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Editorial.

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF ALMS GIVING.

Christ lays down a good rule to follow in our works of charity. In Matthew 6:1-4 we read: "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly." The Pharisees made a great show of their religion. Often when they prepared to bestow a few alms on some poor person they sounded a trumpet and called attention to their work that they might be seen of men and have glory of men. They wanted men to know what they were doing and speak in high terms of their humane works. All this was and is contrary to Christ's idea of charity. He rarely ever called public attention to himself or to what he was doing. Hence he wanted his disciples to follow his example, be religious from principle and not from policy; and under no circumstances make a show of their religion. Such a thing carried with it all the evidences of hypocrisy or hollow sham. There was no earnestness in it. But not so with the Master's religion. He cared not what the world thought of him, but he was anxious about what God thought of it. He wanted glory of the Father, but not of men. All he wanted to accomplish was to help the poor, because the poor were helpless and dependent. But he did not seek praise of men for his work. Hence he laid down the rule we have quoted for our works of benevolence. We need not infer from this that we must actually try to hide from men our deeds of charity, but in performing them we must not magnify self in the sight of men. Humility is the grace Christ wants to teach us in our praying and in our giving. These must be matters between us and the Father, without any reference to what men may think of us.

CONGRESS AND THE CANTEEN.

The canteen is another name for the army bar-room. The only difference between it and the regular bar-room is, it is under the control of the army post with a soldier dishing out the fluids; and, also, nothing is supposed to be kept in the canteen but beer and light drinks, so-called. Otherwise it is a full-fledged bar-room. Some time ago Congress was prevailed upon to vote the canteen out of the army on the ground that the Government has no right to foster an institution for the degradation of its soldiers. This raised a great howl among the army officers who love to indulge their appetites and especially among the beer dealers who want to promote all the drinking possible for the benefit of the trade. Ever since the canteen was abolished there has been a great cry from

these same sources to reinstate it, and they base their cry on the ground that whereas the soldiers once lounged around the canteen they now go to the beer joints; and that as a consequence these joints have sprung up in close proximity to the army posts. It is a strange thing that army officers can not control the drinking habits of their men. What sort of discipline do they enforce, if their men are allowed to leave their places of duty and frequent dives and joints without permission? Besides this, we visited San Antonio some years ago when the canteen was in force and we found as many beer joints near by at that time as we found there a few weeks ago with the canteen gone. The Government of the United States can not afford to reinstate the canteen as a part of its army furnishing. It needs to promote temperance by the right sort of discipline rather than to promote drunkenness by keeping intoxicants as a part of its equipment. The taxpayers of this country do not want their money to go toward this sort of business. If drunkenness has to be promoted in the army let the Government turn the business over to the liquor people and keep its own hand out of such a dishonorable and disreputable business.

PREACHING TO SINNERS.

In the olden times nearly all the preaching was to sinners. You rarely ever heard a sermon that did not contain a direct appeal to the unsaved to accept Christ and live. But since we have established pastorates, and the preacher is directing his attention to the one thing of building up his congregation, he has largely ceased to look to the stated service for the salvation of the lost. His sermons do not often contain an importunate address to sinners to turn from their way, accept the Savior and live. On the contrary, he leaves that sort of preaching to the man whom he invites to come and hold for him a special meeting. We appreciate the necessity for sermons that will root and ground the membership in the doctrines of the Church, and that will build them up in righteousness; but after all no sermon is complete that does not have a special message for the unconverted. All the people in the congregation are not converted. There are always from one to fifty who do not know Christ. And they stand in need of salvation. They ought not to be overlooked on account of the many who already believe. They ought to have something special for them; and they ought to have an opportunity to come to the Savior. The fact is, no service has accomplished the end of worship unless this is done. There ought to be conversions at every service. It is a mistaken idea that men can not be converted unless you have a revival meeting. But we are about drifted into this way of looking at this question. The revival meeting is all right, but people ought not to be taught to look to the revival alone for the salvation of the lost. No sinner ought to leave the Church without feeling that a part of the sermon is directed especially to him. It used to be so, and it ought to be so to-day. The gospel is the power of God unto the sal-

vation of every one who will believe, and the power of gospel truth ought to go forth from every sermon to the hearts of the unconverted in every congregation. Preaching to sinners is one of the specific duties of the minister of the gospel. Brother, are you thus preaching the gospel?

THE REED SMOOT CASE.

It is a fortunate thing that Reed Smoot was elected to the United States Senate from Utah, inasmuch as the investigation by that body into his eligibility to a seat has brought before the country the political, social, moral and financial oneness of that entire section with the evils of Mormonism. While it has not been proven that Smoot is technically a polygamous man in his domestic relations, nevertheless the evidence shows that he is a high official in that so-called Church, whose purpose and aim is to promote its interests and to place its welfare beyond the State and the National Governments. The further fact is disclosed that our Government will soon have to deal, not with those whom the Mormons elect to office, but with Mormonism itself. It is assuming threatening relations and either it or our domestic, civil and religious institutions will have to cease to exist. Its teachings are absolutely inimical to our form of government. It strikes at the very sources of our civilization, and it does it through the basest and most dominant passions of the human heart. Its missionaries are now at work throughout many sections of our country and in Europe gathering together a promiscuous mass of deluded fanatics who are so far misled as to swear allegiance to Mormonism and to practice its lustful excesses in the face of the Constitution of the State and the laws of the National Government. They are living in the most corrupt and putrescent domestic condition to-day, and they do not hesitate to go to Washington and give the details of their domestic lives to the investigating committee. Their testimony is an open confession of their defiance of law and social order. What the Senate will do with this man who represents all that is worst and lowest in the Mormon faith awaits to be seen, but the whole country is opposed to such a man sitting in the highest branch of our Government and helping to make laws for this American Republic. He needs to be expelled from that body, and his whole brood who have been giving this testimony ought to be severely prosecuted, condemned and punished.

THE FIRST MURDERED MAN WE EVER SAW.

It was back in the old East Tennessee hills, in a mountain gorge, on the side of a creek, and in a poorly furnished log cabin. The crime had taken place in the night time when the men were under the influence of liquor. This was back in "the good old times," before there was any license imposed upon liquor by the government; when every man had a still on the back side of his plantation; when the liquor was pure and occupied a place on the sideboard of every farmhouse;

and when, it is now said, that drunkenness was rarely ever known, and no crime followed in the wake of drinking. All such statements may sound well to people who never lived back in the "good old times," but to those of us who were born and brought up amid these conditions, we know better. There never was a time, whether under license, or when liquor was as free as the water in the mountain spring, when its excessive drinking did not produce crimes—and when its moderate drinking did not lead to drunkenness and crime. On the occasion indicated by the subject at the head of this article, we were on our way to the old field school, with the other neighborhood children. We saw a man coming hurriedly up the road. He met us and said, "Tom Jones killed Jim Wise last night." It took the breath out of us, and instead of going on to the schoolhouse, we soon turned up the hollow in the direction of the house where the killing took place. For a half mile we walked briskly until we came to the place. We shall never forget the scene. The poor mountain woman and her children were screaming frantically, and several neighbors were crying with them. We entered the log hut, and there on the floor lay the prostrate form of Jim Wise. He was dressed in his rough, everyday clothes; they were soaked in blood, and the floor was covered with the crimson fluid. His shirt bosom was open and there were three gaping wounds inflicted by a knife. He was dead! Tom Jones and he had come home from the stillhouse drinking; they drank away into the night; then they got into a drunken row and Tom plunged his knife into Jim's heart! True to the mountain superstition about handling a murdered man's body, it was permitted to lay there until an officer came to hold an inquest. It was a shocking sight! Liquor did it, for the two men had always been friends. Has the stillhouse ever done anything but evil? Has the barroom ever produced anything but crime and immorality? No! Red liquor has always been a murderer, and it is a murderer to-day. It killed people in "the good old time," and it is killing them now. It will continue to kill them until society rises up and kills liquor down with the barroom! Death to the stillhouse! They are man's worst enemies and the devil's best friends. Their history is written in human blood!

One of the strongest evidences that Christ arose from the dead is found in the fact that he still lives, a mighty factor regenerating and transforming human life and character. He does this not as a dead but as a live Christ.

To know Christ in the experience of regeneration is to enter into kinship with his life and person, and through this kinship we become a part of God's family in heaven. He is the "heir of all things" and we are his brethren. Our family prestige after the flesh may not be very honorable in the sight of men, but our heirship in the eternal kingdom is as lofty and noble as the nature and character of the Son of God.

Resume of the Life of Louis XIV

By Rev. Eugene S. Hursey.

Louis XIV succeeded to the French throne in 1643, when but five years of age. His mother, who acted as Queen Regent during his minority, declared him old enough to rule at the age of fourteen. Let us believe it was during this early part of his life that pampered pride and egotism led him to erect the statue representing himself as triumphantly trampling on the helpless people of France and to arrogantly proclaim, "L'etat, c'est moi" (I am the State), though truth compels us to say that he enforced this principle throughout his life.

When he was twenty-one, in the hope of eventually annexing the Spanish dominions to France, he married the Infanta Maria Theresa. Little was expected of the young King; his education had been neglected, and his conduct was dissolute; but on the death of his Prime Minister, Mazarin, in 1661, he suddenly assumed the reins of government, and from that time forth (he was then twenty-three) carried into effect with rare energy a political theory of pure despotism. He had a cool, clear head; much dignity and amenity of manners; great activity; and an indomitable will that was destined to be "one of the strongest elements in the seventeenth century." For the next thirty years he labored as diligently at his task of ruling the State as any peasant did in digging the soil, spending eight full hours of every day in the consideration of public affairs. When urged not to apply himself so closely he truthfully replied: "To rule by work is the true secret of power."

The distress caused by the religious wars had created throughout France a longing for repose, which was favorable to his assumption of absolute power. He was ably assisted by faithful ministers. Manufacturers flourished under royal protection. The wonderful talents of Colbert revised and improved the laws, and furnished the means for war by restoring the ruined finances of the country; whilst Louvois applied these means in raising and sending out armies more thoroughly equipped, and disciplined than any other of that age, armies that became the fear and the curse of Europe. During his personal administration of the government, Louis XIV was engaged in four great wars: The war for the Spanish Netherlands, a war with Holland, the war of the Palatinate, and the war of the Spanish succession; wars of conquest and aggression, in which all Europe was stained with blood; and during all which time brave little Holland, the champion and representative of liberal, constitutional government, was his most inveterate enemy. Of his many acts of cruelty and injustice, the most terrible was the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, whereby he drove from his kingdom "the bone and sinew, the brain and conscience" of France; and from which evil day may be dated the decline of his power. By tyranny, diplomacy and military glory France had been brought to regard Louis XIV with Asiatic servility, admiring and obeying. Political independence had become a thing of the past (or future); his subjects seemed to have lost even the desire to assert any political rights; even the courts of justice yielded to his absolute sway; and he interferred at pleasure with the course of law, writing about 9000 Lettres de Cachet for the purpose of shielding criminal favorites and punishing the innocent.

The Court of the "Grand Monarch" was the most extravagantly magnificent that Europe has seen since the days of Nero and his Golden House. Of his half dozen palaces, the most costly was at Versailles, upon which he had lavished fabulous sums—the palace alone costing more than a hundred million dollars. Here he gathered the beauty, wit and learning of France—fifteen thousand persons comprising the royal household, living in costly and luxurious idleness at the expense of the oppressed people. If constant adulation could have killed the King, he would have died young; for poets, orators, historians, vied with each other in praising his magnanimity, his glory, his power. But God alone knows the maledictions heaped upon his miserable head, the vials of wrath outpoured by the thousands of starving peasants, subsisting on weeds and the vilest refuse; by the emaciated women and children dead on the roads and in the fields with their mouths full of grass.

The vice and immorality of the French court was made attractive by the pomp and glitter. Louis was the central sun, and the courtier's luminaries, reflecting his splendor; yet it must be said to his credit that all this adulation did not destroy in him certain really great qualities. He never became an idler or a trifler. He knew how to select able men and retain them in his service. He tried to

lead the civilization of Europe, and to be the patron of all that was noble in literature, art and science; and, though his motives were selfish, good resulted. His reign—nominally seventy-two years, really about sixty—became the Golden Age of French literature; and many of the most eminent men of genius the country ever produced are associated with it; Moliere, Racine, Corneille, La Fontaine, Massillon, Fenelon, Rochefoucauld, Descartes, Pascal, Bossuet, and many more. French became the court language of the civilized world, and, in a measure, the language of literature. Louis met his death alone, and like a King. He died in 1715; and when the news reached Paris, the city could not contain itself for joy. They drank and sang over their deliverance, and cursed the body of their King as it passed by on its way to the royal tomb.

Guizot says: "The government of Louis XIV was a great fact, a powerful and brilliant fact, but it was built upon the sand."

Alas! how many make this great, pitiable mistake! Had this indomitable energy been used in works of righteousness, the religious life of France would have been elevated for all time. Let us take heed to our foundations; for all life's greatness, and power and glory can but crumble to dust, unless we found our structures upon the solid Rock.

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GEORGIA MUSINGS.

There is an incident in the life of Paul which his admirers are disposed to quietly ignore lest its recital should detract from his fame as a saint. He and Barnabas had gone on a missionary tour, accompanied by Mark, the young nephew of Barnabas, who was their helper. The tour had not been a holiday excursion, and when they reached a seaport in the west of Asia Minor Mark found a ship going probably to Joppa, and found his uncle and Paul had their faces turned toward Antioch, a city buried in the mountains. The prospect for Mark seeing his home and his good mother if he went with them was not bright, and his heart sank within him, and against their protests he took shipping for the East, and ignominiously departed. After awhile Paul and Barnabas came back to tell of great victories won. Mark was deeply humbled at having deserted them and was anxious to go with them on their next tour. Barnabas was disposed to take him, but the intrepid, uncompromising Paul said, "Nay." Barnabas was a good man, full of faith and the Holy Spirit, but he had a will of his own, and he insisted on Paul forgiving Mark and giving him another trial; but loving Barnabas as Paul did, and remembering how he had stood by him when he needed friends and making all allowances for the affection of Barnabas for his nephew, he could not conscientiously yield, so they agreed to disagree and divided the work, and each went his own way. Years after this, when a lonely prisoner in Rome, Paul was writing a letter to Timothy, and writing calmly of a departure which was not far off, and while urging Timothy to come to him, he said, "Take Mark and bring him with thee, for he is profitable to me for the ministry." And a little later, writing to Philemon, he says, "Marcus was his fellow-laborer." The young man had redeemed himself. This little incident has led me to think how oftentimes young preachers are misjudged by those who are older and censured too severely for failures and errors. This is not done generally by old preachers. They are very indulgent, and excuse the inexcusable, but those strong men in middle life who are in the midst of the conflict, and who are ready to meet any coming foe, or endure any privation, have little patience with a young man's weaknesses. Sometimes a young fellow deserves all the severity with which he is visited. He is silly, frivolous, conceited, judicious, and has no idea of the serious character of the work he is engaged in. The utmost charity cannot fail to see in him a clerical fop. His whinings at hardship are childish and his slavery to self-indulgence is sinful, but sometimes the poor fellow is misunderstood and censured unwarrantably. Bishop Pierce, when he was George the merry law student of Greensboro, whose dancing eye and ringing laughter and swallow-tailed brass buttoned blue coat and constant attention to the young maidens of the village, seemed to stern John Collinsworth to be too frivolous for a preacher. He was unwilling for him to be licensed or recommended for admittance to the conference, but great-hearted James O. Andrew saw deeper, and the after story told which was the wiser.

When Jesse Boring was a boy of 18 he joined the conference, and was sent from the mountains of Georgia to the

piney woods of West Florida. The rides were long, the people were coarse, and the boy became homesick. The stern Welshman, Josiah Evans, his presiding elder, accustomed to the hardest work of the frontier, had no patience with the troubled youth, and told him to "go home," as he said rudely, "Go home to your mammy and let her nurse you." He took the elder at his word, but great-hearted Elisha Calloway was preacher in charge, and when Jesse came to bid him good by he said, "No, my boy, you shan't go; I have not been as thoughtful of you as I ought to have been. Stay here and ride with me;" and he did. The after story of that boy all men know who know Methodism. In these days a young man from a refined family accustomed to all the usages of polite society is careful in dress, somewhat dainty in appetite, finds himself in a frontier circuit in a new community, who all is formative, he does not at once fall in with rough ways, and the poor, tenderfoot is censured for an effeminacy which is censured for home. Yet the apparent dude may be the real hero. Wm. Capers was not less devoted to his work because he went to his rural circuit among the poorest people, with the tastes he had inherited, and George Pierce worked as faithfully among the plain farmers of a large circuit as if he had never worn a blue dress coat with brass buttons. The proudest men of their apparel are often those who wear an uncouth garb. To suppose a young man is not ready for hard work because his manners are elegant is to make as wrong an inference as to suppose one is a gentleman because he is well dressed and well behaved.

We may censure a country boy, just beginning to preach and just going into society, for certain crudities, and decide he will never do for city folks; but the time will come when he will be as regardful of proven conventionalities as if he had been raised under the rules of Spanish etiquette. That a young fellow who never rode a broncho or camped with a cowboy, should be a little frightened when he is ordered to the Panhandle, does not show that he is going to flinch or flee. When Hans Horton left his dear old mother for Texas he had never gone far from Milledgeville nor had he ever seen a wild Indian; but he rode the Uvalde Circuit with two revolvers in his belt, and doubtless kept his hair cropped short to keep the Comanches from getting too good a scalp.

A young fellow who has opinions is not always a heretic, and one who says what he thinks is not always conceited or forward. Mark, the brave man who was willing to go a thousand miles to share the prison home of an apostle, who once was not willing to give him a trial, may be the same Mark who fled from Paphos.

GEO. G. SMITH.

AMEND OUR MARRIAGE LAWS.

Our ritual says that matrimony "is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and his holy Church, which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men, and therefore is not by any to be entered or taken in hand unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly and in the fear of God." Who will say that this declaration of the Church is not scriptural (and to borrow a late campaign phrase) "safe and sane?" If her voice was heeded, I verily believe that separations would be reduced to the vanishing point. I think that almost all separations and divorces can be traced in their last analysis to their being "taken in hand unadvisedly." Marriages now take place on slight acquaintance, or without either party ever having seen the other until they met at Hymen's altar. That some of these matches turn out happily is the exception and not the rule.

How often does it happen that a young couple meets, go together two or three times, then hasten to the County Clerk's office, produce an order from parents, which has been forged by the young and silly girl. Or, even worse, if possible, she appears and perjures her own soul, presuming in both cases that her parents will not appear to prosecute her for her sinful and unlawful crime. It sometimes happens that the best man, or groom-elect, who regards neither God nor man, will brave the law and forge the order, but more often this is done by the bride-elect. Then, after the license has been obtained, to show their utter disregard and contempt for the laws of decency and propriety and their utter lack of appreciation of the importance and solemnity of the step that they are taking, they jump in a buggy and drive, Jehu like, to some bridge on the public highway, midway of which they draw rein, and, while they remain seated in the buggy and titter, the squire or parson, "in and by the authority vested in me, I pronounce you man and wife."

Then to a phone they go and mamma is told: "I'm married."

The scenes in this comedy (or tragedy) of errors, come thick and fast. The first scene: A quarrel and separation; the next, a divorce court. Flying into this sacred estate, so lightly and frivolously, without previous thought or meditation, on so slight an acquaintance and without any knowledge of the disposition or habits of each other, without even consulting the parents, the end of the farce is almost inevitable. We may draw up resolutions in conference assembled, issue decrees and fulminate our bulls, but the divorce mills will continue to grind until the ax is laid at the root of the tree of this iniquitous crime.

In the first place, the parents must take this in hand and instruct their children upon the importance, solemnity and sacredness of the marriage state.

In the second place, our marriage laws must be amended so as to make the obtaining of marriage licenses more difficult and public. In furtherance of the object aforesaid, I propose the following:

Amend our marriage laws, making it necessary for a couple desiring to marry for the man to file his application with the county clerk on blanks to be kept by the clerk for that purpose for license to marry, giving his name, age, nationality, occupation and residence, and, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the name, age and residence of the young lady. Then let this application be filed as other papers, and cause notice of said application to be published in county paper for two weeks—if county has a paper; otherwise notice thereof shall be posted in three public places in the county, citing all to appear and show cause why the license should not be lawfully issued. In case objections are filed against the issuance of said license, let the objections be heard, in chambers, by the County Judge, as soon thereafter as possible after citing the interested parties to be present and make charges good and to answer same. Where objections are filed the issuance of license by the clerk shall be governed by the decree of the court. If no objections are filed before the expiration of the time, the clerk shall proceed to issue the license to marry.

I can conceive of but one objection to such a law—the cost. It would, perhaps, be necessary to raise the price of licenses. And why not? It may be too costly to publish notice in paper; but notice could be posted at a very small cost. Of course, if a boy and girl really love each other they would not be ashamed of serving notice upon the public of their intentions to marry. If they are ashamed before marriage to have their names coupled in print, the sooner they have done with each other the better. In fact, it is the custom among those who are able to bear the expense to send out announcements of engagement and invitations to the marriage. This proposal is not the dream of a visionary. It used to be obligatory to publish the banns; it is still practiced in the Roman Catholic Church, and, I am not sure but that it is now the law in some of the States.

Many things can be said on the very happy and salutary influences of such a law. Chief among them are these:

1. It would prevent these hasty and ill-advised marriages; the contracting parties would be compelled to consider, for two weeks at least, this serious and important step; they would have this time, also, to get acquainted with each other.
2. It would stop runaways. In our land there would not be heard a voice, "lamentation and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and will not be comforted because they are not." Mothers and fathers could lie down and sleep in peace, knowing that their child could not steal away in the night like a thief or criminal and marry a man almost a stranger to her and her parents.
3. It will put a period to these clandestine marriages. How often do we read in our dailies of some young fellow startling the unsuspecting parents of some girl by waving in their faces a marriage certificate of nuptials that have been celebrated six months or more previously, while they were off in an adjoining town on some Sunday excursion?

4. It will prevent forgery and perjury. Just the other day we read in our dailies of a father who was convicted and went to the penitentiary for perjury in obtaining a license for his son to wed. This crime is a common one. It takes place every day in this great State of ours.
5. It will stop flirtation. This silly and wicked nonsense of a party engaged to marry, at practically the same time two or more parties, and then marrying the other fellow. And so will have a tendency to stop many homicides that are committed by jilted lovers.

6. It will relieve our county clerks of a great responsibility and liability for suits on bonds. It will largely diminish the grist that is being poured in a stream into the hoppers of the divorce court. Breach of promise suits,

with their startling headlines in our daily papers and their sickening report of the revolting and shameful testimony, will largely be a relic of the past.

In consideration of these facts, which everyone may verify by observation and conferring with your county clerk, I think that a change in our marriage laws are imperative; and, after due consideration, I believe the change suggested, or something similar, will, in a large measure, free society from the evil from which she is suffering, and will make the marriage state more sacred in the eyes of all. If you favor such a change, use your influence with your representative to get such an amendment passed during our next Legislature. "I am for the public; it has suffered long enough."

CHAS. U. McLARTY.

SIX ORPHANS.

H. G. H.

Some years ago I heard a person of limited information speaking as though I. Z. T. Morris was engaged in small business hunting childless homes for homeless children. The same person took but little stock in the collection for our Orphanage at Waco. I will not argue with such persons, for they are without sense or religion; but the rather would give a brief sketch of six orphans, two of whom, at least, were raised in orphan homes.

In the old and aristocratic city of Charleston, S. C., where John Wesley had printed his first Methodist hymn book, there has been for a long number of years the "Charleston Orphan House." It is supported by public charity or benevolence. In his boyhood A. B. Murray, an orphan, found shelter and was raised in that orphan house. His character received its stamp there. He is now a rich man and President of the Bennett Rice Mills. A few weeks ago he donated \$100,000 to that Orphan House. No comment is necessary.

