elizabethan era, which gave such an impetus to the embodiment of the translation in the most chaste forms of the English language. These facts together gave the King James' Version a fixed place in the literature and the affections of the people of the seventeenth century.

Its victory over the Geneva Bible gave it first place in the affections of the church. It did not remain entirely unchanged, however, for in an edition of 1614 we find more than four hundred variations from the first edition of 1611. Bishop Lloyd's Bible of 1701 was the first to incorporate the chronology of Usher, and set the creation at 4004 B. C. In 1769 a more complete revision was made by Dr. Blayney. He supplied our marginal notes on weights, measures, and coins. In 1873 the Cambridge Paragraph Bible gave a list of variations from the text of the King James' Version, as first published, that occupied sixteen closely printed quarto pages. The Oxford Parallel Bible of 1885 made a selection from these variants, and put them in the margin.

For nearly three centuries this King James' Version has been the Bible of the English-speaking world. It has permeated the religious and literary life wherever the English race has gone. It had almost become the idol

of the Christian Church, for its word was regarded as authoritative and binding. It has pervaded the works of some of the greatest writers of these three centuries, and by its simplicity and directness has molded the style and thought of some of our best literature.—Prof. I. M. Price, in Sunday School Times.

THE ALEXANDER INSTITUTE OPENING.

The Alexander Collegiate Institute of Jacksonville, Texas, has had a fine opening. The roll call sounds out 150 names; the dormitory has twenty girls. President Strother has made great improvements in the property. The dormitory has been remodeled, making several new rooms, water-works, bath tubs, etc., have been added. Electric lights have been put in, and a splendid music house has been built.

The chapel service this morning was delightful. The pupils all have their Bibles and read in concert, and after the song they all join in the Lord's prayer. Seven ladies and two gentlemen compose the faculty. The curriculum is nearly as it has always been. A few books have been added, so the graduates will have gone over the entire course prescribed for applicants for a first-class certificate in the public school course.

Our Church work is well in hand. Most of our assessments have been paid. Our protracted meeting begins next Sunday. We are trying to get the help of Bishop Key. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. B. Sears, is useful in this charge. The one comment is, "Sears is a godly man."

We have a Church project on hand for some time. It will materialize in the near future.

Rev. A. A. Wagnon, who lives here, has just closed a fine meeting at Mt. Selman. Wagnon is a strong, true man and young enough yet to be heard from later.

The Board of Missions had its mid-year meeting here last week. A few members of the board and all the presiding elders but C. F. Smith, C. A. Hooper and J. W. Downs were present. They did what they could, and the meeting was profitable, but it is the opinion of this scribe that they will not continue the mid-year meetings. Presiding elders cannot get ready to make the appropriations for another year, for it is not possible for them to know the men they will have to use on the missions. The policy of the board will be to help the domestic missionary assessment equal to the assessment for foreign missions. The board is composed of men who have the cause at heart, and are trying to do their duty. The presiding elders were nearly all looking dilapidated physically. J. T. Smith is trying not to break down. Cochran deserves a rest; he can hardly hold up. Solomon had jaundice; Lamar looked slim. Only the Palestine presiding elder was at himself. The work of a presiding elder is so wearing and tearing that no man who has sense enough to fill it desires it under normal circumstances. So far the Marshall District is ahead on the missionary collections. It will take a strong pull for the next nine weeks to get this conference up to its usual success, but the pull will be made.

B. H. GREATHOUSE.

DON'TS FOR MOTHERS.

Don't delude yourself with the idea that at six months baby can not understand the difference between your "yes" and "no."

Don't try to divert when obedience is your right.

Don't allow your child to become a source of annoyance in a public vehicle.

Don't permit a fear to be implanted in your child. Deal summarily with those who would dare implant it.

Don't entertain all your friends with a detailed account of your children's marvelous sayings and doings.

Don't forget that the fire of curiosity may be smothered but not easily extinguished, and that some one else will surely be called upon to explain if you do not.

Don't fail to make your children understand how important they are in the domestic economy of their home, and how surely they can add to or mar its harmony.

Don't fret your children by perpetually worrying about them. They must have some common-sense; teach them to make use of it.

Don't treat your son and your daughter at twenty as you would have treated them at twelve. Remember that they are now a man and a woman.—Gabrielle E. Jackson.

Orthodoxy means to many that all shall worship the God of their patenting.—Ram's Horn.

The ideal week is made up of worshipful work and reverent rest.

No breath was ever yet wasted in true prayer.

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HIS LOVE.

The oceans of His love are wide,
They touch the bounds of all His world;
And round the farthest islands curled,
They bear His word on every tide.

But what hath greater joy for me
Is that my lesser harbor knows
The fullness of the tide that flows
Is from His love's unfathomed sea.

A NICKEL FOR THE LORD.

Yesterday he wore a rose on the lapel of his coat, but when the plate was passed to-day, he gave a nickel to the Lord. He had several bills in his pocket, and sundry change, perhaps a dollar's worth, but he hunted about, and finding this poor little nickel, he laid it on the plate, to aid the Church militant in its fight against the world, the flesh and the devil. His silk hat was beneath the seat, and his gloves and cane were beside it, and the nickel was on the plate—a whole nickel!

On the previous afternoon he met a friend, and together they had some refreshments. The cash-register stamped thirty-five cents on the slip the boy presented him. Peeling off a bill, he handed it to the lad, and gave him a nickel tip when he brought back the change. A nickel for the Lord, and a nickel for the waiter!

And the man had his shoes polished that same afternoon, and handed out a dime without a murmur. He had a shave, and paid fifteen cents with equal alacrity. He took a box of candies home to his wife, and paid forty cents for them, and the box was tied with a dainty bit of ribbon. Yes, and he also gave a nickel to the Lord!

Who is this Lord? Who is he? Why, the man worships him as Creator of the universe, the one who put the stars in order, and by whose immutable decree the heavens stand. Yes, he does, and he dropped a nickel in to support the Church militant!

And what is the Church militant? The Church militant is the Church which represents upon earth the triumphant Church of the great God.

And the man knew that he was but an atom in space, and he knew that the Almighty was without limitations; and knowing this, he put his hand in his pocket, and picked out the nickel, and gave it to the Lord!

And the Lord, being "gracious and slow to anger," and "knowing our frame," did not slay the man for the meanness of his offering, but "gives him this day his daily bread."

But the nickel was ashamed, if the man was not. The nickel hid beneath a quarter which was given by a poor woman who washes for a living.—Selected.

CHRISTIANITY UNCHANGED.

The changes which have taken place during the past century in Church polity and in theological systems have led many to believe that Christianity is changing—has undergone decided changes. We are sure that such belief is not well founded. The institutions of Christianity, the ritualisms of the Church, ecclesiastical organizations, systems of theology are constantly changing, but Christianity, in its cardinal doctrines, in its vital truths, in its saving, transforming power is unchangeable. The Church is not Christianity. It is the institution through which Christianity supplies means of grace and projects itself upon the world. It is the agency through which Christianity expresses its aggressive power in carrying on the work of saving souls and propagating the gospel. The machinery of the Church does not remain un-

changed from age to age. The progress of mankind in all the material and intellectual forces of civilization makes new and larger demands upon the Church, and to meet these demands the Church needs new machinery, new organizations, and new, up-to-date methods of work. The Church of the twentieth century would accomplish but little with the meagre equipments of the Church a hundred years ago. So too there have been changes in theology. But theology is not Christianity. It is man's interpretation of the doctrines taught in the Scriptures. Theology is progressive. Present day theology is far in advance of mediaeval theology. But the distinction between Christianity and theology and Church machinery must be clearly drawn.

Christianity, in all of its essential elements, is immutable. We often hear Christians sighing for the "old-time religion." They sometimes sing:

"O the old-time religion!
It was good enough for father,
It was good enough for mother,
And it's good enough for me."

Has there been any departure from the "old-time religion?" Is not the religion of the twentieth century the same as the religion that has come down to us from our forefathers, from the apostles and from Christ, the founder of Christianity? We have the same inspired and infallible Bible that our forefathers had; the same God "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning"; the same Christ, the "same yesterday, and to-day, and forever"; the same Holy Spirit who convicts of sin, regenerates the heart and bears witness with the spirits of believers that they are the children of God. The expression of religion to-day may be different from what it was in olden times. But we believe that there is as much "old-time religion" in the world now as at any period of history—never has there been a better, more practical, more philanthropic, more aggressive type of religion.—Southern Christian Advocate.

THE MODERN CHURCH.

A great change has taken place in the Churches within fifty years. No one of them has continued as it was. A few years ago there was no Freedmen's Aid Society, no Church Extension Society, no Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, no Woman's Home Mission Society, no Epworth League, no Young Men's Christian Association, no Methodist hospital, no Methodist Woman's College, no Methodist theological seminary, no Methodist old people's home, no Methodist orphanage. The machinery of the Church was very simple. About all a good Methodist was expected to do was to live a pure life, attend class-meeting and public religious service, and win as many souls to Christ as possible.

Now the ponderosity of our ecclesiastical machinery is almost alarming. Perhaps there has been a loud call for all these new wheels in the organization. These changes have been forced on the Church by emergencies which could not be ignored. It would appear that these additions to our cares and responsibilities have been thrust upon us by Providence. New fields of work have been opened to the church. New branches of toil have become necessary. No wise man will advise the Church to abandon a single field of operations where good is being done. To do this would be weak and cowardly. Let the good work of expansion go on.

But if any one believes that there is no danger in these modern Church methods, he does not consider wisely. There is danger of collision. There is friction. No small amount of the oil of divine

grace is required to make the complicated machinery run smoothly. There is danger of too much office-seeking, and too little seeking after God. There is danger of too much money-gathering, and not enough soul winning. There is danger of too much outward display of effort, and too little inner life of the Spirit.

One thing is needful if the modern Church is to go on successfully, and that is more religion. A small fire in the hold of a small steamer may be sufficient to carry her safely over a great river or small lake, but it requires a tremendous fire in the furnaces of one of the mammoth modern ocean steamers to carry her steadily over the great sea. When our Church was weak and small, even a superficial religion might keep her afloat. But to-day a large supply of divine grace is absolutely necessary. The modern Church is in need of a larger measure of the Holy Ghost, a deeper consecration to God, and a fuller spiritual life. The Church may break down by her own weight, if she is not very spiritual. It is easy to see tendencies in the modern Church to become a political institution, or a social club, or a commercial agency. Nothing can save it but divine grace.—The Christian Advocate.

THE SHATTERED VIOLIN.

A distinguished musician ordered a manufacturer of violins to make for him the best instrument possible. He told him to use the best material, take all the time he wished, and use all his skill in its construction.

At last the manufacturer sent for the musician to come and try the violin. As the musician drew the bow across the instrument, his face became clouded. Lifting the instrument, he smashed it to pieces on the counter, handed the price to the manufacturer, and left the shop. The manufacturer was not satisfied with mere pay, his reputation was at stake. He gathered the fragments of the violin and put them together. After he had remade the violin out of the pieces, he again sent for the musician. This time the frown was not seen; as he drew the bow across the strings he told the manufacturer that he had succeeded at last in making just the kind of instrument that he desired. "What is the price?" inquired the musician. "Nothing at all," replied the manufacturer, "it is the same instrument that you smashed to pieces some time ago; I put it together, and out of the fragments this perfect music has been made." Let us believe the parable. God can take the fragments of a shattered life, and by his grace put them together so that under the touch of His Holy Spirit there will go forth music good enough for earth and heaven. Every loss he can make a gain. Whatever may be our experiences to-day, if we seek the furtherance of the gospel, and are willing that God shall use us toward it, let us believe that the promise, "All things work together for good to them that love God," will be realized in our lives.—Dr. A. C. Dixon.

LIFE ETERNAL NOW.

I remember once speaking to a friend of mine in Brighton who, giving me his experience of his own childhood, said: "I can remember when my mother cried when she cut the bread for our breakfast, keeping none back for herself, for it was the last crust that she was dividing. I, the eldest born, inquired the reason why this was done. It has kept me straight in the world ever since under terrible temptation. She said: 'My lad, your father has been dismissed from his situation because he would not lie, and we have come to the last loaf; but I am proud of your father, and you must grow up like him, too.' And," said my friend, "I



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have tried to do it. The example of that great sacrifice is before me, that solemn and sad morning when it seemed as if we had come to the last, and God let us go through and remained silent. But it was not the last. Somehow I felt that morning as if I stood higher, I was so proud of my father's manhood, and to-day, as I look back and remember that we did come through many a hardship, it is true, but we have come through, I would not barter our faith, our quietness of heart, the mutual love and respect of our home circle for all that the world could give, if we had to leave those things outside."

What shall I call that? This is life, is it not? When we get to heaven we do not expect to find another sort; we expect to find that. That kind of manhood is upon the throne of the universe. It went there by the cross of Calvary. This is life indeed, and this is life eternal.—R. J. Campbell.

DOCTOR HODGE'S PRAYER.

As far back as I can remember," said a wise and good man, I had the habit of thanking God for everything I received, and of asking him for everything I wanted. If I lost my book, or any of my playthings, I prayed that I might find it. I prayed walking along the streets, in school or out of school, whether playing or studying. I did this because it seemed natural to do so. I thought of God as everywhere present, full of kindness and love, who would not be offended if children talked to him."

That man was Dr. Charles Hodge, the distinguished scholar and preacher. How happy all children would be if they were to talk with God as to their father, which he did as a child, and had also the habit of thanking God! Too often when our prayers are answered we forget to give God thanks.

The child who talks with God will not be likely to use bad words at any time. His speech and his heart will be sanctified by communing with One who is perfectly pure and loving, so that only words which are good and pleasant will flow from the lips.—Exchange.

THE TRUE LIFE.

"Is life worth living?" It depends entirely on what the life is. Some lives are not worth living as they are, but the fault rests with the men who live them. The drunkard's life is not worth living; but it is his own fault. The blasphemer's life is not worth living; but it is his own fault. The thief's life is not worth living; but it is his own fault. The gold-hunter's life is not worth living; but it is his own fault.

"Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die." Is such a life worth living? No, for the beast does that. "Let us study dress and appearance." And is such a life worth living? No, for the peacock does that. "Let us laugh our sorrows out of the world." And is such a life worth living? No, for the chattering ape does that.

A godless life is a worthless life;

but a godly life is always worth living. And what is it that makes life worth living? The presence of Christ in the heart. "He that hath the Son hath life." Where do we find the noblest life? Where the gospel is best lived. It is in Christ that we find the life which is life indeed. "He came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."—Rev. J. Ossian Davies.

THE MAGNETIZED WATCH.

A watchmaker said that a gentleman gave him an exquisite watch to regulate. It was as perfect a piece of work as was ever made. The watchmaker took it apart and put it together again twenty times and could not find any defect. Still the watch did not keep good time. At length it struck him that the balance wheel might have been near a magnet, and he applied a needle to it; he found his suspicions true, for there was all the mischief. The steel works in the other parts of the watch were in perpetual friction, yet with the new wheel the watch kept perfect time. If the soundest mind be magnetized by vicious associations, it must act irregularly.

Christ brings me to the light. He may be God, he may be man, he may be both, but I see God only through him.—Lyof Tolstol.

FOR A BLESSING ON WORK.

Thou hast not made the world in jest or carelessness, O Lord; help us to enter into thy thought of its purpose and to follow the leading of thy Spirit with full enthusiasm of heart. Since thou hast made us for happy life and joyful fellowship of work with thee, save us from the indifference which is itself a condemnation, from the lukewarm spirit which is hateful in thy sight, from neglect of opportunities which are thy gift, from carelessness of the enthusiasm which is a mark of following Christ. Show us thy glory in the helpful service of our common days. Transfigure our drudgeries with the light of heaven for which they are thy chosen school. Enable us to bring forth fruit on earth and in thine own good time be fitted for the rest that remaineth for thy people. Amen.—Congregationalist.

DEVOTION TO DUTY.

In devotion to duty you have the great secret of life; for, important and precious as is the cultivation of your intelligence, and bringing of all your powers of thought and action up to the highest level that your several gifts permit, there is one thing in which the pearl of great price, the treasure in life and the security in death, is laid open to you all alike, be your attainments more or less conspicuous. If you have devotion to duty for the guide of your daily course, nothing can ultimately go wrong.—Gladstone.

Man was made for love, he lives by love; and the measure of his life is the largeness and liberty of his love.—Channing.

Secular News Items.

W. J. Bryan will make thirty speeches in Indiana. Efforts of national committee are to be centered in Indiana and West Virginia.

It is stated that the Texas Southern Railroad will be bought by the Katy and will be extended to reach from Sabine Pass to the Oklahoma line.

A turkey has been discovered in Guatemala which, the Agricultural Bureau at Washington declare, to be death to the boll weevil.

Third general eucharistic congress opened in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, unprecedented gathering of Roman Catholic prelates.

President Roosevelt has agreed to call a second session of the Peace Conference to meet at The Hague. This is in response to a request of the Inter-Parliamentary Congress, which has been in session at St. Louis. The object of the Inter-Parliamentary Congress is to bring about a peace between Japan and Russia.

The case of George Crocker of New York against the noted French specialist, Prof. Doyen, to recover an alleged exorbitant fee, is attracting indignant expressions from members of the American colony in Paris against the practice of making excessive charges in the case of Americans. Another and similar incident which has not yet reached the courts occurred recently. A prominent citizen of Pittsburg, Pa., entered the hospital of a leading specialist in order to be operated upon. When the operation has reached a critical stage the American was required to pay \$1,000, which was done under protest. A number of French physicians condemn the practice.

Women voters of Wyoming will play an important part in the National and State election next month. Realizing this, candidates on each ticket are doing everything possible to win their votes. Nominally, there are six women voters cast in Wyoming for every ten by the men, but present indications justify the prediction that not less than eight and possibly nine women will vote for every ten men this year.

Trinity Church, rich in history and one of the landmarks of New York, had an event of interest to add to its chronicles last Sunday when his grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the highest dignitary in the Church of Great Britain, preached within its walls. The edifice, in consequence, was jammed, a crowd having gathered before it in the chilly air long before even the gates were open.

Instead of figuring as a strong factor in the Presidential election in Colorado, the women may be completely side-tracked, owing to the contemptuous treatment of the women by both leading parties. They have been told to go home and mind the babies, as this was a man's campaign. Alva Adams, Democratic candidate for Governor, is popular with the women, as he has always made it an object to keep in their good graces. But it takes money to run a campaign to the satisfaction of the women, for they have to be supplied with carriages and cake during the canvass. The Colorado Democracy is poor in purse. All the party workers are in the campaign out of love for the party or the remote possibility of appointment in the event of success.

Construction of schoolhouses in Indian Territory under the \$100,000 appropriation by Congress is suspended because of controversy over admission of non-citizen pupils.

Lady Curzon, wife of Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, has been critically ill, but is now reported out of danger. She is an American by birth and all Americans are glad to note her recovery.

After having lain for fifty years in a Northern home, the campaign hat worn by Col. John S. Mosby, the Confederate cavalryman, and lost by him when he was shot by two of the Thirteenth New York Cavalry in Virginia, December 21, 1864, is about to be returned to its original owner. For many years it has been in the possession of a woman living in New York City. Recently she communicated with one of Col. Mosby's comrades now living in Orange, N. J. Col. Mosby was notified and replied that the relic was undoubtedly that which he wore. It will be returned at once to his comrade in Orange and presented to the Military Museum in Washington.

Out in Colby, Kansas, a remedy for the tramp nuisance has been found. The City Council had 1,000 meal tickets printed and distributed them among the women. When a tramp knocks at a kitchen door and asks for a "handout" he is given one of

these tickets which is good for a meal when signed by the City Marshal. When the Marshal gets hold of the tramp he compels him to work a couple of hours in payment of the meal. Tramps are getting scarce in Colby.—Chicago Chronicle.

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius has greatly diminished. The stones ejected from the crater do not now rise beyond a height of 150 feet. The authorities have relaxed their restrictions placed upon the public when the eruption was at its worst and people are permitted to ascend the mountain. The funicular railway, however, was so badly damaged by lava that three months will be required to repair it. Many Americans are making the trip to inspect the volcano in Sedan chairs.

The Russians are hopeful that the Japanese will not profane the tombs of the Emperors of China by bringing on a fight at Mukden, where such tombs are located. The Japanese are warned by their enemy that the Chinese will not stand any such profanation. The Russians are camped in the graveyard.

