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ABOUT REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

Not a great while ago we listened with something like astonishment to a Methodist preacher—whose father was a Methodist preacher before him, and converted in the straw at an old-time camp-meeting—saying that the age of revivals is passed, and that we shall never again witness those uncommon and sometimes tumultuous demonstrations which were once seen in our Churches. The brother really took himself seriously. He had reached his conclusion by some reading—not a great deal, and some thinking—still less. Nor is he alone in this view. There are many would-be philosophers and theologians who believe that by proper processes of education in morals and religion we can bring in the kingdom of God, and that the use of extraordinary agencies is not at all necessary to this result. They tell us that ours is an age of intelligence, that people are now to be reached by appeals to their sober judgment, and not by addresses to their emotions, etc., etc. Who has not heard it all over and over again? It contains some truth, much error. The quiet and persistent processes of religious training are vastly important. Not yet has the Church come to measure their full value. But nothing is more sure than that these very processes have a natural tendency to culminate in seasons of special and supreme concern for spiritual realities.

The day of Pentecost was not merely an initial fact; it was also a typical fact, illustrating the whole subsequent history of the Church. The disciples had been praying almost continuously for ten days, when suddenly there broke upon them the baptism of power from on high. This was what they had been longing for, though they had never known just what it would be till it actually came. They felt themselves in a new world; their spirits mounted up with a fresh strength, and their vision widened out to embrace both time and eternity. While they never lost the memory of that day, and while they ever afterwards were conscious of the leadership of the Spirit, yet they did not remain always at the same ecstatic level of experience. Now and then they had an ebb tide. To the end of their lives they passed through successive crises of hope and fear. As individuals and as a body of believers they numbered their years by those great epochs in which the forces and energies of a whole life crowded themselves together. It is easy to say that Christians should always be in the same state; but those who say it fail to understand that there is a certain law of periodicity in the spirits of men as truly as in the movements of the stars.

There have been revivals in every age, and they will continue to come until the essential needs of man's nature are radically altered or the resources of God's Spirit are exhausted. They will not be exactly like one another in their incidents and accompaniments. A revival of to-day identical in all its outward manifestations with those of a century ago would be per se condemned as lacking divine credentials—a mere human

imitation and not a genuine display of grace. The mourner's bench was an innovation upon original Methodism—an effort to supply a felt want in connection with the great awakening. That it has been of immense service no one can deny. Thousands of us who were converted while kneeling about it will always think of it tenderly. It is not time yet to carry it out of the Methodist Church. But let no one suppose that it is essential to a real revival. We can think of the gospel being preached with such amazing vigor and energy, and being so mightily sent home by the Spirit of God as to produce conviction, penitence and conversion without the intervention of mourner's bench, or penitent form, or inquirer's room, or any instrumentality.

But there are two things that must attend every revival of religion, if it be from above. The first of these is a quickened sense of the existence, authority and nearness of God; and the second is a fresh appreciation of the imperative demands of sound morality. In our days of religious torpor and stupidity we go on forgetting that God is more intimate to us than we are to one another; that in him we live, and move, and have our being. He becomes vague, shadowy, far off to us. By and by the stagnant pulses of our spirits begin to stir under the influence of some breath from heaven, and we wake up to find ourselves face to face with our heavenly Father. A like transformation takes place in our estimate of the importance of morality. As we move along on the dead level stretches of our ordinary experience, moral distinctions often grow confused, and especially is it the case that we do not feel the terrible enormity of our departures from the gospel standard of ethics. A dead Church is an immoral Church. A half dead Church is a Church that falls far below the requirements of the New Testament in its daily walk and conversation. But a Church aroused to invisible realities, and alive to the issues of eternity, is also a Church that is keenly and eagerly solicitous to measure up to the very highest possibilities of walk and conversation. A revival is much more than a reformation, but it is always a reformation; it changes the aspect and status of communities, States, and nations.