In early boyhood and for several years Gen. John C. Fremont was an inmate of that Charleston Orphan House. He came of French Huguenot stock. He commanded the first regiment that assisted in capturing California in the war of 1845-46. He was a noted pioneer, civil engineer and the famous "Pathfinder" for travel between the Atlantic and Pacific before a railway existed between the two oceans. He was a candidate for the Presidency, and married Jessie, the beautiful daughter of the famous Senator Benton, of Missouri.

Andrew Jackson was an orphan and did not even have the benefit of an orphan home. Except Washington, America has not produced a more famous man. When he was a puny, sickly lad the British put him in jail and kept him there for six months. He afterwards commanded the American Army and whipped the flower of England's forces at New Orleans. He was elected President over Henry Clay, the most brilliant statesman Kentucky has ever produced.

Alexander Hamilton was an orphan, buffeted about by poverty and hardships. He became Washington's first Secretary of the United States Treasury, and a more sagacious man has never been at the head of that department of our Government. His duel with Aaron Burr took place against the best instincts of his nature.

Sam Houston was without a father at a very early period of his life. He was a bosom friend of Andrew Jackson and the most famous man among the history-makers of Texas.

Alex. H. Stephens was a very poor orphan, living from hand to mouth. A company of Presbyterian ladies took him in hand, schooled him and clothed him. The South has never produced a more brilliant orator nor a profounder statesman.

John Paul Jones was an orphan—possibly his father was never known. With a few old wooden battleships and untrained sailors he whipped the navy of the greatest power on earth. His fame cannot be eclipsed by that of Nelson, Farragut or Dewey.

Were these orphans worthy of being looked after?

A missionary in Western Mexico writes: "Yesterday I returned from the Pacific coast, and, after nine days in the saddle, I feel a little tired out and willing to rest. The road was bad going over, and I had a tough time. Added to this, there was a good deal of disorder over in the Territory of Tepic. A coach was robbed on the main road a few days ago, and on the trail which I followed from the town of Tepic to the ocean four men had been robbed a few days before. On Monday, when I got to Santo Maria del Oro, I found that four soldiers had gone out the day before to arrest some bandits. They were bringing one in at night, when the remainder of the gang waylaid them, killed the commander and one soldier, wounded the other two, and the prisoner escaped with the captain's horse. But I got through without trouble." • • •

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Devotional and Spiritual

CHOOSING OUR OWN WAY.

God is able to set each one in the place where he wants him to be. He knows best what field each one should occupy. He knows our capabilities, our tastes, our needs, and the needs of those whom we are to serve. He will choose our place for us if we will let him. Nevertheless there are many men and women who are in the wrong place. There are men on the farm who should be in the Senate, and men in the store who should be in the pulpit, and men in the pulpit who were never called nor fitted for the place. There are men wrestling with the problems of finance who should be holding up the banner of the cross in missionary fields, men floundering in the slough of political discussion and corruption who should be pushing on the car of salvation among the lost. There are men conducting gambling houses and drinking saloons who should be engaged in better business. We see many misplaced men. Why is it so?

If God is the giver of all talents and the disposer of all forces, why are not all men in the right place? The answer is easy. Most men choose their own place instead of leaving their case in the hands of God and letting him assign each one to duty wherever it may please him. The Christian should receive his assignment from God, as he receives his daily bread from him. The Christian is a soldier, fighting the good fight of faith under the orders and the eye of a divine Commander. It is not for a soldier to determine his assignment. His commanding officer is supposed to know best what post he shall occupy. It is his to discharge the duties of the post to which he has been assigned by the commander. The late editor of "The Sunday School Times" once told of a Christian of large experience and commanding influence who, when a young man, believed it to be his duty to go to South Africa as a missionary. He held himself in readiness to enter that field so soon as the way should be open. But the Lord unmistakably turned him aside from the missionary field and put him into the stove business. For more than twenty years he had been engaged in the manufacture and sale of stoves, ranges and grates, confidently believing that he was as truly and acceptably serving the Lord as if he had gone abroad as a missionary.

Why not? It is not the will of God that all should be missionaries or ministers of the gospel. If he calls men into the ministry by a clear and distinct voice, may he not also assign others to the field in which he would have them serve by some clear and specific direction? Where are the scores of good men who believe this and endeavor to follow the voice of the Lord in their secular pursuits? They let him choose for them and are glad to do so. They are not fanatics nor dreamers. They do not use their religion to advertise their business. They are plain, practical, successful, systematic business men. But they recognize God in their business. They believe that he has placed them where they are. They are confident that if he should come at any time he would find them doing what he has called them to do. They are where he has placed them, and there they will remain till he shall unmistakably call them to another field.

There are many advantages in this way of living. Why should we fret and worry over our calling? Why may we not be confident that, whether the place we fill is agreeable or not, it is the place he has assigned us? Who is so wise to choose our lot and to appoint our way? If we choose for ourselves without taking counsel of the Lord, how shall we ever know that we are in the right place? Worldly success is no proof,

Many men are making money rapidly who are not in the place where God wants them to be. The fact that our lot is pleasant and agreeable to our feelings is no certain proof. Many a man is pleased with his work who is not doing the work the Lord would have him do. Who can hope to hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," if he has chosen his own field of labor without taking counsel of the Lord? —N. Y. Christian Advocate.

THINGS NEW AND OLD.

The wise householder is able to bring out of his treasure things new and old—not at one time the new and at another the old, but things which are at once both old and new. For there is this double quality in everything, or nearly everything, with which we have to do. Truth is old, though it is held in new statements—the modern study is chiefly of old things. To these a large part of a college course is devoted. But the old is to be used in new duties. The duty of to-day is old, and is expressed in permanent laws. A new principle of duty would stand much suspicion as having no warrant. The two commandments which Christ gave had been given by Moses, but were the divine law from the beginning, and will be to the end, while they have applications which are changing. The Bible is our oldest and our newest book. It is a history, but it is written for the conduct of every man in his own time. Its truths do not lose their vitality. I find my freshest reading in the Bible, which continually surprises with forms of truth I had not discovered, and which are new though old.

The life is made up of the old and the new. Young as we are, "we are ancients of the earth, and in the morning of the times. The new is older in the old." "Antiquitas seculi juvenus mundi," Abraham was nearer the youth of the world than the boy of to-day. It is evident that, considering our age, we should be wiser and richer than those who have been before us. Many years are paying us tribute, and this is new when we receive it. We shall long be poor unless we secure the ancient wealth. Life should have stability. Places, forms, adjustments may change, but we should be well established in the permanent. There is a measure of virtue in being old. Of our Lord himself we are taught that he is the same yesterday and to-day and forever. He was before the world, but he has immortal youth even now. The eternal Love it is which is incarnate in him. The Shepherd of the Gospel, giving his life for the sheep, is the shepherd of the twenty-third Psalm. "The case is fulfilled, but it is the old case," and this will be new in the valley where the ancient rod and staff are for our comfort. It does not matter very much where we are placed in the family record. It is an old thought which is in us, which we change into our life. If we have had many years, they have left with us that which we have worked for, or the value of it. We may have some money laid up—if not that, we have ourselves, our memories, our fame and influence:

And that which should accompany old age,
As honor, love, obedience, troops of friends.

Each day is new, but the old and its earnings are in it. As old age increases, the new years draw nearer, and we shall have the old when all things are renewed. We need not part with that which is essential to our happiness. It is the wise rule to get what can be kept, what we shall like to keep. What must be lost is not necessary to our life. Letting the temporary go, we can secure the worth of them and move on while this increases. It is simple economy

to lay up treasure where we shall most and longest have need of it. There is no break in passing from world to world, and our property should be in form for easy transport. The old and the new await us. I have not lost

That friend of mine who lives in God.

He trod this planet with me and he will be my old friend when all things are renewed. Things have been dropped by the way, but the soul of them remains.

Here as one year passes into another, it is well to gather up all our earnings, and to take them with us over the unseen line, and in the new months with the old names have for our treasure, more than ever before, things new and old. A man has no right to be poor. It was a suggestive remark of Victor Hugo that he preferred fifty to forty, for forty is the old age of youth, and fifty is the youth of old age.—By the Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D.

OUR INFIRMITIES.

Never do we feel them more than at the hour of prayer. Sometimes our thoughts scatter like a flock of sheep, or flag and faint before the spiritual effort of stirring ourselves up to take hold on God. Who does not have times when (to use Jeremy Taylor's similitude) prayer is like the rising of a lark against the east wind? We even tire in maintaining the attitude of devotion, and how much more its spirit! We know not what to pray for; we are ignorant of the best arguments to employ; we ask amiss; we cannot keep in the perpetual spirit and temper of devotion; we lack that calm faith which can leave its burden at the mercy seat, and be at rest.

In all this the Spirit helpeth us. He "helpeth our infirmities." Knowing the mind of God, he is aware of those things which it will please our Father to bestow, and which indeed are only waiting for us to ask them at his hand. These he suggests to us; for these he excites strong and passionate desire; with respect to these he leads us to pour out our souls in importunate and prevailing prayer. When next you are sensible of a mighty tide of desire rising up in your heart, bearing you forward on its bosom toward God, yield to it, let it have its blessed way with you. Though there be almost pain in the unutterable passion of desire, dare not to restrain it; for the Holy Spirit is then taking you up into the purposes of God, and is leading you to ask those things which lie near his heart, and which brood over you as clouds of blessing ready to break. This is true prayer; the attempt on the part of man to tell out the deep, unutterable thoughts which the Spirit is inspiring within.—F. B. Meyer.

A CONTENTIOUS HABIT.

Honest criticism for the sake of the truth may be profitable, and lead to fruitful results; contentious criticism for the sake of criticism is likely to be mischievous in its effects, and to lead to an odious habit. We are divinely directed to "contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints," and to "strive earnestly to enter the narrow gate," but we are also frequently admonished to beware of those who are "puffed up, * * * dotting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising, wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth."

There are such men among us to-day. They have cultivated the habit of idle criticism, contention, strife about words, until it has become a second nature, and a very bad nature. They are on "the other side" in every discussion, not because they believe it, but because they see a chance for "an argument," and they thrive on "argu-

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But sometimes the kidneys fail. And sometimes, from some other cause, the blood gets so full of poison that they cannot absorb it all. This is the start of Rheumatism. The poison accumulates and crystallizes. The crystals look like little grains of sugar or of fine white sand. The blood carries them and they increase in size. Then, when it can carry them no longer, it deposits them in a joint—on a bone—anywhere.

The pain in your leg—the dull ache in your arm on a rainy day—these are the outward signs of the unseen crystals. And the twisted limbs and unspeakable anguish of the sufferer who has allowed his symptoms to go unheeded and unattended for years—these are the evidences of Rheumatism neglected, can do.

Rheumatism includes lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, gout for all these are the results of rheumatic poison in the blood. Plainly, the first thing to do is to remove the poison. But this is not enough. The FORMATION of the poison must be stopped, so that nature may have a chance to dissolve and eliminate the crystals which have already formed. Unless this is done there can be no cure—no permanent relief.

I searched the whole earth for a specific for Rheumatism—something that I or any physician could feel safe in prescribing. The only thing that we could count on not only occasionally, but ALWAYS for the ravages of Rheumatism are everywhere and genuine relief is rare.

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ments" as a goat thrives on thistles. They will tell you that Nero had doubtless good reasons for lighting up his gardens with burning Christians, that Ananias and Sapphira were probably not so bad as they are painted, and that Judas Iscariot could possibly make a very good defense if only we had the whole story of his alleged treason. In the heat of the argument you will sometimes hear these men, who want to give full opportunity to both sides, rise to remark that there are reasons for believing that the Niagara Falls flow up the precipice and so down it, and that we must not be so dogmatic in insisting that the sun is larger and brighter than the earth. "There is nothing of which the opposite may not be true," these great logicians assure us.

Now, it may be a fine acquisition to be able "to divide a hair 'twixt south and southwest side," but it has its perils. Besides making a nuisance of one's self in all social circles, it is not difficult so to cultivate this pernicious habit as to make it impossible for us to recognize the truth, even the brightest and highest. This is really that "reprobate mind" of which the apostle warns us that to it the knowledge of God is inaccessible.

"Our nature is subdued To what it works in, like the dyer's hand."

He that loves the truth shall know the truth, and it will make him free. He that loves contention shall have the spirit of contention as his abiding and just recompense of reward. "Leave off contention before it be meddled with."—Examiner.

GOLDEN RULE IN THE HOME.

An experiment worth trying would be for all housekeepers to exchange places for a single week with their maids. The only way in which a person may become really tolerant is to actually take the attitude of another by sharing his experiences.

It is impossible for persons to understand or sympathize with each other who have nothing in common and no means of taking the other's point of view. The cap-

I spent twenty years in experimenting before I felt satisfied that I had a certain remedy for this dread disease—a remedy which would not only clean out the poison, but one which would stop its formation.

Certain Relief.

The secret lay in a wonderful chemical I found in Germany. When I found this chemical, I knew that I could make a Rheumatic cure that would be practically certain. But even then, before I made an announcement—before I was willing to put my name on it—I made more than 2,000 tests! And my failures were but 2 per cent.

This German chemical is not the only ingredient I use in Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure—but it made the remedy possible—made possible an achievement which, I doubt not, could have been made in no other way.

This chemical was very expensive. The duty, too, was high. In all it cost me \$1.00 per pound. But what is \$1.00 per pound for a REAL remedy for the world's most painful disease? For a REAL relief from the greatest torture human beings know?

I don't mean that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure can turn bony joints into flesh again—that is impossible. But it will drive from the blood the poison that causes pain and swelling, and then that is the end of the pain and swelling. The end of the suffering—the end of Rheumatism. That is why I can afford to make this liberal offer—that is why I can afford to spend the FIRST dollar that Rheumatic sufferers, the world over, may learn of my remedy.

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alist who spends his spare time playing golf and the workingman who passes his spare hours in a saloon can come nearer each other in their pleasures than in their work.

There can be no practice of the golden rule unless it is made a part of a man's life and character. That state of mind which enables a man to understand and appreciate the spirit of the golden rule can come only from a life of self-sacrifice and tolerance and endeavor to live as much as possible in touch with the great forces of human personality.

The greatest good which is given to society from the liberal culture of our colleges and universities is the spirit of fair, broad-minded tolerance which enables a man to take the point of view of another man and to actually live and share his experiences.

Industrial conditions will improve as society comes more and more to be made up of this class of men.—Dr. T. P. Frost.

A SUNDAY MEDITATION.

The ringing bells call me to thy house, O Lord, on this day set apart for thy worship.

All days are thine, O Lord, and in all the ways of life, and in all places, I may truly adore thee.

But on this day, and in thy house, where thy people assemble in thy name to honor thee and to hear thy Word, there are treasures of grace and strength and peace for all the other days and for all the other duties of life.

Therefore, O Lord, hear thy servant, who now goes forth for this blessed season of public devotion and instruction.

I surrender myself to thee; I leave behind me all worldly cares and studies; I go to thy house to join with thy people in loving and reverent devotion, and as we shall together praise thy name, hear thy Word, plead thy promises, and consecrate ourselves to thy constant service, do thou pour out upon us, O Holy Father, thy blessed Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—Bishop Vincent.

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Secular News Items.

Congressman L. F. Livingston, of Georgia, has been leading a fight at Washington against the government's present method of making crop reports. Col. Livingston hopes to have Congress sustain his efforts "to obtain all sources and kinds of information upon which the Department of Agriculture based its recent report as to the acreage and production of cotton. Applauding Col. Livingston, the Atlanta Constitution says, among other things: "A statistical guess which cost the farmers of the South millions of dollars and which had several other similar disastrous precedents must not go unchallenged by those who have the South's welfare so close to heart." Secretary Rusk declares that the Government has seven or eight sources of information. Mr. Livingston insists that they be made known to the people.

Within the last three years over 1,500 patents of timber and homestead lands in the Roseburg, Ore., land office, covering about 350,000 acres of land, have been held up at the interior Department pending investigation. Indictments have been brought against Senator Mitchell and Representative Herman. Senator Mitchell vehemently declares his innocence and his ability to prove it.

The announcement of a public bequest of Theodore Thomas' unique musical library, a rare collection of scores of parts and manuscripts, is to be made within a month. During his entire career he collected scores and manuscripts, many of which were presented to him by the authors. The library is valued at \$300,000. Every year he added to it, with the result that it is the most valuable and extensive private collection of its kind in America.

William L. Douglas of Brockton was inaugurated Governor of Massachusetts January 5. He is the fourth Democrat to hold that office within the past fifty years. All the other officers are Republican, and the Legislature is heavily Republican.

Electric light is known to have a stimulating influence on the growth of vegetables. Two farms on Long Island which are equipped with arc lamps are said to yield remarkable products in much less than the time usually required.

Miss Katie Daffan, a teacher in the Ennis public school, has tendered her resignation to the board of trustees and has accepted the chair of history in the Houston High School, to which position she was elected last week.

Lord Mount Stephen, a peer, who began life as a herd boy, and whose bonities to charity from his romantically won wealth have been innumerable, has given \$200,000 (\$1,000,000) to the King's Hospital fund and the King has promptly acknowledged the gift as a magnificent donation. The announcement is the happy sequence to the recent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales at Lord Mount Stephen's Hatfield residence. The complete list of Lord Mount Stephen's benefactions could not be compiled, not merely because they have been so numerous, but because many are known only by those who have benefited by them.

Alva Adams has been declared by the Legislature to be the duly elected Governor of Colorado. The returns showed: Adams 123,978, Peabody 113,394; plurality for Adams 9,774. The Republican candidates to all the other State offices were declared elected. Under the terms of the agreement reached to-day by the various factions in the Legislature, no notice of contest can be filed by Governor Peabody until after the inauguration of Mr. Adams, which is set for 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

A national board to exercise supervision and control over corporations is provided for in a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Hepburn. It is proposed that Congress create a new department of the Government to exist in connection with the Department of Commerce and Labor, to be known as the National Board of Corporations. This board shall consist of five persons, four to be nominated by the President for terms of four years each at salaries of \$5,000 annually, and the fifth member shall be the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Under the provisions of the bill no corporation would be permitted to engage in business in any State other than that in which it is incorporated unless satisfactory proof is first submitted to the National board that the corporation is incorporated for a legitimate purpose, that it is solvent and that it is not a party to any agreement to operate in restraint of trade or commerce, or which results in giving to it or any person or corporation engaged in like trade an unfair advantage over others. Other conditions are also named.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Swift & Co. was attended by a number of Eastern capitalists. In

an address to the stockholders President L. F. Swift said: "It is needless for me to say to those present who are more or less familiar with the facts that the reports in circulation about the beef trust are without foundation. There is absolutely no conspiracy or combination to control prices of live stock, the sale of meats or packing house products. On the other hand, the packing industry is subjected to the severest kind of competition, both in buying and selling, and the percentage of profit on sales in the packing house industry is less than in other lines of business."

That life is the result of purely physical and chemical forces, irrespective of any divine or vital source, has been declared by Prof. Albert P. Matthews of any divine or vital force, has been class in physiological chemistry. While refusing to dispute the theory of the divine origin of life, Prof. Matthews took the stand that the present creation of life has been proved the result of purely physico-chemical reactions. "Certain chemical substances," he said, "coming together under certain conditions, do and are bound to produce life, no matter what the theologians may say. There is no getting away from facts and the results of laboratory experiments in regard to the production of certain phenomena of life are convincing." Prof. Matthews predicted it is only a matter of time before life itself will be produced in the laboratory.

The Citizens' League of El Paso held a meeting and decided to prosecute the gamblers to the extent of the law and it was decided to raise a fund of \$10,000 for that purpose. Gambling has cropped out in a number of places in the second stories of buildings since the beginning of the new year, in spite of the crusade inaugurated six weeks ago, which resulted in a general closing. The citizens' committee declares its intention to wage relentless war upon the gamblers. The fight promises to be a bitter one and the question may become an issue during the present municipal campaign.

The following is an interesting news item from Haiti, dated October 30: The high prices obtained for cotton last year offered great inducement to planters here to cultivate this product on a more extensive scale, and they were rapidly increasing their planting. No doubt cotton would have become a great factor in the exports, and would have greatly added to the revenue of the country but for the great disturbance in Haitian finances which caused a rapid increase of all expenses and thus compelled the planters to reduce their planting. While there has been considerable increase over former crops, the improvement will not be as great as was expected. This country is very suitable for the growing of cotton, and a large quantity could, no doubt, be produced at a greater profit than in the United States. Haitian cotton once planted continues to produce for twenty years without replanting and requires but little care or cultivation.

A terrible hurricane has been blowing along the coast of Yucatan, causing much damage. Small houses were blown down and the custom house boat at Chaetum was blown against a reef and destroyed. No loss of life is reported.

In the United States District Court at Little Rock Judge Trieber declared void the amendment to the Constitution of Arkansas which regards payment of poll tax as a qualification for voting. It was contended in a civil suit against two election judges that the amendment, while receiving a majority of the votes cast on the question at the election in 1892, did not get a majority of all the votes polled in the election, hence was not legally adopted. Judge Trieber has sustained the contention. The amendment has been operative at all elections in Arkansas since 1892.

Gen. Nogi declined Gen. Stoessel's Arabian charger as a Christmas present, and pointed out that it came under the category of war material to be surrendered, and consented to accept the animal in the name of the Japanese army.

Information has reached the State Department that, complying with the insistent demands of the United States, the Persian Government has made to the widow partial reparation for the murder of the Rev. Benjamin W. Larabee, an American missionary, by a gang of fanatics, and has promised that all the guilty persons involved in the crime will be punished.

The International Commission appointed to inquire into the North sea incident opened its sessions at Paris, Jan. 9. Admirals Von Spaun (Austria) and Doubassoff (Russia) were present. The latter's appointment was officially announced, thus making permanent Admiral Kazenakoff's retirement on account of illness. Admiral Fournier (France) was unanimously chosen permanent president. In the course of his speech of acceptance Admiral Fournier said he hoped the com-

mission would be inspired with the same moderation and wisdom which induced Emperor Nicholas and King Edward to refer the question to arbitration.

The valuable holdings of the Brazos River Channel and Dock Company, lying along both sides of the Brazos River from the mouth to a point about six miles up the river and consisting of many acres of river front, have been sold at special sale to satisfy a judgment of \$2,000,000 secured by the American Loan and Trust Company of Boston, Mass., trustee for the bondholders. The property was bought in by William H. Coolidge, of Boston, for the bondholders, the bid being \$10,000. This sale will still have to be confirmed by the court. It is thought that this sale will be of great benefit to Velasco, as it will place the property in the hands of a few, who will now be very likely to improve their holdings.

President Decker, of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has appointed Miss Abbott, of Watertown, Conn., chairman of the Educational Committee. President Decker expresses a purpose to formulate plans for work with college women with a view of eventually introducing domestic science, manual training and the like, into colleges. "The idea is to fit boys and girls more than is now done for work in the world; not to educate them so much alike; to give them training, in other words, for which one is especially adapted," says Mrs. Decker.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Waxanachie Cotton Mills was held there last week, at which a cash dividend of 10 per cent was declared, leaving a balance of \$42,000 surplus to be invested in improvements, etc. Since beginning operations the mills have made annual earnings of 13.85 per cent, though the dividend heretofore has been expended in improvements, increasing the facilities of the plant. The value of the mills has increased from \$95,000, the original cost, to \$141,000. Enough goods has already been sold to take up the entire output of the mills until the latter part of next May.

Theodore Thomas, noted orchestra leader, died of pneumonia at his residence in Chicago on Jan. 4. He was 70 years old. Theodore Thomas, who was an expert violinist, was born at Esaus, Hanover, Germany, Oct. 11, 1835. In 1845 his parents brought him to the United States, settling in New York City. Even at this early day the boy created an impression as a violinist. Concert trips through Southern cities in 1851 proved such successes that when Mr. Thomas returned to New York he became first violinist in concert and operatic performances during engagements in America for Jenny Lind, Sontag, Grisi and other great opera singers. The real beginning of Mr. Thomas' musical career was through a series of chamber concerts in New York during the years intervening between 1855 and 1872. He went to Chicago in 1891 and formed the Chicago Orchestra Association. On December 15 last he founded the Orchestral Hall, the permanent home of the Chicago Orchestra, built at a cost of more than \$800,000. It is a monument that bears witness to the untiring efforts of the dead musician.