The terms of the sale of the interests of the American Tobacco Company to the Japanese Government under the recently established monopoly have been concluded. The company objected to the price the Government offered and appealed to the American Legation. As a result of the extend representations made by Mr. Griscom, the American Minister, the consideration for the transfer of the company's interest has been increased by about \$190,000 American money. The total consideration has not been made public.

The Salvation Army, it is said, will be divided into two sections, with Western headquarters in Chicago and Eastern office in New York. The object, it is said, is to increase the efficiency of the two territories by extending opportunities for greater concentration in each. The main headquarters, it is understood, are to continue in New York. The Eastern or New York district will be much the largest, and probably will be in charge of Commissioner Eva Booth, who is leaving Canada. The Western or Chicago district, which in a measure will be subsidiary to the Eastern, will be placed under the direction of Commissioner Coombs, now in England, but a former commissioner of Canada.

An accident, which is likely to result in the death of two soldiers in the regular army, has occurred during target practice at Fort Mott, N. J., near Salem, Robert Steward and John Tipton, two cannoneers, were engaged in hoisting a 1000-pound projectile from the magazine when the chain of the elevator leading to one of the large disappearing guns broke. Tipton and Steward became entangled in the chain and were dashed repeatedly against the big gun before the machinery could be stopped. Steward received a horrible gash in the neck, nearly severing his head. One leg was broken and his shoulder was crushed. Tipton's legs were broken and he was injured internally.

The British expedition to Tibet left L'Hassa September 23 and is now marching in the direction of Chumbi Valley. In bidding farewell to Brig. Gen. Macdonald, commander of the British military force, the venerable regent invoked the blessing of heaven on his head for sparing the monasteries from violation and presented him with a golden image of Buddha.

Grover Cleveland will make no political speeches during the Presidential campaign. This news was given out officially at the Democratic National headquarters. The condition of Mr. Cleveland's health makes it impossible for him to think of delivering any addresses between now and election day and he has been annoyed by many requests asking him to make speeches. Mr. Cleveland is deeply interested in the campaign and it is his purpose to add the Democratic National ticket when opportunity offers by expressing his views in writing.

Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky has assumed active direction of the Ministry of the Interior of Russia. It is already apparent that there will be almost a clean sweep of the old Von Plehve regime. A number of the old lieutenants of the former Minister have resigned. Both the chief of the gendarme and the Secretary of State for Finland, which powerful officers the late Von Plehve accumulated, will be diverted from the Ministry of the Interior, the new Minister having firmly refused to have any connection with the police.

Galveston is to have a new and exclusive line of railroad that will empty into her lap the wealth of one of the greatest sections of the Southwest. It is the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Road, which is now stretching its steel rails to connect Fordyce, on the north bank of the Rio Grande, opposite San Miguel, and great wharves, grain elevators and ships that land there from all parts of the world. This

information came through Jeff Miller, general manager of the road, who has just returned from a conference with officials at St. Louis.

One of the newspaper correspondents in New York says that in a population of 4,000,000 there are 233 persons of the city deeply interested in the National campaign. Of these 233 twenty-five are newspaper men who are writing political matter for their papers and the rest are men who are employed at the headquarters of the two party committees.

According to the estimate of United States Treasurer Roberts, the world's stock of gold is \$5,500,000,000, of which there is \$1,312,000,000 in the United States. In 1896 the world's stock was estimated at \$4,250,000,000, with only \$599,000,000 in this country. The annual production of gold in the world is about \$300,000,000, of which about \$80,000,000 comes out of American mines.

Married to the secretary of the first vice president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad three weeks ago, with their honeymoon just ended, Mrs. Mary Landis met death in Twelfth street, Philadelphia. She was arranging a lace curtain, lost her balance and plunged head first, striking the fence.

The Japanese armies around Liao Yang are reported to be decimated by epidemics, due to decaying corpses. The Japanese are said to have dammed the Liao River above Liao Yang, flooding the country, in order to protect their left flank. War clothing is being received by the Japanese from America.

Last week in Massachusetts, Mr. Gurney, third secretary of the British embassy, was arrested on the charge of driving an automobile at excessive speed, and in spite of protests was fined \$25, and on his declaring that he could not admit the right of the court to sentence him he was again fined \$25 for contempt of court and threatened with imprisonment. As this was a breach of international law quite a broil ensued in diplomatic circles and communications from the Governor of Massachusetts caused the justice of the court to make speedy apology to Mr. Gurney.

George Frisbie Hoar, senior United States Senator from Massachusetts, died at his home in Worcester, Mass., September 29. For the past six weeks attending physicians have despaired his life. On the preceding Tuesday he passed into a state of coma from which all efforts to arouse him proved futile. He was seventy eight years of age.

The seventh Councillor District Medical Society met in Austin and heard read several papers of interest to the medical fraternity, among the most interesting of which was a statement by Dr. Worsham, Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, of the treatment of patients in the newly organized Pasteur Institute adjunct to the asylum. Dr. Worsham said that the first rabbit had been inoculated, and that the serum will have passed through the proper stages so that patients can be treated in about one week from now.

The battleship Connecticut was launched without accident or disaster. It seems that two attempts have been made to wreck it. The announcement of the discovery of an obstruction hidden on the ways beneath the water brought forth the story of a previous attempt to injure the battleship. Three weeks ago Admiral Rogers reported to the Navy Department that a serious weakness was discovered in the ways. Naval officers were much worried about conditions at the Brooklyn navy yard, because of the labor trouble which developed during the building of the Connecticut. At the New York naval yard armed marines patrolled the inclosure wherein the final preparations for the launching of the battleship Connecticut were under way.

Twenty thousand dollars to establish a home for drunkards' wives in Iowa is one of the bequests of the late James Callanan, the eccentric philanthropist millionaire. Mr. Callanan was a strong advocate of temperance during the latter years of his life, and gave freely to the cause.

The War Department made public the report of Vicksburg Military Park Commission, consisting of William T. Rigny, Stephen D. Lee and James G. Everest. The report says that foundations have been constructed for Thirty Ninth Ohio regimental and battery monuments, which will be placed in position within a few months. The Iowa Vicksburg Park Commission has signed a contract for the construction of its memorial in the park at a cost of \$100,000. The Illinois Vicksburg Park Commission has arranged for the construction of a State memorial to cost \$200,000. The commission has approved the request of the Pennsylvania Park Commission to place its monument on a tract of land adjoining the Gen. Grant reservation on the north, the land embracing 2.59 acres, to be purchased by the Pennsylvania Commission and deeded to the United States. An estimate of \$150,000 is



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made for the necessary expenses of the commission at the next fiscal year, and it is suggested that the appropriation be made immediately available to meet the existing conditions.

Representative Cooper is determined that Texas lumber and Texas lumbermen shall be given an equal show with the lumber and lumbermen of other States. Mr. Cooper has pointed out to Secretary Murphy the manifest wrong done the people of his section by excluding from the bidding lumber cut at Texas mills. The protest was not without effect. After hearing the statement, Mr. Murphy said that bids upon the 1,500,000 feet of lumber which were invited and would be opened on Wednesday, October 5, would be canceled and new bids would be asked for. The new proposals will leave the field clear for Texas lumber and the lumbermen of Texas. No discrimination would be shown. This is quite a victory, for a large quantity of lumber has been called for and will be needed in building the great waterway.

Sir Thomas Barelay, who has been prominently identified with the movement for establishing amity between nations, informed the Associated Press that the German Government had under consideration the calling of another conference to extend the scope of The Hague convention prior to President Roosevelt's announcement of his desire to take action in that direction.

The Republican Convention for the Third Congressional District nominated Rockwood Hoar, son of the late Senator Hoar, by acclamation for Representative. Just before the dissolution of the convention the delegates stood with bowed heads for a moment out of respect to Senator Hoar.

Geronimo, chief of the Apache Indians, has returned to his home at Fort Sill, Ok. He has been at the World's Fair since June, and recently asked permission of Superintendent McCowan of the Indian school to return home, saying he was homesick.

The last week has been a period of

great encouragement to the Democrats, and they have entered upon the closing month of the campaign with the feeling that Indiana is safe for the National and State tickets, and that the Legislature will be Democratic on joint ballot, thus enabling them to elect a successor to Senator Beveridge.

Those intending to visit the Fair in St. Louis will do well to correspond with Rev. I. T. Stafford, Cor. Newstead and Lee Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
O. F. SENSBAUGH.

Dyed chamois skin makes an excellent mat for a polished table. The skins come in peacock blue, a rich terra cotta, and a dull emerald green, and any one of which colors makes a pleasant addition to the furnishings of a room, especially if the lamp which stands on the mat is Oriental in effect.

Most men keep a better account of their needs than their mercies.

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W. B. HAWKINS AND WIFE.

TEXAS WONDER.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Ranger.

B. R. Wagner, Oct. 3: Oct. 1 and 2 was fourth Quarterly Conference for Ranger charge. Bro. Boone was with us and preached four sermons that will bear fruit. All the appointments were represented with one exception. We had a good meeting. Still behind some on quarterage, but most places will pay in full. We have had a delightful year on this charge. Expect to be at conference in good shape.

Walnut.

J. W. Harmon, Sept. 28: We have just closed a good meeting at Walnut Chapel. The Lord was with us in converting power; 24 converted, 25 joined the Church, and the Church greatly revived. It was an old time meeting. Brother Harbin, of South Austin, was with us and did some fine preaching; preached the old time religion, and it edified and built up the Church as well as converted sinners. Brother Harbin is a consecrated, able young preacher; good help in a revival meeting. We now have a good, strong, active membership at Walnut; a band of the most consecrated young people I know of anywhere; always ready to help the pastor do any kind of Church work he calls on them to do. The young people at Walnut take the lead in Church work. God bless them and all young people that work for Christ.

Munday.

Ed R. Wallace, Sept. 26: Our Goree meeting closed last night, and I am happy, as I said I would be if this meeting reached the high-water mark of two years ago. We had ten professions last night, making about 60 professions and 24 reclamations. I received 45 into the Church, and several others will join yet. Of course, a good number will go to other Churches. Some preachers declare long and loud that the Methodists are just a society and no part of the kingdom, but I no-

tice the majority of their members were converted at our altars. Bro. Mike Clark, of Benjamin Circuit, was with me near one week and did good preaching. His people want him back, and, of course, will pay his salary in full. They know a good thing when they see it. Mike is stirring things lively. The Goree people are now ready for their part of station work. They are 150 strong, well-to-do, and liberal with it. Goree is five miles from Munday, 40 minutes drive. Munday is now a half station, paying half my salary. They are as fine a band as you can well find. I am writing too much I guess, but this has been the greatest year of my life. Victory, victory, glorious victory!

Azle.

H. P. Shrader: Our meeting at Dido embraced the fourth and fifth Sundays in August. Bro. J. H. Taylor, our exhorter, assisted me and did faithful, efficient service. He is a good speaker and held the attention of the people from the beginning of the meeting to the end. His discourse on the last Sunday was very appropriate and much enjoyed. All his talks were to the point. I was certainly happy in securing the assistance of Bro. Taylor. Do we not make a mistake in not working our exhorters and local preachers more in our revival meetings? Our membership is small at that place, but we had a good revival in the Church; 6 additions and 7 or 8 conversions. The meeting greatly toned up the religious interests of the community. God bless Bro. Taylor in all his work.

Coahoma.

Miss Grace Logan: I see our pastor has not reported our revival, so I am going to take that liberty. We certainly had a refreshing time. Several of the brethren camped with their families on the ground. The arbor under which we held our meeting is a most beautiful creation of cedar in a good situation. Everything was conducive to a real old time. Bro. W. C. Hart began the meeting in true Methodist style; did the preaching

for three or four days. Bro. Moore was engaged in a meeting elsewhere and did not arrive until the middle of the week, and when he came he "came all at once," drove forty miles and preached an able sermon that night. Bros. Moore and Hart make a power indeed. They are the "chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof." We had 15 conversions and reclamations, and only the finally reckoning will reveal the good which the preaching of these good men and the good singing at our revival did. I regret very much that we are liable to lose Bro. E. A. Smith as a presiding elder this fall, but as I said in the beginning, if you have a really good thing don't "be grudge" it to others. Bro. Smith is truly a man of God. May God bless him in all his undertakings.

Mart.

A. E. Carraway: We are not booming, but growing down this way. Have had to date this year some 35 or 40 conversions, 75 additions to the Church, 7 infants and 14 adults baptized. Have two fine Sunday-schools and two very fine W. H. M. Societies. Our Sunday-school at Mart has this year added a small but very fine library of 100 volumes. The W. H. M. Society here has carpeted the church, painted the parsonage and added some \$50 worth of furniture to the parsonage, and are still at work. The W. H. M. Society at Reisel has also carpeted the church and added some \$35 worth of furniture to their church. Also each of these have sent a valuable box, together with some money, to the Orphanage at Waco. All the claims against the charge have not as yet been met, but will be by conference time in November next. We confidently expect to report everything in full. Besides all this, the preacher and his family have been twice pounded—once by the Reisel folks just after last conference, and now by the people of Mart just before conference. We are having additions to the Church every Sunday now. Praise the Lord.

When you kill a good resolution you revive an old enemy.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pottsboro and Preston.

Jas. O. Davis, Oct. 3: We had a fine day at Preston yesterday. It is inspiring to see our Sunday-school there—the oldest one I am told in Grayson County north of Sherman. Under the efficient superintendency of Bro. J. W. Fawcett and the assistance of fine teachers, they are flourishing. Early in the year they pledged themselves to raise the Orphanage assessment for the whole charge in addition to their current expenses. This has already been done, and it is nearly two months till conference yet. Several weeks back we told you about the splendid League at Pottsboro. Well, it gets better all the time, but we are now especially encouraged because a Junior League has been started with Miss Maud Leeper as superintendent. It has begun well and promises to accomplish much for the Master. It is perfectly safe to say that we will get our collections in full on this charge from foreign missions down. When we add to these things two gracious revivals and an encouraged people, won't we have a right to stand a little stiff before the conference at Bonham and report: "A good year, Bishop?" But we are trying to be humble and give God the glory.

Anna.

P. G. Smith, Oct. 3: The Advocate is too good a paper to read on a credit. It help me to be a good man. I love to speak good words for it. Well, this has been a good year with me; have helped some of the preachers in their meetings; Bro. H. H. Goode first; on the Dexter Circuit, at Mt. Gillead, we had a good meeting; it was there I had the pleasure of dedicating some little babies to the Lord in baptism. Bro. Goode is a good man and a good preacher and serves a good people. I have been wanting to go back and see them, and if the Lord permits I will. The Lord bless them. I also went over to Sivell's Bend to assist Bro. J. K. McMillon in a meeting, and found him sick, and I was not well myself. I ran the meeting but a short time. I

was treated kindly by his people. They have such a nice country over there. I feel like I want to buy some of that land and make it my home. I had the pleasure of preaching for Rev. Fuller to the people of Howe the fourth Sunday in September. This was a real treat to me, as it was my old home. It was there I with my family united with Texas Methodism, and it was there I commenced taking the Texas Christian Advocate, and it has been a welcome visitor to my home ever since.

Royse.

D. H. Aston, Oct. 3: An increase of 25 per cent in the numerical, financial and moral strength of the Church is evidence of the statement that "Royse Methodism" is flourishing. Another evidence is that during this year we have built a church, valued at \$10,000, and a new parsonage, valued at \$2,500, and while we are writing of the improvements we might add that we have a new barn. It was built and given by Bro. J. B. Dodson. It is convenient in every respect and corresponds in neatness to the parsonage. All the institutions of the Church are better organized and doing a better grade of work. Our congregations are larger and more attentive than at the beginning of the year. We have a good and an appreciative people. The salary will have a considerable raise next year. Bro. Peterson held our fourth Quarterly Conference the 26th of September, and found everything in "ship shape." In fact, Peterson is one of the presiding elders that sees that everything moves in his district. His district is in good condition. All the preachers and people love him and obey when he commands. The progress at Royse is largely due to his faithful work and good counsel.

Lone Oak.

W. T. Morrow, Oct. 3: Our third Quarterly Conference is passed. Bro. Thomas was on hand, and presided in his usual painstaking way, carefully looking after all the interests of the Church and preaching to the delight

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RIDDLE.

My history is very long,
 However much you learn
 Of me there still is very much
 You can not buy nor earn.
 Life I sustain, life I destroy
 My music's sad and dreary
 To some, to other's full of joy,
 And sweet, and glad, and cheery.
 I make of well ones invalids,
 The sick restore to health;
 I often bring gold to the poor,
 The rich divest of wealth.
 I'm famed for ever-varying moods,
 Sometimes I'm placid, mild,
 And claim as stars at night, again
 With rage and fury wild.
 And when my temper is aroused,
 Whatever's in my way
 Is slashed and scourged relentlessly
 With firm intent to slay.
 I've broken many a tender heart,
 I've widows, orphans, made;
 With bounds assigned I'm not content,
 But on my neighbors raid.
 I'm feared, I'm hated, and I'm loved,
 I many treasures hold;
 But all the kingdoms of the world
 Have not my wealth controlled.
 The space I occupy is large,
 I'm found in every clime;
 I'm very gay, though very old,
 My being ends with time.
 —Author Unknown.

BOY CORN GROWERS.

In his article on the agricultural exhibition at the fair in the August World's Work M. G. Cummin tells this significant story of corn-growing in Illinois: W. B. Otwell was president of the farmers' institute of Macoupin County. The thought struck him that if the farmer boys throughout his county could be induced to take an interest in the effort, Macoupin County would produce the finest corn in the world. He persuaded the institute to offer a prize for the ten ears of corn grown by Macoupin county farmer boys. Each boy made application to him, and received a package of selected seed—Yellow Dent and Boon County White. Hundreds applied.

In the fall the boys sent in their corn. The prize—a bicycle—was awarded. Mr. Otwell went down to see the boy who won, expecting to find him the son of a prosperous farmer. The boy proved to be the fourteen year old son of a poor widow inhabiting a little prairie cabin. All summer the boy had "toted" water from the well to his corn patch in bucketfuls. His industry had been remarkable. He was invited to the next meeting of the farmers' institute. Mr. Otwell lifted him upon a table. "This," he said, turning to the assembled farmers, as he pointed to the little bare-footed youngster in his blue-jean overalls, "is the boy who won the prize." The cheers that greeted the boy were louder than those which later on greeted the Governor of the State, when he came down to make a speech; for, when these contests had continued several years, the Governor became interested. Mr. Otwell had conceived the idea of extending the contest to the boys of the State, and showing at St. Louis the corn they produced. The governor subscribed. So did other citizens. One offered a \$1000 Holstein cow for the first prize. Other prizes were offered—wagons and plows and windmills. Seventeen thousand boys wrote for the seed and information. Two farm wagons would not contain all the letters. The State went into wild enthusiasm—over corn.

And now return to the World's Fair Palace of Agriculture. In the Illinois section is a mountain of huge yellow ears of corn, row upon row, tier upon tier, of little symmetrical pyramids or ten ears each. Before each pyramid is the photograph of the Illinois farmer boy whose corn it is. The selected output of 8000 Illinois boys is represented. Can you imagine what this means? Eight thousand boys aroused to a pitch of enthusiasm for scientific farming. Seed corn enough to plant the whole Illinois belt. If a bountiful crop sprang from the fertile soil last year, a more bountiful crop will leap forth this year.

CHILDHOOD AND WIT.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the president of the Woman's Suffrage Association, was citing diplomatic ways of making children work. "A Chicago woman," she said, "has a little boy who hates to practice writing. Last fall she told me that in this practice of writing she could do nothing with the lad. But in December, when I met her again, she said, complacently: 'Well, Harry spends quite two hours a day now at his writing regularly.' 'How in the world,' said I, 'did you bring this miracle to pass?' The woman winked slightly. 'I told him,' she said, 'to make out, in his very best hand, a list of everything he wanted for Christmas, and he has been at it ever since. When four-year-old Gertrude had

cried for four successive nights with toothache, and none of the family had been able to sleep well, papa took her to the dentist and had the offending tooth drawn. Gertrude willingly submitted to the operation, not knowing the pain connected with it, but was very indignant at her father after it was all over. Some time afterward she had a canker-sore on her upper gum, and while at the breakfast table she bit upon a crust of bread, and could not avoid an exclamation of pain. "What's the matter now?" asked papa. "Well," was the answer, "I have a sore gum; but you aren't going to have it pulled out."