Other people may speak slightly of revivals, but not the Methodists. Our Church is the product of the Wesleyan revival; it has been nourished and sustained by revivals through all the stages of its history; and it is largely dependent on them for its future success. We beg all our preachers and spiritually-minded laymen to raise the question whether they do not need just now to take up the cry of Habakuk: "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." Archdeacon Farrar well says: "Churches need many resurrections, many Pentecosts. What would the Church of the fourth century have become but for Athanasius? What would have become of the Church of the thirteenth century but for Francis and Dominic, the one reviving the lost ideals of humility and poverty, and

the other awakening the torpid voices of Christian teaching? Into what a slough of corruption would the Church of the sixteenth century have been engulfed had it not been for Martin Luther? What deathful torpor would have succeeded the shamelessness of the restoration epoch in the eighteenth century but for John Wesley?"

The echoes of the great revival in Wales are reaching our ears, and we trust are also causing us to open our hearts for a like blessing in this part of God's kingdom. Why not here as well as there? The Spirit is not fettered. In one place as well as at another, He is able and willing to do His work. Are we anxious to have a visitation from Him? Are we ready to submit to the conditions of His coming? Will we consent to have Him burn up the evil that is in our hearts by His presence? Will we deny ourselves, put down our stubborn wills, and yield ourselves without reservation to His sovereign sway?

A STALWART MINISTRY.

The ministry represent the sentiment of the Church in matters moral and religious. They expound our doctrines, our polity and our attitude toward all questions affecting the weal of mankind. They are pre-eminently the leaders of thought and spiritual life in Church circles. The Church, as a factor in the growth and development of high ideals in Christian character and public sentiment, is what the ministry are in their lives and public teachings. Every preacher, therefore, stands for the best and the truest in the community where he lives and labors. He ought to be a brave and fearless man. This is necessary, else he can not declare the whole counsel of God. Neither can he lead his people in any aggressive movement against wrong doing. A namby pamby preacher, who is afraid of his own shadow, may be popular with the whole community, but he stands for nothing positive in the work of the Church. He represents no enterprise; he simply fills his appointments, has the insipid praise of everybody, receives his quarterage and passes on to some other appointment to repeat his passive policy. When it comes to the great moral questions that involve the welfare of the community, he counts for nothing. He smiles, and bows, and rubs people the right way, and he is popular with silly girls and gamblers, and wrong doers, but his presence and work do not tend toward permanent growth and righteousness. You would never know he was in the community were it not for the fact that he marries or buries somebody occasionally, and fills his appointments. The age and the times demand a courageous and stalwart preacher to face the issues that confront the Church and society. If his people run to card parties, theaters, the dances, he ought to have the manhood to go to them privately and try to admonish them of the error of their way; and he ought to go into his pulpit and wisely and discreetly expound the teachings and positions of the Church on these questions. He ought not to acquiesce in these things by sealing his lips in private and in public. And when great moral evils lift up their heads in the community and stride brazenly before the public, he is the

man to cry aloud and spare not. Rose water performances on Sunday and smiles and soft words during the week will not atone for the lack of deep conviction and wise deliverance. A stalwart ministry is the demand of the hour. He need not be a fool; he need not be a sensationalist. These make up no part of the man we are describing. But in the fear of God and in his love for humanity, he will do that which will glorify God and lead humanity in the ways of righteousness. Jesus Christ preached a vertebrated gospel. Paul gave forth no uncertain pulpit sound. Martin Luther cried aloud. John Wesley startled England from the river to the sea. John Knox convulsed Scotland. And the times have increased the necessity for emphasizing the great truths of the gospel. The preacher of the present day, therefore, needs to be the incarnation of his living message to the people. His whole life ought to pulsate and quiver with the truth that burns in his own conscious experience. People delight to follow that sort of a leader. He is a bulwark of righteousness in the community where he labors. Men feel his touch and turn and listen to his message.

A FEW SIGNIFICANT WORDS.