Because farmers in Wisconsin placed broken glass, nails and barbed wire on the roads for the purpose of puncturing the tires of passing automobiles, the owners of the machines have appealed to the law to prevent this practice, which is causing them so much damage.

George H. Williams, ex-Chief Justice of Oregon, Attorney-General in President Grant's second Cabinet, Mayor of Portland, and a man with the snow of eighty-three winters on his head, was indicted by the county Grand Jury of Multnomah County on the charge of malfeasance. The indictment states that on July 13, 1903, Judge Williams was Mayor of Portland, and while acting in that capacity refused to enforce the statutes regulating gambling.

Count Tolstoi advised Emperor Nicholas years ago to grant some of the reforms recently promulgated. His letter, which deals with the internal conditions of Russia, commences, "Dear Brother," and refers to the universal dissatisfaction at the time manifested toward the Government. It suggests a number of reforms, some of which have been recently granted, while others are expected as the outcome of the more liberal policy of Russia. Count Tolstoi blames the Emperor's advisers, whose "strenuous and cruel activity is arresting the eternal progress of mankind."

Major George O. Squier, signal corps United States Army, has by a series of experiments, reached an original vegetable organisms may be used as part of a circuit for electrical oscillations or hertzian waves, which in turn suggests the possibility of using living trees as substitutes for masts and towers in the operation of a wireless telegraph. To use a tree instead of a mast, balloon or kite for wireless

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The nomination of W. D. Crum, a negro, to be Collector of Customs for the port of Charleston, S. C., was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 33 to 17. Crum had been nominated by the President three times, and in addition had received three recess appointments. He is now serving under the last of the recess appointments. Confirmation was opposed by Senator Tillman, who objected to the appointment of a negro.

WAR NEWS.

The fall of Port Arthur was received by the people of Russia with universal grief. Their Christmas festivities were almost abandoned and gloom has settled over the nation. The Japanese are rapidly carrying out the terms of surrender, and medical attention has been given to the sick and wounded in the Port. A pathetic meeting took place, January 5, between Gen. Nogi and Gen. Stoessel, during which each general expressed his admiration for the other.

Originally Gen. Stoessel's army numbered 35,000 men. Eleven thousand have been killed, 1600 are wounded and sick and 8,000 remained in the forts, of whom, however, 2,000 were unable to fight. It is learned that when Gen. Stoessel wrote Gen. Nogi regarding the surrender of the fortress he said: "I have 8,000 men in the forts, and 6,000 of these are able to fight. If you do not accept my proposal these men will die fighting, but it will cost you three times their number to kill them." The Russians estimate that the taking of the fortress cost Japan \$100,000,000.

Few incidents of the whole war have aroused more bitter criticism in Russia than the blunt announcement, officially issued by the general staff, that Gen. Stoessel will have to come home and stand courtmartial for surrendering the fortress of Port Arthur. While this is an ancient regulation and according to the law, it is bitterly resented on all sides that such an announcement should have been gratuitously made in the bulletin containing Gen. Stoessel's appeal to the Emperor for "lenient judgment on a garrison reduced to shadows, who have done all that was possible for human beings to uphold the honor of Russia in the face of her enemies."

General Nogi keenly feels the tremendous sacrifice of Japanese lives involved in the success of his plan, according to a dispatch from a correspondent with the Third Army, says a World dispatch from London. His very outward appearance has changed. He has grown carefree in dress, and strangers often find it difficult to pick out the aged, haggard man as the real leader. He refers to General Stoessel as the hero of Port Arthur, and emphasizes that surrender leaves his fame untarnished. General Nogi, it is recalled, lost two sons, his only children, in the war.

General Stoessel's last dispatch, dated January 1st, prior to the surrender of Port Arthur, details the Japanese attack on December 31st, and concludes as follows:

"We shall be obliged to capitulate,

but everything is in the hands of God. We suffered fearful losses.

"Great Sovereign, pardon us; we have done everything to humanity possible. Judge us, but be merciful. Nearly eleven months of uninterrupted struggles have exhausted us. Only one-quarter of the garrison is alive, and of this number the majority are sick, and, being obliged to act on the defensive, without even short intervals for repose, are worn to shadows."

In connection with the fall of Port Arthur, the following list of the ques of Theodore Thomas' unique world's most famous sieges is given: Constantinople, 1453, attacked by Turks, defended by Greeks, fell in 53 days.

Gibraltar, 1779-83, attacked by Spanish and French, defended by English, held out successfully greater part of three and one-half years.

Saragossa, 1808-09, attacked by French, defended by Spanish, fell in four months.

Aniwerp, 1832, attacked by French, defended by Dutch, fell in nineteen days.

Sebastopol, 1854-55, attacked by English and French, defended by Russians, fell in eleven months.

Delhi, 1857, attacked by English, defended by Sepoys, fell in four months and nine days.

Vicksburg, 1862-63, attacked by Union Army, defended by Confederates, fell in thirteen months sixteen days.

Metz, 1870, attacked by Germans, defended by French, fell in two months three days.

Strasburg, 1870, attacked by Germans, defended by French, fell in one month seventeen days.

Paris, 1870-71, attacked by Germans, defended by French, fell in four months nine days.

Khartoum, 1884, attacked by Mahdis forces, defended by English and Egyptians, held out almost a year.

In wars before 1741 there were more sieges than battles. From 1741 to 1783 there were 67 sieges to 100 battles. The proportion steadily decreased, until during the French Revolution the proportion was 25 to 100, while during the first empire only 16 sieges occurred to 100 battles. On Feb. 3 last the Japanese torpedo flotilla under Togo made their first attack on the Port Arthur ships.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Corsicana.

C. H. Smith, Jan. 5: I am now settled down upon my new field of labor and have made one round. I am well pleased with my work and the outlook. On the night of December 7 the good people of Pleasant Grove came in and took charge of the parsonage and gave us an old-time pounding and some sweet songs and then dispersed, leaving us to our own reflections. Mr. Little took us to a hardware store and we secured cooking utensils for parsonage. The first Quarterly Conference convened at Harrison's Chapel January 2. Brothers John M. Barcus and J. Sam Barcus, his brother, came out with him. Brother Sam preached us a good, plain, practical sermon from the text, "Cease to do evil and learn to do well," and we think it will bear much fruit for the Master. The good ladies served an excellent dinner. The Quarterly Conference was well represented by the stewards; they made preacher's salary \$600 and presiding elder's \$90 and paid preacher in charge \$59.80 and presiding elder \$9. Our beloved made every one feel perfectly at home and all in all it was quite an enjoyable occasion.

Duffau.

R. A. Clements, Jan. 1: We have not reported through the Advocate the condition of Duffau charge for more than twelve months; but this does not mean that we are idle, and that God is not bringing things to pass in this part of his "moral heritage." We were deprived of the privilege of attending our last session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference (a great calamity to an itinerant preacher) because of my wife's ill health at that time; but immediately on adjournment of that body we received the intelligence by phone from Bro. Bailey (our presiding elder) that Duffau charge had been tried of, found guilty and would receive twelve months' more of our ministry as a penalty. We are now beginning the end, this being our fourth year on the charge. We don't know whether we would fit anything else in Southern Methodism or not, as we were sent here on being admitted on trial and have spent our entire itinerary

career here. But we are hopeful that the Bishops will find another charge somewhere that needs chastisement. Our past three years has been marked by steady and substantial growth. When we came to this work it was a mission with six appointments. We are now a neat four-point circuit with four houses of worship, a good parsonage well furnished. Two large shingle sheds. We found between ten and fifteen Advocate readers when we came to the charge. We now have some forty-five Texas Advocates besides a few of the general organ. These facts show that chastisement was the remedy for Duffau charge. When my people received the verdict of Bishop Hoss and his Cabinet they didn't know how else to give expression to their feelings, so they began on the poor preacher and his good wife and pounded, and pounded and pounded one at a time. And one pleasant evening the preacher and his little family were comfortably chatting around the hearthstone, a whole mob broke in on him and "pounded" and "pounded" to their "heart's content." But the pounding just kept on—regularly from day to day—turkey, chickens, potatoes, corn, oats, butter, cakes, etc., and on Christmas Eve the pounding came in a new form. You may find it described in the first part of the sixth verse of Isaiah. We hope to soon be out among these good people administering to them in spiritual things. They have certainly made us feel like they were glad we were their pastor. We hope to be more worthy of their love and confidence. The work is moving off well. The Woman's Home Mission Society has recently put \$21 worth of new furniture in the parsonage. Of course we have a few black sheep in our little flock, but the majority are "true blue."

Cross Plains.

T. W. Ellis, Jan. 3: I am delighted with my new charge—the Cross Plains Circuit. This is a splendid section of country, and a high-minded, prosperous people. They received their pastor and family kindly, making them feel that they were among friends from the start. On last Saturday and Sunday Bro. Bolton, our new presiding elder, held our first Quarterly Conference. It was a delightful session and the fellowship of the brethren was enjoyable. We have an excellent official board. The salary of the pastor was readily advanced from \$500 to \$600. The preaching of the presiding elder was excellent, the brethren expressing themselves as being well pleased. The church at Cross Plains is being finished, which will be a splendid one. We have raised \$166.20 to improve the parsonage, and hope to swell the sum to \$200. The brethren at Cross Cut are enterprising a church building which we hope will go through to completion. Must not forget to mention that we have two excellent local preachers—Bros. Austin and Thorn. They are loyal to the Church and true to their pastor, ready to listen to the pastor's suggestions and to assist him in working out his plans. Happy is the pastor who has the aid of two such men. So I am happy in my work and expect a successful year.

Huckabay.

J. O. A. Clark, Jan. 2: One month ago Bro. Dickson, our faithful preacher in charge, announced that there would be a night watch service at Huckabay on the last night of the year, and all were invited to attend. Late in the evening I drove up to the parsonage, found Brother and Sister Dickson ready and willing to receive and welcome all who would come. Early in the night the people began to come in, and we began with singing and prayers until about 10 o'clock, when the large church was filled with a happy looking congregation. Then a short recess was taken, and at 10:30 Bro. Dickson made a fine and impressive talk, which was well received by all present, especially the young people. Both saint and sinner received their portion in due season. Next Bro. Geo. Ford, our local preacher, was called, who made a splendid talk, which was full of love and good will to all. His talk was well received by both saint and sinner. Next a few of the old pioneer Methodists were called on, who gave a brief history of our Church, going back to the first Methodist sermon ever preached in Erath County, and on down to the present. This brought us to within a few moments of midnight. Next the old brethren were requested to take a stand in the altar, and all Christians present that would promise to try to live better the coming year and strive more earnestly for the salvation of sinners and to live nearer God, to come forward and give their hand to the old veterans in token of their sincerity. The large church was well filled, and it looked like all were anxious and ready to make the promise. The invitation was then given to sinners who desired an interest in the prayers of the Christians that they may be prepared to lead a better life and be saved from sin to also come for-

ward for prayers, when to the joy of all many came forward and gave their hands. At this time the college bells were ringing in the new year, when at 12:15 Bro. Dickson pronounced the benediction. The meeting was a grand success from start to finish, and both preachers and people felt it was good to be there and to enter into the new year with more faith and stronger desires than ever before. There were some little dissatisfaction with some few of the members at the beginning of this conference year, but we think it has blown away and buried never more to rise again. Bro. Dickson is doing his best to build up the work, and from present indications we are expecting and looking for the best year in the history of Huckabay Circuit. Bro. Bailey, our presiding elder, is the right man in the right place. No trouble for him to keep the boys straight. May he live long and have a happy life, as he has proven himself to be a great blessing to the Church and the world. A happy New Year to you.

Childress.

J. T. Bloodworth, Jan. 3: On last Sunday morning we had a delightful service at the church. We had a kind of program to carry out, something like the following: "The Business Man's Relation to His Church," by A. G. Jennings; "The Steward's Duty in the Church," by Prof. J. H. Mowery; "The Church's Duty to Strangers," by S. A. Brigrance; and with these addresses some fine music. At close of these splendid addresses the stewards stood down with the pastor and shook hands with the congregation. At the close of the service the Church presented the pastor with a nice gold watch, the presentation speech being made by Prof. J. H. Mowery, and it was well done. This kindly act upon the part of my Church is greatly appreciated.

Kennedale.

J. J. Creed, Jan. 3: Yes, we, too, have traveled round the circuit given us by the good Bishop, and find that it consists of five appointments. The people of North Fort Worth (my former charge) I think can vouch for the statement that my theology was thin enough when confined to one place, and now the problem confronting me is how to spread it over five points and sufficiently thick to accomplish anything. Well, we are spreading it on anyway, and what the result will be remains to be seen. What is Kennedale Circuit? you ask. They tell me that Rev. G. F. Winfield (who did a marvelous work here for two years past) made these people believe that it is about the biggest thing in the Northwest Texas Conference, and I am rapidly coming to that conclusion myself. Over 400 members, local preacher, exhorter, three good church houses, a fourth almost completed, and a fifth to build, and resources unlimited yet to be developed. You remember the many good things you have been reading the last few weeks in the Advocate said by the preachers about their people. Now, think carefully; get them all, find the sum total, and that is Kennedale Circuit. Think of it! brand-new parsonage, never been soiled, one of the best in the district; some of the stewards already paid one-fourth of their assessment; have been pounded at frequent intervals ever since we came here. On the evening we first occupied the parsonage one brother asked me if we were going to stay over there that night. Upon receiving an affirmative answer he came at me with a side of spare ribs, more dangerous, if size be considered, than Samson's jawbone; but I took from him his weapon and hid away to my safe retreat. Not satisfied with this, another of the same tribe rushed unceremoniously upon us the next morning before breakfast, bearing in a vessel particles of the flesh of some unfortunate creature ground into giblets. This he might have intended as a tacit prophecy of what he would do for us; but, still unalarmed, we relieved him of his boasted trophy and sent him away empty handed. Enraged by these single-handed defeats these two spies set off to enlist their neighbors in their determined plot. Since this is but the natural course for a vanquished foe we suspected a more general attack, and consequently watched carefully their maneuvers for several days. Sure enough the fatal night came. 'Twas Friday before Christmas, a great host, armed from top to toe, at a preconcerted moment, fell upon our little cottage, and we surrendered to the inevitable. To resist such a throng would have been impossible as well as undesirable. For a time such missiles as canned fruits, flour, vegetables, chickens and turkeys flew thick and fast. Our big dining table served as a pretty good breastwork and caught everything sent but the fowls, while they found lodging in the barn. After all was over, the smoke cleared away and the din and hurrah of the conflict hushed, these inhabitants of Kennedale went away assured of Commodore

Perry's laconic dispatch, "We have met the enemy (the preacher's family) and they are ours." We have a five-acre camp-ground at Cold Springs, eight miles from Fort Worth, one of the oldest in the country. Our plan is to hold a revival at each of the five points and make the landing at camp-meeting. Pray for Kennedale Circuit.

Vernon.

W. R. Thornton, Jan. 9: We are rejoicing over the results of the election. The pros are in more than 200 majority. We worked hard, but are well paid for it. If any other county has the same job on hand, it can do no better than to send for Dr. G. C. Rankin, Mrs. Zehner, Cyclone Davis and J. A. Maples. They are a sight. Prohibition won here two years ago by thirty-one votes; this time by more than 200. Vernon went pro by 102 majority. This is as fine a people as a Methodist preacher ever served. Never met a heartier welcome than here. Notwithstanding Brother Stewart and family were loved very much, yet they took us right in, and the treatment was such that we felt at home at once. We are doing nicely. Have received eleven members since we came. I am hoping, working and praying for a great time this year.

Snyder.

M. H. Hudson: The storm came last night, and, of course, I must tell it. There have been coming nice and useful articles to the parsonage ever since we arrived here. These we have esteemed as expressions of good will, even more than for their real pecuniary value; but last night, after prayer meeting, a merry company came to the parsonage, having their arms full of groceries and dry goods of a great variety. After a few very pleasant social moments were spent, a song, led by Professor Hudgin, then a very touching speech by Brother Grantham, followed by a few feeble remarks by their "humble servant," the merry company was disbanded. This pounding, so excellent in substantial, so tender in presentation, has certainly awakened in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and intensified our determination to serve them as affectionately and efficiently as possible. The pounding still continues to come in this morning. Our Christmas tree, on Christmas Eve night, was very heavily loaded, and I think at least twice as much more hanging on the wall, laying on tables and on the floor. I am sure I never saw such fine order upon an occasion of this kind before in my life. Our Sunday-school, for life and enthusiasm, can hardly be excelled. It raises more money for its size than any school that I have ever known. Last Sunday they were asked to help defray the expenses of getting a pool hall out of town, and, I think, the enthusiasm with which the children and young men and young ladies gave, made every one of us older ones just want to turn our purses into the collection. They not only helped to defray the expenses, but paid more than the whole. I think they must have been reading the editorials in the Texas Christian Advocate. Well, none of you would be surprised that I have room to brag lengthily on our Sunday-school if you only knew our consecrated superintendent and teachers.

Taylor.

J. C. Mimms, Jan. 9: We have been well received at Taylor, and have met with much to encourage us. Our predecessors have wrought well, and we enter into their labors. Upon our arrival we found it necessary to have some repairs made to the parsonage, so we boarded a month, till this could be done. We spent about \$100 on the inside, and now everything is new and lovely. We have organized a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with eighteen members, which was largely due to the efforts of Miss Hughes, who spent four days with us working among the ladies, and also delivered two public addresses on the subject of missions. We have also organized a Junior League with 101 members. Have received five members into the church. Our congregations are reasonably large. We hope to be used this year for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Pray for us. The Advocate is according to our liking.

Quail Circuit.

Frank Hugen, Jan. 5: We were very much surprised and at first not a little disappointed when Bishop Hoss read us out for this place, but the long move we so much dreaded is over. Have been on the ground a little more than three weeks; so far have found a kind, generous and appreciative people. We have been very kindly received, many expressions of kindness and esteem have found their way to the parsonage since our arrival. Have been twice pounded all ready; among the things received we find such things as two large hams, besides shoulders, ribs and sausage,

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flour, meal, lard, dried fruit, canned goods, butter, four nice cakes, \$1 cash, besides many other useful and valuable articles too numerous to mention. So we are in the midst of a field ripe for the harvest, surrounded by many kind friends and willing helpers. With these it seems any true and loyal minister should be content; and after all I can say with the Psalmist, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage." And I am determined by the grace of God to render the best year's service of which I am capable. It shall be my constant aim to prove myself worthy of every confidence reposed in me and every kindness shown. I am praying for a genuine revival all over the charge. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at New Hope December 31 and January 1. The stewards made a good report and also made a liberal assessment for the support of their pastor. Our presiding elder, Bro. J. G. Miller, was present and preached three fine sermons, two at New Hope and one at Quail. By his kind words and earnest sermons we are sure that he endeared himself to all the people as well as his pastor. We shall long for his next visit.

Eleventh Avenue, Corsicana.

A. L. Moore, Jan. 9: When the appointments of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference were read out we found that we must say good-bye to our friends at Granger and come to the above named place. The church has received us royally—more favors than we deserve. We are in the midst of a good people. Having enterprised a \$10,000 church building within the last two years, this place has no parsonage. However, when we arrived the Home Mission Society, assisted by the two Leagues, friends of the church and the Home Mission of First Church, fitted us up a nice home, from kitchen to parlor. On the evening when this home was turned over to us they gave us a reception and package party. The hours passed before anyone was scarcely aware of it. Before separating we read, sang and prayed that God would give us a great year. After the crowd had dispersed, wife and I took a passing inventory of the culinary department, and a great many good and necessary things had been left. Expressions of kindness did not cease

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—Carolyn S. Bailey, in Good House-keeping.

THE LITTLE BROWN BOWL.

Once there was a little brown bowl that stayed always in a great closet among many other bowls.
There were big bowls and little bowls, bowls with beautiful gold bands, and bowls over whose sides clambered rosebuds so beautifully painted that they looked as though they were growing. There was a bowl that wore violets all around its brim, like a little girl wearing violets on her hat. And there was one broad, shallow bowl tinted with such colors as are in the sky when the sun is going down, and on this bowl was the prettiest little shepherdess. She wore a broad hat and a blue dress, and her eyes and lips always laughed.

So it can be seen that there were bowls of every description, only that all were beautiful except the little brown bowl, which could never be anything but a plain, thick little brown bowl, with not even a daisy to wear. She was so shy among all her beautiful companions that she did not often speak; but one day, when the maid who took care of the china, set a pretty little pitcher so close to her that it touched, she gathered courage to ask why the shepherdess always smiled, and why all the other bowls were taken out of the closet at time and then brought back again, but she was always left.

The little pitcher told the little brown bowl that the shepherdess smiled because she was happy. For every morning she was carried to the big, sunny breakfast room, where Clarita ate her bread and milk from the shepherdess bowl.

Then the little brown bowl grew bolder, and said, so loudly that everybody heard: "And why don't they come and get me sometimes, as they get the shepherdess bowl, and the violet bowl, and all the rest?"

And the little pitcher answered—for I have said the little pitcher was always kind: "They have not needed you yet. Perhaps some day you may be needed. Then the maid will come and get you."

"And shall I see Clarita then?" cried the little brown bowl, in great happiness. But, before the little pitcher could answer, such a laugh arose from the mouths of all the bowls that they rattled on the closet shelves, and the maid said: "How the wind blows!"

"Ah," cried the rosebud bowl, "you foolish thing, you will always stay on the closet shelf! You are too ugly to be needed. Do you see the big rosebuds on my sides? Clarita loves them. Once I sat for an hour on a little table and held bonbons for her."

"And I," said the gold-banded bowl, "have been near her at dinner and held water where she dipped her rosy fingers." And the gold-banded bowl laughed scornfully. "But she loves beautiful things. She would never look at you."

"No, indeed!" said the violet bowl. "I wonder that you were ever put here. Once, long ago, for an hour, I was carried to Clarita's own room and held violets for her."

"Yes, and you were upset," cried a tall vase, "which showed that you were never meant to hold flowers. I wonder at Clarita's ever taking you."

But the little brown bowl sat quite still and very sad. She knew, at last, why for so long she had stayed in the closet, never taken out and never needed. If only she, too, could have been beautiful! And she wished she might go away and never come back, since she could never be loved and never be of any use.

She must have wished it aloud, in her sadness of heart, for the shepherdess bowl, to whom all the others always listened, spoke to her very gently: "Do not grieve, little brown bowl. Clarita loves beautiful things, but she loves useful things, and if she ever sees you she will love you. Only be patient and wait."

And the little brown bowl grew very quiet. Her life had never been a very bright one. She had wished sometimes that she might be needed and

used, as all the others seemed to be; but she had never known what it was to be unhappy.

To-day, for the first time, she had been pained by rude, unfriendly words; but to-day she had learned to hope, and it was the best thing the little brown bowl had ever known.

So the days came and went. Each morning the shepherdess bowl was carried away, and came back looking brighter than before; and one by one the violet bowl and the rosebud bowl and the golden-banded bowl were taken out and brought back—I am so sorry to say—haughty and vain, and saying scornful and unkind things to the little brown bowl.

There came one morning when the maid came in and hastily set the little pitcher down, and the little pitcher, who always heard what was going on, was quite breathless with eagerness.

It was Clarita's birthday, she said, and Clarita was eight years old, and eight beautiful hyacinths were lying by her place at table, and Clarita, as soon as she saw them, would surely be looking for something to hold them.

"Oh, dear!" sighed the shepherdess bowl. "Perhaps if I were not so shallow she might take me, since she loves me. Think of the joy of holding Clarita's birthday flowers!"

"Are the hyacinths purple?" asked the violet bowl. "Indeed, I stand a good chance, with my lovely shape and color, of being chosen at once."

"You, indeed!" cried the tall vase. "None of you are fit to hold flowers. It would be well for you to be taught your place. As for this pert violet bowl, after the disgrace she has suffered, trying to hold flowers, one would as soon expect Clarita to choose that ugly, silent brown bowl in the corner!"