Isabel was playing in a wagon, and while she was climbing in and out over the wheel, the front of her dainty white apron became smeared with axle grease. When her mother discovered the soiled apron, she said: "O Isabel, I told you not to go near that wagon. Now your pretty apron is spoiled, for that grease will never come off; axle-grease never comes off of anything." "Why, yes, it does, mamma," corrected Isabel. "It came off of the wagon, didn't it?"

"I say, Teddie," said one little newsboy to another, "what are them things those fellows were talking about?—'bacteria' they call them. 'Them are French things. They come from Paris; that is why they call them 'parasites.'" "No," said another, "they come from Germany; that is why they call them 'germs.'" "Not at all," said a third. "They are Irish; they come from Ireland, for I heard Dr. White call them 'Mikeroberes.'"—The Outlook.

Dogs generally howl when they are driven to bay.

It's a sad thing to be without a funny bone.

HOW MANY CAN YOU GUESS?

Why is the letter A the best remedy for a deaf woman? Because it makes her hear.

Why is bread like the sun? Because when it rises it is light.

Which was the largest island before Australia was discovered? Australia.

What trade should be recommended to a short person? Grocer (grow, sir).

When is money wet? When it is due (dew) in the morning and missed (mist) in the evening.

What is the difference between the Prince of Wales, an orphan, a bald-headed old man and the gorilla? The first is an heir apparent, the second has ne'er a parent, the third has no hair apparent and the fourth has a hairy parent.

What is larger for being cut at both ends? A ditch.

Why is a watch-dog bigger by night than by day? Because he is let out at night and taken in in the morning.

Under what condition might handkerchiefs be used in building a wall? If they became brick (be cambric).

If Ridder Haggard had been Lew Wallace, who would "She" have been? She would have "Pen Hur."

Which is the most dangerous season of the year to walk in the woods, and why? In the spring, because the trees shoot, the flowers have pistils and the bulrush is (bull rushes) out.

If the alphabet were invited out to supper, which of the letters would get there late? All those letters which come after "t."—Great Thoughts.

An interesting investigation on the prevalence of alcoholism among school children in Germany has recently been published. Its author, Dr. Goldfeld, believes that the situation is serious, and should be brought to the attention of the parents by means of addresses at meetings and by the distribution of essays on the evil effects of alcohol. The investigator is medical officer of the public schools at Schoneberg a suburb of Berlin, and his examination included 967 children, 479 of whom were in a boys' school and 497 in a girls' school. Of these, 496, or 51.3 per cent, were assumed to drink from one to two glasses of beer daily, while 299, or 30.9 per cent, took spirits more or less frequently. The favorite beverage was malt beer, but all kinds of beer and various kinds of spirits were taken, the sweeter liquors being preferred by the girls. Dr. Goldfeld was informed by the teachers that the children addicted to the use of spirits were especially lazy, absentminded and inclined to lying.—Harper's Weekly.

THE CIGARETTE POISON.

How deadly a poison the nicotine of the cigarette is, is thus described by Dr. J. J. Kellogg, of Battle Creek, Michigan, as the result of experiments recently made by him.

"A few months ago I had all the nicotine removed from a cigarette, making a solution of it. I injected half the quantity into a frog, with the effect that the frog died almost instantly. The rest was administered to an-

other frog with like effect. Both frogs were full grown, and of average size. The conclusion is evident that a single cigarette contains poison enough to kill two frogs. A boy who smokes twenty cigarettes a day has inhaled enough poison to kill forty frogs. Why does not the poison kill the boy? It does kill him. If not immediately, he will die sooner or later of weak heart, Bright's disease, or some other malady which scientific physicians everywhere now recognize as the natural results of chronic nicotine poisoning."

is not an appalling sight to see so many young men, many of them mere lads, deliberately and persistently in- juring imbecility, disease and death by smoking cigarettes? Commenting upon Dr. Kellogg's startling statement, a writer in the Herald and Presbyterian says: Just think of it, parents, teachers, and all who are interested in the rising generation. Do we want those who are to succeed us as citizens of this great nation to be mental and moral imbeciles? If not, we must not only use our personal influence to save the young men from forming this deadly habit, but must insist upon legislation to prevent it. The man who will poison all his neighbor's boys, if he can, in order to make a little money, not only deserves social ostracism, but fine and imprisonment.—Religious Intelligence.

HOLD ON TO THE ROPE.

In all high work of endeavor for others, we need a direct link and a strong support from above. Recently preparations were being made to paint the blank side of a very high house wall. The narrow, easily lowered scaffolding was swung high up. It was a dizzy, somewhat uncertain footing for the painters. But a strong cable secured on the roof of the house, swinging down by the side of each man, gave him just the sense of safety and supporting steadiness which he needed, while he worked. For by his left hand he held the rope and with his free right hand he spread the paint with skill and energy.

In every Christian labor our two hands are thus employed, grasping the cable of God's promises and the sure word of His support with one hand, while the other is filled with all that material and practical work which aids our fellow-men and helps to perfect the kingdom in the world.

The right hand of the painter worked freely, because firmness and fearlessness were assured him by his strong clasp of the rope with his left.

Prayer and promise is our left hand. Work for others in the right, is our attitude as workers for God.—Mrs. Merrill E. Gates, in New York Observer.

THOSE 'TATERS.

A task never grows smaller nor lighter by sitting down and lamenting that it must be done, and there is an old maxim that teaches us that a thing "once begun is half done."

A farmer friend of mine has a boy of fourteen years, named Billy, who is like a good many other boys of my acquaintance. His heart is heavy and a cloud immediately overspreads his mental horizon when he is asked to make himself useful.

"Billy," said Mr. H. one day, when I was at the farm, "why don't you go to work on that little patch of potatoes?"

"Aw," whined Billy, "there's so many of them 'taters, I'll never get them hoed."

His father walked away, and I heard Billy exclaim in a tone indicating great mental distress:

"Plague on them old 'taters! It makes me sick to think about them."

"Why do you think about them then?" I said, laughingly.

"I have to," he replied dolefully, with a sorrowful shake of the head. "I've been thinking about them ever since I got up this morning."

"How long, Billy, will it really take you to hoe them?"

"Well, at least an hour."

"And you've been distressed about it ever since you got up?"

"Well, I hate to hoe 'taters."

"And you've been up a little more than five hours?"

"Well, I—!"—Billy began to grin, took up his hoe, and said, "I never thought of that!"

The potatoes were hoed in just forty minutes.—Golden Days.—

G. O. Jarvis thus sums up the result of his researches as to a diet to be used for the cure of rheumatism: Allow a liberal meat diet, cooked by being either broiled or roasted, and served rare. Eat carbohydrates in moderation, cooked so as to preserve the salts (that is to say, by frying in an excess of boiling oil), fats in rather small amounts. Water should be drunk plentifully, and it should be especially directed that some water be taken between meals. Alcoholic drinks are to be avoided. Tea and coffee are to be used in great moderation.

Note.—The following article has been widely published and is one of the most remarkable illustrations of the value of careful marshalling and analysis of facts in presenting a subject to the public.

LEVELERS

The Mission of Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee.

The Creator made all things, we believe.

If so, He must have made these. We know what He made food and water for, and air and sunshine, but why Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee?

They are here sure enough and each performing its work. There must be some great plan behind it all: the thoughtful man seeks to understand something of that plan and thereby to judge these articles for their true worth.

Let us not say "bad" or "good" without taking testimony.

There are times and conditions when it certainly seems to the casual observer that these stimulant narcotics are real blessings.

Right there is the ambush that conceals a "killing" enemy.

One can slip into the habit of either whiskey, tobacco or coffee easy enough, but to "untangle" is often a fearful struggle.

It seems plain that there are circumstances when the narcotic effect of these poisons is for the moment beneficial but the fearful argument against them is that seldom ever does one find a steady user of either whiskey, coffee or tobacco free from disease of some kind.

Certainly powerful elements in their effect on the human race.

It is a matter of daily history testified to by literally millions of people, that Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee are smiling, promising, beguiling friends on the start, but always false as hell itself in the end. Once they get firm hold enough to show their strength, they insist upon governing and drive the victim steadily towards ill health in some form; if permitted to continue to rule, they will not let up until physical and mental ruin sets in.

A man under that spell (and "under the spell" is correct), of any one of these drugs, frequently assures himself and his friends, "Why I can leave off any time I want to, I did quit for a week just to show I could." It is a sure mark of the slave when one gets to that stage. He wiggled through a week fighting every day to break the spell, was finally whipped, and began his slavery all over again.

The slave (Coffee slave as well as Tobacco and Whiskey) daily reviews his condition, sees perfectly plain the steady encroachments of disease, how the nerves get weaker day by day and demand the drug that seems to smile and offer relief for a few minutes and then leave the diseased condition plainer to view than ever and growing worse. Many times the Coffee slave realizes that he is between two fires. He feels bad if he leaves off and a little worse if he drinks and allows the effect to wear off.

So it goes on from day to day. Every night the struggling victim promises himself that he will break the habit and next day when he feels a little bad (as he is quite sure to) breaks, not the habit, but his own resolution. It is nearly always a tough fight, with disaster ahead sure if the habit wins.

There have been hundreds of thousands of people driven to their graves through disease brought on by coffee drinking alone, and it is quite certain that more human misery is caused by coffee and tobacco than by whiskey, for the two first are more widely used, and more hidden and insidious in the effect on nerves, heart and other vital organs, and are thus unsuspected until much of the dangerous work is done.

Now, Reader, what is your opinion as to the real use the Creator has for these things? Take a look at the question from this point of view.

There is a law of Nature and of Nature's God that things slowly evolve from lower planes to higher, a sturdy, steady and dignified advance toward more perfect things in both the Physical and Spiritual world. The ponderous tread of evolutionary development is fixed by the Infinite and will not be quickened out of natural law by any man's methods.

Therefore we see many illustrations showing how nature checks too rapid advance. Illinois raises phenomenal crops of corn for two or three years. If she continued to do so every year her farmers would advance in wealth far beyond those of other sections or countries. So Nature interposes a bar every three or four years and brings on a "bad year."

Here we see the leveling influence at work.

A man is prosperous in his business for a number of years and grows rich. Then Nature sets the "leveling influence" at work on him. Some of his investments lose, he becomes luxurious

and lazy. Perhaps it is whiskey, tobacco, coffee, women, gambling, or some other form. The intent and purpose is to level him. Keep him from evolving too far ahead of the masses.

A nation becomes prosperous and great like ancient Rome. If no leveling influence set in she would dominate the world perhaps for all time. But Dame Nature sets her army of "levelers" at work. Luxury, over-eating and drinking, licentiousness, waste and extravagance, indulgences of all kinds, then comes the wreck. Sure, Sure, Sure.

The law of the unit is the law of the mass. Man goes through the same process. Weakness (in childhood), gradual growth of strength, energy, thrift, probity, prosperity, wealth, comfort, ease, relaxation, self-indulgence, luxury, idleness, waste, debauchery, disease, and the wreck follows. The "levelers" are in the bushes along the pathway of every successful man and woman and they bag the majority.

Only now and then can a man stand out against these "levelers" and hold his fortune, fame and health to the end.

So the Creator has use for Whiskey, Tobacco and Coffee to level down the successful ones and those who show signs of being successful, and keep them back in the race, so that the great "field" (the masses) may not be left too far behind.

And yet we must admit that same all wise Creator has placed it in the power of man to stand upright, clothed in the armor of a clean cut steady mind and say unto himself, "I decline to exchange my birthright for a mess of pottage."

"I will not deaden my senses, weaken my grip on affairs and keep myself cheap, common and behind in fortune and fame by drugging with whiskey, tobacco or coffee, life is too short. It is hard enough to win the good things, without any sort of handicap, so a man is certainly a 'fool trader' when he trades strength, health, money, and the good things that come with power, for the half-asleep condition of the 'druggier' with the certainty of sickness and disease ahead."

It is a matter each individual must decide for himself. He can be a leader and semi-god if he will, or he can go along through life a drugged clown, a cheap "hewer of wood or carrier of water."

Certain it is that while the Great Father of us all does not seem to "mind" if some of his children are foolish and stupid, he seems to select others (perhaps those he intends for some special work) and allows them to be threshed and castigated most fearfully by these "levelers."

If a man tries flirting with these levelers awhile, and gets a few slaps as a hint, he had better take the hint or a good solid blow will follow.

When a man tries to live upright, clean, thrifty, sober, and undrugged, manifesting as near as he knows what the Creator intends he should, happiness, health and peace seem to come to him. Does it pay?

This article was written to set people thinking, to rouse the "God within" for every highly organized man and woman has times when they feel a something calling from within for them to press to the front and "be about the Father's business," don't mistake it; the spark of the Infinite is there and it pays in every way, health, happiness, peace, and even worldly prosperity, to break off the habits and strip clean for the work cut out for us.

It has been the business of the writer to provide a practical and easy way for people to break away from the coffee habit and be assured of a return to health and all of the good things that brings, provided the abuse has not gone too far, and even then the cases where the body has been rebuilt on a basis of strength and health run into the thousands.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, who never makes a mistake, but hath a purpose in giving his beloved rest...

We feel our great loss, but will revere her memory and try to imitate her consecrated life...

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A SAD CAREER.

J. J. Talbot, of Indianapolis, died at South Bend, Indiana, aged sixty-nine. In early life he studied for the ministry...

Flour thrown upon burning oil will instantly extinguish it, while water only spreads the flames.

READING ALOUD.

There is one accomplishment that self-supporting women would do well to acquire, remarked a tired doctor...

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The Joint Board of Publication will meet in First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1904, at 9 a. m. I. W. CLARK, President. W. L. NELMS, Secretary.

THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AGAINST GAMBLING.

Some time ago the police took up the cudgel against public gambling and they raided a number of places. Then in a few nights the raid was repeated, and so on until they had paid more than one thousand dollars in the way of fines. Finally they concluded that gambling under such difficulty did not pay, and they have announced their determination to suspend business until the Court of Criminal Appeals destroys the Commission—but if this court leaves it intact, then their business stops permanently. Were it not for the fact that we have a Commission made up of men who believe in the enforcement of all law, gambling would continue just as it has done in the past. The influence of the enforcement of law against this evil has been felt in other portions of the State. Waco has taken it up and the gamblers are having a rocky road down there. Also, the County Attorney of Travis is making it hot for this class in Austin. Thus the good work goes on, and may it spread until the entire State will do its duty in this respect as well as others. Dallas was never so well policed as at the present time. The peace and order of the community are preserved, and those dens of iniquity are stirred up. This is the reason why the Times Herald is on its ear and belching out its abuse and vilification on the Advocate. It believes in a wide open town, and the present Commission does not, and that is the difference between them. It is teaching the courts how to kill the Commission—that is, it thinks it is giving its members instruction to this end. The Commission is making it hard for the constituency of this city daily. Well, the court has not yet decided that question.

Gratitude is one of the best dishes at any meal.—Ram's Horn.

A SUNDAY IN GRAND SALINE.

It was our privilege to spend last Sunday with Rev. Leon Henderson and his people in Grand Saline, about seventy miles east of the city, on the T. & P. Railroad. The town is noted for its salt works, and on account of this it takes its name. It has a population of two thousand and is situated in Van Zandt County. There is a good farming country round about it, and corn and cotton are the staple products. Naturally, the place has a good business; but its salt product is a large source of revenue. I visited the largest one of the works, the Lone Star Works. It has a capacity of seven carloads per day; and its shipments just about keep up with its output. The process of making salt is very interesting. One well about three hundred feet deep supplies all the water necessary to produce the quantity of salt above mentioned. Evidently there is a great bed of salt rock under the large area of that country. The pressure is not sufficient to raise the water to the surface, so a pump is the agent which brings it to the top. The water holds one hundred per cent of salt in solution. It is pumped into numerous large vats or tanks, and these are raised about as high as a railway tank. The water in these is raised to a temperature nearly boiling, and as it heats the salt is precipitated to the bottom of the tank, and the surplus water evaporates. Then the salt is raked out, dried and dumped into the receptacles where it is barreled for shipment. Or, if it is to be refined for domestic uses, such as table salt, it is run through a large funnel-shaped barrel, in which there is a heated cylinder, and as this revolves the salt is dried still more until it becomes refined for this extra use. This is why the dairy, or domestic salt, is a little more costly than the coarser article. Some of the rakes used in removing it from the vats are run by steam and some by hand. About one hundred men are on the pay roll of this one establishment. There are three others, but not so large as this one. They put up a very superior quality of salt, and perhaps twelve or fifteen carloads are shipped out daily—or, rather, produced daily.

Our Church building in Grand Saline is old and badly located. Brother Henderson is working to secure a more suitable location and, in time, hopes to build a new church in the center. We have a membership numbering nearly two hundred, but many of the business men who represent the money of the place are not members of any Church. We have about the largest membership in the town, and also a good Sunday-school. Brother Henderson is a wide-awake preacher and pastor, and he is leading his people wisely. I was entertained in his good home. His family circle is made up of himself, his wife and his good, old mother. It was a delight to mix and mingle with them and to enjoy their good hospitality. Local option prevails in that county. Grand Saline is one of the very few precincts that voted a majority for the anti; but it was a small majority. The law is reasonably well enforced. The "jug trade" is carried on to some extent, and some "frosty" is sold contrary to law, as the Attorney General has just rendered a decision that it can not be sold without the payment of a State and county license; but the people are keeping an eye on these exceptional cases, and the violators will no doubt be brought to justice. The liquor element is a lawless element and to enforce local option laws requires great vigilance. But it can be done. The service on Sunday was a good one. We had a large congregation and they were attentive to the preached Word. I hope good was accomplished. G. C. R.

HISTORY OF EASTLAND COUNTY.

The above is the name of a most interesting and charming volume of some two hundred pages, written and edited by Mrs. George Langston, of Cisco, Texas. Mechanically, the work is well done; editorially, it is concise and pointed, and in subject matter it comprises facts and items of historic

value. The author begins her story with the year 1858, when Eastland County was created by an act of the Seventh Legislature of Texas, and she traces the growth, development and progress of the county from then to the present time. She gives to us a good idea of the country topographically, tells of the soil, products and climate; gives us an idea of the first settlers, their hardships and dangers, and she relates many thrilling encounters with the wild savages who then infested all that region. Many of these incidents read like plots of tragedy and romance. One can scarcely realize that within the past fifty years so many battles occurred between these barbarous red skins and the Rangers, aided by the frontiersmen, over in the now peaceful county of Eastland. This book makes record of all these bloody scenes. Then, too, Mrs. Langston sketches many of the hardy characters who settled up that country and gives striking pictures of them. Then, she gives illustrations of the men and institutions now leading that county to the forefront. One very interesting feature in the book to us is the account of the organization of the first Methodist Church in the county, under the ministry of Rev. William Monk. The grand old man still lives in West Texas, and his letter in this book telling of his work as pastor and afterward as presiding elder in that wild region, is valuable Methodist history. It is accompanied by a fine picture of him. He started in 1866 with a little handful, in the Allen neighborhood, and it has now grown into a membership in the county of over 2000. The people of the State ought to get this book and read it. It will give to them valuable information about that whole section of our State about which many of us know so little.

THE NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

We have often wanted to visit a session of the New Mexico Conference, but, according to the action of that body, another paper was their organ, and so we did not feel at liberty to make the trip into that territory. But now we will take the brethren out there under our wing; for at their recent session, and at their own solicitation, they adopted the Texas Advocate as their organ. Henceforth that conference will be a part of our official constituency. For several reasons, we think they have acted wisely; but the principal one is, they have adopted the paper nearest to them, and the one most in sympathy with their Western work. And they would have had to go a long way to find a paper more competent to represent them. Now they are ours, and the Advocate is open to them as their organ, to aid them in all possible ways to develop their country. We note with peculiar pleasure the fact that it was reported at the recent session of the conference, a young layman of El Paso has given to the Church \$12,000 to be invested in a training school to be located in that city. This is a good start, and it speaks well for the liberality of some big-hearted man out that way.

A RED LETTER DAY AT GRACE CHURCH.