A bill was pending recently before a committee at Austin to tax the cold storage where liquors are kept in local option sections, but a majority of the committee turned it down. So it will have to get before the House on a minority report. During the discussion Judge Thompson, of Hunt County, among other things, said: "We have an oppressive condition of affairs in North Texas. Unless you give the people relief, they will rise up in their majesty and wipe out this traffic altogether by adopting a constitutional amendment. You are driving them to it." What effect these words may have upon the Legislature we are not able to say. While the House Committee made an adverse report on Judge Thompson's bill, the Senate has moved a reconsideration of a similar bill that was recently recommitted, and it is now pending in that body for action. May be this is intended to take the place of the one adversely reported by the House Committee. As to this we can not say. Nevertheless the Legislature had better heed the words above quoted. The people will not be tampered with on this subject. When they vote local option in a given territory, they have a right to expect it. This cold storage fraud ought not to be permitted to overturn their will as expressed at the ballot box. If the Legislature will not give them the relief, and if the courts continue to cut the life out of local option, nothing on earth can prevent a State campaign two years hence. We still maintain that State prohibition is not the wise thing at present, but it will come if the relief asked for at the hand of the Legislature is not granted. There is nothing unreasonable in this prayer for relief from the evils of the cold storage. If the people are turned down their only alternative will be in a State election. Therefore we repeat, that Judge Thompson utters significant words in the above quotation. On with the battle!

Assembly Committee on a Tour of Inspection

One of the most important events in the history of the Epworth League in Texas was the recent tour of inspection by the Assembly Committee of the State Epworth League Conference. This committee was commissioned at the last annual meeting to select a location for the permanent home of the State League, and was vested with the authority to negotiate any contract it deemed wise and sufficient in the accomplishment of its purpose. The only stipulation was that any and all property acquired should be deeded in fee simple to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Chairman had matters well organized prior to the assembling of the committee, and there was nothing left to do but to visit the several sites and make personal investigation of the surroundings of each. Points along the Texas coast for four hundred miles were accordingly visited and carefully inspected, and at every place reception committees were on hand to give our party a royal welcome. In some instances the reception amounted to an ovation. The greatest interest was manifested throughout South Texas, and the press eagerly published every item of news pertaining to our movements and the work in which we were engaged. The committee was imperturbed to visit places other than those included in the original itinerary, but the trip as planned was executed without change. It was never a question as to whether a suitable location might be found, but the difficulty lay in reaching a decision with so many desirable sites at our command. The committee is not yet ready to report its decision, but we take the liberty of saying that when the results of its labors are fully known it will be seen that a monumental work has been done for the Epworth League and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Of this we will have more to say later. Our purpose now is to tell something of the trip.

At Galveston.

The following members of the Assembly Committee met in Galveston on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1905, to-wit: Chairman George S. Sexton, of Galveston; H. H. Halsell, of Decatur; W. G. Lee Woods, of San Antonio; Rev. J. M. Peterson, of Greenville; Gus. W. Thomasson, of Van Alstyne; and Allan K. Ragsdale, of Dallas, the latter serving as proxy for Hon. R. W. Hall, of Vernon, who was detained at home on account of sickness in his family. The following ladies were also in the party, viz: Mrs. George S. Sexton, of Galveston; Mesdames John H. Neill, James A. Stinnett and Gus. W. Thomasson, of Van Alstyne; Mrs. J. M. Peterson, of Greenville, accompanied by little son, and Miss Jennie Bering, of Houston, the latter serving as proxy for her brother, Theo. Bering, Jr., who was tied up with court matters and could not be present that day. A committee from the Galveston Business League, headed by the Hon. Guy M. Bryan, met our party at the station and escorted it to the Tremont Hotel, where breakfast was served. At 10 o'clock the party boarded the launch Zillah, formerly owned by Col. Moody and used by him as a private boat, and was taken for a ride on Galveston Bay, under the direction of Mr. Julius W. Jockusch, of the Galveston Business League. The entire wharfage front was included in the trip, and the extreme end of the jetties was reached before the return began, the ride consuming two hours' time and proving very enjoyable. A number of members of the Galveston Business League were along to do the honors of the occasion, among them being Secretary W. A. Gardner. To have been to Galveston and not have met W. A. Gardner would be like going to Washington and not seeing the President of the United States, such a prominent character is he. We felt honored indeed by the presence of this great man. In the first place he is a diplomat, and in the next place he is a lady's man; withal, he is entertaining to a degree. He turned his talents to good account on this trip, as he is in the habit of doing upon all occasions, and we cannot refrain from giving our readers the information in full. When the launch had about reached the point for turning back it was discovered that the ladies of the party were missing from the upper deck, with the result that a search was at once instituted for them. They were soon located in the stateroom below with our diplomatic friend, Mr. Gardner, on the floor making them a speech. Just what all he had said we have never been able to learn, but enough was gleaned to establish the fact that he was expatiating on the wonderful advantages of Galveston as the proper location for the encampment, and so charmed were they that each and every woman there forthwith pledged her vote for his city, some of whom