But no one answered, for just then the door swung open, and the little brown bowl saw, for the first time, a little girl with sunny hair, lovelier than she had ever dreamed.

Her lips wore a smile happier than that of the shepherdess, and her eyes were deep, like pools of quiet water.

She held her flowers lovingly and looked eagerly among the bowls, seeking something, touched the rosebud bowl for a moment, and then—the little brown bowl fairly trembled with joy, for Clarita was looking straight at her, and crying out: "Oh, here is the dearest little brown bowl, mamma, just right for my flowers! It is so deep and so strong, and too heavy to upset. Why did I never find you before, little brown bowl? You shall hold flowers for me all summer!"

Long days afterward the little brown bowl, filled, as she always was now, with flowers, found herself on Clarita's breakfast table, close to the shepherdess bowl.

"Dear shepherdess bowl," she whispered, "I love you, because you were kind to me when I needed you."

And the shepherdess bowl whispered back softly: "I told you it was better to be able to hold beautiful things than to be beautiful outside."

And the shepherdess smiled more brightly than ever before.—Phila Butler Bowman, in Churchman.

FATHER AND SON.

A boy is usually amenable to reason. He does not like to be ordered to do a thing; he wishes to be given a reason for the command. He can obey with so much better grace if he is told why it must be done, and it does not seem so hard to be obedient.

A boy's father gets closer to his son through the boy's sports and games than in any other way. If he can forget his years and recall his own boyhood and the good times he had he can prove himself a very delightful companion for his son. Amusement is a necessary part of a boy's education. It may be so blended with the more serious duties of life that it will form a part in the upbuilding of a boy's moral character.

Amusement may be as intelligently directed as any other necessity of the boy's life. The sports and games of childhood are innocent, and are to be commended. They strengthen and exercise all of the muscles of the body and deeply expand the lungs.

In early life outdoor sports and exercise are of great importance for the proper development of the entire body. It is an exceptional case where the boy plays too long or too violently. He has the instinct of self-preservation and knows when to rest. If the father is a participant in any of these sports he will find it necessary to retire much sooner than the boy does, unless he has kept them up later in life than do the majority of men.

If the father was anything of an athlete in his younger days, he certainly has not forgotten how he enjoyed outdoor sports, and if he takes a hand in the game of ball with the boy he will find it a great advantage to him physically, and, more than that, he will be a prime favorite with his son and his playmates. This is not so

insignificant a fact as it may seem, for not every one can win the friendship and admiration of a boy.

The father who associates with his boy on a friendly footing will have more influence over him than if he held himself aloof, and as if upon a higher plane. It is easier to control a boy through loving association and understanding of him than it is through a forced duty, and the father who never enters into a friendly conversation with his boy will never fully understand him.

The exacting father who wishes to keep his boy always busy claims that outdoor labor will give him all the exercise he needs. Labor is exercise, but its most strenuous advocate cannot claim that it is an amusement. A boy left to himself may not be able to choose that form of amusement best calculated to develop him, but if the father is his adviser and friend he is in a position to advise him. The boy who is allowed his freedom in outdoor sports will be more capable when the sterner duties of life press upon him.

A boy sometimes in early life shows a tendency to indolence, and exacting parents call him lazy. If he is growing fast he needs all his vitality to properly build up his constitution, and he must not be forced to work beyond his strength. If necessary, it is right that he should perform duties around the home which are within his capabilities, but he should not be taxed beyond them.

When winter comes and it is impossible to indulge in many outdoor sports there are many games for the house which will prove very entertaining. Perhaps the father is good in planning such things; if so, he can provide many delightful evenings through the long winter months. He can go into almost any shop and find scores of games just suited to this purpose. If the child tires of these and is fond of books, there are many charming children's stories which may be read to him.

The father may be of great assistance to his boy when he is old enough to have an allowance of spending money. A boy's first idea of the use of money is to buy everything which attracts his fancy. When an allowance is made him he should be advised as to its proper expenditure, but if he is to learn to spend wisely he must be permitted to use his own judgment. When he has made a few mistakes and finds himself out of money before the day on which he receives it he will learn to spend more carefully the next time.

A father sometimes prefers the plan of giving money to the boy as he may feel disposed; sometimes the amount may be very liberal; at other times very meager, and at others none at all. The method has nothing to recommend it, and cannot possibly teach the boy the proper use of money. If he has only to beg his father long enough to procure any desired amount there will be no reason for his exercising any care in spending it. Although the amount he receives simply depends upon the generosity of his father, he will, in time, come to demand it as a right, and he will spend it as his fancy may dictate. From this method he will never cultivate economy, nor learn to save large amounts by small sacrifices and the saving of small amounts.

If an allowance is promised a child it should be paid as punctually as to a business man. Otherwise he will imbibe ideas of laxity in money affairs which will hurt his business career. Allow the boy to decide whether the allowance is to be paid to him in money or credit to his account in a book which he may keep for the purpose. It will probably be more satisfactory to both parties for the money to be paid each week, and the boy may learn to save it by opening an account at a savings bank. The amount of the allowance may be exceedingly small, but it will be sufficient to give him a feeling of independence.

The accumulation of money and the necessary discipline are great educators, and the father who teaches his son to expend it wisely has prepared him for many of the serious problems of life. As husband and father, the man of the house has the power to make a home very happy or miserable. He is looked up to with reverential love unless he himself destroys that sentiment, and he is the greatest man in the world to his son until he lowers the standard set for him.—The Pilgrim.

MORE PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS.

A few years since I went westward round the world, visiting our missions in Japan, Korea, China and India. I was present in many of the annual conferences, sharing the blessed fellowship of our missionaries, native workers and people; I was most delightfully entertained in the homes of our mission and worshiped with the families at their family devotions. I heard many prayers offered in the homes and in public worship, and in the conferences, but in not more than half a dozen instances did I hear a

word of prayer for the church at home. I wondered at this, for I could but think of the many dear saints in the homeland who were giving of their penury to sustain mission work, and I was also thinking of the amount of effort essential to the collection of the money necessary to carry on the work in foreign lands, and how soon the work would utterly fail if this effort were not put forth. Well, when I returned home I naturally enough began to notice the prayers that I heard in the public and social worship and at the family altars. Sad to say, the references to our mission work, and workers, and heathen converts, and the unevangelized millions were as infrequent as the prayers in foreign lands for the home church.

How do we account for this? Have we lost our faith in prayer? Is God left out of the account in a matter of so much importance as the conversion of the people of earth? It must be confessed that in this hurrying age in which we live many people do not seem to have time either to pray or meditate on things that are holy and divine. It takes solitude and silence to dream great dreams and make great plans, and to come in touch with the thoughts of the infinite God. It is not that God is altogether left out of modern thought. The trouble is found in the fact that we are so preoccupied with our little self-centered life that we have no broad and prophetic view of time and eternity, we are bound by the despicable limitations of our poor, shriveled, selfish ideas and life.

Why not take up the habit of the Master, who often, in absolute privacy and solitude, spent many an hour in prayer? When thus we school ourselves until a mighty burden for perishing souls rests upon our heart, we will surely come to find that prayer is our refuge and support. Prayer will be something more than a complimentary address to Deity. How many prayers there are that are simply the repetition of commonest platitudes. Those who offer them seem to have no wants, no petitions for themselves or anybody else that are of pressing importance. They are not suppliants. They seem to have all they want of everything so far as they are themselves concerned, and they do not appear to be concerned for anything or anybody else.

Certainly our workers and converts in our mission fields ought to pray for the church at home, and for those who administer its affairs, and those who contribute to its support and the support of the work abroad. These workers and converts must see and feel the needs of their respective fields as no one can possibly do who has never seen them, and hence it would appear that their prayers might be fervent and effective in behalf of the home church from whence the needful financial help must come, and from whence it will come as the hearts of God's people are moved by the gracious influence of the Spirit which is poured out upon them in answer to prayer.

And the people at home ought to pray for all the mission fields. The unnumbered millions of heathen are made up of those for whom Christ died on the Cross of Calvary. God has made all real Christians fellow-laborers with Himself for the salvation of all the nations. If we are thus related to God, why not call upon Him in importunate prayer for these perishing millions? If there were more prayer for the heathen, and for all, whether at home or abroad, who walk in darkness, there would be a constant and larger increase of love and sympathy for all who work in mission fields, and this would increase their faith and hope. Such praying would bring every one offering prayer into close and blessed fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and so strengthen and enrich personal spiritual life and experience. And surely abundant blessings would come to the heathen world. Eternity will reveal many things to our dimly-seeing mortal vision. We shall then see as we may not now—that one of the supreme spiritual forces in the labor of winning the world to Christ has been prayer. Not alone the prayers read in palaces and cathedrals amid vast outward show and pomp, but the prayers of the poor, unknown and shut-in disciples of the Great Teacher. There are those who night and day call upon God that His kingdom may come and His will be done on earth even as it is done in heaven. And again the fact must never be forgotten that those who thus pray will give, and give liberally. We may be sure the poor widow had done not a little praying before she cast her whole earthly treasure into the receptacle prepared for the gifts of the rich as well as the poor. It may be that the two mites, consecrated by the prayer of faith, will bear more abundant fruitage than larger gifts given without love and prayer.

There never was an hour in the centuries past when the golden door of opportunity swung so widely open to Christian effort as now. All the world is accessible, and most of the world wonders why God's people are so slow in passing the bread of life to hungry souls. If we would pray more, and

pray as we ought to pray, an enthusiasm would be kindled that would neither be transient nor sporadic; it would fill our souls with quenchless desire to save the heathen world and the unsaved at home; it would lead our choicest and best young men and women to devote themselves to the sublime work of evangelization, and it would well-nigh compel us to lay our gifts upon God's altar until ample provision should be made for every open and every opening field. Lord, teach us how to pray.—Central Christian Advocate.

AN ATTRACTIVE MINISTRY.

Viewed from a secular standpoint, the ministry is only one vocation among many, and its attractions as to salary, opportunity and influence are to be considered exactly as those of other vocations are. In the current number of Leslie's Weekly, however, the position is taken that the ministry is no longer attractive. Its remuneration is the smallest of any of the professions. The pulpit is no longer a public posting place; the daily papers have usurped that function and have given nothing in return as a compensation. Leslie says:

"Possibly, if there were fewer churches and better pay the ministry might be more inviting for young men. But there is need for ministers for other than preaching purposes. There are social and religious duties to be discharged. Magistrates may marry people, but they cannot bury them. There are souls and bodies in prison to whom the humble and devoted minister comes as one bearing glad tidings. There are not enough of these ministers. To make sure that the vacant places will be filled and to provide for the future supply, it is the duty of the churches to put themselves in position where they can assure those who devote the years of their strength to the ministry of God's Word, that when the burdens of age fall upon them they will be sufficiently cared for."

The above is the truth, but it is not all the truth. The perfunctory duties of the ministry, such as burying the dead and tying the wedding knot, are of comparatively small importance, and it is hardly worth while to make the calling "attractive" for such purposes alone. If the ministry is not doing God's work in a sense that other professions cannot be, then it matters little whether dead bodies receive a Christian burial, and, as for marriages, any justice of the peace will do as well. But if the ministry be a divine vocation, and men enter into it because they feel the "woe is me," we doubt whether any mere financial or social attractions would invite to it the class of men who are needed to make it effective.

By all means, let the ministry be better paid. It is not to the credit of the church that the salaries of pastors are the smallest in the whole blessed round. It is a trial to sensitive minds to feel that having relinquished all hope of bountiful reward there is yet a doubt whether the income will be sufficient to keep the wolf from the door, say nothing of luxuries or substantial comforts, far less of ample provision for a rainy day or for retirement.

Upon this point we greatly like what Leslie says:

"To most young men the ministry at the best offers only a fair livelihood. Opportunities for savings for old age are few. The pews want young men in the pulpits. When the minister passes life's middle stage he is superannuated, and the elect will not pay him to preach. Every denomination should provide a home for old and faithful ministers, or pensions for them."

"The fact that there are practically no great prizes in the professions and that ministers are generally barred from seeking the great rewards that business offers is sufficient reason why provision of this sort should be made."

True, true, O scribe. No preacher's pen could better express the thought. Nevertheless, as for the "attractions," let the church summon her sons to her altars for the good they may do and for the advantages they may gain. Let her consecrate herself to this noble service herself, and single out her best born for leadership and godly sacrifice, calling heaven to witness her fidelity and sincerity, and it will not be long before competent young men will be exclaiming by hundreds, "Here am I; send me."—Michigan Christian Advocate.

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AN INTERESTING ADDRESS.

We had the pleasure of listening to a very instructive address delivered one morning last week by Bishop Hoss to the student body of the Medical Department of Southwestern University. The Bishop dwelt on the subject of scientific study, and treated it in a most entertaining and helpful way. He spoke for an hour, and we have rarely heard a more helpful address on a subject of this character. He eschewed scientific terms and gave the young men the substance of truth in language easily understood. He was cheered to the echo at its conclusion. There are something over sixty students in regular attendance in the Medical Department, and they are of the best type of young men. The faculty are much pleased with them and speak in commendable terms of their progress. They are certainly a fine looking body of men, and they are well advanced. Rev. John R. Nelson was present and announced to the audience that he had no other idea but that the Building Committee would break dirt within sixty days for the new Medical College building, and that it was their purpose to open the next session in the new quarters next fall. The Medical Department is in a most hopeful condition and all connected with it are very greatly encouraged in their work.

EX-GOVERNOR NORTHEN IN THE CITY.

Ex-Governor Northen, of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city conducting religious services as a layman, in the interest of laymen. Some time back he held a fine meeting of this sort in Atlanta, and such was its great success that the ministers of this city invited him to come here and do likewise. So he accepted the invitation and came last week. Since then he has been addressing large crowds of business men and young men from day to day and from night to night, with good results. He is a plain, business-like man, with great faith and earnestness. He was Governor of Georgia two terms in succession, and his position as a statesman and business man commends him highly in this religious work.

We are in receipt of the following telegram:

Vernon, Tex., Jan. 8.—The majority for prohibition is one hundred and sixty. May reach two hundred.

T. L. PIERCE.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

I left Dallas Friday night for a trip to Austin. I arrived here by daylight; found the city in a stir over the approaching session of the Legislature, which will open in the morning (Tuesday). The hotels and boarding houses are all brushed up and in repair. Not only the Legislature, but hundreds of people of all sorts are here as adjuncts of this body. Scores and scores are here seeking the offices. It is marvelous how many people there are who want jobs at the hand of the House and the Senate. And the friends of the candidates are here working for them. The hotel lobbies are in a perfect buzz and hubbub of excitement. Then there are many here who are in the interest of certain legislation. So that there is a mixed multitude, and the volume of it will grow as the session advances. In fact, Austin will be the center of attraction during the next hundred days. The papers of the State will be full of the doings of the capital. I met Governor Lanham Saturday, and saw him at Church Sunday. For some months he has been in rather delicate health, but he is now improving and looks better than for some months past. I spent Saturday night with that most excellent layman and his family, John W. Robbins. There is no better man in the State than he, and the people showed their continued and great confidence in him by re-electing him for the fourth time to his present position. He lead the State ticket in the race last November. I kept myself away from all our preachers last Saturday. Did not want to fill any appointment at the Sunday services. Wanted to quietly dropped in to Church and enjoy a day of worship without work. So Sunday morning I slipped into Tenth Street Church and heard Dr. Werlein. He had a large audience. He preached a most excellent sermon on the text, "If any man sin he hath an advocate with the Father," etc. The whole discourse was simple, scriptural, evangelical and deeply earnest. I have not enjoyed a sermon more in a goal while. The effect was perceptible and fine. I have known Dr. Werlein a good many years, but this is the first time I have ever heard him preach. His Church seems to be in good working order; and at the beginning of the year his salary was increased to \$2400. This is a noble Church, and its membership is composed of people among the best in the city. Many of them are State officials. Our other Churches I have not yet visited. I hear good reports from them. Will write more for the next issue. G. C. R.

A VISIT TO EMORY.

The publisher of the Advocate spent last Sunday in Emory. The town is located on the M., K. & T. Railway, about midway between Greenville and Mineola. It is the county seat of Rains County. For many years it made no progress. Since the fruit-growing interest developed in that section of the State lands have rapidly advanced in price and the country is settling up with thrifty farmers and the town has had a corresponding growth. At one time local option prevailed, but the saloon element managed to knock it out. The fight is now on and another election will take place January 28th. This will include the whole county. The better element of the community feel confident of success. They realize that whiskey must go if the town ever amounts to anything. It has done more than all the other things to retard the growth of the place. Capital can find ample opportunities for investment in localities where the young people are not exposed to temptations which necessarily obtain where the saloon is the favorite resort. Therefore it behooves all towns that expect to make progress to promptly vote whiskey out and keep it out. Emory is the trading point for many miles around. It has some fine store buildings, well stocked with merchandise. It also enjoys the conveniences of a national bank.

The appointments of the late session of the Texas Conference placed Rev. S. S. McKenney in charge of Emory

Circuit. Last year he was stationed at McAshan and Brunner, Houston. He is a young man well equipped. He has been well received by the people of all denominations and is entering heartily into the work. He has received sixteen into the church since conference, mostly by letter. The outlook is most promising for a successful year. He is much encouraged over the prospects. They have a neat church building and a new and comfortable parsonage. We had the pleasure of attending service Sunday and enjoyed an excellent sermon. The interest of the church paper were not overlooked. Bro. McKenney believes the Advocate is a fine junior preacher and he never fails to place it in the homes of his people.

Rev. Weems Wootton is now the preacher in charge at Mineola. We had the pleasure of his company from Emory to Greenville. He is in the midst of a church building enterprise. He has the walls up and work is rapidly progressing. The old church was sold and the congregation is therefore now homeless and Bro. Wootton is anxious to have a roof over his people. He is full of enterprise and pluck and will succeed. He feels much encouraged over the outlook and said some kind things about his predecessor, Rev. T. J. Milam.

We had the pleasure of meeting Rev. W. H. Stephenson, who is preacher in charge of Greenville Mission. He reported his work in a satisfactory condition. Greenville is a growing town and but a few years will elapse before that city will have three good stations. L. B.

CORRECTIONS IN MINUTES.

Let it be understood by all concerned that we cannot undertake through the columns of the Advocate to correct errors made in the minutes of the respective conferences. These corrections should be sent to the editors of the minutes, and when all are in the editors can in one article from each correct all inaccuracies.

DEATH OF DR. MORRIS EVANS.

We are in receipt of the following sad note from Rev. C. B. Fladger, Sulphur Springs, under date of Jan. 8: "I write to announce the death of Rev. Morris Evans, which occurred here at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Saturday, Jan. 6, of heart failure. He was a superannuated member of the Kentucky Conference. He was 76 years old—a grand and good man."

Rev. H. G. Horton desires the Advocate to say that only applications to the General Board of Church Extension need be in his hands by 1st of March.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We are in receipt of a beautifully gotten up invitation to the marriage of Miss Ines Statham to Mr. M. Emerson Ricks, which event will take place in the Methodist Church at Eastland Jan. 18, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Mitchell have extended to us an invitation to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Charlie Ben, to Mr. Gideon A. Roberts, which took place Jan. 10, 1905, at their good home in Cisco.

A note from Rev. J. P. Mussett, who is serving North Fort Worth charge, states that his work is very hopeful. The suburb has a population of over six thousand. His address is 203 W. Central Avenue.

Bros. J. G. Williams, of Allen, Texas, and I. Holloman, of McKinney, were in Dallas this week and visited this office. They both spoke very highly of the new presiding elder of McKinney District, Rev. I. W. Clark. We thank them for kind words about the Advocate.

The contract has been let for the building of a new brick and stone church at San Angelo. This will be the finest church in San Angelo. The present church building of the Methodists has been the only one they have ever had and has been occupied by them in its present condition for twenty years.

Rev. J. H. Stewart, of Polytechnic Station, Ft. Worth, thinks he has the best congregation in Texas. He is

especially pleased with his prayer-meetings. They are largely attended. This cannot be said of all prayer-meetings. Altogether he is happy in his work and is making progress. We enjoyed his brief call.

Rev. Geo. McDaniel, who has for the past several years been the pastor of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. Bro. McDaniel has had wonderful success here and it is with great regret that his congregation give him up.

Rev. Louis Barton, of Terrell Station, is full of hope for his new charge. He reports his work in fine shape and expects to do the best year's work of his life. If energy and pluck count for anything, he will carry up a fine report to the next conference. We were glad to see his familiar face again in the Advocate office.

Bishop Hoss presided over a largely representative meeting of the First Methodist Church at Fort Worth last week, the object of which was to consider the erection of a new church edifice. The vote in favor was unanimous, and this action will be reported to the Quarterly Conference for final determination. The church is doing a great work under the vigorous leadership of Dr. Monk.

Gov. W. J. Northern, of Georgia, visited Dallas last week, in response to an invitation extended by a large number of the business men of this city. The object of his visit was to tell what he knew of the great religious revival which was held in Atlanta a few months ago, and with which he was prominently identified. His visit was of great benefit and it is felt that Dallas is on the eve of a great spiritual awakening.

CHURCH NEWS.

Dr. James A. Duncan has been readmitted into the South Carolina Conference.

Robert Babbington, of Franklinton, La., has given \$1000 for domestic mission work.

There are more than 100 Methodist Churches of the various branches in Baltimore.

Bishop Candler is President of the Board of Trustees of the Wesley Memorial Hospital and is leading to success the movement to erect the building.

Rev. Geo. R. Stuart has just finished a ten days' meeting in Bristol, Texas. From there he goes to Kansas City, Mo., where he will hold a meeting in the great auditorium.

The Florida Christian Advocate has been moved to Live Oak and Rev. J. B. Ley re-elected editor. The first number of the new year is much enlarged and improved.

This has been the most prosperous year in the history of the South Carolina Conference. The collections were the largest ever known. We have a net gain in membership of 1369.

Bishop Warren says: "Ten times as many children have been taught in Porto Rico during the six years of American administration as in the four hundred previous years of Spanish misrule."

The sessions of the representatives of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of Canada in quest of a possible basis of union were exceedingly fraternal and promotive of unity and esteem.

Dr. W. R. Richardson has resigned his position as editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, and has accepted an appointment at Paluski, Tenn. It is said that the resignation was the result of a disagreement with the managing committee.

The Presbyterians of Michigan propose to have a student pastor stationed at Ann Arbor. A \$100,000 endowment fund is being raised to support him. Until it is fully secured the Home Mission Board will appropriate \$2000 a year for that purpose.

Wales is now in the midst of a great revival. Never since the Lougher revival in 1859-60 has there been such a religious awakening in Wales. The whole Enondda Valley, holding 250,000 inhabitants, notorious for their loose living, is nightly being lighted up with chapel lights.

Bishop Spaulding, a noted Catholic divine, died Jan. 6. Bishop Spaulding is a noted character in American clerical circles. He was a member of the Commission appointed by President

Roosevelt to arbitrate the differences between the striking coal miners of Pennsylvania and the mine operators, and in this capacity was an able and just counsellor. He is an author of note, having written a number of works on Catholicism, as well as contributing several able papers to literature on the labor problem. Bishop Spaulding ranks in ability with Cardinal Gibbons and Bishop Ireland.

The death of Capt. T. C. Ryman, in Nashville, removes a prominent and useful man from our midst. His history is known to all. Converted under the influence of the great Sam Jones tent meeting twenty years ago, he was revolutionized, and became at once a great factor in public morals and reforms. Evangelists Sam Jones and Geo. R. Stuart came to the funeral, and paid eloquent tribute to their dead friend's character. The big Tabernacle, which is now to be called the Ryman Auditorium, had four thousand people in it at the funeral on Christmas day. —Midland Methodist.

GREAT REVIVALS AND THE GREAT REPUBLIC.