The revival at Grace Church, conducted by Rev. Percy Knickerbocker and with the preaching done by Rev. George Stuart, reached a brilliant climax last Sunday. It had progressed with a continuously rising tide of spiritual interest all during the week. Great crowds had been attending every service, the preaching had been going on in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost, penitents had been flocking to the altar, mourners had been converted at every service, cold Church members had been warmed to white heat, and when Sunday came the interest was at high tide. Brother Stuart preached a marvelous sermon and the people were greatly moved. Then he proceeded to bring before their attention the fact that their church building was in a state of incompleteness; that the pastor had reached the end of his exertion, and a crisis was before them, and that nothing short of a contribution of \$10,000

would pull the Church out and put it where it would henceforth have the right of way in East Dallas! The very mentioning of that stupendous amount, in view of the fact that they had already taxed themselves with contributions to the amount of \$25,000, staggered the congregation for the moment. Then a smile passed over their faces as they thought about the absurdity of such a collection. But he told them it had been gotten, and that what had to be gotten must be gotten. Some one was heard to remark that he would not even get one thousand of it. But he at once announced, "Brother and Sister Fletcher Mulkey, who have already paid one thousand, now start this collection with one thousand more!" This statement electrified the congregation and the collection started off on a dead run. People actually tried to walk over each other to get their names on the subscription list. The amount kept swelling and swelling until it took three or four secretaries busy to record the contributions. There was not a lull in the giving. Finally it was announced that \$12,035 had been received, and then a great religious cheer went up from all over the house. Not anything like it ever occurred in Dallas. And the most of it came from the congregation of Grace Church. This shows what people will do when they get mightily stirred under the power of religion. Ten days ago, such a result would have been impossible; but with God all things are possible. And now Grace Church will go forward with her enterprise, for she has provision made to finish their splendid edifice and to thoroughly furnish it. And when it is finished and furnished it will represent a value of more than \$40,000; and all this inside of two years. It is a repetition of the work done in Waco when Austin Street was pulled out under similar circumstances; and Grace Church is largely modeled after Austin Avenue. The coming of George Stuart has proved an untold benediction to Dallas, and especially to Grace Church. The young pastor is walking on the high places, and the people are actually feeling happy because of their wonderful donations. Who can estimate the influence of work like this? George Stuart certainly has the seal of God upon his ministry, and the Church that can secure his services for a meeting is fortunate. For his two weeks' service a thank offering was turned over to him of \$550. He never goes to any charge with any financial understanding. He accepts an invitation, goes, preaches with all his mind, soul and body, and whatever the people of their own accord see proper to turn over to him in the way of remuneration he accepts as pay for his work and goes on his journey to preach the gospel to others. We congratulate Brother Knickerbocker and his people on their great spiritual and financial success.

WE ARE DISPOSED TO RETRACT IT.

What is it we are disposed to retract? Well, those complimentary remarks we recently made touching the State Topics; because the very next issue of the paper contained two editorial paragraphs whose animus is execrable. As to what that paper has to say of this writer personally, we take no exception. But he goes entirely too far in his attacks upon the Church and the ministry in the items complained of. 1. He compares the influence of Mormonism on Western politics with the influence of the Church on Texas politics, and he concedes to Mormonism, in this respect, a degree of excellency which does no credit to Texas journalism. 2. Then, under another head, and on another page, he makes a vicious attack upon the ministry of the State, on account of some remark said to have been made by a minister in San Antonio about printers and reporters. That the State Topics has a perfect right to criticize any man or measure not up to the high moral ideals, we cheerfully concede; but when it goes so far as to say, "If we were assigned to the task of find-

ing the most iridescent ignorance in the country, we would probably restrict our search to the Church pulpits," it makes a statement that is an open insult to the Christian intelligence of the State. The half-hearted concession made to the ministry in this same editorial note does not offset the general charge made in the above quotation. When an editor poses as a moral and political reformer, he ought to be able to make proper discriminations in his criticism. We simply strain our charity and assume that our old quondam friend was recovering from another attack of "fever" when his muddled brain generated the offensive and false statements above referred to. We feel sure that if we have not misjudged him, he will regret any such effusions when he recovers his better nature, takes a second sober thought, and reads the unjust and unmanly things he wrote in that issue of his paper. Be this as it may, the Christian sentiment of the State will not endorse this style of journalism.

DEATH OF BARNETT GIBBS.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, of this city, is known to almost all the people of Texas. At one time he was prominent in politics and was the Lieutenant Governor of the State. After that he was in the forefront of the Populist movement for a number of years. He was a man of property interest and was forward in many of the business enterprises of this city. He died last Tuesday morning after an illness of some months. "Barney" Gibbs, as he was familiarly called by everybody, was not a member of the church, but he was brought up a Methodist and his inclinations were in that direction. He was a big hearted man and had worlds of friends. He was liberal with his means and kindly disposed to all. But he has passed to the beyond, and having known him intimately for several years, we feel a pang of sorrow at his departure.

THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE.

Last week Rev. G. W. Owens made an announcement concerning the Bishop's residence. By the first of the month the Bishop will want to move his family into the home. He is now making preliminary arrangements to that end. Therefore, by the first of the month we want to be in a position to finish paying off the first note, so as to put everything in readiness for him and his household. We hope the brethren will report their amounts as rapidly as possible. We need \$6,000 to complete the payment of that note, and if all the pastors will respond, it will take no trouble to put the money in our hands. For the information of those who seem not to have read much about the residence, from the questions they are asking us, we again state that the residence, when paid for, will be the property of the Methodist Church in Texas, to be held in trust by our Board of Trustees for the benefit of Bishop Hoss and other Bishops who may succeed him, as resident Bishops in Texas. This house will stand for two or three generations and when one general superintendent moves out of it, who ever succeeds him will move into it. We hope, however, that Bishop Hoss will live to occupy it for many years to come. It will always be the pride of Texas Methodism, and it will stand there when our children take our places in the work of the Church.

ARKANSAS METHODIST CHANGES HANDS.

For fifteen years Col. Thornburg has been the business manager and for ten years Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D., has been the editor of the Arkansas Methodist; but the last issue of that paper contains the valedictory of both of these brethren. The Methodist has been purchased by Rev. A. C. Millar and Rev. J. A. Anderson, and it is now under their business and editorial control. Dr. Godbey has been a faithful man on the tripod and we shall miss him in the days to come; and as he returns to the pastorate, we wish him great success and happiness.

Brother Thornburg is a most capable man and he has managed the affairs of the Methodist with skill and wisdom. We receive Brothers Anderson and Millar and hope for them great success in this, their new field of labor. They will not find a bed of roses in the conduct of a church paper, but they will find a field for great usefulness. The man who takes charge of a church paper, takes charge of troubles of which the average man knows nothing, but if he is true to God and his vows, he will make himself a power for good. But he will often be misunderstood and severely criticised; and those whom he has loved and trusted most, will furnish critics and fault-finders of whom he never dreamed in the other spheres of life. But the men who now take charge of the Methodist will soon experience these things for themselves. But we welcome them to the tripod and we cordially take them into our sympathy and prayers.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. W. L. Pritchett, of Argyle, was in the city recently looking after furniture for his church. He reports things in good shape on his charge.

Brother E. R. Little, of Beaumont, has moved to this city and gone into business. He called to see us and had his Advocate changed to this point.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Mary Harwood Harris, of Durham, to Dr. Wm. Spencer Sharp. The happy event came off Wednesday, the fifth of this month.

Rev. O. S. Thomas, of the Greenville District, passed through the city this week and made The Advocate a delightful call. He is winding out matters for conference, and he is finishing a quadrennium of very fine service on that district.

Rev. E. L. Spurlock, of Celeste, called to see us this week. He was on his way from Polytechnic College, where he went to place his son. He says that they now have nearly 400 pupils registered over there, and that they are still acoming.

In a note from Dr. J. M. Broyles, of Tyler, he tells us that he has just passed his 84th birthday, and we are glad to add that his health is reasonably good. We have known him for a great many years, was his pastor at Asheville, N. C., and we can add that no truer man has ever been one of our parishioners.

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GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

Bishop Joseph W. Berry has formally taken up his Episcopal residence at Buffalo, N. Y.

Bishop Hendrix has greatly magnified himself with the preachers and people of the west in the conferences held this fall.

Evangelical Christianity spent last year more than \$19,000,000 for Foreign Missions. Most of this, or over \$13,000,000, were given by England and the United States.

Bishop A. Coke Smith is expected to be present at the Annual Conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Alabama Conference, at Dadeville, October 28-30.

Rev. P. L. Cobb, formerly of the Holston Conference, and Rev. R. E. Dickenson, of the Tennessee Conference, are co-editors of the Bulletin, published bi-monthly at Monterey, Mexico.

Nine young women who are candidates for the office of deaconess have entered Scarritt Bible and Training School, under the direction of the Women's Home Mission Board.

Gipsy Smith has completed his tour of revival services in South Africa and is on his way back to England. The winter will be spent in mission work in various parts of England.

Rev. H. R. Wightman, who has been a member of the Kentucky Conference for thirty years, refused to accept the assignment for this year, and joined the Presbyterians.

Mr. A. M. McMillan, a prominent layman of Pensacola, has donated ten lots in that growing city to the endowment fund of the Southern University and Alabama Conference Female College.

Rev. Richard Wilkinson, pastor of Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, received a cablegram September 16, informing him that his mother had died in Accrington, England, the day before.

Hon. Thomas J. Jarvis, one of North Carolina's foremost citizens, having served as Governor, United States Senator, and Minister to Brazil, has consented to deliver the address on Benefactors' Day, October 3, at Trinity College.

Bishop Candler is making an appeal for \$700 to buy property at Cayo Smith just inside the entrance to Santiago harbor. He says that if the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, can obtain possession of this property great things can be done.

Rev. R. A. Baird, of the Indian Mission Conference, was in the city this week and made The Advocate a pleasant visit. He was kind enough to invite the Advocate editor to visit his conference the last of this month, and unless we get a notice from up there to the contrary, we hope to slip up and take a side peep at the body.

The cause of Christian learning suffers a serious loss in the death of Rev. Dr. Samuel Ives Curtiss, professor of Old Testament literature and interpretation at Chicago Theological Seminary, who died at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, Eng., September 23.

Dr. George F. Pentecost affirms, after a visit at the east that Christianity is making more rapid progress in Korea than in any other mission field in the world. The Koreans love to hear preaching, but they do not do much reading.

The report of the committee on temperance of the Kentucky Conference contains the following recommendation: Whereas, the use of tobacco is injurious to nerve and mind and is not a wholesome example for the young, be it respectfully requested of our ministers that they refrain from the use of the same.

Alabama Methodism has sustained a great loss in the death of two of her honored ministers—Rev. J. L. Skipper, who passed away September 15, at Dotham, and Rev. S. H. Cox, at Citronelle, September 16. Both were superannuate members of the Alabama Conference.

Rev. Henry Bingham, said to be the first Methodist preacher to die in South Carolina, is buried at Cattle Creek Camp Ground. The stone that marks his resting place was destroyed by fire when the tents were burned a few years ago. The trustees authorized their chairman, Dr. J. D. S. Fairley, together with the presiding elder, to

purchase and have erected a suitable monument.

Says the New Orleans Advocate: Bishop Keener has returned from his summer home at Ocean Springs to the city. We have not had an opportunity of seeing him or learning of his health, but we judge by the steadiness with which he holds his pen that he has gained strength during his sojourn on the coast.

Bishop Duncan has authorized the announcement that the Western North Carolina Conference will convene in Charlotte on Thursday, November 10, instead of Wednesday, November 9, as heretofore announced. The change was made to permit preachers and delegates to vote before going to conference.

Bishop and Mrs. Walden, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, had a narrow escape from sudden death in a recent runaway accident near Cincinnati. They were thrown from a surrey while going down a steep hill, and both were severely bruised. They were taken immediately to Christ Hospital, Cincinnati.

Dr. Jesse Bowman Young states that Cincinnati has furnished more bishops to the Methodist Episcopal Church than any other city in the United States. The list foots up sixteen—Morris, Hamline, Simpson, Clark, Thomson, Kingsley, Foster, Wiley, Merrill, Ninde, Walden, Joyce, Cranston, Moore, Hamilton, and Hartzell.—Epworth Herald.

HOME AND STATE MAGAZINE.

The October number of Home and State Magazine is now in the hands of its readers. Its front page is graced with a handsome picture of Ex-Governor Lubbock, one of the many grand old men in Texas. The next few pages are occupied with good fiction for the young people. The serial pen sketches of Napoleon Bonaparte continue in this issue. These articles are very interesting to young men. The digest of men, measures and events is served up for busy people. The editorial page has a picture of Miss Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Carter, of Houston. Apt and practical domestic subjects are treated on this page. The Reform page is warm enough for anybody, and it handles things without gloves. Such has been the growth of the Magazine that this number is increased to twenty-four pages. It requires 15,000 copies to supply the demand for this month. The subscription list is very nearly up to that number. The periodical certainly has a field, and the people are taking and reading it. It deals with all matters pertaining to the home and the State.

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MRS. L. H. POTTS, Treas.

A PERSONAL WORD.

I am in receipt of several contributions to the Furnishing Fund of the Episcopal Residence, from Home Mission Societies. As was explained in the beginning, this is a free will offering from the women of the Church and must be credited to the charge, and not to the societies. If those amounts have been sent through a misunderstanding, and those sending them are unwilling to have them so credited, if they will notify me I will return them these checks. I hold them subject to instructions.

We must urge haste and liberality in responses to this call. With the as-

sistance of each presiding elder save one, the assessment has been equitably made and the burden so distributed that it rests lightly upon all, provided no one shifts his part upon another. The amount asked from each charge is the minimum and presupposes the ready co-operation of all. There is no margin for deficits. One presiding elder has found the "time unpropitious" and as this effectively closes the door of his district, the remaining nine will doubtless remember to give something more than the amount assessed. Several have already sent in amounts exceeding that which was asked for. I trust others will do likewise. A personal contribution would be a grateful recognition of the pleasure of having Bishop Hoss and family with us. Who will send one? Hebrews 6:10.

While this work was assigned me by our presiding elders, and I, perhaps, had a right to expect their support, I can not refrain from expressing to them my unqualified thanks for their chivalrous helpfulness. They have exceeded that which was "nominated in the bond." MRS. L. H. POTTS.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

The New Mexico Conference was held at Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 22-25, Bishop Hoss presiding. All the ministers were present save one or two supplies. When we consider the distances, from one hundred to six hundred miles, and the great expense of traveling in the Territories, we could hardly have expected some of them to have been present at all, but loyal Methodist preachers do not consider distance nor hardships. This has been in many respects a hard year on both pastors and people. To begin with the spring and summer was very dry; many cattle died. Then came the great strike; no market for cattle, men borrowing money at a high rate of interest till cattle can be sold. Some of the members borrowed money at such disadvantages to pay their pastors, showing a loyalty and appreciative spirit not seen everywhere.

May we not believe the reward will be forthcoming. Such a spirit God will honor. There has been a slight falling off in membership, though this is no index of failure in the West. A pastor may report one hundred received by transfer one conference, and by the next they are all gone and seemingly lost to the Church, though not entirely so. In fact the Western people seem to have caught the itinerant spirit and are constantly on the move. We unquestionably have a mission in this Territory, for it seems three-fourths of the people are Texans or Missourians. The Church and the Church papers are thoroughly appreciated. The Texas Advocate has at all times been in great favor, and we are glad to report that it was adopted as the Conference organ without a dissenting voice. So, Mr. Editor, the way is clear when you want to come to see us. Will extend an invitation to you in advance to come to our District Conference next spring at Artesia, where the perennial fountains of Mother Earth have been broken up and now watering the arid plains, making a city to spring up like magic, the desert a blooming garden and waving fields of golden grain.

Bishop Hoss more than met our expectations, and that is saying a great deal, for we expected much. Having so long been a constant reader of his able and excellent editorials, we would naturally wonder if he were going to measure up to the same standard on other lines. We found it even so or more so as a presiding officer, a traveling companion and, we might add, as a master of assemblies. Though not a great many assembled at this conference, the conditions were equally as delicate as at the large gatherings. He was equal to all emergencies. His great-heartedness, brotherly and sympathetic spirit won the hearts of all. He looks carefully into every detail of the work and gets a thorough understanding of conditions that prevail. The climax was not reached, however, till Sunday morning, when we listened to one of the most profound and spiritual sermons we ever heard. An attempt at a synopsis would be an injustice to the Bishop and that sermon that will abide in the hearts of the hearers. Of course we tried to take notes, but who could? As we seemed to stand on the Mount of Transfiguration, feeling the touch of the holy and divine presence, or, as the Bishop said, drinking from the cup from which the angels drink, and seeing Him face to face. If the question must ever be asked, how we could be contented with the ransomed of the Lord if we know that loved ones are suffering without, we can ever answer that if a little of heaven let down into our souls fills us with joy inexpressible and makes us forget the world around us, what must it be to be there? "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

S. E. WILSON.
Odessa, Texas, Sept. 29.

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NOTES.

W. A. Hemphill's address is 278 Elm Street, Dallas.

Rev. G. S. Sexton's address is 1914 Avenue I, Galveston.

Miss Willie Coleman, of Paris, favors us with an excellent paper on the literary work this week.

Mrs. S. M. Lillard writes interestingly of her Junior work at Seguin, and we take the liberty to publish a portion of her letter.

Miss Laura Allison writes us from Austin to this effect: "Was much surprised to read my own name as Second Vice-President. However anything I can do, be assured I will do it." The splendid work Miss Allison has done in the past gives us confidence as to what may be expected in the State work. Her record will continue to be all.

Bro. F. F. McNeny, of Dallas, is a close reader of this page, judging from his promptness to answer inquiries. Thank you for your recent favor.

Our next issue will have something to say of the Cabinet and Assembly Committee meeting, which will take place Oct. 13 at Dallas.

Hershal G. Williams, of Paris, well known in League circles—especially among the Detroit party—has at last taken unto himself a wife. He was married in St. Louis on Sept. 8, and is now in Texas on a bridal trip.

Secretary Bering is working in League harness like a veteran. He says he is now ready to receive dues from the local chapters. The rate is 50 cents for every twenty members. Let's give him \$500 by January 1. What say you, Leaguers? We can if we will. G. W. T.

FROM SEGUIN.

My "Juniors," twenty-seven in number, are doing beautifully. Should have enjoyed the discussion of Junior work so much at Houston. Read Mrs. Henry's article with much interest. We organized in June with eleven members, and have grown to twenty-seven—all from 5 to 15 years of age. They are a most enthusiastic band, and have learned the Lord's prayer, 1st and 23d Psalms by heart; have learned the divisions of the Old Testament, the names of books in the Old Testament and part of New Testament, and can recite them perfectly, even the 5 year old. We use "Children's Praises," and they sing so nicely. We are working all departments, and the literary and business monthly meeting is most interesting. They are learning to preside, to make motions and second them, and each officer makes their report in proper order, and I think this feature will be of incalculable benefit to them in the future. A friend has furnished each child a nickel, which he is to "turn over" until next July. Already some have \$1.10. For mission work the children have joined the "Florine McEachern Brigade," under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Had a "cotton picking" last week for the mite boxes; made \$6.33. MRS. S. M. LILLARD.

THE LITERARY DEPARTMENT OF THE LEAGUE.

By Miss Willie Coleman.

The actual is what exists, the possible is what may be. The acorn, looked upon as the actual, is only an acorn with its shell and meat; a squirrel's dinner; the fruit of the oak. But considered as the possible, it is an oak, with huge trunk and massive arms, and umbrageous foliage, and showering fruit; yet, more, it is a forest of oaks, a wilderness of those venerable kings of the wild, stretching over a continent, covering mountains, covering vales, affording a lair for a thousand beasts, a home for millions of birds, and ship timber for the world. The possible of an acorn is no mean matter. It might cover with proud old oaks all the land of the earth; and if could send its seeds to other worlds of congenial clime and soil, it might adorn them with its children, even till

the universe was clothed all over, and every world had its soil enriched with a thousand harvests of autumn leaves, and entombed within itself generation after generation of oaken bolls. What possibilities lie enfolded in the actual little acorn! We cannot compute it. Human life is an unbroken unity, and our early years, like the infant oak, contain the element of our future being. Great possibilities lie coiled up in little actualities. The world is full of secret springs; we know not when we touch them; we touch them every day. Every step is an unseen spring. The possible is God's secret, and he reveals it to us as we are worthy of its acceptance.