are still voting that way! Embarking at the foot of Tremont Street the party proceeded to the hotel for lunch, and during the course of the service Harry Halsell alarmed the waiters and distinguished himself by drinking a gallon of buttermilk. If there is one thing on this earth Harry will want to take along with him when he moves to another world it will be buttermilk. At 2 o'clock the party took carriages and were driven to the east end of Market Street, where ferry passage was taken across the canal to the seawall. A walk from here to the Murdoch Pavilion on Tremont Street gave the visitors a splendid opportunity of seeing the great seawall and judging its magnitude. The famous beach and gulf came in for a liberal share of admiration, and altogether the brief walk was of much educational value. The facts connected with the inception and erection of the seawall are by this time too well known to our readers for us to occupy space in their recital, and yet the great engineering feat must be seen to be fully appreciated. The seawall and the grade-raising are achievements which are beyond ordinary comprehension. It is wonderful, wonderful! The carriages were again resumed at the pavilion, and a quick drive placed the party at the mammoth auditorium used first for the Democratic Convention of 1892, and which is now the chief hall for large gatherings in Galveston. This building seats 3000 people, cost \$12,000, and is located in the center of a five acre plot, all of which was included in the proposition submitted by that city. A little farther west a camping site was shown the committee. After thoroughly inspecting these two pieces of property, both within the protected area and within easy reach of the beach, the party repaired to Wollam's Lake for an oyster roast. Here the delicious bivalve was served in numerous appetizing styles, and amid speech-making, eating and social amenity the hour passed away all too quickly. Several members of the local Chapters of the League were on the Receiving Committee at this function, and we wish we could mention each one by name, but a list of their names was not furnished us. It is a trifle embarrassing, but in his efforts to be absolutely honest about the trip, the League editor admits receiving a large leather medal bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the Galveston Business League to Mr. Gus W. Thomasson, of Van Alstyne, Texas, President of the State Epworth League Conference, for eating 963 oysters at Wollam's Lake, Galveston, Jan. 17, 1905."

A trolley car conveyed the party back to the city, where preparations were immediately made for leaving. At 7:30 p. m., after a most delightful day in which the members of the Galveston Business League and other citizens of Galveston seemed to vie with each other in contributing to our pleasure, we departed for Houston. It was with exceeding great regret that we could not, on account of railroad connections, remain over in Galveston until next morning, for the members of the Central Epworth League had planned a rousing reception for our party, and arrangements had been completed for an enthusiastic demonstration. The Galveston people won a place in our hearts. The League editor and his lady were made the recipients of a floral offering from the Central Epworth League, delivered by messenger as we were about to board the train. This beautiful remembrance from our Leaguers was appreciated very highly. The earnest efforts put forth by Chairman Bryan, his committee and the people generally impressed us deeply, for it argued that the citizenship of Galveston placed a higher value upon the enterprise involved than that of dollars.

On to Palacios.

Secretary Bering joined us at Houston Wednesday morning, and the party was taken in charge by Col. W. C. Moore, Manager of the Palacios Townsite Company, who had a special train placed at our disposal. Quite a number of prominent Houston people went along as guests of Col. Moore, and others joined in at Wharton, Bay City and other stations along the way, altogether a merry party making up the list of passengers by the time our destination was reached. Attached to the special train was the private car of Col. T. J. Anderson, General Passenger Agent of the Southern Pacific Railway, liberally stocked with choice fruits, fine candies, nuts and cigars, all of which were served to the guests at intervals through the day. Several hours were required to make the run of 137 miles, owing to the soft condition of the road bed occasioned by the heavy rains, and it was 4 o'clock when we reached Palacios. An elaborate dinner was found waiting us at the Bay View Hotel, and our arrival was the signal for the Mexican Band, brought up from San Antonio by Col. Moore, to begin playing; and during