This is the revised edition of Bishop Candler's book on the above subject. The first volume was issued some time back, and it has been exhausted. This second edition has been carefully gone over by the Bishop and he has made a number of improvements on it. While it is not a new edition, nevertheless it is a greatly improved edition. The book is a study of American history from a religious standpoint. It was prepared with a view of helping both the Church and State to point out fully the debt of the State to the Church. In our form of government, while we have no such a thing as Church and State, and never want anything of the kind, yet the relation between the growth of the Church and the citizenship of our country is very close indeed. There can be no perfect citizenship separate and distinct from religion. Hence the great themes the Bishop discusses in this volume—"Religion and National Life;" "A Nation Founded by Faith;" "Revivals in the Old World Gave Rise to Colonies in the New;" "The Great Awakening;" "The Wesleyan Revival," etc., etc. The book brings out fundamental truths and facts and puts them in such light as to make them interesting and instructive. To the student, there is much in this book for deep thought. It is on sale at our Publishing House.

MAGAZINE NOTICES.

The American Home Journal, published by the Southern Young People Co. of this city, is out for January with a handsome illustration on the front page in keeping with this season of the year. The opening pages have interesting stories on "In the Third Watch of the Night;" "The Senorita of Peru;" and a historic article on "Stephen Franklin Parks," a San Jacinto hero. The editorial page by Homer Price is practical and helpful. Ivy Carnes has a most interesting "Talk with Girls," "Woman's Legal Rights" are discussed by C. W. Starling, of this city. The entire number is highly illustrated and presents a very commendable appearance. Those connected with the Home Journal are sparing no labor to make it worthy of the patronage of the reading public.

The January number of Home and State Magazine is before us, and it is up to its usual high standard. On the front page is a handsome picture of Mr. Seabury, who is the Speaker of the present Lower House of Representatives. The first few pages are filled with good stories well illustrated. Two or three of them that have been running for some months are concluded, and new ones will take their place next month. The editorial page has suggestive matter for the home; the Reform page is warm with a discussion of a number of leading subjects; the Pen Sketches of Napoleon Bonaparte are continued by the editor, and the other departments are full of interesting things. All in all, this is one of the best numbers of the Home and State Magazine.

The January number of Scribners has a fine table of contents. "Political Problems of Europe as They Interest Americans," by Frank A. Vanderlip, is an instructive treatment of important themes. "On the War-Dragon's Trail," by John Fox, Jr., is worthy of a close perusal. The continued serial on "The War of 1812," by Capt. A. T. Mahan, is interesting reading. The entire number is rich in fiction and well illustrated.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. H. G. Williams, Burkholtz. Rev. J. J. Rape, Route 4, Tyler, Tex. Rev. J. B. Davis, Sta. A, Route 8, Dallas, Texas.

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SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The students as a rule came back promptly, there being a very good attendance at chapel Tuesday morning for the first day.

Mrs. Britnelle, the efficient chaperone of the Annex, did not return after the holidays, so Mrs. Wyse, the widow of the late Ira O. Wyse, has been selected for the position, and brings with her Miss Cornelia, who is welcomed back to college by her many friends.

Dr. H. A. Shands has returned from Corsicana, where he represented Southwestern University at the educational meeting, and a visit to his family, who are visiting the parents of Mrs. Shands.

Prof. J. C. Hardy reports a fine Y. M. C. A. meeting at Ruston, La., during the holidays.

Dr. W. L. Nelms, Dean of the Summer School of Theology, says the indications are that the attendance upon the next session will be very large. He has already secured men of note, even national reputation, which guarantees the finest program that has yet been presented.

Mr. W. Y. Switzer, '07, has taken the pastorate at Thorndale, Milam County, for the remainder of the year, and will carry it on while pursuing his studies at the University.

Miss Ollie Siner, teacher of music in Southwestern University last year, and Mr. James M. Richardson, formerly of Galveston, will be united in marriage at the First Baptist Church, Pueblo, Col., Jan. 23, 1905, and will be at home in Sherman, Texas, after Feb. 20.

Messrs. Sims, Macune and Staples, students of Southwestern University, who attended the Y. M. C. A. Training Conference at Ruston, La., during the holidays, report a great meeting.

Mr. Vincenti Ramos, a student in Southwestern University from Mexico, lead the Epworth League service last Sunday.

PAID IN FULL.

Bro. S. E. Wilson, of Odessa, Texas, New Mexico Conference, has been the first to pay in full the collections ordered by the conference. Before the old year passed out he had sent a check for the entire amount.

J. M. SOLLIE, Conf. Treas. Albuquerque, N. M.

It is the demands, not the promises, that make men of us; the responsibilities, not the enjoyments, that raise us to the stature of men and women.—P. T. Forsyth.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Continued from page 5.

with that evening—sausage, backbones, ribs and a turkey for Christmas have been enjoyed since. We are doing the best we can to minister to them in holy things. Rev. Abe Mulkey and wife belong to this church, and it is a great inspiration and help to be associated with them.

Paducah.

R. L. Jameson, Jan. 2: As the Bishop did not think it necessary to move us we are back doing business at the "old stand." The people actually seemed glad to have us back, and, of course, we appreciate that fact. On Monday before Christmas I went to Guthrie, preached there Monday night; after services I was invited to the hotel on some pretext (most of the congregation preceded me there), and when I was conducted into the parlor I was confronted with canned goods of almost every character—sugar, coffee, soda, flakes, etc.

Grapevine.

Claude B. Smith, Jan. 9: We left good friends and a noble Methodist folk to our successor on the Forrester Circuit. While it may seem strange to some, but not to an itinerant preacher, we find friends just as dear and Methodists just as true and tried on this charge. We have been received very kindly, indeed. The "pounding" has been administered "in due and ancient form." In fact, everything, it seems, that could be done has been done to make us feel our welcome among these good people.

Haskell.

J. H. Chambliss: Our first Quarterly Conference is over and the finances are ahead of what they were a year ago. The new presiding elder has made a good start with us, for he preached a very fine sermon. The Orphanage collection has been taken and we have paid in excess of the assessment.

Riverside, Ft. Worth.

G. F. Winfield, Jan. 9: A Christmas week's meeting in our new charge furnishes something to report to the Advocate. The new year promises much in this important Fort Worth Mission. There are about twelve hundred people in Riverside community. They are a thriving, industrious people. Doubtless a larger per cent of the people here own their own homes than any suburban community in Fort Worth.

Sipe Springs.

C. W. Macune: Having been appointed to serve Sipe Springs Circuit by the Bishop at the Annual Conference, I moved here from Florence promptly and without any extraordinary experience, except the joys, etc., usually incident to moving 130 miles, especially the et cetera. We shall always remember the many evidences of kindness and courtesy extended us by the good people of Florence during our two years' residence with them.

Quanah.

Robt. B. Bonner, Jan. 9: Soon after conference we said good-bye to the good people of Ferris and Bluff Springs charge and started for our new field of labor. We had two pleasant and we trust profitable years at Ferris and Bluff Springs. They are a kind, generous, liberal people. They showed in many ways their appreciation of our services. We love them much and left friends among them that we will never forget.

everything in good condition. Bro. Ferguson and family have a warm place in the hearts of this people. They will never be forgotten. These are a loyal people, however, and while they parted with their former pastor with regret, they have received the new in such a way as to make him feel that he has their hearty support. They have at once given hearty co-operation, and consequently the work starts off well. We have had one conversion and four accessions. Our Sunday-school and Leagues are increasing in numbers and interest.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bridgeport.

C. C. Davis, Jan. 4: We have been kindly received here and our prospect for a good year is flattering. We have largest attendance on the prayer-meeting I have known for many years. Our first quarterly meeting embraced last Saturday and Sunday. All our stewards but one were present, and fatal sickness in his family prevented his attendance.

Bonita.

R. P. Buck, Jan. 2: We reached our new work the second week after conference. We have been sick most of the time; in fact, we came home sick on Saturday during conference, and have been in bed most of the time since. The people of Bonita have been very kind to us. Many expressions of appreciation have reached the parsonage, and on Monday night after Christmas the pounding came. It was in the old-time way—lots of good things to make the preacher and his family happy.

Annona and Williams' Chapel.

W. R. McCarter, Jan. 6: As soon after conference as we could get our little household goods together and in moving order we said good-bye to the good people of Deport. We had lived among them and labored with them most agreeably for two years and had learned to love them. It was like leaving home folk. Such though is the experience of all Methodist preachers. Our people have a way of endearing themselves to us of which we may well be proud.

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with no little pleasure. The pounding began before our arrival, and has been continuous. Hardly a day has past since we moved here but something has been sent or brought us. This state of things was bad enough to be sure, but they had even greater punishment than this to inflict on their preacher and family. So on Wednesday evening last, before prayer-meeting the worst came. We were storm-driven and tempest-tossed. Can we stand such? Well we will try. If encouraging words and acts of kindness can be taken as a sign of success, then we are going to succeed. We begin the new year under conditions most favorable.

Atticus Webb, Jan. 3. Bro. Casey held our first Quarterly Conference yesterday; preached to the delight of us all Sunday. As a preacher, as a man, and as a presiding elder, Bro. Casey is very popular with all here. Detroit Station has taken a decided move forward on all lines. She has taken up the financial plans of the best station, made liberal provisions for the present pastor, and all with one accord are pressing on for better things. Every officer and teacher in my Sunday-school, the pastor and many of the older pupils are enrolled in the Teachers' Training Work.

Nevada.

J. H. White, Jan. 9: Our first Quarterly Conference was held Christmas Eve. Bro. I. W. Clark, our new presiding elder, was on hand. It was the first time that most of our people ever had the pleasure of meeting him, but he won all hearts. His three sermons were up to high-water mark, and the business of the conference was so conducted as to make it a real inspiration to both the official and private members present. Truth is, Clark gets more out of a quarterly conference than most men can. The old-fashioned lovefeast Sunday morning, also held by Brother Clark, was a feast of souls. As many of us had hoped, and devoutly prayed, we are starting well with the new year. The appointment of Brother Ashburn to this charge, for us at least, was a very happy one, and we are trying to pull ourselves up so as to make it fit all round.

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The Sunday-School Department. The Epworth League Department

We give the outlines of two lessons this week in order to get our lesson two weeks ahead.

Lesson III. January 15: Subject, "Jesus Wins His First Disciples."—Jno. 1:35-51.

Golden Text: Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.—John 1:49.

Topical Outline: 1. Coming to Jesus. (Verses 35-39.) 2. Bringing others to Jesus. (Verses 40-51).

Time: A. D. 27. Place: In Bethany beyond Jordan.

The Gospel of John carries out its purpose (See John 22:31) by declaring the eternal oneness of the Son and the Father, and, secondly, by showing what Christ did. He did many wonderful things and spoke many wonderful words which show plainly His divine power and wisdom; but the happiest proof of what He is we see in His actual winning of men to Himself and making them sons of God.

Practical Lessons: 1. The earliest disciples of our Lord were those prepared to receive Him by previous instruction. We may not compare with John the Baptist, but we may point others to the Savior. 2. When men try to follow Jesus, He is sure to know it and give them encouraging help. 3. Christ does not help men by sending them away on difficult and doubtful errands, or throwing them back upon their own weak and doubtful hearts; but by bidding them "come and see"; come to Him, and see for themselves. 4. In winning disciples Christ encourages us to help Him. The world can never measure the service done by Andrew in bringing Simon Peter, and Philip in bringing Nathaniel. 5. Christ wins and holds disciples by showing that He understands them. (See verses 47-48.)

Questions for Further Study: 1. What was the first day of the Christian Church? (See verses 35, 36, 37.) 2. Do men generally come to Jesus alone, or in company with others? 3. When we come to Jesus is He apt to take command of our time? (See verse 43.) 4. Did Jesus answer Nathaniel's question, "Whence knowest thou me?" 5. How did greater knowledge explain the lesser knowledge?

Lesson IV. January 22: Subject, The First Miracle in Cana.—John 2:1-11.

Golden Text: Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.—John 2:5.

Cana was about six miles north of Nazareth. The prominence of Mary, the mother of Jesus, indicates her probable kinship with one of the families concerned. An interval of seventeen years had passed since the last mention of Joseph, in Luke 2:51, and it is probable that he had died. A tradition, wholly unsupported by evidence, reports that Nathaniel was the bridegroom at this marriage. Jesus had very recently enlisted some six disciples, and they were invited with him to the wedding.

Practical Lessons: 1. The working of miracles is a departure from the usual course adopted by divine wisdom, and our Lord declared that the faith which did not need signs and wonders was better (John 20:29). Christ wrought miracles as a concession to our weakness. Such tender concession ought to strengthen our hope and love. 2. Christ never wrought a miracle to give pain. The withering of the barren fig tree came nearest to it, and was a symbolic warning to the Jews. God's unseen powers are put forth for blessing; His wonders are of help and tenderness. 3. His divine power is our greatest encouragement to do promptly all He bids. 4. Christ is present in love to bless every true marriage. Our love for one another is what He loves to see. 5. His special blessing we can claim on our homes.

Questions for Further Study: 1. What is the Christian attitude toward festal gatherings and rejoicing? 2. How should we treat the embarrassment and needs of friends? 3. What did Christ mean by "Mine hour is not yet come"? Probably a transition-point in His history when it became best to work miracles. 4. What other festal gatherings did Christ attend? (See Luke vii. 36; Luke 5:29; Matt. 26:6; John 12:2.)

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NOTES.

Secretary John M. Barcus, of the Northwest Texas Conference, has our thanks for a copy of the Conference Journal, just out. The condensed minutes show 245 Leagues and 9224 League members. The statistical table shows ten more Leagues than the minutes, which is the correct number. No reference to the assembly movement is made in the report of the Epworth League Board, which is fully explained by the chairman's letter elsewhere published in this issue.

Fletcher McNeely, who was one of the Texas League party on its World's Fair trip in June, has permanently located in St. Louis and will engage in the railroad business. The good wishes of a host of League friends follow him.

W. C. Everett and A. K. Ragsdale have called a meeting of the Dallas Methodists to provide ways and means for the inauguration of a spirited campaign in the interest of Dallas' candidacy for the 1907 session of the International Conference. Several prominent League workers from over the State will be in attendance. The meeting will be held on January 10.

Miss Laura Allison sends us a splendid report of the work of the charity and help department of First Street League at Austin. G. W. T.

THE STATUS OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE ASSEMBLY MOVEMENT.

For the information of our Leaguers we present herewith a summary of the several official proceedings bearing upon the assembly movement.

At Houston in August, 1904, the State Epworth League Conference, in regular session assembled, adopted the following section as a part of the constitution of the organization, to-wit:

"Sec. 2. The conference shall have authority to secure a permanent home for its annual meetings and for any other purpose or purposes which look to the better equipment of our young people for Church work; provided, that all such transactions shall be ratified and confirmed by a majority of the Epworth League boards of the several patronizing conferences."

The following resolutions were adopted upon the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions, viz:

"Resolved (1). That this conference elect a committee of five, two ministers and three laymen, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable place for a summer encampment and permanent home for the State League Conference, and that negotiations be closed and final action taken by April 1, 1905; and that the President and Secretary be ex-officio members of said committee.

"Resolved (5). That the Epworth League boards of the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Texas, be requested to ratify and confirm the action of this conference concerning the selection of a permanent home."

The Committee on Nominations reported favorably upon the following names for membership on the Assembly Committee, which the conference approved and elected them, to-wit: Rev. G. S. Sexton, chairman; Rev. J. M. Peterson, Hon. R. W. Hall, W. G. Lee Woods, H. H. Halsell.

The action of the State League Conference bearing upon the assembly movement was referred to the several Annual Conferences with the result that the West Texas, the North Texas, the Texas and the German Mission, in the order named, each adopted resolutions indorsing the enterprise and pledging it their hearty support. The following letter from Rev. T. S. Armstrong, chairman of the Epworth League Board of the Northwest Texas Conference, explains why no action was taken by his board. His letter reads:

"Waco, Texas, Jan. 5, 1905. "Mr. Gus W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Texas.

"My Dear Brother: Your letter dated December 9 came to me a day or two ago, after my return from Cor-

sicana, where I spent the holidays. I regret very much that neither Brothers Porter nor Morris appeared before us. (These brethren had been asked to represent the Assembly Committee, but for some reason overlooked the matter.—G. W. T.) My personal attention was not called to the matter and the meetings of the board were poorly attended. Every member seemed to be loaded with committee work of various kinds, and there was no discussion of the matter whatever. I am very sorry indeed of this delay in replying to your letter, but the facts stated above are the cause. I am yours very fraternally,

"T. S. ARMSTRONG."

It is to be regretted that the assembly matter was not presented to the Northwest Texas Conference, for we are sure its action would have been in line with the other conferences. However, the constitutional provision, that "such transactions shall be ratified and confirmed by a majority of the Epworth League Boards of the several patronizing conferences," has been fully met, and the Assembly Committee is now duly empowered to proceed with its work of selecting "a suitable place for a summer encampment and permanent home for the State League Conference." The provision that "final action be taken by April 1, 1905," makes it imperative that the committee proceed without delay, and Chairman Sexton has designated Monday, the 16th of January, as the date for the members of the committee to join him at Waco for a tour of inspection of the proposed sites.

In the new constitution, adopted at Houston in 1904, is this special provision relating to the power and authority of the State organization, to-wit:

"Art. 5, Sec. 1. The conference shall have power to incorporate itself through a Board of Trustees, consisting of one from each of the patronizing conferences, elected for the four years corresponding to the interval between the sessions of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and who shall have charge of all the property owned by the conference, and who may sue and be sued, and exercise all other privileges and sustain all other responsibilities of trustees of corporate property under the laws of the State of Texas; provided, that all property be deeded in fee simple to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the purposes and uses set forth in the instrument of conveyance."

Until this Board of Trustees is elected by the conference in regular session, or shall be appointed by the President of the State organization, the Assembly Committee will act with all authority under the provision of the resolution creating the committee and designating its duties. G. W. T.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Since the provision for the department of missionary work in the Epworth League was made by the General Board, we have, a number of times, called the attention of the Leagues to the methods of work of this new department. This has been done both by letter and through the columns of the Era.

A great many of the Leagues have taken up this work most enthusiastically, and have organized the fourth department without waiting for the December election, and a number of these have already reported study classes organized. But as it is expected that all the chapters will organize the fourth department for the work of the new year, we are urging that every possible effort be put forth to make this department a great success from the very outset. It will be much easier to do this now than a year later. Every League that falls at this time to appoint its Fourth Vice-President and to have its missionary department thoroughly organized under him will lose the golden opportunity for starting the missionary work in the chapter.

The general plan of organization is outlined in the handbook of the department (price, 5 cents). A copy of this was sent to every League in the fall. We also sent out a circular announcing the course to be followed by the mission study classes. Some Leagues, not having organized the fourth department at that time, were not ready to take up this study, but will do so with the new year, when they shall have completed their organization in accordance with the provision of the new form of constitution. There are a number of other chapters that either changed pastors or were uncertain about the return of their pastors; so they put off class organization until after conference, which, in some cases, brought them so close to the new year that they will wait until that time to begin.

For various other reasons Leagues that have planned to start the study classes have been forced to postpone the undertaking. To one and all of

these we suggest and earnestly recommend that with the beginning of the new year the study class campaign be taken up and pushed with renewed vigor. Let no missionary committee cease effort because its first efforts have failed. But let them remember that the study class is the key and inspiration to the effective organization of the fourth department.

We shall be glad to furnish any further information about the missionary work of the League.

JOHN W. SHACKFORD, Nashville, Tenn.

FROM AUSTIN.

Report of charity and help department for two months from First Street Church: Calls made on sick, 104; calls made on strangers, 19; calls made in interest of Church work, 27; number of garments distributed, 30; number of bouquets carried to sick, 27; number of prayers held with sick, 11; number of tracts distributed, 5; number for whom employment has been found, 7. Cash spent for food and else for needy, \$42.15. Number of meals taken to sick, 23.

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The date of the International Epworth League Conference at Denver has been set for July 5 to 9, inclusive. We are planning to have a large delegation of our Texas Methodist people attend this conference, especially with a view to securing the conference for Texas in 1907. The arrangements in process, the points to be visited and the personnel of the party will make this trip one long to be remembered, and of great value to our young people and preachers as well. We want you to go and ask now that you see to it that your dates are so arranged that it will allow you to go. I am arranging a plan whereby every preacher in Texas will be able to get a free ticket Ft. Worth to Denver and return for this excursion by simply co-operating with me in a matter about which I will write you in a very few days. You must go and I will make it possible for you or some member of your family to go. We want to make as strong a showing as possible for Texas, and also arrange a trip that will be an education for our young people and more than repay them for the small outlay. I will appreciate your co-operation in this, and will promise you the "trip of your life."

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Chairman Transportation, Texas Epworth League.

INFIDELITY AND BAD MORALS.

The most serious result of skepticism in a land is to be seen in its effect upon the morals of the people. Its effect upon the mind—its general want of faith, its breaking loose from the old moorings of trust in sacred things—is harmful enough; but infidelity has a farther and deeper reach. It goes into the very vitality of our daily life and disjoins all the firm articulations of society.

There is an excellent way of testing the correctness of this position; it is by an appeal to history. Whenever there has been a loosening of the social bonds a rapid increase of flagrant and open licentiousness, there has existed at the same time a public denunciation of the fundamental truths of Christianity. In Italy, just about the close of the fourteenth century and the beginning of the fifteenth, there prevailed a general religious skepticism. At no time before or since has it been surpassed in that country. The pagan spirit prevailed from the Pope down to many a humble priest. The pagan writers were preferred to the Christian teachers. Infidelity ran wild. There was no concealment, even in the church, of the general throwing off of all the restraints which men in the better periods of the church have held most sacred.

Now, at this very time, there was a license given to public immorality which, at this late date, is almost incredible. The papacy was at the mercy of the highest bidder and the biggest purse. The lower offices were filled in the same way. The Pope made no pretense of even public morals. His palace concealed nameless crimes. Society was corrupt from center to circumference. There was only a partial return to a better life when the thunders were heard from Wittenberg, in the far German north, and Romanism was driven back upon itself to adopt means to save its own life.

The same effect can be seen in the French immorality which broke loose through the socialistic teaching and example of Rousseau, and especially by the systematic and persistent infidelity of Voltaire. France was never worse than then. Every barrier was thrown down, and from the King to the peasant there was a profanity and a wildness of licentious living which even France has never surpassed. The marriage tie was a mere convenience. It was thrown off when found at all disappointing. The triumph of the Revolution of 1789 was the victory of a loud-spoken infidelity. The culmination was reached when a woman, named "Reason," was put upon a chariot as on a throne and represented as the goddess of the godless land.

In Germany the picture likewise was repulsive. When Frederick the Great introduced Voltaire, Maupertuis and other French infidels about his court and ribaldry after the full French mode was in favor, and the French language became the tongue of the witty and the learned and the German was despised, immorality became dominant everywhere. It was the carnival of blasphemy and the practical vices. With the Bible, social virtue fled the country.

Who can doubt, with these historical reminders before him, that the two go hand in hand—vice and disbelief? Even our Methodist origins suggest the same fact. When was immorality more in vogue in England than in the eighteenth century? When, too, was infidelity seated on a higher throne? The deism which had been produced at home and the atheism which had been introduced from France had swept away many of the noblest monuments of the old Anglo-Saxon virtue. The clergy, as Bishop Burnet has well

shown, had become a race of pleasure-seekers. The people were forgotten. It was this terrible death which Wesley saw, which awakened his soul to a great need, which set him to self-inquiry and then, when he had found himself, set him to work to save the whole English parish.

There is reason for this close connection. When men believe that there is no future, they care not what they make of life. They may shape it into what they please, if they believe in no all-seeing God and no certain day of accountability. The infidel can do as he will with himself, and with others as well, if his no-creed is correct.

Our land has never been infidel, but it can only be saved from it by an effort. Every Atlantic wave sweeps upon us a new flow of the teeming immorality from the older countries. All our skepticism is of foreign make. It comes with the licentious writings of Zola and other authors of the same class. We must be on our guard. An intense religious life is needed to correct all the wayward tendencies. Bad books ought to be made to die for the want of an American market.—By the late Bishop John F. Hurst, in Pittsburgh Advocate.

The Spirit of Winter.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, colic becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Food's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

MARRIED.