As youth is a peculiarity susceptible and imitative period, the influence and training belonging to it are largely determinative of our destiny. During youth let the activities be brought into harmonious growth; let every power of body and thought be brought out to its possible harmonious extent, and how fair would appear the youth. His body, round, fresh, healthy and fair, would be beautiful to look upon—a tower of strength, a temple of mind. His intellect, quick, penetrating, strong would read its way through the dark passages and problems of life, as a rich scholar reads a well written book. His conscience, sensitive, active, vigorous, would lay hold of the right with joy, point duty's way with ease, and sanction righteous actions with a priestly benediction. His affections, rich as Venus' love, yet high and pure, would shed a sunshine through his soul, breathing spring in its beauty among all its powers.

Where can be found a better training for this development than in our Epworth League? Every department has its share in this work, but the literary department gives a strong, clear, well cultivated intellect capable of forming correct judgments, and a will strong enough to overcome many difficulties.

When life is filled with wise labor, both physical and mental, the soul departs enriched with a glorious culture as a preparatory step to a still more glorious culture above.

"And still new beauties shall we see, And still increasing light."
Truth seekers should empty their vessels of the muddy waters of tradition and fill them at the fountain of truth—God's Word. No work is more noble and ennobling than the reverent study of the revealed purpose of God, "which things the angels desire to look into."

The literary department is like the concentric waves of the sea reaching the remotest cliffs and shores, but doing so by beginning in one place, and we would suggest that one place be the Word of God. And as these circles shall radiate, touching nothing but good and therefore giving nothing but good.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will be no unimportant factor in the redemption of the world's literature.

In Germany can be heard the story of the "key-flower." A shepherd walking after his sheep, saw in the grass at his feet a wonderful sky-blue flower of a kind he had never seen before. The shepherd stooped down and broke the stem; but just as he was lifting it to examine it a door appeared in the side of the mountain. He had never seen the door, although he had been over the ground a hundred times. He passed through the door and entered a large hall, where he found chests of gold and diamonds. An old Kobold, with a long white beard, sat in a chair by a table in the middle of the hall. The Kobold said, "Take what you want and don't forget the best." The shepherd laid the flower on the table and began to fill his pockets with gold and diamonds. The Kobold said again, "Don't forget the best." "That I won't," thought the shepherd to himself as he took more gold and diamonds, and filled his pockets and hat so that he could scarcely stagger under the load. When the Kobold saw the shepherd leaving the hall he cried: "Don't forget the best." The shepherd did not heed the call. When he reached the door leading out of the hall he heard the voice again for the last time, "Don't forget the best." When he stepped out upon the mountain side and looked about him the door disappeared; his hat and pockets grew light as his gold and diamonds were changed into dry leaves and pebbles. He was as poor as ever, and all because he had forgotten the best. Had he kept the key-flower the door to all the treasures under ground would have been opened to him. The "key-flower" to the treasures of heaven is the Holy Word of God. It is a voice from the lips of eternal truth, and its echoes, like the peals of an organ, proclaim the glory of God, and the duty and destiny of man. So follow its teachings. The door to eternal happiness will be unlocked where treasures greater than the shepherd's gold and diamonds can be obtained.

"Don't forget the best." It not only sends out the most beautiful and effulgent light that ever beamed from sun or star, but has sent those rays in

dazzling splendor from a thousand orbs which shed their glories upon the world of mind.

It is in our literary department that we can use this wonderful key-flower in connection with many other golden treasures given to us from the pen of great and noble writers. In this department Leaguers are brought together not only to study the pages of books which contain the thought of great minds, but also in associating with each other, personality and influence is brought to bear in many unobserved ways.

We read when Christ was sitting with his disciples at the last supper how he lifted up his voice and prayed, and in the midst of his prayer there came these wondrous words: "For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified." Is there anything in all the teachings that man has had from his fellow-man, all that has come down to him from the lips of God, that is nobler—to be our best, not simply for our own sake, but for the sake of the world into which, setting our best, we shall make that world more complete, we shall do our little part to renew and to recreate it in the image of God.

The Bible represents the young as arrows in the hands of a mighty man. The wicked youths as strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand as a hand of falsehood. The righteous daughters as cornerstones polished after the similitude of a palace, and of sons as plants grown up in their youth. It is the duty of the literary department to see that these polished cornerstones have Christ Jesus for their foundation and the plants watered from the spring of life.

"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Let us cry with the Psalmist, "O, send out the light and thy truth, let them lead us, let them guide us, for they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

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I've jus' learned how to tell the time; My mother taught me to, An' of you think you'd like to learn, I guess I might teach you. At first, though, it's as hard as fun, An' makes you twist and turn. An' mother says that they is folks, Big folks, what never learn. You stand before the clock, jus' so, An' start right at the top; That's twelve o'clock, an' when you reach The little hand, you stop; Now, that's the hour, but you've got To watch what you're about, Because the hardest part's to come,— To find the minutes out.

You go right back again to where You started from, an' see How far the minutes hand's away. Like this—you're watchin' me?— An' when you've found the minute hand You multiply by five, An' then you've got the time o' day, As sure as you're alive.

Their's folks, I know, what says that they Don't have to count that way, That they can tell by jus' a glance At any time o' day; But I don't b'lieve no fibs like that, Because of that was true, My ma would know it, but she showed Me like I'm showin' you. —By William Wallace Whitlock.

THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING HELPED.

It has been said that we sometimes help God most by simply letting him help us. This, however, is not always easy for us to do. This truth may be illustrated in the following way: "A boy full of life cuts his finger. As the blood flows his tears flow. He goes to his mother and asks her if she will please wrap up his finger and put some witchhazel on it. She reaches for her work-basket, and taking from it a piece of muslin, and breaking off some thread from a spool of cotton, says: 'Hold here your finger, my son.' He does so, but before she has finished wrapping it he sees something out of doors that enlists his attention and makes him impatient to go to the window. He cannot remain quiet. He stands first on one foot and then on the other. He says: 'Mother, can I help you in any way?' 'Yes, my son,' she replies, 'you can help me most by simply holding still until I have attended to your finger.' It is difficult for him to let his mother help him.—Chicago Standard.

REMEMBERING OUR FORGIVENESS.

Forgive and remember! That is the best rule. Forgive, and remember that you have forgiven. Far too many people forgive and forget. These are just the people who say that it is impossible for them to forget, as if this were a credit to them. The real trouble is that they do continually forget that they have forgiven. Every circumstance that brings the injury back to them finds them unmindful of the fact that they have forgiven it. They are irritated by memory of the wrong, instead of softened by remembrance of their forgiveness of it. Other hearts cherish more accurately and acutely the tenderness of their forgiving than they do the irritation of the feeling of being wronged. Here is a remembering that is worth striving for.—Sunday-School Times.

The great barrier that keeps Christ out of the heart is unbelief. A heart full of unbelief has no room in it for Christ and he will not dwell in an unbelieving heart. A man who rejects the claims of Christ—who refuses to accept Christ's teaching as authority, by his unbelief shuts Christ out of his heart. There are many causes of unbelief. When a man announces himself as an unbeliever, his unbelief is generally attributed to intellectual perplexities. But unbelief very rarely originates in the intellect—it is the result of wrong

conduct. An immoral life—disobedience to the divine commands, is the source of unbelief. When a man begins a wrong course of life, the farther he goes in the wrong direction the more his doubts multiply and one by one the religious beliefs, which he once held with a firm grasp, are surrendered until finally he reaches a point where he finds himself morally incapable of believing the most self-evident truth of religion. There may be other hindrances, but the supreme hindrance in the way of the salvation of men is unbelief.—Southern Christian Advocate.

GOD THE ETERNAL HOME OF THE GOOD.

It lies on the face of Christianity that it recognizes a life beyond the present: life in a fuller, intenser sense, full of vision, gladness, happy fellowship with illumined souls, noble service exhaustive of no power, communion of spirit with God himself. * * a supreme and beautiful existence, exuberant, immortal.—Richard S. Storrs, D. D.

The snob thinks most of the treatment he receives from the world: the gentleman thinks first how he shall act courteously to others.—F. Marion Crawford, in The Heart of Rome.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Members of W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference:

The annual meeting of the W. H. M. S. West Texas Conference, will be held in Tenth Street Church, Austin, Texas, Oct. 27-30.

I would request all auxiliaries to send the names of delegates at once to Mrs. T. A. Brown, 609 Westlin Street, Austin, so homes may be assigned. We hope every auxiliary that can possibly do so will send a delegate to this meeting. Effort will be made to secure reduced rates.

Pray that our meeting will prove an inspiration to us all, giving us renewed zeal for the work before us.

MRS. B. M. HINES,
Sec. Conference Society,
Uvalde, Texas.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

The North Texas W. H. M. Conference Society holds its annual meeting in Terrell Oct. 18-21. The railroads have promised a fare of one and one-third on the certificate plan. Let every visitor and every delegate secure a certificate on purchasing the ticket. You pay full fare going to Terrell, but if you have a certificate the return will only cost one-third fare. Send in your names at once to Mrs. J. C. Fields, 506 Griffith Avenue, Terrell, Texas. We want a record breaking attendance. Let every member of the Executive Committee be present at the afternoon meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 18. All reports of superintendents of departments, District Secretaries and officers must be ready Wednesday morning. MRS. L. P. SMITH,
Cor. Sec.

Dodd City, Texas.

The members of the auxiliaries of the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference who have not paid the assessment of 5 cents per member for printing of the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Conference Society are hereby reminded, at the request of Mrs. Bowman, the President of the Conference Society, to pay the same at the monthly meeting of the auxiliary this month, as many have failed thus far to discharge this small obligation, and the money is needed.

Some folks help and some folks hinder. Some lift and some lean. Some are pillars in the Church, and some are sleepers. Some form the pastor's flock, and some his field. Some hold up his hands in every good work, and some hold them down. Some always encourage him, and some discourage every enterprise. Some are workers with him and some are workers of him. Some are always the first to work, to pay and to pray, and some are the last. In which crowd am I?—Dr. John M. Moore.

WHERE NERVES ARE UNKNOWN.

The women of Japan, in contrast to their Occidental sisters, have long been noted for their perfect poise and self-possession. Their placidity under what would ordinarily be considered trying circumstances has surprised American tourists. Patent medicines guaranteed to cure nervousness in its many forms have little sale in Japan. The meaning of the term "nervous prostration" is unknown. Japanese physicians are rarely rich, says Robert Webster Jones in the August Housekeeper.

An explanation of this happy state of affairs has been made by a returned traveler. "To begin with," says he, "there is never any change in fashions, so the Japanese woman has no worries at all on that score. Then housekeeping is greatly simplified, so the Japanese housekeeper is hurt by none of the jars and frets that nag the nerves and prematurely age her Western sister. The Japanese house has no draperies, no dust traps in the shape of superfluous ornaments. People all pull off their shoes on entering the house, so no mud and dirt are brought in. Japanese women have no heart-burnings over encre prizes and "bridge" stakes. They never have to compose club papers on subjects concerning which they know nothing. They never sit up nights planning how they may outshine their rivals in dress at some social affair. They do not bother their brains with schemes for marrying their daughters to rich for eigners. They never have to give eight course dinners with two course pocket books. They live simple, happy, peaceful domestic lives, and live them long."

While we should be sorry to see American women restrict their lives to the narrow sphere of the Japanese, there is no doubt that three-fourths of their nervous worry is caused by "trying to do too much." Simplicity is the keynote of sanity and health, and American men, as well as women, may well profit by the example of the happy Japanese.—Selected.

NOTICE AUXILIARIES W. H. M. SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of the West Texas Conference, W. H. M. Society, will convene in Austin, Tenth Street Church, Oct. 27-30. Bro. Weems Wootton, of San Angelo, will preach on Sunday at 11 and Dr. Werlein, of Austin, at night.

Send names of delegates who expect to attend to Mrs. T. A. Brown, 609 Westlin Street, Austin. Bring illustrations of your year's work and take part in the educational exhibit.

If any up to date have failed to send in the 25 cents per member on the scholarship fund, please forward it at once.

Miss Anna Belle Sewell, of Boyce, La., is very anxious to become a deaconess, but has no available means. The Executive Committee has consented to lend her our scholarship until some West Texas girl feels the call to prepare herself in the Scarritt Bible Training School for this work. We have in hand \$124 of the required amount for one year. Try to make up the remaining \$26 by conference. We are grateful to Bro. Lee Woods, of San Antonio, for \$5, and Bro. McLymont, of Del Rio, for \$20 on this scholarship. Such friends as these give us great encouragement in the work we have undertaken in the name of Him whom we are and whom we serve.

Preachers desiring aid on parsonages, please send in applications at once. MRS. T. F. SESSIONS,
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THE ELIZA BOWMAN SCHOOL IN HAVANA, CUBA, AS SEEN BY A VISITOR.

(A paper read by Mrs. J. E. Wall, of Plano, Texas, at last annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, and published by request of the society.)

Cuba seems not far away when we think of leaving our own home land at midnight Thursday and waking Saturday morning to find our ship casting anchor in Havana harbor, just under the shadows of old Morro Castle, which has stood since the sixteenth century. Its tales of bloodshed and Spanish cruelty to the poor oppressed Cubans are quite forgotten, as some of us look for the first time upon this port with its magnificently equipped gunboats and ships, representing almost every nation of the world. The myriad towers and spires of a city of three hundred thousand proclaimed Havana, or San Cristobal de la Havana, the full name given in remembrance of the great discoverer, and for an Indian named Havana, queen of her tribe, at the time the Spanish colonies arrived there.

We are first met by the physicians who come on board to inspect our ship. After about two hours of much red tape we are landed at the wharf by a boat which has been sent out for the passengers. The foreign vessels are allowed no farther entrance than this harbor.

The Spanish tongue here greets us in all its profusion. Pretty fans and handkerchiefs advertising their various accommodations are showered upon us. The bull fights displayed upon some of these is a butchery of the past in Cuba, I am happy to say—thanks to our United States—as many of you know, and the Cuban Government upholds this good sentiment.

One of our first conveniences we find is the "Volante" (like the Victoria here), which carries a party of three for only una peseta (20 cents in Spanish silver) to any part of the city proper. Through the Sunday mornings paper we find the location of the Methodist Church, a neat and comfortable chapel in connection with Candler College, named for our Bishop Candler. The sermon by Bro. Greer, the pastor, was very earnest, and made our hearts burn for "more love to thee, oh, Christ, more love to thee!" The interest of the service to me was increased by two very pretty Cuban "senoritas," who shared their hymn book with us, and both seemed to enter so into the spirit of worship. After the service I was all the more happy to find them former pupils of the Eliza Bowman School. Through their courtesy we were soon introduced to Miss Carson,

Miss Lord, Miss Marcia Marvin—our missionaries of the Eliza Bowman Home and School. After Christian greetings and a promise to visit the much beloved school, we took the first week day opportunity and found the school in Vedado, the prettiest resident portion of all Havana. The wealthiest families have built summer residences here and the refreshing breeze from the Caribbean Sea makes it a most desirable location.

We got off the car at Tenth Street just in time to meet one of the little boys with books and slate in hand, who seemed impressed to tell us in his broken tongue that he went to the Eliza Bowman School, and just how much he knew. I found the school with a daily average attendance of seventy-five pupils, both boys and girls, from 6 and 7 years up to 15 years old. More than 100 were enrolled for this year up to that time. The first of February, scarletina had caused some irregularity just then.

I was surprised to find such bright faces, such well kept children. Their manners would put many of our American schools to shame. As we entered the door, all rose together with smiling faces.

The school is opened every morning with song and prayer and reading of the Scriptures. You would be glad and surprised to note the interest some of the larger ones give to this. The Bible is taught here the same as any other text-book. It is beautiful to hear the little ones give so many verses from the good book. They must take these lessons into their homes. This is illustrated by an instance of which Miss Marvin tells me. One of the little scholarship children fell ill of typhoid.

Miss Carson and Miss Marvin had visited her and the poor widowed mother, lending sympathy and giving temporal help as well. After forty days, when the little one seemed so near to passing away, the grief-stricken mother looked into Miss Marvin's face and quietly but, of course, in a voice of deep sorrow, said: "Not my will, I want God's will done." More than one of us here can understand the valley of shadows this mother passed through. Truly a "little child shall lead them." Miss Marvin says: "Oh, if we can gain this widowed mother for Christ through her little girl having been in our school, again we shall be glad, for it is all the Lord's work." That sounded very sweet to me—face to face with this woman of God, the great gulf dividing her from home and friends, laboring all these months for this little soul and the many other benefited ones—ministering in the sick room all these long days. And yet she speaks not of her efforts, "but it is all the Lord's work."

I am sure just there must be the sustaining grace and strong shield not only of our missionaries, but for us all. "All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has bought all our sins and has cleansed every stain."

The evidence of fruit bearing of the school are more than I can tell you just here. One little boy 8 years old stood up and with much feeling repeated the ten commandments, 23d Psalm, Apostle's Creed and the Lord's prayer all in Spanish. I felt sure the Lord interpreted not only the words, but the fullness of this dear little heart. Miss Carson explained to us that seven out of this little boy's family had been baptized in the Christian faith since this child had been with them these years.

Miss Carson has one Cuban seniorita in the Home who has lately joined the Methodist Church. Miss Marvin asks that we do pray for this seniorita. They also have several children in the Home, four of whom they have great hopes of developing into earnest Christian women. Many of the parents would be delighted for the school to be kept open all summer. In fact, Miss Carson has had classes every summer in the morning hours. The school is represented by boys and girls from many of the best and wealthiest families in Havana, as well as the poorer ones, some of whom are supported by scholarships.

I met one little girl whose father had been killed in the late war—the mother starved to death. A good Cuban family, who realized the benefits of the teachings and associations in this school, is paying for her care and tuition there.

The building occupied by the Eliza Bowman School is of stone—one story, having been built for a private residence. The three rooms used for teaching are comfortable, well ventilated and seated with such desks as we find here. The ceilings must be from sixteen to eighteen feet high, giving good ventilation and adding to the coolness. Very tall windows are all barred with iron grating. This enables them to have their windows up at any time and yet be perfectly secure. Nearly every man's home is his castle there. The seniorita's "prince charming" must plead his cause through these iron bars, and it is not until an engagement is perfected that he is allowed entrance to the home. The music room was seated with

rows of chairs. Sight singing is taught here, as well as private piano lessons. I think it was the music teacher who told us she had spent summers in the mountains of North Carolina, but had never been in better health than the past summer, which she spent in the suburbs of Havana.

The school has most pleasing surroundings—a pretty inner court adorned with tall palms, ferns and roses, the clematis running riot in full bloom suggests to us that Jack Frost never comes here to mar its beauty.

The children do beautiful needle work. This is also taught in the school. Some very pretty samples were given us done by the youngest ones, and the work showed much care and painstaking. The scholastic year begins in October and closes the 22d of June.

Miss Carson, Miss Marvin and Miss Ford send Christian greetings to the home workers. Texas was Miss Marvin's home for some years after the Civil War. They beg that we remember them and this school at a throne of grace—a request pathetic in its simplicity. Let us not forget. They have discouragements many. For instance, when the priests and nuns slip right to their very door steps, call some of their brightest children out for an interview. In a few days often these same ones leave the school. This was done only a few days before my visit there.

I am not here to criticize the Catholics of America. I know so little of them, but you need only to be in Havana a very little while to see monuments that have stood for centuries, showing the oppression of Catholicism there. The bone pit is no fable but a reality—where, at the expiration of the time for those who are too poor to longer pay rent for the grave of their loved ones, the bones are thrown into this pit, where they were exposed, until within the last few years.

The American soldiers sometimes amused themselves with these skulls on the streets at night, so, for this reason it is now kept covered with lime and a high wall around it.

I want to tell you, too, the Catholics have established fifteen schools in the Vedado, whereas they had none until the Eliza Bowman School was established.

One American capitalist says that if Southern Methodism has done no more she has accomplished untold good in this school. We so much need to own the school property there, and I am sure it is the general opinion of those who should know, that property nearer the heart of the city would be an advantage in every way. While the Vedado is picturesque, it is suburban, and is a long trip even on the street car to their place of worship.

You see Cuba is rapidly becoming a speculative field for American capital, property is all the time increasing in value. Those of you can fully understand who have looked upon the tropical beauty of the country, the fertile soil and lavish growth, are sure it is a country where "every prospect pleases and only man is vile."

The bright faces and courageous efforts of our missionaries over there humbled me in the sight of my Master as nothing had ever done. They have strong faith to believe that the work will go on year after year and hope that our Christian people will soon realize the necessity and wisdom of either building or buying desirable property. Miss Marvin says she feels it is worth while, if they only influence those with whom they come in daily contact.