the dinner hour the sweet strains of their music delighted and entertained the entire party. After doing ample justice to the spread of good things, which was indeed most excellent, the League party was divided, the ladies going for a boat ride on Trespalacios Bay, while the gentlemen visited the proposed site. It might be explained here that Palacios is a new town, the enterprise of the Palacios Townsite Company, and has, beside the hotel referred to, a store, a livery stable, a blacksmith shop and several dwellings. A magnificent \$10,000 pavilion has also been completed, and a contract has been let for the erection of a \$20,000 hotel, the purpose of the company being to make the place an attractive summer resort. Prominent among the enterprises which have decided to locate there is the South Texas Baptist College. It is said that many prominent citizens of Houston have purchased building lots and will in a short time erect summer homes there. The townsite occupies a beautiful location and is protected from the tides by a clay bluff ranging in height from ten to fifteen feet. The bay is land-locked and is, therefore, perfectly safe for bathing, having no undertow whatever. The site offered the committee for the encampment location is a kind of peninsula, situated on the south side of the town plot and jutting into the bay, where it makes a turn at right angles. The site is, therefore, bounded on two sides by the bay, and is an ideal spot. Artesian water has been secured at Palacios at a depth of some 300 feet, and is of a fine quality. One of these wells is located conveniently near the site offered us. There is no shade, but it is thought trees might be grown. The Townsite Company has planned several hundred. After going over the ground a joint session of the two committees was held in the parlor of the hotel, where the several features of the movement were discussed. At 8 o'clock our return journey began. The band which greeted us on our arrival was brought along by Col. Moore, and during the several hours we were on the train these skilled musicians alleviated our weariness with their choicest selections. The miserable condition of the roadbed made speed impossible, and it was near 4 o'clock before our special reached Houston. Everyone was pretty well worn out, but the day was counted one of pleasure, for nothing had been left undone by Col. Moore and his associates to render the trip enjoyable. A feature of the trip was the presence of a Texas pioneer in the person of Mr. John Pierce. This gentleman got aboard at Bay City, and from that moment until the return through Bay City he entertained the members of our party, and the Houston guests alike, with his witticism and tales of the days gone by. We also had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. L. Ladd, another resident of Bay City, a Sunday-school Superintendent, an editor and a Methodist. Bro. Ladd is publishing the Matagorda County Tribune, a weekly paper devoted to the interests of his county, and has, since our visit there, had much to say about the encampment enterprise. He formerly lived in North Texas, residing at Gainesville.

Guests of the Sap Road.

Thursday morning at 9:30 our party boarded a special train at the Union Station in Houston, and for forty-eight hours we were the guests of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad Company. General Passenger Agent Geo. F. Lupton, and General Agent James B. Brooks, were in charge of the two private cars placed at the disposal of our party, one of these cars being the elegantly appointed private coach of President Hudson, of the company. Bro. J. M. Peterson, wife and little son mysteriously disappeared sometime between 4 o'clock and 9:30 that morning, and Bro. Theo. Bering was too much indisposed to continue the trip, so our party was reduced to ten in number. The two railroad gentlemen made it twelve. The run from Houston to Corpus Christi was over a fine roadbed. We were afforded a splendid opportunity of seeing much of the rice belt of South Texas, and came in touch with several other industries of the coast country. Once during the day we passed through a section which had been devastated by Mr. Boll Weevil. Perhaps one of the most amusing incidents of the whole trip occurred during this day's ride. We think it good enough to tell. At a wayside station, while the party was out for a breath of fresh air and a little exercise, one of the numerous little negroes loitering near was inveigled into describing a few antic steps for the amusement of the party. Bro. Sexton and Bro. Ragsdale furnished the "patting" necessary to bring out the best results on such occasions, and the affair was a decided success. Upon returning to the cars Bro. Sexton called upon Bill, the porter, to repeat the performance witnessed at the station. Bill straightened up,

assumed a dignified air, and said: "Excuse me, boss, I'se a member of de Baptist Church." So far as we know the request was not repeated that day. In the afternoon the following telegram came to hand, viz:

"Corpus Christi, Jan. 19.—To G. F. Lupton, on No. 1, Yorktown: Wire received. Everything is arranged for entertaining committee as planned, and we anticipate their arrival with eager delight. They will be more than welcome to the best Corpus Christi affords. (Signed) "P. H. TANSEY."