- Palmer-Arthur.**—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Knickerbocker, Texas, Dec. 25, 1904, Mr. Will Palmer and Miss Ola May Arthur, Rev. M. T. Allen officiating.
- Emerick-Nolke.**—At the home of the bride's parents, in Irion County, Texas, Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. Frank Emerick and Miss Gertrude Nolke, Rev. M. T. Allen officiating.
- McCullough-Skear.**—At the residence of the bride's parents, South Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas, Dec. 20, 1904, Mr. Jesse K. McCullough and Miss Lillian Maye Skear, Rev. D. J. Martin, of Plano, Texas, officiating.
- Frazier-Chapman.**—At the residence of Mr. Dan C. Steele, Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. N. E. Frazier, of Groveton, Texas, and Miss Roberta Chapman, of Lufkin, Texas, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.
- Shaddock-Green.**—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. T. Green, in the western end of Harrison County, Texas, Jan. 1, 1905, Mr. Ben Shaddock and Miss Rittie Green, Rev. W. W. Horner officiating.
- Pruitt-Palmer.**—At the residence of Mr. Palmer, Rose Hill, Texas, Dec. 25, 1904, Mr. W. P. Pruitt and Miss Frances Palmer, Rev. G. M. Massey officiating.
- Killingsworth-Clark.**—At the residence of the bride's father, near Lagrone's Chapel, in Harrison County, Texas, Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. D. W. Killingsworth and Miss Hattie Clark, Rev. W. W. Horner officiating.
- Clark-Brawner.**—At the home of the bride's parents, New Year's Day, 1905, at Long Cove, Texas, Mr. J. S. Clark and Miss Lillie Brawner, Rev. Daniel Morgan officiating.
- Davis-Starr.**—At the home of the bride's father, Rev. D. E. Starr, Bermuda, Texas, Nov. 17, 1904, Mr. Walter Davis and Miss Anna Heidt Starr, all of Grayson County, Texas, Rev. E. L. Spurlock officiating.
- Kearby-Stone.**—At Willis Point, Texas, Dec. 21, 1904, Dr. J. Gallatin Kearby and Miss Bessie Stone, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.
- Garoutt-Harrison.**—At the residence of the bride's daughter, Mrs. Kinworthy, in Deming, N. M., Jan. 1, 1905, Mr. T. B. Garoutt, of Merkel, Texas, and Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, of Deming, N. M., Rev. N. E. Bragg officiating. Mr. Garoutt is an old-time Texas Methodist, having been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for the past sixty years. The bride has been a member of the Presbyterian Church nearly sixty years. They leave to-day for a tour of Mexico.
- Davis-Robbinson.**—At the residence of the bride's father, Dr. Robbinson, near Van Slyke, Texas, Jan. 1, 1905, Mr. W. W. Davis, of Missouri, and Miss Myrtis L. Robbinson, Rev. W. B. Bayless officiating.
- Tottenham-Reese.**—At the residence of the bride's father, Capt. K. A. Reese, by Rev. E. W. Tarrant, Dec. 14, 1904, Mr. Woodson F. Tottenham and Miss Minerva Reese, both of Sempronius, Texas, Rev. E. W. Tarrant officiating. These young people are consistent members of the M. E. Church, South, and zealous workers in the Epworth League.
- Harper-Johnson.**—At the parsonage in Minden at 3 p. m. Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. Erwin Harper and Miss Ophelia Johnson, Rev. Ross Williams officiating.

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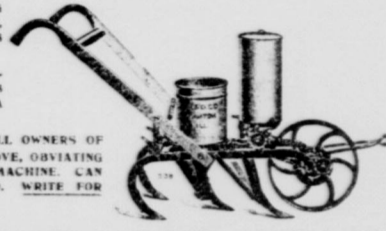
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- Dickson-Pearson.**—At the home of the bride's parents, near Caviness, Texas, Dec. 25, 1904, Mr. A. E. Dickson, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Rosa Beatrice Pearson, Rev. Chas. H. Armstrong officiating.
- Ward-McLarty.**—At the home of the bride, Pancake, Texas, November 27, 1904, Mr. T. P. Ward and Miss Minnie McLarty, Rev. C. H. Smith officiating.
- Wilson-Nixon.**—At the home of the bride's parents, Dec. 25, 1904, Mr. Alfred Wilson and Miss Lizzie Nixon, all of Maxey, Texas, Rev. Chas. H. Armstrong officiating.
- Arnett-Kinecil.**—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 7, 1904, Mr. J. A. Arnett and Miss Ella Kinecil, all of Borden County, Texas, Rev. H. C. Jolly officiating.
- Brown-Hale.**—At the Hale Hotel, in Gail, Texas, Dec. 25, 1904, Prof. J. D. Brown and Miss Edna Hale, all of Gail, Texas, Rev. H. C. Jolly officiating.
- DuPuy-Grayson.**—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Merkel, Tex., Dec. 25, 1904, Mr. J. Fred DuPuy and Miss Pearl Grayson, Rev. S. F. Hawkins officiating.
- Mullins-Chrestman.**—In the Methodist church in Grand Saline, Texas, at 3 o'clock, Dec. 29, 1904, Mr. J. N. Mullins and Miss Minnie Chrestman, Rev. S. N. Allen officiating.
- Robison-Williams.**—At the home of the bride's brother, at 7:15 o'clock, January 4, 1905, Mr. Curlin A. Robison and Miss Ollie Williams, both of Daingerfield, Texas, Rev. S. N. Allen officiating.
- Willis-Wood.**—Sitting in their buggy at my front gate, in New York, Tuesday, January 3, 1905, Mr. Bruce Willis and Miss Lena Wood, Dr. Hall the officiating minister.
- Hoffman-Frost.**—At the home of the bride, Long Prairie, Texas, December 25, 1904, Mr. L. O. Hoffman and Miss Mary Frost, Rev. C. H. Smith officiating.

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MY SERVICE.

I asked the Lord to let me do
Some mighty work for him;
To fight amidst his battle hosts,
'Then sing the victor's hymn;
I longed my ardent love to show,
But Jesus would not have it so.

He placed me in a quiet home,
Whose life was calm and still,
And gave me little things to do,
My daily round to fill;
I could not think it good to be
Just put aside so silently.

Small duties gathered round my way,
They seemed of earth alone;
I, who had longed for conquests bright,
To lay before His throne,
Had common things to do and bear,
To watch and strive with daily care.

So then I thought my prayer unheard,
And asked the Lord once more
That he would give me work for him,
And open wide the door—
Forgetting that my Master knew
Just what was best for me to do.

Then quietly the answer came:
"My child, I hear thy cry;
Think not that mighty deeds alone
Will bring the victory;
The battle has been planned by me,
Let daily life thy conquests see."
—The Quiet Hour.

(The following letter will be of general interest to all foreign missionary workers in Texas, hence I send it for publication in our Woman's Department. MRS. SAM'L SPEARS, Corresponding Secretary W. F. M. S., West Texas Conference.)

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28, 1904.
Dear Sister: I write to give you some account of our work at the close of this year, and to wish you every joy and great prosperity for the coming year 1905. Our work grows, and thankful we are to have it grow, but growth means larger appropriation, and larger appropriation means larger gifts from individuals and societies. The purchase of the property in Juiz de Fora which was secured at greatly reduced rates brought letters to the office from nearly every missionary both of the General Board and ours full of congratulations and thanksgiving. As you know, we had to buy or be turned out of Juiz de Fora, where for fourteen years much had been accomplished. Of course cash was necessary to buy the property, which was put up at auction, but we could not afford to lose the hold we had upon the city, which had been gained by hard work and heavy expenditures. The rent was high, which will now go towards liquidating the debt, which with transfer fees and interest for one year amounts to something over \$9000. In order to save the exorbitant interest charged in Brazil our Treasurer was authorized to negotiate a loan of \$6000. If the December remittances had been what we hoped no borrowing would have been necessary. The board having authorized the purchase could do nothing more than authorize the loan. I believe God's hand was in it all, and great good will result. Each Conference Society adding something to its pledge will meet all indebtedness.

Dr. Polk and Miss Richardson sailed from Vancouver on the 26th, last Monday, for China. Pray that they may have a safe journey. Miss Waters and Miss Tarrant each having had permission to come home to recruit will leave China about Feb. 1. Miss Gary may come home with them; if not, she will return in June. I hope you may be able to attend the Missionary Training School which opens in Nashville Wednesday, Jan. 4. I inclose card giving you general information in regard to it.

The calendars are ready, and contain pictures of our new missionaries. In addition to the others, the calendars are valuable to us as showing changes in appointments as well as calling for special prayer at set times, not that we do not pray specially every day for our work and workers, but because on certain days there is a concert of prayer, that where two or three agree as touching any one thing God will answer.

Study classes in Dux Christus are being formed and quite a number have supplied themselves with books. I hope you read the complimentary notice of "Life and Letters" of Laura A. Haygood in the Nashville Advocate. We have not sold copies enough to pay the publishers. All over meeting expenses of publication will be turned over to the equipment of the Laura Haygood Memorial in Sochovo.

Miss H. Norville is now well and ready for work. Miss Nannie E. Holding and her sister are well and will return to Laredo in a few weeks. Miss Roberts needs at least one year's rest, and should have it. Miss Case has re-

turned to the City of Mexico. The Mary Keener School will open at New Year. Mrs. Cobb will return some time in January unless detained in Texas. Mrs. Campbell has been visiting in South Georgia Conference Society and will go next to the North Mississippi. The missionaries have been permitted to return to Songdo and Wonsan. MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,
Cor. Sec. Woman's Board For. Mis.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference, met in Fort Worth Jan. 2, 1905. Those present were: Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Flora N. Hey, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. E. H. Edens, Mrs. M. H. Cox, District Secretaries, and Mrs. J. C. Mimms, Recording Secretary. We were glad to have with us also Mrs. S. C. Follin, Conference Press Superintendent, and Mrs. J. P. Mussett.

On account of the absence of our President, Mrs. Honeycutt, and indisposition on the part of the Second Vice-President, Mrs. Hey took the chair.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises, after which the business was taken up.

After a thorough discussion it was decided, on motion, to retain Miss Fannie Mann at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Then followed a special prayer in behalf of Miss Mann, led by Mrs. Mussett.

The Treasurer's statement was read. Applications from Haskell Mission, Abilene District, asking for \$150 appropriation; and from Bro. Griswold, of Colorado, Colorado District, for \$200 toward building district parsonage, were presented. Upon motion both requests were granted.

Mrs. J. C. Mimms was elected alternate delegate to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to meet in Montgomery, Ala. Dismissed with prayer, led by Mrs. Follin.

MRS. JOS. C. MIMMS, Rec. Sec.

AT THE SETTLEMENT HOME.

Many members of Southern Methodism in Dallas yesterday gathered at the Settlement Home, corner of Magnolia and Collin Streets, for the annual reception given there.

It was a time of reminding those of the Church not brought in touch every day with the work of that institution, fostered by the Methodists of the city, of what had been accomplished. Likewise it was appropriately an occasion of well-wishing and expression of the happy feelings of the season.

At 3 o'clock the reception opened. This part lasted until 4 o'clock, when a number of addresses were made. Rev. J. L. Morris, recently appointed presiding elder of the Dallas District of the Church, made a strong address on the need of Christians so living that the example of Jesus may be reflected into the dark corners of the earth.

Dr. John M. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist Church, followed with a talk of encouragement for the Settlement work. He made his speech more interesting by relating personal experiences in city mission labors.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, pastor of the Trinity Church, strongly indorsed all that the others had said in commendation of the undertaking. He also gave some sketches of his own experience in New Orleans.

Other brief talks were those by Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker, of Grace Church; Rev. John Smith, of the Ervay Street Church, and Rev. Barcus, of the Oak Lawn Church. In all of the latter the institution was praised and support for it assured.

In response to an appeal for whatever financial assistance could be rendered, made by Mrs. L. H. Potts, President of the City Mission Board, it was decided to set apart the fifth Sunday of this month for presenting the claims of the institution.

During the afternoon a handsome silver collection was given by the hundred or more guests at the reception. Refreshments were served, and to each visitor was given a card with the name of the Home and the date on one side, and on the other some appropriate verse of poetry, while from the corner of the card dangled a dainty brass bell ringing out the old and welcoming the advent of the new year.

instituted and are reported as doing good work in industrial training, teaching the boys basket making, carpentry and the like. Two girls' clubs having in all eighty-five members teach their members sewing and basket making, and a young ladies' Happy Hour Club is composed of twenty young women in the neighborhood, who give an entertainment once a week.

The active workers in the institution are: Head Resident, Miss Estelle Harkin; Kindergartner, Miss Janette Harkin; Assistant, Miss Frances Box; Homekeeper, Miss Laura Padgett.

Officers of the City Board of Missions are: President, Mrs. L. H. Potts; First Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Dorsey; Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Fendrick; Recording Secretary, Miss Bama Bishop; Treasurer, Mrs. S. D. Thruston; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Walter Reid; Press Reporter, Mrs. W. H. Howell.

The board has bought a lot on the corner of Collin and Orange Streets and will erect there a modern industrial home. This is expected to be finished within the present year.—Dallas News.

FROM LAWTON, OKLA.

The members of the auxiliary of the W. H. M. S. of Lawton, Okla., wish to express their thanks to the following Texas ladies who sent us donations for our Handkerchief Bazaar, assuring each that their gift was highly appreciated: Mrs. C. C. McDonough, Roseland, Texas; M. A. Anderson, Beaumont, Texas; Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Gilmer, Texas; Mrs. S. E. Jones, Giddings, Texas; Mrs. E. F. Lyday, Ravenna, Texas. These seeing our request in this paper answered it with a donation.

The following ladies very liberally responded to letters sent for this cause, for which we are very grateful: Mrs. Nat. G. Rollins, Aspermont, Texas; Mrs. C. R. Caldwell, Roxton, Texas; Mrs. Laura V. Howard, Bethel, Texas; Mrs. Thos. Hart, Brownwood, Texas; Mrs. Will Gilliam, Hillsboro, Texas; Mrs. Flora N. Hey, Hillsboro, Texas. Wishing each a happy and prosperous "New Year," I am your sister in H. M. W.

MRS. A. E. HAMMONDS,
Corresponding Secretary.

FROM TERRELL, TEXAS.

The Foreign Missionary Society of Terrell would begin the new year by writing to our Woman's Department of the Texas Christian Advocate and telling with what grateful hearts we close the old year, and how earnestly and hopefully we begin the work for 1905. The past year our extra work, besides the pledge, has been the "M. Adeline Allen" Scholarship, the Eliza Bowman School in Cuba, and clothing a school girl at Laredo Seminary. We will hold our week of prayer in connection with the Home Mission Society this year. We look forward joyously to our stated times for prayer and study. I don't think one would find a better organized and well informed society anywhere in Texas. Mrs. M. A. Allen has been President for years. Her influence is wonderful.

At present there is a contest on. Two ladies have been appointed Captains. They have chosen all the ladies; the side that attends best will be victorious; and the defeated side will entertain the whole society. These contests do good in more ways than one. We find the Missionary Advocate very helpful; the rule being, the lady who takes and reads the Missionary Advocate is always an interested worker. We meet the first Monday in every month, and always devote part of the time to the study planned for the society. We hope to hear from other societies.

MRS. FANNIE M. POWELL,
Reporter.

FROM GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

I believe this is the month when articles are due from the Home Mission Societies of the Gatesville District. When I wrote before I had not studied instructions as I should, for that article should have been for the Foreign Missionary Society, as I am on double duty for both the Gatesville Auxiliaries. I scarcely know how to separate them. It seems to me they should be united. As I reported the progress of both our auxiliaries in my last article, I shall take the liberty of doing so in this. We have had Miss Elizabeth Hughes with us for about a week. She is an inspiration. About half of her address here was to the children, and it was good to see how the little folks enjoyed it. She spoke over an hour, and every eye was as bright and wide awake when she closed as when she began. She filled two other appointments near Gatesville and was listened to by a large and enthusiastic audience at both places. She is most lovable, and surely did much good in this district.

The Foreign Missionary Society observed the week of prayer, and at its close our presiding elder, Bro. S. W. Turner, preached an eloquent sermon, convincing all who heard him that

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Our Auxiliary W. H. M. Society is busy just at present getting up a box for the Orphanage at Waco, and also one for the Mission Home and Training School at Dallas of canned fruit and preserves.

We observed faithfully the week of prayer according to the program in our Homes. We had some good papers on the topics given. The offerings amounted to a nice little sum, considering we are a small society. Our pastor, Bro. Hightower, kindly preached two excellent sermons for us. We asked for one, but I think he wanted to show his appreciation by preaching two. He then said he had only begun to tell of what the good women had done and are doing in the mission field. In the local press we have a half or whole column for both auxiliaries. We did all we could to make the parsonage more comfortable for our new pastor.

Mrs. S. C. Follin proposed to us a

prayer League for a revival, and about twelve members signed an agreement to pray every morning at 9 o'clock that the Lord would be very gracious to us once more.

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North Texas Female College and Conservatory of Music and Art.

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Mr. Isaac Brown, the charming lecturer, sent out by Miss Helen Gould, with an earnest appeal to the people of the Southwest in behalf of the birds, visited us last week and promised to come again. 'Tis a large heart that prompts the sending out of such a missionary.

All so-called higher civilization develops more or less artificially in its system of education and these tendencies can be counteracted only by fostering in the heart of our children a wholesome love of nature, giving them knowledge of all her varied forms, keeping them in close companionship with her, that they may find

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Already new pupils are gathering in for the second term. This week we had two from far away Nebraska and one from Northern Missouri, who comes to enjoy the advantages of "the best art school in the South."

The beautiful cantata of Coleridge-Taylor, "The Death of Minnehaha," is taking on its insidious touches under the skillful directorship of Mr. DeWener, and the 2nd of February will bring greater success than ever to the Oratorio Society.

The Library, always an inviting spot, is more attractive than ever with its bright, new paper and fresh coloring.

There is no surer way to Mrs. Stroher's heart than a word of commendation for the Library. We hope this year to add to its long list of reference books the Furness edition of Shakespeare.

Mrs. L. A. KIDD-KEY, President.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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 lars was paid at the Quarterly Conference, and the assessment on the membership was on the basis of monthly payments. The pounding was given Christmas Eve night, and, besides other things, included considerable confectioneries for the little ones. Brother Ashburn took occasion to express his appreciation publicly. He said it was a very generous pounding. Not having had opportunity to invoice the stock, we cannot speak definitely; judging, however, from the bulk on the front porch, we decided it was respectable. Several valuable presents came to the parsonage during Christmas week from some of Brother Ashburn's old parishioners. They came both from Whitewright and Whitesboro. One brother from Whitesboro, in his gifts, remembered each member of the family—even the twin babies. These are straws that point the way the wind blows. We are looking and praying for a most gracious year.

Campbell Circuit.

C. W. Dennis, Jan. 9: After two years of pleasant service with the good people of Floyd Circuit, we were read out to Campbell Circuit at Bonham. We fell sad to say good bye to many of our dear friends on the Floyd Circuit, who had been so good to us while there. We shall never forget their kindness. On our arrival at Campbell we were taken in hand by Bro. G. M. Smith and well cared for until we could move into the parsonage. Our predecessor, John E. Roach, had everything in fine condition on the work when we came. Brother Roach is held in high esteem by this people. Some of the enterprises on hand were as follows: A new church in course of construction at Caney. This house is completed, papered, painted and seated, and we had the pleasure of preaching in it for the first time New Year's day. At Shady Grove a subscription had been started to recover our church there, and also about half enough money raised to purchase a new organ. The house has been recovered and the balance of the money is now in hand to buy the organ. At Campbell an acetylene gas plant had been put in our church at the cost of \$58. This had not been paid for. We have the most of this amount raised. We have also sent in our Orphanage assessment in full. Yesterday was a very cold, dreary day, yet we organized a Sunday-school at Caney at our

new church with forty-one members; many more will join. Ever since our arrival we have received words of cheer and deeds of kindness. Many things of a substantial nature have found their way to the parsonage, but on last Monday afternoon the good people of Campbell and Caney gave us a pounding that we will not soon forget. The surprise was so great that they had us at their mercy before we could offer any resistance. We tried to submit gracefully. We hope to begin a revival at Campbell next Sunday. We will, by the Lord's help, make this the most useful year of our life. The provision for our support was placed at the same figures as this charge paid last year, yet they lost Jones-Bethel Church from the charge, which was the strongest church financially on the work. Campbell charge was moving up when we came, and we want to continue to move.

Nocona.

L. F. Palmer, Jan. 7: The inmates of the Palmer home are in their usual health. Our appointment the same as last year—"Saints' Rest Station." We have been well received. "Pounded and favored." The Methodists, with others, remembered us kindly with hay and bran for the horse, and lard, flour, sugar, coffee, potatoes, etc., for family; also a pig to eat, the slop to make a hog for next fall. For these kind expressions we are gratified, though unworthy of them. I am hopeful of seeing a great revival in and around Nocona. We are forming a mission outside of the town. Hope to see some good done in the wayside. Bro. Lowery is well received by Nocona and starts off well.

St. Jo.

Bascom Johnson, Jan. 9: Saturday and Sunday was the occasion of our first Quarterly Conference. Our presiding elder, Bro. J. A. Stafford, was on hand and preached three very fine and helpful sermons to the delight of all. His sermon Sunday morning was especially fine. The stewards made a good showing for the first quarter. We have been kindly received on this work. This is one of the healthiest places in Texas. Rev. A. P. Hightower served this charge the two past years. He did a good work and the people speak very kindly of him. We hope to make this a good year.

Chico.

J. P. Rodgers, Jan. 9: We have had a nice reception here by our people and friends. We were pounded the night after wife and children came. The pounding was in earnest. Am glad to serve this people, and they show us that they are glad to have us among them. Our women are raising money to improve the parsonage, and already have bought two beadsteads for the parsonage and have the paper to repaper one room; and we are raising money to build a barn, and ere long will be fixed up nicely. We are hoping and praying for a good year.

Clark's Chapel, Dallas.

H. B. Day, Jan. 10: Bro. J. L. Morris, our presiding elder, preached for us on the evening of the first and held our first Quarterly Conference on Wednesday following. Both people and pastor are highly pleased with Brother Morris as preacher and presiding elder. The people have shown their appreciation by the kind reception which they have given me and father by advancing the preacher's salary \$150 above that of last year. This being my first work, it will require some time to get the new (or paint) knocked off and the joints limbered. But notwithstanding that we hope to have a successful year. We have married some, baptized some infants and received some into the Church on profession of faith. Our Sunday-school is on the increase, and on last Sunday we organized a Junior League with about 16 members. Our work is encouraging.

Weston.

D. L. Coale: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Weston January 7 and 8 by Bro. I. W. Clark, our wide-awake presiding elder. He preached three excellent sermons to the delight of all who heard him. The conference was very fine in every respect; nearly every steward of this large circuit was present. The stewards raised the preacher's salary \$215 over what it was last year, making the salary for preacher in charge \$815, and they reported \$194.85 paid to the support of the ministry up to date. The dear people of this excellent charge gave me a royal welcome and have been thoughtful and good to me all along. The parsonage has been furnished with some much needed furniture, and the pastor and family have been kindly remembered by the good people of Weston in the way of a nice and much appreciated pounding and other donations from over the entire charge,

which were very thankfully received by us. Our congregations are growing larger at each appointment. We have organized one Sunday school and four prayer-meetings. Everything is moving nicely. Thirty-three additions to date. The outlook for a good year is splendid. We are improving all four of the churches at present by way of repairing and refurbishing. We have put the Advocate into eight homes since conference. Where the people take the Advocate and read it it makes them better and they love the Church better. The preachers before me have wrought well. May the Lord give us grace to minister to these noble people in spiritual things and to lead wisely in all the work. We are trusting and praying for a glorious year in the salvation of many souls.

Blossom and Sylvan.

J. A. Wyatt, Jan. 9: Our first Quarterly Conference for the current year was held to-day with Brother Casey in the chair. On account of the severe sickness of Sister Casey, he did not reach us yesterday for the preaching service. The only substitute at command was one of the pastor's presiding elder sermons. He enjoyed preaching it, and the people seemed to enjoy hearing it, but, he thinks, not well enough to dispense with this part of the presiding elder's ministrations, for he is very popular down this way both in the pulpit and in the chair. The report of the stewards showed a little over one-fourth of the salaries already in hand, for which this preacher feels very grateful. The spiritual state of the Church is fair, though we are striving for higher attainments and praying for a great revival.