The real Cuban (I will say for the benefit of some, who, like myself, may have not understood) is a descendant of the Spaniards, who came to the island with Columbus and of the Indians who inhabited Cuba at that time. The negro called Cuban descends from African slaves brought to the island by Spanish colonists, and his only claim to Cuba is having been born on that soil. The Cubans are a people of much appreciation and sentiment.

Within the court of President Palma's palace stands a handsome statue of Columbus. Just outside is Columbus Memorial Chapel and Parque de Colon (Columbus Park), largest and prettiest park in Havana.

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The Cathedrals are growing in wealth, and yet those brought up under its very shadows seem to be starving for light and liberty. As we know, "not one of them is forgotten before God." Let us remember the workers and this school, and covenant with God as our witness whom we serve in the spirit that we will make mention of them always in our prayers.

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The total, according to the estimate, will reach above 2,900, and they will come from the following localities: From Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, 200; west of Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, and up the Missouri river, 200; Missouri river points 200; west of the Missouri, up to and including Colorado, 200; east of Chicago, 200; Northeastern States, 75; south of the Ohio and Potomac, 225; east of the Mississippi, 600; Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon, Montana and Washington, 300; Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, 1,600. Total 3,200.

Visitors not interested in irrigation will, of course, take advantage of the cheap rates and pour in by thousands, for the railroads, especially the Southern Pacific, have given unprecedented inducements to those wishing to travel to El Paso and the Great Southwest in November—one fare for the round trip being the offer.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Continued from Page 5. and edification of all. This year closes his quadrennium on the Greenville District, and our people regret to give him up, as he has greatly endeared himself to them by his faithful and efficient administration. The finances of the charge are in good shape; far ahead of what they were this time last year. We expect to bring a full report to conference. Our protracted meetings have all been held, save one, to be held first of November. We had gracious revivals, resulting in about 50 conversions. The charge purchased a large tent, at a cost of \$172, for the use of the pastor in holding his meetings. We have spent about \$270 in repairing the parsonage—adding two new rooms. The Ladies' Home Mission Society furnished part of above amount, which was used in recanvassing and papering three of the old rooms and canvassing and papering the two new rooms, also in painting the interior of all of above rooms. They have put in some needed furnishings, in the way of bedsteads, mattresses, carpets, etc., which gives us a very comfortable parsonage. We are building a church at Twin Oak, one of our evening appointments, that will cost about \$1200 when completed. The Board of Stewards raised the pastor's salary to \$558 this year, it being \$685 last year. Altogether we have goodly heritage. We should feel so, as we have been the recipients of continuous expressions of kind regards, and appreciation, during the two years we have been pastor of this people. Of all of which we feel quite unworthy.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Minden. Ross Williams: Have had a good year. Have had 92 accessions on profession of faith, 105 in all, and another meeting to hold. Commenced my revival campaign at Pine Hill. Rev. J. R. Wages, of Greenville, Texas, was at the guns, and we conquered the enemy; had a gracious revival. Moved from there to Mt. Enterprise. Bro. Anderson, of Garrison, helped me there. Great good accomplished. Moved from there to Bethel. Dr. I. Alexander, of Henderson, helped me. Had some fine preaching. No visible results. Three joined the Church by letter. Went from there to Glenfawn. Bro. Brown, of Cushing, assisted me; had a glorious revival; 23 united with the Church. Moved from there to Red Land; had no help; had a grand revival; 28 united with the Church. Moved from there to Lone Oak. Bro. Bryce, of Henderson, was with me part of the time; a grand revival; 15 accessions. Moved from there to Minden with Rev. J. M. Smith from Jacksonville; preached until Thursday at 11 o'clock; was having a grand meeting. My third Quarterly Conference convened that day. Rev. C. A. Tower, presiding elder, was on hand and in fine preaching shape. He preached two very fine sermons; held Quarterly Conference and went home. The Quarterly Conference was pronounced by all present as being the best they were ever in. We ran on until Sunday night, and closed out one of the best meetings, they say, Minden has had in years. We have made great strides spiritually and also materially. Will go up to conference with everything in full. I go next to Sweet Gum.

Burke Circuit.

W. W. Graham, Oct. 4: Burke Circuit embraces about half of Angelina County; has eight regular appointments and some that are irregular. We have held nine protracted meetings. We tried hard to get help from the evangelists and others, but failed utterly. Thirty infants and nineteen adults have been baptized, and from all sources we have received 111 members during the year. As to money matters, suffice it to say that the presiding elder received 25 cents more at the third Quarterly Conference, held in August, than he received from this charge all last year. The Church at Emporia is entitled to special mention in this behalf. It is a very small Church, yet she accepted her full share of the assessment and paid out in full and running over two months before the meeting of the fourth Quarterly Conference. In all these forty years never saw the like before. As to the general collections, we expect to report them full at Marshall. We have painted the church at Burke and hope to paint the parsonage by conference. We usually close our protracted meetings with a sacramental service, giving the young members the benefit of both the sacraments, as a good start may be half the battle. We had one man to refuse, saying he was not good enough. To ignore a solemn vow and disobey a positive command in that way will hardly ever be a means of grace to any one, young or old. As Bishop Hendrix has so well said, "We wander far from God when we neglect this duty. Conference will soon

be here, and then the moving that will have to be done! It reminds me of what Lum Maloy said of Gen. Wheeler's movement when Sherman was making his march through Georgia. Maloy said they made a stand on most every hill top, but when they would see the Federals coming you would hear some wag remark: "Get your spurs ready, boys, for another three miles run." All such may be fun for the boys, but it is rather hard on the frogs.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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L. B. Ellis: We have had two very pleasant and successful years in this station. We have received 76 additions, 41 of which have been on profession of faith. The Church was in debt several hundred dollars last year. We are now free of debt, and are running on a cash basis. We are painting the church house, roof and all at a cost of \$150; cash ready; have ordered a new \$450 Mason & Hamlin organ. Cash will be ready when it arrives, about Nov. 1. The stewards have just held a monthly meeting, and report the finances in better condition than this time last year. We have reason to believe all the collections will be paid in full. We will be ready for the conference when it comes. Our Sunday-school is prosperous. We have one of the best all round Sunday schoolmen in the Church in the person of J. W. Woodson. He is in the cotton business and is a busy man, but he is the busy man that our Lord can use. The stewards are looking after the interests of the pastor. The W. H. M. Society is an essential factor in all the enterprises of the Church. The W. F. M. Society is young in age, but promising in growth and effort. The Junior League has been improving the preacher's home by adding a bathroom and papering and painting inside. Our presiding elder has done a hard and faithful year's work and will give a good account of himself and his district at conference.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Granite, Okla.

W. C. Morris, Sept. 30: I have just wound up an 18-days' siege of the powers of darkness at this place. As the result there were 17 professions of faith and 11 additions to our Church. We stood almost alone in the fight; for, though when the Baptists and Cumberland Presbyterians held their meetings we Methodists suspended our services for two weeks each time and gladly helped them, yet when our time came they ignored us, running their preaching and prayer services right on. And the Campbellites hatched up a meeting also the day ours began. We praise God for what was a great victory, considering the hostility from not only the world, but the Church. This has been a good year for me spiritually. God has given "the increase" to my labors. There have been 52 professions of faith and 86 accessions. Both Sunday schools have more than doubled. Two Leagues and two Women's Foreign Missionary Societies organized. Bro. Kizzlar and Bro. H. L. Shelton, local preachers, gave assistance during the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM SEPT. 1ST TO 31ST, 1904.

Houston Dist.—C. N. Morton, West End (Galveston), Foreign Missions, \$6; Domestic Missions, \$20; S. F. Chambers, Angleton, Bishop's Fund, \$5; Church Extension, \$10. Beaumont Dist.—J. I. Weatherby, Liberty, Bishop's Fund, \$3; Conference Claimants, \$14; Foreign Missions, \$19; Domestic Missions, \$14; Church Extension, \$5; Education, \$5; Expense Del. Gen. Conference, \$2. M. L. Story, Silsbee, Bishop's Fund, \$2. Brenham Dist.—Allen Tooke, Bellville, Conference Claimants \$5; Church Extension, \$5; Education, \$5. S. L. Burke, Thorndale, Foreign Missions, \$12; Domestic Missions, \$12; Orphanage, \$4. C. E. Simpson, Davilla; Church Extension, \$19; Education, \$2; Expense Del. Gen. Conference, \$6; Paine & Lane, \$3. J. D. Burke, Milano, Bishop's Fund, \$5; Orphanage, \$5. San Augustine Dist.—W. S. Easterling, Geneva, Conference Claimants, \$3; Orphanage, \$3.25; W. W. Graham, Burke, Foreign Missions, 20; Domestic Missions, \$17.75; Children's Day, \$6.40. J. R. Ritchie, Clayton, Foreign Missions, \$10; Orphanage, \$6. Calvert Dist.—G. H. Phair, Lott, Foreign Missions, \$8; Church Extension, \$15; Education, \$16; Expense Del. Gen. Conference, \$6; Orphanage, \$2.50; Paine & Lane, \$3; J. F. Garrett, Franklin, Conference Claimants, \$8; Foreign Missions, \$15; Domestic Missions, \$15; Orphanage, \$6; Paine & Lane, \$1. J. W. Treadwell, Bremond, Foreign Missions, \$25. W. D. Gaskins, Centerville, Foreign Missions, \$8.30; Domestic Missions, \$30; Amer. Bible Society, \$6.70; Children's Day, \$2. T. S. Williford, Hearne, Domestic Missions, \$56. W. E. Washburn, Durango,

Foreign Missions, \$10; Domestic Missions, \$10. A. J. Anderson, Kosse; Domestic Missions, \$30. J. W. Mills, Rosebud, Bishop's Fund, \$7; Conference Claimants, \$25; Church Extension, \$14; Education, \$14.50; Exp. Del. Gen. Conf., \$3; Orphanage, \$6.50; Paine & Lane, \$2. D. W. Gardner, Travis, Bishop's Fund, \$9; Foreign Missions, \$42. Huntsville Dist.—J. C. Cameron, Montgomery, Foreign Missions, \$11; Domestic Missions, \$9.75; Education, \$14.25; C. H. Adams, Waller; Bishop's Fund, \$8; Conference Claimants, \$3; Foreign Missions, \$3.65; Domestic Missions, 10 cents; Church Extension, \$7; Exp. Del. Gen. Conf., \$3; Paine & Lane, \$2. W. M. Foster, Cold Spgs., Foreign Missions, \$10. Palestine Dist.—T. H. Hall, Beaver Valley, Foreign Missions, \$3.25, H. J. Hayes, Trinity, Conference Claimants, \$10; Church Extension, \$16.55. L. B. Elrod, Rusk, Domestic Missions, \$19; B. H. Greathouse, Jacksonville, Amer. Bible Society, \$3; Orphanage, \$22.50. I. P. Pace, Brushy Creek, Domestic Missions, \$10. Tyler Dist.—W. F. Hardy, Tyler Circuit, Domestic Missions, \$45.35. J. G. Pollard, Lindale, Conference Claimants, \$5; Foreign Missions, \$10; Domestic Missions, \$5; Church Extension, \$5; Education, \$5. J. W. Mayne, Big Sandy, Bishop's Fund, \$2; Foreign Missions, \$5.95; Domestic Missions, \$10. E. A. Sample, Emory, Bishop's Fund, \$6; Foreign Missions, \$5; Domestic Missions, \$5; J. B. Turrentine, Wills Point; Bishop's Fund, \$13; Conference Claimants, \$27; Education, \$11.50. A. Nolan, New York, Domestic Missions, \$10. L. H. McGhee, Troup, Bishop's Fund, \$15. W. M. Sherrell, Golden, Conference Claimants, \$5; Foreign Missions, \$5. Marshall Dist.—J. B. K. Spain, First Church, Bishop's Fund, \$35. C. J. Oxley, Longview, Conference Claimants, \$88. R. C. George, Jefferson, Conference Claimants, \$24; Orphanage, \$17. W. W. Horner, Coffeeville, Conference Claimants, \$10; Church Extension, \$5. C. M. Cagle, Beckville, Conference Claimants, \$17.70; Foreign Missions, \$5; Domestic Missions, \$5; Orphanage, \$11.95. Pittsburg Dist.—C. W. Hughes, Rose Hill, Foreign Missions, \$12.50; Education, \$14; Orphanage, \$8. C. S. Harkney, Cason, Foreign Missions, \$20. F. O. Favre, Winfield, Foreign Missions, \$22. C. B. Smith, Quitman, Conference Claimants, \$5; Foreign Missions, \$10; Domestic Missions, \$10; Orphanage, \$5. C. B. Cross, Atlanta, Conference Claimants, \$64; Exp. Del. Gen. Conf., \$6; Orphanage, \$15; Paine & Lane, \$4. J. M. Mills, Dalby Springs, Education, \$5. Total, \$1,463.10. L. L. JESTER, Conference Treasurer.

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NORTH TEXAS COLLEGE NOTES.

The college campus is alive with girls. The various departments are full and everything points to a prosperous school year. One evidence of the earnestness and seriousness of this year's students is that an unusually large per cent of them have entered the regular academic course. A series of lectures by Miss Fowler on the history of art and a critical study of some of the great masterpieces is an interesting feature of the Art Department this year. Mrs. Barry organized the College Shakesperian Club with a membership of forty-seven. The club will hold a two hours' session every Wednesday afternoon. One hour will be devoted to the study of parliamentary law. Miss Mildred P. Foster, of Calvert, Texas, is visiting the college after a year in Europe. Miss Foster went with letters of introduction that admitted her to the best music circles of Vienna. She was invited to attend the classes of Leschetizky, and found the great master enthusiastic in his praise of Mr. von Mickwitz. He said to her: "If you have not learned my method from Mickwitz, I cannot teach it to you myself." Dr. Barton, who is conducting revival services at the Methodist Church, preached in the college auditorium on Sunday afternoon. A number of the girls responded to his earnest exhortation at the close of the sermon.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Some trust in automobiles and some in fast horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God—that is, to walk among the suffering is good enough for a Christian. If fads were piety some Churches would be centers of great power. The distinctiveness of the kingdoms doth yet remain. Faith is spiritual realization that is reality. Love is the best interpreter; faith the truest light; patience capacity to wait. The Lord never gets in a hurry. Why should man? The sweep of the centuries show that the Lord is not in a corner. The Lord told Paul to stand on his feet. See record and results. If the people of God would stand on their feet instead of sitting hard by at the devil's side shows the gates of hell would tremble. J. A. SMITH, West End, San Antonio, Texas.

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ARINGTON.—Joel Arington was born in South Carolina Dec. 11, 1817; moved to Texas in 1838 and settled in Clarksville, Red River County. In 1841, at Blossom Prairie, he married Miss Sarah L. Milligan, and moved to Franklin County, where he spent the remainder of his life. God blessed his home with eight children, five of whom are still living, and were all privileged to be present and minister unto him during his last illness. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Mt. Vernon in 1859, and here lived a consistent Christian life until July 6, 1904, when God said, "It is enough; come up higher," and angels bore his spirit home to be forever with the Lord. Bro. Arington's last days were full of peace and victory. Being blessed with a strong constitution and having ever exercised temperance in all things, accounts for his living nearly eighty-seven years, and being spared much of the pain incident to old age. His departure was like a child falling asleep in its mother's arms. His was a grateful nature. He would often say, "God has been so good to me," while every attempt of loving hands to minister unto his needs found an appreciative response. For several months he was not privileged to assemble with God's people; but he talked much of the Church and her interests, and was always present in spirit. Modest and quiet by nature, he never pushed himself forward, but to those who knew him was revealed a strong personality and a big heart. To know him meant to love him, and those who knew him best loved him most. His very presence was a benediction, and his influence in Mt. Vernon great. A noble citizen, a pure man, an exemplary Christian, a loving father has gone. But we know where to find him. "They shall be mine," saith the Lord, "when I make up my jewels. We have lost; he has gained. May God bless the bereaved children, and may they so live that some day they shall form an unbroken family in heaven." C. R. GRAY.

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

CAVNER.—John Cagner was born in Greene County, Tennessee, July 18, 1824, and died six miles south of Munday Sept. 14, 1904. He was married to Margaret A. Yokley in Tennessee, who still survives him. He leaves three sons by his living wife—George, Jessie and Ed; also one son by his first wife, John, who lives in Missouri. Bro. Cagner was a sweet-spirited Christian, and a charter member of this Church with its several places of holding. I always felt a blessing in associating with him. He will be greatly missed. He was a friend to all. He is the fourth member to be recorded as having died during these three years of my pastorate. Who will be next no one can say. His pastor, ED R. WALLACE, Munday, Texas.

BROWN.—Mary Bernice Brown, daughter of J. C. and M. L. Brown and granddaughter of Missouri Brown, lately deceased, was born in Coleman County, Texas, February 4, 1904, and died August 31, 1904, at 8 p. m. May the Lord comfort Brother and Sister Brown in this sad hour. Be thou trustful and faithful until death and you will meet little Bernice again. J. C. CARTER.

SMITH.—James W. Smith, the subject of this sketch, was born in Richmond County, North Carolina, December 26, 1831; was married to Mrs. Ellie Easterling November, 1863, and died at his home in Haskell County, September 18, 1904. He moved from North Carolina to Virginia and thence to Haskell County, Texas. He served his country during the entire Civil war, honorably discharging the various duties of a good soldier. He was in the Eighteenth North Carolina Regiment, and was under Captain Malloy; was very much associated with General Jackson, and after General Jackson's death, with General Lee; was kept in prison at Emira, N. Y., 13 months, until peace was restored. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church for about thirty-five years. He told the writer of his bright hope of heaven and of meeting his beloved companion there, who had died February 1, 1894. He leaves 7 children and 8 grandchildren to mourn his departure. Two children have gone on before. We'll miss him. He was laid away in the Haskell cemetery, September 19, to await the resurrection. May all his relatives and friends be prepared to meet him in heaven. GEO. A. NANCE, P. C.

BROWN.—Sister Missouri Brown, nee Martin, was born in Fayette County, Tennessee, September 1, 1832; came to Texas in 1862, and was married to J. R. Brown shortly after coming to Texas. They settled in Robertson County and lived there until 1876, when they moved to Coleman County, where she lived until her death, which occurred at 4 a. m., September 13, 1904. Sister Brown professed religion and united with the Methodist Church when 18 years of age, and she lived a faithful, devoted Christian life for 64 years. She was a good woman, loved and respected by her neighbors and honored by her husband, her children and grandchildren. She was one of the charter members of the Church in the community where she lived in Coleman County, where her influence for good has been felt for a quarter of a century. The Church at Burkett will miss Grandma Brown, but her works follow her. May the Lord comfort her aged husband and her children and grandchildren, and may they all have a happy reunion in the home above. J. C. CARTER.

SLATTON.—Mrs. Maggie E. Slatton, daughter of J. R. and R. A. Brown, was born May 31, 1856; professed religion in September, 1871; joined the M. E. Church, South, in August, 1881, in which she was faithful. She was eloquent in prayer, and powerful in song. She was married to Rev. J. M. Slatton in October, 1871. To this union thirteen children were given. One has gone before her to the better land. She passed away in great peace, surrounded by friends and loved ones, at 11 o'clock p. m. Sept. 21, 1904. For many years Sister Slatton was a great sufferer, but she bore it all with patience, and is now free from all pain and suffering. To the heart-broken husband, sorrowing children and other relatives I would say we know where to find her, and therefore we sorrow not as those who have no hope. Let us be faithful and soon we shall meet her again in the paradise of God. I. L. MILLS, P. C. Putnam, Texas.

McLOUD.—Bettie McCloud, daughter of M. D. and M. E. McCloud, was born Dec. 7, 1888, in Milam County, Texas. She peacefully closed her eyes to earth and loving ones Sept. 23, 1904. Only had to suffer a few days with black jaundice when relief came. We are so glad to say this dear sweet girl had made preparation for death. Over a year ago she had given her heart to Jesus and united with the Christian Church. She clearly demonstrated in her life that she was a Christian. Bettie was so kind and sweet-spirited. Her place can never be filled, and no one can never tell how loved ones will miss her. But I am sure father and mother are ready to say God has done what is best. Her precious body was laid away in the Lebanon Cemetery. God bless these dear mourning friends. G. C. CRAVY.

YORK.—Mrs. Nannie York was born in Burleson County, Texas, and departed this life April 10, 1904, aged 41 years. She joined the Church when about 15 years old. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn their loss. Sister York was a true Christian. She loved her Church. Her home was where the pastor found a welcome place to rest. She was buried at Early Chapel Cemetery. The writer conducted the funeral services at Early Chapel, where the many relatives and friends met to pay the last tribute of respect to her lifeless body. Would say to the bereaved husband and children, "Your dear companion, mother, is gone to live with angels." And, loved ones, be thou trustful and faithful until death and you will meet where parting will be no more in the sweet bye and bye. H. T. HART. China Springs, Texas.

THORNTON.—One of those sad providences came to us on Aug. 25, 1904, in the death of Mrs. Clara Thornton (nee Browning). She was happily married to Mr. Arthur Thornton just five months and five days previous to her death, and perhaps no happier couple were ever united in the holy bonds of wedlock than they, having plenty of this world's goods, including a beautiful home as tastefully and splendidly furnished as could be; both of them members of the Methodist Church. It does seem hard that such a brightening of hopes and cutting off of possibilities should be in the beginning of lives of such wonderful promise; but Jesus said: "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter," so that it is ours to say, "Thy will be done." Her life was beautiful in that it was consistent, zealous and sincere. All the interests of the Church were close to her heart, but she was more especially anxious about the Sunday-school and Epworth League, and was, when taken sick, the First Vice President of the League and Secretary of the Sunday-school. Death came at the age of 24 years, but found her ready, having been a Christian since early childhood. To say that in her death a great loss is sustained implies a loss to the large circle in which she moved, for no one was more universally loved. It was a great loss to the Church, for no one was more faithful, loyal and efficient. To the home circle, father and mother, brothers and sisters, who can estimate the loss of one so tender and cheerful, always scattering seeds of kindness; but to the young husband the loss is immeasurable. No tongue nor pen nor brush can speak or write or paint a conception of the experience of that fond heart in the death of such a beautiful, sweet young wife, and to bear this stroke the grace of God alone is sufficient for those bereft of the associations of one so good. But let us take comfort in the thought that she has gained an eternal home, the association of angels and loved ones in heaven. She was sick about two months, during which time all that loved ones could do was done for her comfort and recovery, but nothing could stay the hand of death. We buried her in the cemetery at Merkel, surrounded by a host of sorrowing ones, cherishing the confident hope that we shall look again into her bright face all radiant with smiles of glory. C. A. EVANS. Merkel, Texas.

PERRY.—Birdie Alice, eldest daughter of J. W. and M. S. Perry, was born June 10, 1896, and was released from her sufferings and went to join the angel band Aug. 20, 1904, aged 8 years. Little Birdie was sick fifteen days, and was so patient and good through all her sickness that it was a pleasure, though painful, to wait upon her. She was a dear, obedient child to her parents, and loved by all who knew her. She loved to attend Church; loved to sing sacred songs, of which she knew many. She was especially devoted to her little twin brother, Bertie, who was sick forty-five days with fever, and who was just recovering when she was stricken down. Oh! how we miss our little pet and wished to keep her here, but God in his goodness has ordered otherwise, and has taken her from the storms and trials of this life to that home beyond, where there is no more pain and where the inhabitants never say, "I am sick." We pray God to sanctify this sad dispensation of his providence for our good and his glory, and may her parents and all her loved ones live in close communion with God here, that when this life is over they shall be reunited in heaven, where Birdie will welcome us at the beautiful gate of the city of God. HER LOVING GRANDMA. Riverland, Texas.

EDWARDS.—Mrs. R. A. Edwards (nee Millsap), of Dallas, Texas, departed this life June 15, 1904, aged 32 years and six months. She had been in delicate health for years, confined to her bed most of the time for five or six months. Her suffering at times was all or more than she could bear; but she bore it with patience and Christian fortitude, and when she realized the death angel was near, she told her loved ones she was willing and ready to die. Dear friends, one and all, she is gone, but will stand at the pearly gates to meet us as we pass in one by one. Dear Bedford, she has only preceded us to that better land. There wife and baby stand with outstretched arms, saying, "Come!" May we all strive the harder for the prize. She was a devoted wife and loving sister. On her death bed she said it was hard to leave her dear husband, who had cared for her wants. All that loving hands and medical skill could do was done; but the Lord said, "It is enough; come up higher." We weep not as those who have no hope. She leaves a husband, father, sister and two brothers, and a host of friends, to mourn. We will cherish her memory till time is no more, where we will meet her shining face on the other shore. MRS. D. M. EDWARDS. China Springs, Texas.

BEEDLE.—Mr. Joe Beedle was born Jan. 13, 1880, and died Aug. 14, 1904, 24 years and seven months old. Joe was a good young man. He suffered so much, having been afflicted fourteen months. He was willing to go. He professed faith in Christ, and Bro. J. M. Armstrong baptized him on his deathbed. His death was easy. It was so hard to give him up—one so young—just in the prime of life; but God knows best. Weep not, dear mother, brothers and sister, you know where to find Joe. He is in heaven waiting for you. His mother, one brother, sister and other loved ones were with him when he died, and God was with him and took him home. Joe is at rest. May God comfort the bereaved mother and family. Dear mother, take your troubles to Christ and he will help you. We will meet dear Joe again where parting will be no more. Sleep sweet, dear Joe, we will meet again. Goodbye for awhile. HIS LOVING AUNT. J. R. ATCHLEY.

PIPES.—Bro. D. P. Pipes departed this life Aug. 21, 1904, near Roddy, Texas. He embraced religion in early life, united with the M. E. Church, and lived in the Church for a number of years before the death angel came for him. He stood by his preacher and the Church; a good husband and a good father. He had been sick for some time, and knew death was near. He talked to neighbors and loved ones often, and told them he was ready and willing to go. He called his family one by one, exhorted them to live religiously, and meet him in heaven. A little while before he died he gave directions how he wanted to be buried. His last word was that he was ready. May God bless the bereaved loved ones. D. F. PULLEY, P. C. Goshen, Texas.

CRAWFORD.—R. W. Crawford was born in Arkansas September 1, 1877, and departed this life August 15, 1904. In his early life his father moved to Mississippi, where Will grew to young manhood. Four years ago he came to Texas and settled near Malakoff, where he taught school until his death. Will possessed a bright mind and slighted no opportunity to properly develop it. He was converted almost in childhood, joined the Church and remained faithful until the end. He was a true man, had lived a good life and was ready for the summons when God called him. It is true that grief shed many a bitter tear, and sympathy said many a kind word of one whose gentle soul had taken wings; but if he had been known in public as well as to his most intimate friends, even deeper would have been the gloom that settled over this community. He was warm-hearted and unselfish; a Christian, pure and simple, who lived his creed and loved his Lord; whose honesty and consistency won for him the admiration of all. He possessed that combination of gentleness and firmness found only in the highest type of manhood. He leaves many relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss. May God bless the bereaved ones. JOHN R. WARLICK. Malakoff, Texas.

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PIERCE.—Miss Willie Pierce was born Feb. 16, 1886. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1883. For twenty-one years she gave to the Church the wealth of a noble, consistent and useful Christian life and example. She loved her Church, and was faithful in every department of Church work. In her death the Church at Trenton has lost one of her most influential members. In her sore afflictions her patience and submission sinned to be perfect. She passed away in the triumph of a living faith Sept. 27, 1904. Her funeral service was held by the writer, assisted by Rev. J. W. Connelly, in the Methodist Church at Trenton, in the presence of a large congregation of weeping relatives and friends Sept. 28, 1904. Her body was followed by a long funeral procession to the Burns Cemetery and laid to rest to await the resurrection of the just. She leaves her mother, one own brother, one half-brother, two stepbrothers, one step-sister and many friends to mourn their loss. May they all meet her in heaven. J. R. ATCHLEY.

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WHITTEN.—A. A. Whitten, son of J. A. and D. A. Whitten, was born January 20, 1880, and died June 28, 1904, aged 24 years, 5 months and 8 days. Brother Whitten was converted in his fifteenth year and joined the M. E. Church, South; he was an obedient son and a good Christian; his sickness was not long; he was conscious of his condition, and that his disease was such that he could not recover. It was a great victory over death. In my visits to him it was a great comfort and means of grace to hear him talk of his hope in God. He said he did not dread death, for he was prepared; he said to his mother on Friday, before he died, Tuesday following, "This Saturday and Sunday will be my last Saturday and Sunday with you on earth. Won't it be grand when we all get to heaven. I will soon have all my family there!"—his wife and babe having died a year ago. He leaves a father, mother and 3 sisters. J. B. ADAIR.

WALKER.—Sister Sadie E. Walker, wife of W. E. Walker, died at her home in Caddo, Indian Territory, September 8, 1904. Sister Walker was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when a child. She was a true woman in every relationship of life; she loved God and her Church with a love that consumed her heart. Those who have been her pastor will testify to her faithfulness to her duty. She was a good woman in the community, patient and gentle to her neighbors, prudent in her conversation. She will be missed most by her Christian husband, to whom she was married January 27, 1897. She was an affectionate wife, painstaking and dutiful. Sister Walker suffered long, but at last she was delivered from pain and is now wearing a crown. F. F. THREADGILL.

HUGHEN.—Clark, son of Dick and Alice Hughen, was born August 28, 1901, and, for nearly three years, brought sunshine and happiness into the hearts and home of fond parents, but on August 20, 1904, the Lord claimed him as his own. His death came rather suddenly, being sick only a little more than two days. In his death his parents sustain an irreparable loss; he had so interwoven himself into their tenderest affections that the dissolution was exceedingly painful, and many heartaches and hours of sadness intrude themselves upon the father and mother, and while we know that all words of consolation and comfort fall as hollow mockery upon the ears of those whose hearts are broken and bleeding, those who are passing through the dark shadows of affliction, still our exhortation must be, "Weep not, dear brother, sister," for your child is forever safe in the arms of Him "who loveth the children best." Put your trust in Him, serve Him with a glad heart all your days, and in that glad morning when you meet him never to part again, you will see and understand that, "All things work together for good to them that love God." His uncle, FRANK HUGHEN. Cotton Gin, Texas.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Fourth Round. Cedar Creek cir, at Upton, Oct. 8, 9. Eastrop sta, Oct. 11, 12. Manchaca cir, Oct. 15, 16. South Austin sta, Oct. 15, 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. Lavender, Oct. 8, 9. Stockdale, Oct. 12. S. Springs, Oct. 15, 16. Berclair, Oct. 22, 23. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Llano District—Fourth Round. 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. El Campo, at El Campo, Oct. 7, 8. 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. Moore cir, at Moore, 2d Sun Oct. Pearsall, Oct. 19. Bear cir, at Benton, 2d 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, 5 p. m. 5th Sun Oct. Travis Park, 1st Sun Nov. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round. Mason, 2d Sun Oct. Fontotot, 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. Buda, Oct. 8, 9. Tlman, at Harrison's Chapel, 2d Sun Oct. Sanger, at Pleasant Ridge, 4th Sun Oct. San Marcos, Oct. 25. Dripping Springs, at D. S., 5th Sun Oct. Lockhart, Nov. 4. Gonzales, 1st Sun Nov. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Gainesville District—Last Round. 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. Rosston, Oct. 29, 30. Montague, Nov. 5, 6. Nocona, Nov. 6, 7. Saint Jo, 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. Amarillo, Oct. 29. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Frisco cir, at Frisco, Oct. 8, 9. Weston cir, at Weston, Oct. 15, 16. Prosper cir, at Prosper, Oct. 22, 23. Celina and Roseland, Oct. 29, 30. Blue Ridge and Mission, Nov. 5, 6. Copeville mis, at Clear Lake, Nov. 8. Nevada cir, at Nevada, Nov. 12, 13. Wylie cir, at St. Paul, Nov. 13. Plano sta, Nov. 14. Farmersville sta, Nov. 15. McKinney sta, Nov. 19, 20. F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Randolph, at Edhuber, Oct. 8, 9. Ector, at Ector, Oct. 8, 9. Honey Grove cir, at McLelland, Oct. 15, 16. Honey Grove sta, Oct. 15, 16. Lannus, at Brotherton, Oct. 22, 23. Dodd, at Dodd, Oct. 22, 23. Guber, at Hall, Oct. 29, 30. Ladonia sta, Oct. 29, 30. Trenton, at Trenton, Nov. 5, 6. 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. Bonham sta, Oct. 2, 3. Woodland and Kanawha, at W., Oct. 5, 9. Detroit sta, Oct. 9, 10. Marvin cir, at Milton, Oct. 15, 16. Blossom and Syivan, at B., Oct. 16, 17. Rosalie cir, at Rosalie, Oct. 22, 23. Deport and Haskins, at D., Oct. 23, 24. Clarksville cir, at Cherry, Oct. 29, 30. Albion mis, at Albion, Oct. 30, 31. Clarksville sta, Oct. 31. Annona cir, at Annona, Nov. 5, 6. Whiterock sta, Nov. 6, 7. Douglass mis, at Lydia, Nov. 12, 13. Bagwell mis, at Bagwell, Nov. 13, 14. Cheota cir, Nov. 19, 20. Emberson cir, Nov. 20, 21. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Ben Franklin, at P. G., 2d Sun Oct. Mt. Vernon, at Mt. V., 3 p. m. Oct. 14. Purley cir, at Saitillo, 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. Klondike, 8 p. m. Oct. 29; 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, 2d Sun Nov. The trustees of Church property will please be ready with their written reports. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Benvenue, Oct. 8, 9. Henrietta, Oct. 15, 16. Bellevue, Oct. 15, 16. Blue Grove, Oct. 15, 16. Iowa Park, Oct. 22, 23. Wichita Falls, Oct. 23, 24. Groesbeck City, Oct. 29, 30. Holliday, Oct. 30, 31. Decatur cir, Nov. 5, 6. Decatur sta, Nov. 6, 7. Crafton, Nov. 13, 14. Giltown, Nov. 19, 20. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round. Reinhardt, at Reinhardt, Oct. 8, 9. Mesquite, at Mesquite, Oct. 8, 10. Forney, Oct. 15, 16. College Ground and Elmo, at C. M., Oct. 15, 16. Terrell mis, at Able Spgs., Oct. 22, 23. Terrell sta, Oct. 22, 24. Chisholm, at Postry, Oct. 28, 29.

Kemp, at Kemp, Nov. 5, 6. Mabank, at Mabank, Nov. 6, 7. Grandview, at Grandview, Nov. 12, 13. Kaufman, Nov. 19, 20. J. M. Peterson, P. E. Dallas District—Fourth Round. Wheatland, at Wheatland, Oct. 8, 9. Whyte, at Garza, Oct. 15, 16. Grace, 11 a. m., Oct. 22. Ervay Street, 8:30 p. m. Oct. 22. First Church, 11 a. m. Oct. 29. Clark's Chapel, 8:30 p. m. Oct. 30. Trinity, 11 a. m. Nov. 5. 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. 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.

Sherman District—Fourth Round. Collinsville and Tioga, at Tioga, Oct. 8, 9. Burns, at Bethel, Oct. 9, 10. Pilot Grove, at Blackman's, Oct. 15, 16. Van Aistyne, Oct. 15, 17. Gunter, at Bethel, Oct. 22, 23. Howe, at Howe, Oct. 22, 23. Key Memorial, Oct. 23, 24. Gordonville, at Gordonville, Oct. 29, 30. Whitesboro, Oct. 30, 31. Southmayd, at Southmayd, Nov. 5, 6. Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro, Nov. 6, 7. Travis Street, Nov. 8. Wapies Memorial, Nov. 9. Beils, at Beils, Nov. 12, 13. Trinity, Nov. 14. Sherman cir, at Pecan, Nov. 19, 20. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Abilene District—Fourth Round. Big Springs, Oct. 8, 9. Lynn and Terry, Oct. 12. Gall mis, at Gall, Oct. 15, 16. Guntersville, Oct. 22, 23. Colorado sta, Oct. 29. Clairmont mis, at Elkin, Oct. 21. Snyder and Dunn, at S., Oct. 22, 23. Colorado mis, at Union, Oct. 25. Buffalo Gap, at Indian 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 mis, Nov. 3. Merkel cir, Nov. 5. Clyde cir, Nov. 7. Baird, Nov. 9. Putnam cir, Nov. 10. Abilene, Nov. 12, 13. E. A. Smith, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Lockney, Oct. 8, 9. Silverton, Oct. 10, 8 p. m., Oct. 11, 11 a. m. Alanreed, at Jericho, Oct. 15, 16. Cataline, at Shamrock, Oct. 18. Amarillo, Oct. 19. Higgins, Oct. 22, 23. Canadian, Oct. 24. Dumas, Oct. 29, 30. Channing, Oct. 31. Dalhart, Nov. 1. Stratford, Nov. 2. Hereford, Nov. 5, 6. Hereford mis, with Hereford sta, and same date. Rowe, Nov. 9. J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. 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. 28. Belton sta, Oct. 29. Salado cir, at Salado, Oct. 29, 30. Temple, Seventh St. Church, Oct. 31. Moody sta, Nov. 1. Pendergrass cir, at P., Nov. 2. Troy cir, at Troy, Nov. 5, 6. Granger cir, at Granger, Nov. 5, 6. Bartlett sta, Nov. 5, 6. North Georgetown cir, at Weir, Nov. 9. Hutto cir, at Hutto, Nov. 9. J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. 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. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. Gordon, at Mings, Oct. 9, 10. Whitt, at Beth, Oct. 15, 16. Peaster, at Carter, Oct. 21. Springtown, at Feden, Oct. 22, 23. Graham mis, at Upper Tank, Oct. 29. Graham sta, Oct. 30. Farmer, at Hawkins, Nov. 1. Eliasville, at S. Bend, Nov. 3. Throckmorton, at T., Nov. 5, 6. E. F. Boone, P. E.

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

Waco District—Fourth Round. Abbott, at Bell Springs, Oct. 8, 9. Penelope, at Bynum, Oct. 8, 10. Austin Avenue, Oct. 15, 16. Morrow St., Oct. 15, 16. Astell, 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. Smithfield, at Keller, Oct. 8, 9. Missouri Avenue, Oct. 9, 10. Grapevine, at Minter's Ch., Oct. 15, 16. Creason, at Creason, Oct. 18. Blum, Oct. 19. Covington, at Covington, Oct. 29. Joshua, Oct. 29, 30.