Sanger and Valley View Charge.

A. F. Hendrix: We reached our work the first Sunday after conference and found a hearty welcome. Rev. G. F. Boyd left everything in good shape, hence I entered service without delay. Of course we had a pounding. A company of bright faces and happy hearts came rushing into the parsonage and scattered things promiscuously, and these good things continue to come almost every day. We are praying that they may abound more and more. The possibilities of this charge are great. As soon as we see ourselves as we are we will make things come to pass. We suffer from a want of business-like interest in God's work. We need two new churches, one at Sanger and one at Valley View, to meet our wants. We hope to build this year. Both of these towns are coming to the front. Why not Church work keep abreast with other movements? Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 24 and 25. Rev. J. A. Stafford was present and held us a fine conference; everything satisfactory. We pray for a great revival in the charge and the editor to come and see us. Glad to say our cold storages were crucified a few days before Christmas. So much for good officers.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Jasper and Kirbyville.

M. L. Lindsey: Bro. Hotchkiss, our new presiding elder on the Beaumont District, has just been up and held our first Quarterly Conference, and his first one on the district, and on the first day of the new year, at Kirbyville. It is useless to say to those who know Bro. Hotchkiss—and he is widely known in Methodist circles in Texas—that he completely captivated the people. While we of Beaumont District hated to give Bro. Cochran up—for he was greatly loved on the

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NIXON.—The subject of this sketch, Brother John T. Nixon, was born in North Carolina, July 12, 1836. In 1852 he came to Texas, stopping for a time in Guadalupe County. He was married to Miss Lou Askey, of Gonzales County, April 26, 1856. My acquaintance with him began in 1855 or 1856. At that time we were thrown together in working cattle after the old plan, riding over the range, for in those days there were no pastures and cattle roamed far and wide. In 1857 I found it necessary to move nearer the coast. On account of this, Bro. Nixon and I came to the parting of the ways and did not meet for many years. In the course of events I came back to the section of country where we first met. This was in 1876. I found my good friend engaged in mercantile business at Rancho, Gonzales County, Texas. In the years that had intervened he had professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church. His religious life began in 1858. For years he was the acknowledged leader of the Church at Rancho, acting in capacity of steward and trustee; was always interested in the work of the Church and standing by his pastor in his efforts to advance Christ's kingdom. His religion was of the positive type, ready to do or suffer. My last association with him was last summer at a meeting at Floyd's Chapel, Gonzales County, about five miles from Bro. Nixon's home. At the close of the sermon an opportunity was given for brethren to speak. I shall not forget his testimony; it comes to me now as a benediction. His closing words were as we would expect of a man of his type—active, earnest, devoted, faithful. The glory of the New Jerusalem doubtless burst upon his vision when he exclaimed, "What a beautiful light I see!" and then that sweet calm that comes to the finally faithful, which enabled him to say at the last moment, "All is well; all is well; all is well." This is testimony above the price of rubies. May the God of all grace comfort and sustain the bereaved and enable them to endure as seeing Him who is invisible. "Let us die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his," is the earnest prayer of Bro. Nixon's bereaved friend. J. T. GILLETTE. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 4, 1905.

HOLLIDAY.—On the 13th day of December, 1904, J. W. Holliday, a lifelong friend of the Methodist Church, passed from labor to reward. He was born in Wythe County, Virginia, April 13, 1833; removed from Virginia to Missouri in 1858; joined the Confederate Army in 1861, and after nearly four years' hard service was honorably discharged in Texas in 1864. Those who knew him say that he was a brave soldier and never shunned duty. He came to West Texas in 1876 and settled in what is now known as Taylor County. He helped to organize Taylor County, and served it as one of its first commissioners. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1879, and lived a faithful member of that Church until his death, which occurred at his home at Moro, Texas, December 13. He leaves all who knew him to weep on account of their loss. We pray earnestly for his heart-broken wife and son that are left to mourn their loss. E. L. SISK, Pastor.

MILAM.—Sister Milam (nee Rhodes), wife of C. W. Milam, was born on the 11th day of February, 1872, in Henderson County, Tennessee. She was married to C. W. Milam on Feb. 6, 1898. To them were born four children, who, with the husband, are left to mourn their loss. Sister Milam professed religion when young, and lived a consistent life till the day of her death on the 19th of December, 1904. We laid her to rest in the cemetery at Deport, Texas, on the 20th of December, 1904. It was a sad funeral, but we mourn not as those who have no hope. To the bereaved husband we would say, "Be true to God and bring up those motherless children in such a way that you may all meet her in the place where there will be no parting. C. W. GLANVILLE, P. C.

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MONTGOMERY.—The subject of this memoir, Mrs. C. B. Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Decherd, was born in Van Buren, Ark., March 27, 1874, and died at her home in Wichita Falls, Texas, Nov. 15, 1904. Shortly after her father's death, which took place in 1879, she moved with her mother from their old home in Van Buren to Hill County, Texas, where her mother died in 1884. Through the kindness of some relatives the little girl was placed in school at Corsicana, Texas, and received her literary training there. At the tender age of 14 years she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and at once united with the Presbyterian Church. She was a loyal and faithful member of the Church of her choice, and at the same time entertained very tender feelings for other Christian Churches. She often worshipped with the Methodist Church, and always appreciated their spiritual services. In 1892 she was married to C. B. Montgomery, of Galveston, Texas, and resided in that city till 1902, when her health failed and she moved to Wichita Falls. There for two years she made a brave fight for her life, but at last she had to leave her faithful husband and two sweet little boys. She has gone from her loved ones on earth to join other loved ones, but the impress of her Christian spirit upon the lives of husband, children and friends is immortal. J. W. SMITH.

SMITH.—The subject of this sketch, R. L. Smith, was born August 28, 1842. He fell on sleep in Jesus July 16, 1904, at his home at Dew, Texas. Brother Smith came to Texas while young and settled in Freestone County, at Dew. He was converted in early manhood and joined the M. E. Church, South. He was married to Miss Isabella Page, of Williamson County, Jan. 26, 1868, who preceded him to glory by 18 months. Two sons and two daughters survive him. There are scarcely words to describe the worth of this good man. He was a safe counselor in matters of interest to the community and county, a pillar in the Church of God. He would dwell for hours on topics of religion, the preacher would be taken over the whole ground of the sermon, and all points discussed. Over many of these he would literally shout over the whole ground. Such a privilege was mine to preach to and converse with this man of God. His home, the preacher's; the preacher's burdens his. The fragrance of his life, his prayers and his influence abide and will abide. I would tenderly commend his children to the God of their father and the Spirit of his grace. We shall see him again. J. L. RUSSELL, P. C.

RAND.—Departed this life, Mrs. E. A. Rand (nee Northern), wife of Mr. Edwin Rand, nearly forty-eight years old. A Christian woman has fallen. She truly fulfilled the great law of the Bible, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." She visited them in their affliction and distress, contributing to their wants as much as she could, even through rain and snow if it was necessary. A poor old woman stood over her remains and wept, saying, "I have lost a dear friend." Beautiful in person and lovely in disposition, she attracted many friends. She lived hopeful and expectant, as all human nature is prone to live, but in the midst of her happy life she was taken. O mysterious Providence, that doeth all things well, we bow in humble submission to thy will! Husband and children, prepare to meet her in the great beyond. Let us live daily the Christian life, that we may meet her in the sweet bye-and-bye, where all tears are dried and sorrow is unknown. HER MOTHER.

GLAZNER.—W. L. Glazner was born in North Carolina, July 8, 1846; died August 13, 1904, at his home near Fairfield. Bro. Glazner served in the Southern army; came to Texas in 1866; joined the Methodist Church at Dew, and ever after was a consistent member. Twice elected County Clerk of Freestone County, which position he held at the time of his death. He lay upon his sick bed for more than a year, always cheerful and happy. Trusting in the Lord, he said he was ready to go; his children all grown, his wife gone on before, that there was nothing specially binding him to earth. He was a good man. "Our people die well." J. L. RUSSELL.

HODGES.—Johnnie L. Hodges, son of J. A. and Mattie Hodges, of Gary, Texas, was born Oct. 10, 1903, and died Sept. 18, 1904. This precious child was in very delicate health all of its short stay on earth, but he is now done with the suffering of this life and has gone to be with Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Dear parents, be true to God, and one sweet day you will meet your darling child in the eternal city above. May the sustaining grace of God comfort the bereaved family. J. R. RITCHIE. Liberty, Texas.

PIERCE.—Mary Florence Pierce, daughter of Rev. T. R. and Mrs. S. E. Pierce, was born in Dallas, Texas, January 23, 1879, and died in Bowie, Texas, December 5, 1904. Miss Florence was educated in the public schools and in the North Texas College, where she spent four years, graduating with honor. Of her school life, Mrs. Key writes thus: "Though not self-assertive, she was not a negative character. Whenever there was a question of right or wrong before her, she knew where to stand. Intellect was her heritage. Amiable and refined, there was not a gross fiber in her nature. I am satisfied no purer spirit ever passed into the city celestial. In her classes she stood pre-eminent. Serene and tranquil, she pressed forward to the goal, and when I told her she was the honor pupil of her class, her beautiful eyes filled with tears as she said, 'Mrs. Key, I shall never make you ashamed of me.' She was the most beloved girl that has ever been in the school." Such a tribute from one who knew Miss Florence so well, is not unfitting to one of the most remarkable young women I have ever known—remarkable for the strength, purity, patience and intelligence which she manifested in her life. She was always frail, and when smitten with the dreadful disease which took her away, she made a brave and earnest fight. She was, as a daughter, most dutiful, affectionate and helpful as a sister, intelligent and useful as a member of society, and faithful and efficient as a communicant in the Church of Christ. Her work in the Junior League at Bonham and Decatur was successful in the highest degree and such as to command the approbation of her pastors, the love and confidence of the children, and the universal commendation of the Church and her friends. Her useful toil and cheerful sacrifices so freely given, resulted in success that was in many respects phenomenal. She proposed to herself nothing but the loftiest ideals, ruling her life by the very highest principles. Her taste and refinement were very marked characteristics of her life. She was alert and progressive, uniting with the best literary clubs in her town and proving a valuable member of them. As a friend, she was true, devoted and helpful. She had a passion for books, loved music and flowers and little children. The best work of her life was done among the young, and when I called on her, soon after her arrival here, to take charge of the Junior Epworth League, she entered at once upon the work with a zeal and intelligence that began to tell from the very start, and only gave up the work when compelled to do so by sickness from which she never recovered. "She hath done what she could," and as we laid her to rest in beautiful Elmwood Cemetery here, we all felt that no fairer or purer spirit had ever left earth for heaven. May God in his mercy bring comfort to those who remain, and finally bring them all to the saints' everlasting rest. ROBERT GIBBS MOOD.

RICHARDS.—Again the shadows have fallen over a home and over our town. Mrs. Mary B. Richards (nee Bonner), aged 55 years, 8 months and 2 days, died at San Antonio in a sanitarium, where she had gone for treatment. Sister Richards joined the Church in early life. She was married to W. E. Richards, of Fairfield, Dec. 27, 1892. From our new church, just finished, and which bears the impress of her own hands, we laid her to rest in the Fairfield cemetery. She was a consecrated, devout, good woman, and, until her health failed, always in her place in Church, ready for any work or sacrifice. This was a happy home; one sweet little girl, Fay, and a devoted husband and other loved ones mourn their irreparable loss. Mary, the household word, and as she was known by those who loved and esteemed her, is with us no more. God has called her from labor to rest, from sickness and suffering to eternal joys and health. We shall see her some sweet day in our Father's home in glory; then will we understand; then will the clouds be lifted, and we shall see the kindness of our Father's providences. In the light of his glory our afflictions will be "light," and be "but for a moment." God bless Bro. Richards and little Fay and all who mourn her loss. J. L. RUSSELL, P. C.

SELLS.—Judge H. D. Sells, an old and highly respected citizen of Orange, Texas, and faithful member of the M. E. Church, South, died after a short illness at his residence Oct. 20, 1904, surrounded by his devoted wife, daughter, son, physician, pastor and other friends. He was born in Russell County, Alabama, June 8, 1837; came to Camden, Ark., in his youth; moved to Louisiana in 1856, and to Jasper County, Texas, in 1859, where Sept. 25, 1861, he was happily married to Miss Ann McFarland. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Co. C, Twenty-fifth Texas Regiment, and served in the Confederate Army of Tennessee until the close of the war. As a citizen and soldier he was sensible and brave, and was trust-

ed without limit by his comrades. In 1872 he settled with his family in Orange, where he became a prominent citizen, holding for years various county and city offices with perfect satisfaction to the people. He joined the Methodist Church in Orange in 1892, and immediately took position with the leading members of his Church, and was one of its most liberal supporters. To the pastor he was a friend and counselor such as you but seldom find. In his disposition he was gentle and unobtrusive, yet decided and firm in his convictions, combining strength of character with kindness of spirit. He has left behind him the gentle and sweet-spirited woman that had been his faithful companion for forty-three years; also five children—three daughters and two sons—all worthy children of honored parents. May each one when life's race is run be gathered with husband and father and be part of an unbroken family in the Father's house above. J. W. JOHNSON.

HUTCHINSON.—Sister Maggie Hutchinson was born in Alabama, July 22, 1852; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of 16 years. Her life has been one of consecration to the Master, and wherever she has gone she has left the impression upon those with whom she met that she meant to do as her Lord had directed her to do. Sister Hutchinson had been twice married in life; her first husband died in 1859, and she was married the second time to G. W. Hutchinson, on the 14th of July, 1901. She died November 22, 1904. She has left behind her husband and many friends to mourn her departure. May the God of all grace bless her sorrowing husband. E. L. SISK.

MOSES.—Marian Edward, son of W. B. and Ina Moses, born Nov. 17, 1896; died Nov. 17, 1904, at Fairfield, Texas, just 8 years old. Little Marian was a good boy. At 18 months old he had a fall which brought on curvature of the spine. From this he never recovered. He was exceedingly bright for one of his age, decidedly religious. Oft have I talked with him about Jesus. From the Church we laid him to rest; he has gone to be with Him who said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Beloved parents, you know where to find your boy. God bless you. J. L. RUSSELL.

PRICE.—Eddie Price was foully murdered near Ozden, Ark., Nov. 1, 1904, by unknown parties. He was born in White County, Ark., April 12, 1886; came to Texas with his parents when about four years old, and lived in various parts of the State, but finally settled in Red River County. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in Annona, Texas, in 1898, but backslid, and was again converted in Avery, Texas, in May, 1904, and renewed his allegiance to the church, and remained faithful till death. Eddie was loved by his companions for his gentleness and true manliness, and many were the sad hearts at hearing of his untimely death. J. A. WYATT.

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large energies which holds within itself the promise of final victory. "Evil is wrought by want of thought," and our unmindful spirits have often forgotten the high possibility of every common day. It is not that we wished to do evil, to range ourselves upon the side of the devil and to make it hard for men to be good. We did not think! We did not see the rare opportunity which filled the commonest situation, we did not understand the undying power of gentle words. Today let us pause and think! The world is big and its sorrows are bitter, despair broods in many hearts, and hope is nearly dead. The little radiant hand of the encouragers is small indeed. Many there be to quench visions; few to light a new star. But we may be of those who by tender encouragements aid the kingdom of goodness. Let every man set down his own name.—Selected.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Antonio District—First Round. Del Rio cir, 2d Sun Jan. Bexar cir, at Lytle, 4th Sun Jan. Utopia cir, at Utopia, 5th Sun Jan. Laredo, 1st Sun Feb. Uvalde, 2d Sun Feb. West End, Feb. 15. Sherman St., 11 a. m. 3d Sun Feb. South Heights, 7:30 p. m. 3d Sun Feb. Travis Park, 11 a. m. 4th Sun Feb. Prospect Hill, 7:30 p. m. 4th Sun Feb. Carrizo Springs and Batesville, at C. S., 1st Sun Mch. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

Austin District—First Round. Weimar cir, at Weimar, Jan. 14, 15. Cedar Creek cir, at Hill's Prairie, Jan. 21, 22. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round. Palacios, at Markham, 2d Sun Jan. Shiner, at Shiner, 4th Sun Jan. Leesville, at Liberty, 5th Sun Jan. Rancho, 1st Sun Feb. Port Lavaca, at Port L., 2d Sun Feb. Nursery, at Nursery, 2d Sun Feb. Cuero, 4th Sun Feb. Clear Creek, at Clear Creek, 1st Sun Mch. Pontotoc, at Fredonia, Feb. 4, 5. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round. Pleasant Grove, at Martindale, Jan. 14, 15. Timon, at MacMahan, Jan. 21, 22. Dripping Springs, at Drippingwood, Jan. 28, 29. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round. Rockport, Jan. 14, 15. Mathis, Jan. 21, 22. Oakville, Jan. 28, 29. Stockdale, Feb. 4, 5. Laverna, Feb. 11, 12. Brownsville, Feb. 18, 19. Berclair, at B. Feb. 25, 26. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round. Sonora, at Sonora, Jan. 14, 15. Paint Rock, at Mustang, Jan. 21, 22. Sterling City, at S. C., Jan. 28, 29. Pontotoc, at Fredonia, Feb. 4, 5. Mason, at Mason, Feb. 11, 12. Brady sta., Feb. 18, 19. Milburn, at Milburn, Feb. 11, 12. Junction City, at J. C., Feb. 18, 19. Menardville, at Hext, Feb. 25, 26. J. D. Scott, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round. Blanco, at Flat Creek, 3 p. m. Jan. 21. Johnson City, at J. C. 10 a. m. Jan. 22. Bertram, at Strickling, 3 p. m. Jan. 28. Sunny Lane, at Pebbie Mound, 11 a. m. Jan. 31. Burnet and Marble Falls, at Marble Falls, 7 p. m. Feb. 4. Kingsland, at Wolfs Crossing, 3 p. m. Feb. 11. Llano sta., 8 p. m. Feb. 18. Kerrville, at K., 8 p. m. Feb. 25. Bandera and Medina at Medina, 11 a. m. Feb. 25. Boerne, at Boerne, 11 a. m. Mch. 3. Center Point sta., 3 p. m. Mch. 4. Liberty Hill and Leander, at L., Mch. 11, 12. San Saba sta., 8 p. m. Mch. 17. San Saba mis., 3 p. m. Mch. 18. Cherokee, at Valley Springs, Mch. 25, 26. Sparkspring, 3 p. m., Apr. 3. Barksdale, 3 p. m., Apr. 3. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE. Abilene District—First Round. Clyde, at Clyde, Jan. 14, 15. Capps, Jan. 18. Buffalo Gap, at Tuscola, Jan. 21, 22. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round. Channing and Dumas, Jan. 14, 15. Dalhart and Stradford, Jan. 21, 22. Hansford and Hutchison mis., at Huff's Chapel, Jan. 25. Higgins, Jan. 28, 29. Canadian, Feb. 4, 5. McLane, Feb. 11, 12. Cataline and Shamrock, Feb. 18, 19. Silvertown, Feb. 25, 26. Tulla, Mch. 4, 5. Jas. M. Sherman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. Venus, at Cahill, Jan. 14, 15. Alvarado, Jan. 15, 16. Bristol, Jan. 21, 22. Ennis, Jan. 28, 29. Milford, at Milford, Jan. 28, 29. Italy, Jan. 29, 30. Bardwell and Avalon, Jan. 30. Grandview, Feb. 4, 5. Red Oak, at Red Oak, Feb. 11, 12. Lovelace, at Woodberry, Feb. 18, 19. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. De Leon cir, at De Leon, Jan. 24. Carbon and Gorman, at G., Jan. 25. Eastland cir, at Eastland, Jan. 27. Cisco cir, Jan. 28, 29. Cisco sta., at Cisco, p. m. Jan. 29, 30. Desdemona, at Desdemona, Feb. 1. Carbon, at Bear Springs, Feb. 2. Duffau, at Britton Chap., Feb. 4, 5. Bluff Dale cir, at Marvin Ch., Feb. 9. Glen Rose cir, at Glen Rose, Feb. 11, 12. Carlton cir, at Fairview, Feb. 18, 19. Huckabay cir, at Oak Dale, Feb. 25, 26. Morgan Mill, at Smith Spgs., Feb. 25, 26. The district stewards are requested to meet in Dublin at the Methodist Church Jan. 26, 2 o'clock. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round. Maxdale, at Maxdale, Jan. 14, 15. China Springs, at China Spgs., Jan. 21, 22. Evant, at Liberty, Jan. 28, 29. Gatesville sta., Jan. 31. Gatesville mis., at W. Ch., Feb. 1. Copperas Cove, at W. C., Feb. 11, 12. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round. May, at May, Jan. 14, 15. Comanche cir, Jan. 21, 22. Comanche sta., Jan. 28, 29. Gustine, at Gustine, Jan. 27. Proctor, at Proctor, Jan. 28, 29. Indian Creek, at I. C., Feb. 4, 5. Blanket, at Blanket, Feb. 11, 12. Coleman sta., Feb. 18, 19. Coleman mis., at Indian Creek, Feb. 18, 19. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Waco District—First Round. Morgan and Walnut, Jan. 14, 15. Abbott, Jan. 21, 22. Penelope, Jan. 28, 29. Mt. Calm, Jan. 29, 30. Waco, Austin Ave., 11 a. m. Feb. 5. Waco, Morrow Street, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 5. Peoria, Feb. 11, 12. Whitney, Feb. 18, 19. Axtell, 11 a. m. Feb. 18. Waco, Fifth Street, 11 a. m. Feb. 19. Waco, Elm Street, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 19.

Aquilla, Feb. 25, 26. Bosqueville, Mch. 4, 5. J. G. Putman, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round. Matador cir, Jan. 14, 15. Knox City cir, Jan. 21, 22. Munday and Goree, Jan. 23. Seymour cir, Jan. 25. Spring Creek mis., Jan. 27. Seymour sta., Jan. 28, 29. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round. Dawson, at Dawson, Jan. 15, 16. Corsicana, First Church, Jan. 22, 23. John M. Barcus, P. E.