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. China Springs, at Mills Ch., Oct. 8, 9. Evant, at Snive, Oct. 15, 16. Gatesville mis, at W. Chapel, Oct. 22, 23. Killen, at K., Oct. 29, 30. Copperas Cove, at Pidcocke, Oct. 27. Brookhaven mis, at the Grove, Oct. 29, 30. Oglesby, Oct. 30, 31. Gatesville sta, Nov. 2. Jonesboro, at Levita, Nov. 5, 6. Turnersville, at Harmony, Nov. 9. Pearl, at Blue Creek, Nov. 12, 13. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Calvert District—Fourth Round. Pyburn, at Mt. Zion, Oct. 8, 9. Koese, at Alto, Oct. 15, 16. Bremond and Heagan, at B., Oct. 22, 23. Calvert sta, Oct. 29, 30. Eckesway, Nov. 5, 6. Travis, at Cedar Springs, Nov. 12, 13. Rosebud sta, Nov. 13, 14. Durango, at Durango, Nov. 15. Lott and Chilton, at Lott, Nov. 19, 20. Martin 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. Cisco mis, Oct. 7. Eastland, at Eastland, Oct. 8, 9. Carbon mis, at Flat Woods, Oct. 15, 16. Carbon and Gorman, at C., p. m. Oct. 16, 17. Bluff Dale, at Panther, Oct. 22, 23. Glen Rose, at G. p. m. Oct. 23, 24. Granbury, Oct. 29, 30. Green Creek, Oct. 29, 30. Carlton, Nov. 5, 6. Fairy and Latham, 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. Lovelace, at Union Valley, Oct. 8, 9. Itasca, Oct. 9, 10. Maypearl, at Bethel, Oct. 15, 16. Forrester, at Nash, Oct. 16, 17. Alvarado, Oct. 22, 23. Grandview, Oct. 23, 24. Hillsboro, Oct. 25. Milford, at Berry's Ch., Oct. 29, 30. Italy, Oct. 30, 31. Ovilla, at Sterrett, Nov. 4. Venus, at Mt. Peak, Nov. 5, 6. Mauthan, Nov. 6, 7. Ferris, Nov. 19. Palmer, Nov. 11. Ennis, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 11. Bardwell, at Elm B., Nov. 12, 13. Waxahachie, Nov. 14. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Sipe Springs, at Sipe, Oct. 8, 9. Rising Star, at Rising Star, Oct. 9, 10. May, at Hoider, Oct. 15, 16. Cross Plains, at Burke, 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. 23, 30. Coleman mis, at Junction, Nov. 5, 6. Coleman sta, Nov. 5, 6. Brownwood, Nov. 12, 13. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Musgrove, at Musgrove, Oct. 8, 9. Leeswood, at Leeswood, Oct. 15, 16. Pittsburg, Oct. 16, 17. Gimer cir, at Mt. Gilead, Oct. 22, 23. Gimer sta, Oct. 23, 24. Cason, at Cason, Oct. 29, 30. Dangerside, Oct. 30, 31. Quitman, at Fort 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. Zion, at Zion, Oct. 8, 9. Maytag, at Edwood, Oct. 15, 16. Anderson, at Roan's Prairie, Oct. 22, 23. Cold Springs, at Evergreen, Oct. 29, 30. Willis and Conroe, at Willis, Nov. 2. Dodge, at Black Jack, Nov. 5, 6. Huntsville, Nov. 6, 7. Madisonville, Nov. 12, 13. Waco, Nov. 14. Hempstead, at Hempstead, Nov. 15. Cleveland, at Magnolia, Nov. 16. Millican, at Millican, Nov. 19, 20. Bryan, Nov. 17, 27. Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Grand Saline, 11 a. m. Oct. 7. Mineola, Oct. 8, 9. Lindale, at Lindale, Oct. 9, 10. White House, at Flint, Oct. 15, 16. Malakoff, at Malakoff, Oct. 22, 23. Cedar Street, 8 p. m. Oct. 28. New York, Oct. 29, 30. Athens, Oct. 30, 31. Meredith, Nov. 5, 6. Troup and Overton, at T., Nov. 12, 13. St. Paul's, at St. Paul's, Nov. 16. Marvin, 8 p. m. Nov. 25. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Coffeeville, at Coffeeville, Oct. 8, 9. Harrison, at Waskom, Oct. 15, 16. Hillville, at Avinger, Oct. 22, 23. Jefferson sta, Oct. 29, 30. Henderson cir, at Henderson, Oct. 27, 28. Church Hill, at Fountain Head, Oct. 29, 30. Henderson sta, Oct. 30, 31. Arleston, at Bethany, Nov. 5, 6. Hallville, at Hallville, Nov. 12, 13. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Nov. 20, 21. Beckville, at Beckville, Nov. 26, 27. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Beaumont, First Church, Oct. 2, 3. Beaumont, Cartwright Chapel, Oct. 8, 9. Corrigan, Oct. 12. Livingston, at Mt. Rose, Oct. 15, 16. China and Sour Lake, at S. L., Oct. 22, 23. Jasper mis, at Peach Tree, Oct. 29, 30. Jasper and Kirbyville, at J., Oct. 30, 31. Burkeville, at Newton, Nov. 5, 6. Call, at Cairo, Nov. 12, 13. Liberty, at Deavers, Nov. 16. Orange, Nov. 19, 20. Wallisville, Nov. 23. Woodville, Nov. 26, 27. Trustees will please have their reports ready. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Palestine District—Fourth Round. Willard cir, at Glendale, Oct. 8, 9. Trinity and Lovelady, at T., Oct. 9, 10. Brushy Creek cir, at B. C., Oct. 15, 16. Jasper and Kirbyville, at J., Oct. 20, 21. Crockett cir, at Reynard, Oct. 22, 23. Kennard cir, at Bethel, Nov. 5, 6. Groveton sta, Nov. 6, 7. Mt. Selman cir, Nov. 12, 13. Jacksonville cir, Nov. 13, 14. Alto cir, at Alto, Nov. 19, 20. Busk sta, Nov. 26, 27. Augusta cir, Nov. 27, 28.

Crockett sta, Nov. 29, 29. Jos. B. Sears, P. E. Brenham District—Fourth Round. Fushcar and B., at Katy, Oct. 8, 9. Davilla, at Davilla, Oct. 15, 16. Cameron cir, at Buckholz (Q. C. Monday, 11 a. m.) Oct. 16, 17. Giddings, at Ledbetter, Oct. 22, 23. Lexington, at Tanglewood (Q. C. Monday, 11 a. m.) Oct. 23, 24. Caldwell mis, at Eliz. Chapel, Oct. 29, 30. Caldwell sta, Oct. 30, 31. Maysfield, at Maysfield, 11 a. m. Nov. 2. Milano, at Milano, Nov. 5, 6. Lyons, at Somerville (Q. C. Mon) Nov. 6, 7. Cameron, Nov. 9. Bellville, at Cochran, Nov. 12, 13. Brenham, Nov. 14, 20. Rockdale, Nov. 26, 27. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round. Center cir, at Asbury, Oct. 8, 9. Lufkin mis, at Keitts, Oct. 15, 16. Lufkin sta, Oct. 16, 17. Timpon 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. Memphis mis, at H. Fri., Nov. 4. Geneva cir, at Patron, Nov. 5, 6. Linden, 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. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Houston District—Fourth Round. Alvin, Oct. 2, and Nov. 7. League City, at Dickinson, Oct. 8, 9. Wharton, at Wharton, Oct. 16, 17. Bay City, at Bay City, Oct. 15, 16. Rosenberg, at Rosenberg, Oct. 22, 23. McAshan, at Brunner, Oct. 23, 24. Sandy Point, at Rickett, Oct. 29, 30. White Oak, at White Oak, Nov. 5, 6. Cedar Bayou, Nov. 12, 13. Richmond, Nov. 19, 20. Taurancie, Nov. 20, 21. Angleton, Nov. 25. Columbia, at Columbia, Nov. 26, 27. C. H. Lamar, P. E.

They who have the Giver have all gifts.—Ram's Horn.

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 we find a promise to above scripture and in 8th 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 that knowledge is increased there is less fault being placed in medicine and more in hygienic measures. A good evidence of the wisdom of this change is the fact that even to-day man's average life is much longer than in the days of superstition. The fact is, though medicine is one of our greatest blessings in relieving and curing certain abnormal conditions, yet is powerless in supplying the vitalizing agents of the blood and hence hygienic measures only can benefit and cure diseases caused by a deficiency of same. For the blood to contain a full supply of vitalizing agents added to its circulating medium is the basis of health and the reason of Natural Law Discovery supplying these agents is why it is the "most valuable information known to man." The information makes one engineer of the machinery circulating the blood, for he who understands the information can control the resupply of vitality and the blood's circulating agent, decreasing or increasing the action of the organs circulating the blood as surely as the engineer controls the amount of steam and the speed of his engine.

Natural Law Discovery. A Discovery of Effects.

If Rev. I. R. Turner, who made enquiry in last week's issue for a remedy to cure his wife, will write M. A. Sides, of Martin's Mill, he can receive a remedy which, if followed, will cure his wife and never cost him another cent after purchased. We unhesitatingly state we believe his most valuable every day remedy known to man.—Ed. Texas Christian Advocate, Willis Point, Texas. My husband had sold his farm and spent all we had in treatments, six leading physicians attending me at time I obtained information. They said my only chance was an operation. Morphine made me deathly sick and could not use chloroform on account of heart trouble, and so my condition was something awful. My case being known in Willis Point and my husband having spent as all, financially, Mr. Sides was induced by some of my friends, but desired to know the Willis Point people the merits of Natural Law Discovery in my case, assuring me it had cured in a short time women confined to their bed all the time, and some beginning work after 15 minutes' treatment. Of course I accepted his proposition. In 15 minutes I found all pain relieved and kept them so. My improvement began immediately; in thirty days I attended Church services, in sixty days I gained twenty-five pounds in weight.—Mrs. S. A. Hawkins, Willis Point, Texas.

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

Southern Pacific Hotel Rugers advertisement. Features a large illustration of the hotel building. Text includes: 'SOUTHERN PACIFIC HOTEL RUGERS', 'AN IDEAL SUMMER HOME', 'BOATING BATHING SAILING FISHING', 'SEABROOK-ON-THE-BAY', 'BETWEEN HOUSTON AND GALVESTON', 'FISH AND VEGETABLES A SPECIALTY—REASONABLE RATES', 'WRITE HOTEL RUGERS, SEABROOK, TEXAS.'

The World's Fair Way advertisement. Features the Cotton Belt Route logo. Text includes: 'The World's Fair Way', 'Operating Fast Through Trains carrying Magnificent New Equipment on Convenient Schedules TO THE Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis', 'ASK ANY COTTON BELT MAN.', 'A. S. WAGNER, T. P. A., Waco, Texas.', 'B. M. MORGAN, T. P. A., Ft. Worth, Texas.', 'J. F. LEHANE, G. P. A., Tyler, Texas.'

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The Sunday-School Department

Fourth Quarter, Lesson 3, October 16.

ELISHA AND THE SHUNAMITE.
 2 Kings 4:25-37.

Golden Text: "The gift of God is eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

Location: Shunem; an incident from Elisha's work as Superintendent or Director of the school of the prophets.

Material: The woman of Shunem and her hospitality (v. 8); Her provision for Elisha's comfort (vs. 9, 10); Elisha's appreciation and blessing (vs. 11-17); The sickness and death of the child (vs. 18-20); The mother's recourse to Elisha (vs. 21-24); Her refusal to be put off (vs. 25-31); Elisha's prayer and effort for the child (vs. 32-35); Restore him to his mother (vs. 36, 37).

An analysis: A Godly Home in Israel; A Day of Trouble; Help in God only.

From the World Evangel: Two things should be noted in the Shunamite's coming. First, that she overruled her husband's protest which was based on ceremonial custom. True need does not, can not wait. No ceremony should stand between the soul and its Savior. Second, that she trifles with no merely human help, but seeks the man of God. It would be well if in all life's needs and emergencies we at once sought the presence and help of our God. A pastor said to me: "Out of five calls to go and see sick persons this week, four were urgent appeals to come to the bedside of those for whom the doctors had no hope." Don't delay the matter of getting God's help.

Look at the questions which Elisha gives to Gehazi. A very prominent physician and author met me upon the street—a man rich in learning and in all earthly surroundings. But in reply to the question, "How are you?" he replied, "Not as well as I would like to be; I want to get to God." He felt that, with all his earthly possessions, it was not well with him while he was away from God. No individual is really "well off" until he possesses Jesus Christ.

Although Gehazi possessed the prophet's staff, his mission was a failure. God probably designed thus to teach that the rod did not possess miraculous power. Let us learn that we may have all the sacred emblems and implements and yet not succeed.

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of Mukden and there has been frost in the valleys.

General Oku's headquarters, in the field, October 1, 4 p. m., via Fusan, October 2.—The first Japanese train arrived at Liao Yang this afternoon. The gauge of the road has been changed from Dalny to New Chwang. A regular schedule of trains will be established in a few days. Engines and cars have been brought from Japan. The completion of the railway removes entirely the problem of transportation of supplies and ammunition to the Japanese forces in the field. To day's train brought a quantity of ammunition, telegraph and railroad supplies.

It is rumored at Tokio, that a Japanese gunboat struck a mine and sunk south of the Liao Tung peninsula. A portion of her crew reached an island and was rescued. The name of the gunboat is unknown. The navy department does not deny the report, but says the department has no confirmation of it.

A chefoo dispatch says that a ninety ton junk from New Chwang to Shanghai ran on a mine twenty five miles north of here last night. No one was injured. The junk was kept afloat by her water tight compartment. She reached here with all available hands working at the pumps.

FROM HOBART, O. T.

Let no man report "nothin' doin'" in this part of Oklahoma on the law-enforcement question. Yesterday afternoon 553 voters organized a Civic League for the purpose of suppressing gambling, Sabbath desecration, houses of ill fame, malfeasance in office, and the whiskey devil. It was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings this writer ever saw. These men mean business, and the saloons and gambling dens are quaking and fearing. Have organized with a full corps of good, levelheaded officers, and an Executive Committee with almost plenipotentiary powers, and they will bring things to pass. About \$500 was raised with which to aid in the work, and as much more as needed will be forthcoming.

Yesterday was a good day with the South Methodists in this city. We received 39 into the Church, and there are 44 more to be received next Sunday. During the pastorate of this preacher there have been about 200 additions to the Church; the property has been greatly improved; a parsonage has been erected; debts paid; Sunday school in fine shape; Junior League the best I ever saw; a Home Mission Society that has wrought wonders, and a prayer-meeting that is the soul and center of the Church life among us. Conference is just three weeks off. We need three months to do the work in hand. All in all, "this has been a good year, Bishop;" and Methodism—Southern Methodism—is on a respectable and permanent basis. Some of you Texans do not know what the last sentence means. But you would if you were in city or country of Church competition, and where the lines political are somewhat mixed.

Hobart, O. T.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The recital given by Miss Seabury last Saturday was simply an astonishment and revelation to us all. We did not realize that we had an artist of such calibre in the person of our new violin teacher.

Arrangements are being made to increase our teaching force by giving an assistant in voice and elocution, each. If this succeeds we will have added three to our faculty at the Annex since opening.

Students continue to enroll daily. We are much ahead of former years at this time, and I think we will maintain the lead.

Prof. Pegues is doing finely in his double capacity of head of the Fitting School and manager of the hall. He has had to rent contiguous cottages and furnished rooms to accommodate the pupils who wish to board with him.

THE BROTHERHOOD.

Georgetown, Texas, Sept. 30. To the Delinquent Members of the North Texas Conference Brotherhood:

When we merged our Brotherhood into the Methodist Benevolent and Fraternal Association I was directed to collect all past assessments then unpaid and settle with the claimants, and make report of my action at next conference. A considerable part of this business is yet unsettled, though we are in less than two months to conference. I have no choice left me on this question. I must report all who have settled and all who have not. If you do not want your name to appear on the delinquent list, you will have to make settlement between, now and conference. The sooner the better, as there is much work to do to get the money in the hands of the claimants and get the report ready for the body.

J. A. WYATT, Treas.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

WEST TEXAS.

To the Pastors and Presiding Elders of West Texas Conference: Please send to me at once the names of all lay delegates, applicants for admission and readmission. Pastors who expect to be accompanied by their wives will also notify me.

L. R. ELLIS.
 Cuero, Texas.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

We are preparing to take care of the preachers, their wives and babies, and all delegates and members of conference, the very best we can, and while we have no palatial homes, we will give you a hearty welcome to what we have. "And it is good enough for anybody." "And in regard to preachers' wives and babies: Hear me; we want those good women who have stayed at home while their husbands have been out in the thick of the fight—those who "have stayed by the stuff"—to come and we will take care of them, if we have to sleep in the barn. But we do not mean by babies, all children. It will not be good for them, nor their mothers, to say nothing of the extra trouble to those who entertain. Now, will not some good woman in every charge volunteer to take care of the "yearling" children and send the pastor's wife to conference? Let her have one week's rest and recuperation.

A word to those who wish to visit the Wells during the conference: If you will send your names to me two weeks before conference, you will receive board either at hotel or boarding house at reduced rates. All preachers expecting to bring their wives will please notify me at once, as we shall commence assigning the homes next week.

Some of the brethren have already written. Here is one: "I expect to bring my wife and seven children to conference. You said you would entertain our wives and children, you know. * * * (I said babies). Please get us a home as near the church as possible." etc. Well, I have assigned them a home; but, of course, I can't place so large a family all in one home; so I assign the preacher, his wife and year-old baby to a pleasant home three blocks from the church and two blocks from the well; the other six I assign to homes in the preacher's own pastoral charge, to be selected by the preacher's wife. Shall expect all parties to go to the homes assigned them.

C. V. OSWALT.

Rev. Oswald, Mineral Wells, Texas:

Dear Sir—Referring to our conversation a few days ago regarding rates to Mineral Wells for the conference which meets at that place in November, I enclose herewith map, on which please outline the counties embraced in this district. Kindly give this prompt attention, so that I may arrange with the other Texas lines for the regular convention rates.

It may be well enough for you to at once notify your Methodist journals and call attention to this convention, also to the fact that round trip excursion rates at one and one-third fare for the round trip, good for sixty days, are on sale at all coupon stations in Texas, this year round, and for everybody to insist upon receiving them.

The regular convention rates, which are one and one-third fare for distances 100 miles and less from Mineral Wells, and one fare, plus 19 per cent, for distance over 100 miles, will apply, good to return one day after the close of the convention. We will also notify all lines that we will honor the regular Clergy Bureau Permit. If, however, any line should fail to notify their agents, they can purchase to Weatherford and return from our agent at the regular half rate. Weatherford to Mineral Wells and return.

P. E. BOCK,
 Supt. W. M. W. & N. Ry.
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A MESSAGE.

Through the courtesy of his brethren of the Church press, the Epworth League Secretary and editor has the privilege of addressing the pastors and League workers in this general and effective way. The League has greatly improved and prospered during the past year. The statistics of the Annual Conferences have yet to be compiled, but we are confident that they will show that the League has fully held its own. Great advance has been made in our plans and great improvements in all our League literature. The Reading Courses for Senior, Intermediate and Junior Leagues have been carefully and successfully selected. The League Bible Circle Studies, which are pronounced by competent critics to be the best work yet done for the young people of the Churches, enters its second year greatly enlarged in its scope and improved.

The Epworth Era, now printing a splendid magazine edition of twenty-four and thirty-two pages, is growing in favor and circulation as never before. The editor's motto, "A paper equal to the best, and a successful competitor of the popular magazines of the day," is meeting with a response from every quarter. This note is written to ask all our people, young and old, to send to us for samples of this literature, as well as for samples of the Epworth Era. They will be mailed to you without cost, post free. The League has entered upon a new and prophetic era of activity and success. Our wish is to interest all our people in its plans and fellowships. It has brought to the Church a new im-

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DEDICATED.

Adams Chapel, on the Alto Circuit, will be dedicated by Dr. John Adams of Tyler on the Third Sunday in October. All former pastors are invited to be present.

J. W. BRIDGES, P. C.
 Alto, Texas, Sept. 30.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

St. Louis—Account World's Fair, various rates and limits, now on sale.
 Galveston—Account Meeting Grand Chapter Eastern Star, convention rates, Oct. 9 and 10, limited Oct. 11.
 Corsicana—Account Encampment Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., convention rates, Oct. 9 and 10, limited Oct. 12.
 Kansas City—Account American Royal Live Stock Show, one fare plus 12, Oct. 15 to 19, limited Oct. 25, with extension privileges.
 Austin—Account Texas Presbyterian Synod, one and one-third fare, Oct. 17 and 18, limited Oct. 21.
 Dallas—Account Texas Grand Festival and Kaliph Celebration, very cheap rates, Oct. 7 to 15.
 San Angelo—Account Fair and Carnival, convention rates, Oct. 17 to 20, limited Oct. 21.
 Dallas—Account Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, convention rates, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, limited Nov. 7.
 Beaumont—Account Good Roads Convention, convention rates, Oct. 9 and 10, limited Oct. 13.

For further information ask any Santa Fe agent, or write W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

MARRIED.

Peck-Rowarek.—At Ranger, Texas, Mr. Claud Peck and Lillie Rowarek, Rev. B. R. Wagner officiating.

Carter Smith.—At Ranger, Texas, Mr. C. S. Carter and Annie Smith, Rev. B. R. Wagner officiating.

Harrison Rawls.—At Ranger, Texas, Mr. L. A. Harrison and Neal Rawls, Rev. B. R. Wagner officiating.

Gantt-Russell.—Married at the Methodist parsonage in Hale Center, Texas, September 11, 1904, at 7:30 p. m., Mr. T. A. Gantt, of Burleson, Texas, and Miss L. Lela Russell, of Hale County, Rev. J. W. Childers officiating.

Brothers Rhodes.—On May 22 1904, Mr. W. J. Brothers and Miss Ella Rhodes, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

Bynum Grabbs.—At the parsonage at Wills Point, Texas, Aug. 29, 1904, Mr. J. B. Bynum and Miss Ella Grabbs, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

Knapp Peace.—At the parsonage at Wills Point, Texas, Sept. 4, 1904, Mr. Jos. Knapp and Miss Georgie Peace, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

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