Colorado District—First Round. Big Springs sta., Jan. 14, 15. Midland sta., Jan. 21, 22. Colorado sta., Jan. 28, 29. J. T. Griswold, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Santo, at Santo, Jan. 14, 15. Gordon, etc., at Gordon, Jan. 22, 23. Ranger, at Wayland, Jan. 23. Crystal Falls, at the Falls, Jan. 27. Breckenridge, at B., Jan. 28, 29. Springtown, at Springtown, Feb. 4, 5. Peaster, at Peaster, Feb. 8. Whit and B., at Whit, Feb. 11, 12. Graham mis., at Gooseneck, Feb. 17. Graham sta., Feb. 18, 19. Farmer, at Red Top, Feb. 21. Eliasville, at Eliasville, Feb. 23. Throckmorton, at T., Feb. 25, 26. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round. Holland cir, at Wilson Valley, Jan. 14, 15. Granger, at Granger, Jan. 21, 22. Taylor sta., Jan. 28, 29. Taylor Bohemian mis., Jan. 28, 29. Hutto, at Hutto, Feb. 4, 5. Salado, at Prairie Dell, Feb. 11, 12. Florence, at Florence, Feb. 18, 19. North Georgetown, at Berry's Creek, Feb. 25, 26. Moody sta., Mch. 4, 5. J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round. Bono, at Bono, Jan. 14, 15. Blum, at Blum, Jan. 15, 16. North Fort Worth, Jan. 18. Azle, at Dido, Jan. 21, 22. Arlington, Jan. 28, 29. Joshua, at Marytown, Feb. 4, 5. Cresson, Feb. 11, 12. Covington, at Covington, Feb. 18. Grandview cir, at Wait's Ch., Feb. 19, 20. First Church, Feb. 25, 26. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Terrell District—First Round. Crandall, at Segro, Jan. 14, 15. College Mound, Jan. 21, 22. Garland, Jan. 28, 29. Elmo, at Egan, Feb. 4, 5. Mabank, at Mabank, Feb. 11, 12. Chisholm, at Chisholm, Feb. 18, 19. Kemp, at Kemp, Feb. 25, 26. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Rosalie cir, at Bogota, Jan. 14, 15. Deport and Halesboro, at D. Jan. 15, 16. Clarksville cir, at Bethel, Jan. 21, 22. Clarksville sta., Jan. 28, 29. Albion mis., at Young's Ch., Jan. 28, 29. Bagwell mis., at Bagwell, Jan. 29, 30. Annona and Williams Ch., at A., Feb. 4, 5. Whiterock sta., Feb. 5, 6. Avery mis., at Avery, Feb. 11, 12. Emberson cir, at Bethel, Feb. 18, 19. Chicota mis., at Palestine, Feb. 25, 26. The district stewards will meet in Centenary Church, Paris, Dec. 29, at 1:30 p. m. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Rosston and Myra, at Myra, Jan. 14, 15. Burns mis., 11 a. m. Jan. 20. Aubrey and Oak Grove, at A., Jan. 21, 22. Dexter, at Dexter, Jan. 28, 29. Fonder and Krum, at F., Feb. 4, 5. Bonita, at Bonita, Feb. 11, 12. Era and Bolivar, at Era, Feb. 18, 19. Belcher, at Prairieround, Feb. 25, 26. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Commerce mis., at Mt. Zion, Jan. 14, 15. Commerce sta., Jan. 15, 16. Campbell, at Campbell, Jan. 21, 22. Quinian, at Quinian, Jan. 28, 29. Kavanaugh, Jan. 29, 30. Greenville mis., at Concord, Feb. 4, 5. Lone Oak, at Lone Oak, Feb. 11, 12. Neola, at Bethel, Feb. 18, 19. Fairlie, at Fairlie, Feb. 25, 26. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Benvenue, Jan. 14, 15. Henrietta, Jan. 15, 16. Blue Grove, Jan. 21, 22. Bellevue, Jan. 22, 23. Iowa Park, Jan. 28, 29. Wichita Falls, Jan. 29, 30. Holliday, Feb. 4, 5. Archer, Feb. 5, 6. Crafton, Feb. 11, 12. Giltown, Feb. 18, 19. Decatur cir, Feb. 25, 26. Decatur sta., Feb. 25, 27. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Lancaster sta., Jan. 14, 15. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at Cedar Hill, Jan. 21, 22. Argyle, at Argyle, Jan. 28, 29. Denton sta., Feb. 4, 5. First Church sta., 11 a. m. Feb. 12. Trinity sta., 7:30 p. m. Feb. 12. Lewisville sta., Feb. 18, 19. Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth, Feb. 25, 26. J. L. Morris, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round. Princeton cir, at Princeton, Jan. 14, 15. Renner cir, at Renner, Jan. 21, 22. Wylie and Murphy, at Wylie, Jan. 28, 29. Frisco cir, at Frisco, Feb. 4, 5. Prosper cir, at Prosper, Feb. 11, 12. Celina and Rossland, at C., Feb. 18, 19. Blue Ridge cir, at Verona, Feb. 25, 26. Copeville mis., at Copeville, Mch. 4, 5. Josephine cir, at Josephine, Mch. 11, 12. Blue Ridge mis., Mch. 18, 19. Farmers Branch, at Carrollton, Mch. 25, 26. Farmersville sta., Apr. 1, 2. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round. Ladonia sta., Jan. 14, 15. Brookston, at High, Jan. 21, 22. Dodd, at Windom, Jan. 28, 29. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Como, at Como, 3d Sun Jan. Ben Franklin, at B. F., 4th Sun Jan. Rely Springs, at Shook's Ch., 6th Sun Jan. Pursley, at Hopewell, 1st Sun Feb. Mt. Vernon, at Pine Forest, 2d Sun Feb. Sulphur Bluff, at S. B., 3d Sun Feb.

Klondike, at Klondike, 4th Sun Feb. Lake Creek, at Enloe, 1st Sun Mch. Birtwright, at Birtwright, 2d Sun Mch. Bonanza, at Rockdale, 3d Sun Mch. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. Sealy, at Sealy, Fri. 7 p. m. Jan. 13. Pulshear and Brookshire, at B., Jan. 14, 15. Maxfield, at M., Wed. 11 a. m. Jan. 18. Lexington, at E. Ch., Jan. 21, 22. Milano cir, at Milano, Jan. 28, 29. Stonewall, at Stonewall, Jan. 29, 30. Caldwell mis., at Deanyville, Feb. 4, 5. Caldwell sta., Feb. 5, 6. Belville, at Belville, Feb. 11, 12. Brenham, Feb. 18, 19. Thorndale, at Thorndale, Feb. 25, 26. Cameron, Mch. 1. Rockdale, Mch. 4, 5. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE. Tyler District—First Round. Alba, at Golden, Jan. 14, 15. Emory, at Emory, Jan. 15, 16. Coifax, at Tunnell's Ch., Jan. 21, 22. Snyder Springs, at China Grove, Jan. 23. Mt. Sylvan, at Antioch, Jan. 24. Big Sandy, at Big Sandy, Jan. 26. Tyler cir, at Bismarck, Jan. 28, 29. Athens, Feb. 4, 5. Malakoff, at Malakoff, Feb. 4, 5. White House, at W. H., Feb. 11, 12. Marvin, Feb. 18, 19. Edom, at Shady Grove, Feb. 18, 19. Reddith, at Mallard Prairie, Feb. 25, 26. Troup and Overton, at O., Feb. 25, 26. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round. Jewett, at Oakwoods, Jan. 14, 15. Leon mis., at Pleasant R., Jan. 18. Rogers Prairie, at R. P., Jan. 20. Centerville, at Centerville, Jan. 21, 22. Franklin sta., Jan. 28, 29. Pettway, at Pettway, Jan. 28, 29. Rosebud sta., Feb. 4, 5. Travis, at Powers Ch., Feb. 7. Lott and Chilton, at Lott, Feb. 10. Durango, at Elevins, Feb. 11, 12. Wheelock, at Hickory G., Feb. 18, 19. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Arleton, at Arleton, Jan. 14, 15. Church Hill, at Pleasant Hill, Jan. 21, 22. Henderson cir, at Good Spgs., Jan. 28, 29. Henderson sta., Jan. 29, 30. Harrison cir, at Rock Spgs., Feb. 4, 5. Kellyville, at Shiloh, Feb. 11, 12. Jefferson sta., Feb. 18, 19. Halville, at Winterfield, Feb. 18, 19. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Feb. 19, 20. Coffeyville, at Cox School House, Mch. 4, 5. Beckville, at Beckville, Mch. 11, 12. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round. Tenaha, at Tennessee, Jan. 14, 15. Center sta., at Newburne, Jan. 21, 22. Keltys cir, at Clawson, Jan. 28, 29. Luiska sta., Jan. 29, 30. Burke cir, at Burke, Feb. 4. Nacogdoches sta., Feb. 5, 6. Melrose, at Chimer, Feb. 11, 12. San Augustine sta., Feb. 18, 19. Geneva cir, at Milan, Feb. 18, 19. Bronson mis., at Bronson, Feb. 25, 26. Sanders, at Lone Oak, Mch. 4, 5. Gary mis., at Bethlehem, Mch. 11, 12. Carthage sta., Mch. 12, 13. Cushing cir, at Pinegrove, Mch. 18, 19. Appley mis., at Bonita, Mch. 25, 26. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Palestine District—First Round. Neches cir, at Neches, Jan. 14, 15. Brushy Creek cir, at B. C., Jan. 14, 15. Mt. Selman cir, at Walnut Grove, Jan. 20. La Rue cir, at County Line, Jan. 21, 22. Willard cir, at Carmona, Jan. 28, 29. Crockett cir, at Bethel, Jan. 27. Trinity and Lovelady, at L., Feb. 4, 5. Grapeland sta., Feb. 5, 6. Augusta mis., at Carterspe, Feb. 11, 12. Rusk mis., at Rusk, Feb. 18, 19. Rusk sta., Feb. 19, 20. Wells mis., at Wells, Feb. 24, 26. Alto cir, at Alto, Feb. 25, 26. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Houston District—First Round. Richmond, Jan. 14, 15. Bay City, Jan. 21, 22. Wharton, Jan. 22, 23. Angleton, at Velasco, Jan. 28, 29. McAshan, at Bruner, Feb. 1. Rosenberg, Feb. 4, 5. Tabernacle, Feb. 4, 5. Lagarto City, Feb. 11, 12. Shearn, Feb. 18, 19. West End, Feb. 19, 20. McKee St., Feb. 22. Cedar Bayou, at Cedar Bayou, Mch. 4, 5. Washington St., March 1. Alvin, March 4, 5. Harrisburg, March 8. Sandy Point, March 11, 12. White Oaks, March 15. District Stewards meet January 10, at Shearn Church, 10. Sam R. Hay, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round. Gordonville, at Shady Grove, Jan. 14, 15. Collinsville and Tioga, at C., Jan. 15, 16. Gunter, at Gunter, Jan. 21, 22. Pecan and Friendship, at P., Jan. 22, 23. Preston, Jan. 29, 30. Southmayr, at Sadler, Feb. 4, 5. Pottsboro, Feb. 5, 6. Whitesboro, Feb. 11, 12. Howe, at Howe, Feb. 18, 19. Pilot Grove, at Blackman's, Feb. 19, 20. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round. Winfield, at Bridges Chapel, Jan. 14, 15. Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 15, 16. New Boston Mission, Jan. 21, 22. New Boston Station, Jan. 22, 23. Musgrove, at Maple Springs, Jan. 28, 29. Gilmer Ct., at Soules Chapel, Feb. 4, 5. Gilmer Station, Feb. 5, 6. Pittsburg Circuit, at Pleasant Grove, Feb. 11, 12. Pittsburg Station, Feb. 12, 13. Cason, at Cason, Feb. 18, 19. Daingerfield, at Daingerfield, Feb. 19, 20. Quitman, at Quitman, Feb. 25, 26. Queen City, Mar. 4, 5. Dalby, at Dalby, Mar. 11-12. Redwater, at R. W., Mar. 14. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round. Burkville, at Farr's Chapel, Jan. 14, 15. Cartwright Chapel, Beaumont, 7:30 p. m., Wed., Jan. 18. Liberty, at Liberty, Jan. 21, 22. Livingston, at Livingston, Jan. 28, 29. Orange, 7:30 p. m., Wed., Feb. 1. China and Sour Lake, at C., Feb. 4, 5. Port Arthur, 7:30 p. m., Wed., Feb. 8. Corrigan, at Camden, Feb. 11, 12. First Church, Beaumont, 7:30 p. m., Wed., Feb. 15. Sabine Pass, at Nederland, Feb. 18, 19. Kountze, Feb. 25, 26. Wallisville, at Wallisville, Mar. 4, 5. Call, at Wed., Mar. 8. Silsbee, at Cooks Bluff, Mar. 11, 12.

Warren, at Big Sandy, Mar. 18, 19. Jasper Mission, at Homer, Mar. 25, 26. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round. Montgomery, at Montgomery, Jan. 14, 15. Waller, at Waller, Jan. 21, 22. Madisonville Mission, at Midway, Jan. 28, 29. Madisonville Station, Jan. 30. Anderson, at Anderson, Feb. 4, 5. Millican, at Millican, Feb. 7, 8. Dodge, at Dodge, Feb. 11, 12. Prairie Plains, at Johnson's Chapel, Feb. 18, 19. Redias, at Lake Grove, Feb. 25, 26. Cold Springs, at Cold Springs, Mar. 4, 5. Conroe Mission, at Cleveland, Mar. 7. Magnolia, at Magnolia, Mar. 11, 12. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

God has paralleled the common ways of life with a power rail. Like modern motor builders, he puts beside every way in which humanity travels a way which brings power to the travelers. Said he not to his servant long ago: "Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest?" And just as a laden car seems to drink up power from the reservoir at its side, so we are told of the ancient people of God that "they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them." The picture becomes exceedingly vivid to us who can understand how a mighty power can follow right along with a rapid traveler. Wherever we go we can reach out the hand of faith and prayer and love, and find that "He is at our right hand" so that we cannot be moved, as the Psalmist said, or so that we can move if that is right for us to do.—Sunday School Times.

A little thinking shows us that the deeds of kindness we do are effective in proportion to the love we put into them. More depends upon the motive than upon the gift. If the thought be selfish, if we expect compensation or are guilty of close calculation, the result will be like the attitude of mind which invited it.—Dresser.

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entire district—yet, while we had to part with Bro. Cochran, we count ourselves exceedingly fortunate to have Bro. Hotchkiss, who is a man of ability and experience, having been four years on the leading district in the conference and making an enviable record. We know he will be able to manage well all the affairs of the district. We had a very spiritual Quarterly Conference. While the business part was not neglected, yet the spiritual feature was emphasized. The services Sunday, the first day of the new year, were very helpful indeed. The new year opens full of hope and promise; the stewards made a liberal provision for the support of the preacher in charge for the year. Kirbyville paid their first quarter; Jasper has planned to pay theirs monthly. Yes, we were remembered very substantially Christmas; Kirbyville sent up a large box filled with every imaginable good thing. It is encouraging to be remembered in such a way. We are happy to labor among so fine a people, and we want, by the help of God, to make this the best year of our life. Among our New Year resolutions is that we will push the circulation of the Advocate.

Brushy Creek.

I. F. Pace, Jan. 3: I have made a round on my work since conference. My people express themselves as being very glad that I was returned to the work, which is a great inspiration which should humble and encourage us to give them the best service possible for us to do. Things of a material nature have been coming to the parsonage at intervals since I came. But, to our surprise, last Thursday evening we noticed some parties in buggies at the church that we did not fully understand; but in a few minutes we saw we were captured; we saw a crowd composed of the Brushy Creek and Mount Vernon people, led by Uncle John Elrod and wife, headed for the parsonage. I shall not attempt to enumerate the articles brought; will say we are supplied with groceries for several weeks. We believe through the mercies of the good Lord we will be able to do a good work this year, both spiritually and materially, as we expect to build one or two churches. We hope to be diligent in the Master's work, and very grateful to him and our good people.

Daingerfield.

S. N. Allen, Jan. 5: The good people of Daingerfield still feed high. The real pounding came yesterday afternoon; the delivery wagon stopped at the parsonage with good things for the preacher—coffee, sugar, mackerel, meal canned goods. Such a spirit as is always behind a thing like that makes a preacher feel so grateful and yet so humble. Oh, that the good Lord may shower his richest blessings upon this good people and give this scribe the Holy Spirit in great abundance, that we may be able to administer to them in divine things. God bless Daingerfield work, is my constant prayer.

Kountze.

A. J. Anderson: Through the kindness of the Bishop and at least two presiding elders we were sent to Kountze, Texas. We met with a royal reception. The pounding was made ready by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The church and parsonage were put in good condition last year by our predecessor and good wife, Rev. John Stewart. However, since we came the good ladies have bought forty or fifty dollars' worth more for the parsonage, so we are nicely domiciled and have begun well. The people of Kountze are generous to a finish. No better little station than Kountze. We are now placed

between our children. Our three boys are in Beaumont, and our only girl in Conroe. So we can hold family prayers with them occasionally. Thanks to all concerned.

Quinlan.

J. N. Hunter, Jan. 9: By the revolution of the episcopal wheel we are at Quinlan. We have met a cordial reception and received a very generous pounding, for all of which we are truly thankful. We are happy, contented and hard at work. We expect a good year. The Advocate in every Methodist home is our motto.

Millican.

J. C. Huddleston, Jan. 6: After a move of about thirty miles we are again domiciled in a nice home. This work is composed of three churches: Millican, Wellborn and Alexander. Millican is an old town, it being the terminus of the H. & T. C. R. R. during the Civil War. It has been a much better town than it now is. But notwithstanding the decrease in population and membership of the Church, they have held up to a half station. The burden falls heavy on a few, but they are willing to bear it, trusting in the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive." Wellborn is another little railroad town. We have not yet preached in this town, but have spent two nights in the community. The people we have met seem to be enthusiastic over the work of the Church. Alexander is a good country Church, large membership. We have only had one day with them, but find them a very fine people. Careful work has been done on the circuit and everything is in good, smooth working order. We are starting out for the best year of our ministry. The brethren often report the "usual" pounding, but we have the "unusual." These good people could hardly wait till wife got here to begin; and since she arrived hardly a day has passed but what something has found its way to the parsonage. One man (Bro. Jordan) brought a whole hog. Yesterday evening the climax was reached when two young ladies and a young gentleman drove up with a load. We loaded the dining table and then began to put things on the floor. I will not try to enumerate, but everything from a sack of flour to a pound of salt. May the good Lord bless the donors and enable us to administer to them in spiritual things.

Musgrove.

Ed Morgan: We have begun our second year on Musgrove charge, with much to encourage us. The Musgrove Church showed their appreciation of the preacher's return by giving him and his family a good pounding in good old Methodist style. The ladies of Marvin Chapel Church made a very nice quilt and gave it to my wife for a New Year's present. We are profoundly thankful for all these tokens of appreciation, and in return expect to give them the very best service we can possibly render. We have a noble people to serve on this charge, and in answer to their many prayers, expect a great harvest for the Lord. We have completed our new church at Musgrove, all but the paint, and are going to paint it in a few days. We have begun our new church at Morris Chapel, and expect to hold services in it in February. It is going to be a beauty. We are arranging to repair Marvin Chapel and Shady Grove, and then we will have four very nice country churches. "Why should not Musgrove Circuit prove to be one of the best circuits in Pittsburg District?" Just as well make room, for we are going to be in the front line when an accounting is taken at Pittsburg this fall. With such a consecrated leader as is found in our beloved presiding elder, J. T. Smith, to help us, to give us counsel, to inspire and encourage us, and the promise of our Lord that He would be with us all the way, we are confident of great things for the Lord. Our local preachers—James Tillery, A. J. Weems and W. C. Hollenshead—are all anxious to give the pastor all the help they can. We are so glad of the harmony that exists. We expect much from their labors this year. Our first Quarterly Conference convenes with Maple Springs the fifth Sunday. We expect a great spiritual blessing. A pleasant New Year to all.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Buda Circuit.

J. W. Long: This is a very good work. The people are prosperous and happy. We have not reached perfection, but we are striving to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our blessed Savior. This is our second year. We are trying to make it a good year. Many expressions of kindness have found their way to the parsonage, for which we are very thankful. A new cook stove has been installed in the parsonage since conference. The people of Buda and Science Hall made the contribution under the

leadership of Misses Lilly and Laura Wright. We would like to call each member by name and tell of their good qualities, but as we have 270 we must desist. Three of our members have passed into the Great Beyond since conference. We have a good beloved, a fine people. Why not succeed.

Nursery.

H. M. Glass, Jan. 4: I have just returned from a visit to my son, who has been very sick in San Antonio. Have been to all my appointments; received cordial welcome by my kind people; taken five subscriptions to the Advocate. Am well and fully devoted to my charge, and I am counting on success by Divine help. God bless all the country and the brethren.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Tyrone, Ok.

A. G. White: I am pastor of Tyrone Circuit, Beaver District, Indian Mission Conference, in what was once "No Man's Land," but now Beaver County, Oklahoma. This country is settling very fast. I am preaching at six different places with two organizations. Tyrone is on the Rock Island Railroad, has about 12 stores, no saloon, one church house (Baptist). We have 29 members with about 29 more that would come in if we had a house; some have gone to other Churches. I deem this a very important place and am giving Tyrone half time. I have no place to preach; only preached in the town three times since November 9. We have raised about \$310, but are having a hard time to raise any more, as most of our people live in dugouts. I preach in dugouts at three places. How we wish some one would help us. I was formerly a Cumberland Presbyterian in Texas. My presiding elder is Rev. J. E. Lovett, of Byrd, Ok. I am praying, hoping, trusting that I may be able to build and save our cause in this part of this new country.

Oakland, I. T.

M. B. McKinney, Jan. 3: We are hard at work on our new charge, and the Lord is blessing us. We are having splendid congregations everywhere, and our people seem to be an appreciative people. We are building a new church at Mannsville, and will have it ready to occupy in a short time. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 2d, and everything is up to date. Our domestic mission collection is paid in full, and more than two-thirds on our foreign missions. We are praying for and expecting the best year of our lives.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 5—J. W. Sims, subs. J. P. Rodgers, sub. J. C. Huddleston, subs. P. C. Archer, subs. W. C. Hilburn, sub. W. Wootton, sub. M. W. Rogers, subs. J. E. Short, sub. E. A. Smith, sub. N. C. Little, sub. E. V. Cox, subs have attention. R. S. Helzer, sub. A. A. Wagnon, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, sub. C. W. Young, sub. R. L. McIntyre, sub. H. M. Glass, sub. C. W. Meyers, sub. J. W. Kizzlar, subs. J. N. Hunter, subs and trial subs. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. A. Methvin, subs. Jan. 6—J. W. Long, sub. T. S. Armstrong, sub. Chas. S. Field, sub. O. P. Kiker, subs. L. G. Rogers, subs. L. A. Burk, sub. W. R. Rosser, sub. C. H. Armstrong, sub. H. E. Carter, sub and change. W. C. Hollingsworth, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. M. J. Allen, sub. Thomas Gregory, sub. E. R. Edwards, sub. J. C. Huddleston, sub. Jan. 7—H. E. Carter, subs. John R. Smith, sub. A. S. Swanson, sub. T. W. Ellis, sub. L. P. Smith, subs. A. L. Moore, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. Chas. E. Brown, sub. J. W. Fort, sub. A. F. Hendrix, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, subs. S. J. Drake, sub. J. A. Old, sub. W. W. Horner, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, sub. Jan. 9—L. F. Palmer, change. G. H. Collins, sub. K. S. Van Zandt, sub. H. M. Cosby, subs. W. O. Shugart, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. Clyde B. Garrett, sub. S. C. Riddle, sub. L. A. Clark, sub. J. Sam Barcus, sub. L. O. Rogers, subs. M. L. Lindsey, sub. E. R. Patterson, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. T. H. Morris, sub. T. H. Davis, sub. H. B. Urquhart, sub. I. Z. T. Morris, sub. S. B. Beall, subs. Jan. 10—S. Crutchfield, sub. J. A. Biggs, subs; 2 cards. J. D. Whitehead, change made. C. E. Statham, sub. C. L. Bounds, subs. J. M. Smith, subs. J. F. Tyson, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub. J. A. Wyatt, subs. C. S. Cameron, sub. J. R. Atchley, sub. Sam C. Vaughan, sub. C. C. Childress, sub. Thos. S. Barcus, subs. W. T. Morrow, sub. D. F. Pulley, subs. Allen Tooke, subs. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. J. D. Dorsey, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, change made. L. G. Rogers, subs. Learn to make wire, bead and sea shell jewelry (samples free); large profits. Catalogue and book of instructions 2c. Address O. L. Coleman & Bro., Dept. 23, Dallas, Texas.

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Austin District—Second Round.

Smith sta, Jan 25, 26.
Bastrop sta, Jan 28, 29.
Elgin sta, Feb 4, 5.
Webbville cir, at Osborne, Tues Feb 7.
Manor sta, Feb 11, 12.
Manchaca cir, at Creedmore, Wed Feb 15.
Austin, Hotchkiss Memorial, 11 a. m. Feb 15.
South Austin, 7:20 p. m. Feb 18.
Walnut cir, at Merritttown, Feb 25, 26.
Austin, Tenth Street, 11 a. m. Mch 5.
Austin, First Street, 7:30 p. m. Mch 5.
La Grange sta, Mch 11, 12.
West Point cir, at Muldoon, Mch 18, 19.
Eagle Lake cir, at Eagle Lake, Mch 25, 26.
Weimar cir, Mch 28.
Columbus sta, Apr 1, 2.
Celar Creek cir, at Red Rock, Apr 8, 9.
McDade cir, at Morgan's Ch, Apr 15, 16.
J. M. Alexander, P. E.