Immediately upon hearing this telegram read the ladies of our party took to the dressing rooms and began primping, while the men folks began a rummage among their traveling bags for articles of dress apparel, for it was given out that there was to be "something doing" when the city was reached. We are glad just now that the task of writing up this trip fell to us, else the maneuvers executed by the League editor while trying to shave himself with a safety razor, for the first time in life, might be vividly portrayed for the benefit of our readers. We are sure if Bro. Sexton had a chance he would delight in the recital.

At Corpus Christi.

A string of carriages was lined up at the station when we reached Corpus Christi at 9 o'clock. The moon was shining its brightest and the atmosphere was delightfully pleasant. A committee from the Board of Trade, headed by the Hon. E. H. Caldwell, a prominent merchant of Corpus Christi, escorted us at once to the New Constantine Hotel, where a most elegant and appetizing supper awaited us. Lemons and other fruit were in abundance, with stems and leaves still clinging to the branches, and flowers in great profusion, fresh from the yards, were seen on every table. The viands spread before us were all home products, and were rich in abundance and variety. After supper we were driven to the pavilion. A word here about the drive. The route was along the famous bluff which runs through the city and overlooks a portion of it, together with the bay, and on this night, with the lights sparkling below and the moon in her glory above, the view was one of enchantment. A member of our party, who has toured Continental Europe, viewing this beautiful scene, compared it to Naples, complete, with the exception of Vesuvius. At the pavilion we were greeted with one of the most representative assemblages it was our pleasure to meet on the entire trip. Physicians, lawyers, bankers, churchmen, prominent people in all walks of life were there to welcome us. The large pavilion, filled to its fullest seating capacity, with many standing, was tastefully decorated in League colors and great banks of palms and evergreens decked the platform. We noticed also that the League colors were worn by a goodly number of those present, indicating, as we afterwards learned, the Methodist people there assembled. A Mexican band of several pieces, one of the best in the city, discoursed sweet strains of music as only these natural artisans can, and the whole scene was one of animation and splendor. Chairman Caldwell delivered an address of welcome, which was cordial to an enthusiastic degree. He dwelt somewhat upon the many advantages of his city, and assured our committee that our enterprise was very much desired by his people. Our own imitable Sexton—humorist, orator, contortionist, poet, diplomat and preacher—responded, and caught the crowd before he had uttered half a dozen sentences. He held them spell-bound for twenty minutes and received an ovation at the conclusion of his remarks. Rev. C. S. Mills, formerly pastor of our Church at that place, was next to speak, and in a few well-chosen, practical words directed the attention of the committee to the merits of the place. The speech-making was concluded by the League editor in a review of the Epworth League movement. A general reception followed, and for nearly an hour introductions, handshakes and conversation occupied the attention of the committee. Plans for the next day were arranged, and our party returned to the cars for a much-needed rest. Next morning (Friday) we were astir bright and early. Carriages were in waiting and as soon as we had breakfasted we went for a drive over the city, during which the magnificent Alta Vista Hotel and its surroundings were inspected. This property was established some years ago by a promoter who, although spending vast sums upon the estate, was unable to carry his plans to completion, and his holdings passed into other hands. An oil king in Louisiana now has it, and is bringing order out of chaos, improving, beautifying and adorning the buildings and the grounds. The location is about two miles from the site offered for the encampment, and to the south around a bend, as if occupying the central right of an extended

horseshoe curve. This particular feature is mentioned because the hotel property is at the one extreme and the proposed site at the other, with the city about midway between. A shell road is now in course of construction, running from the hotel to the city. The beach affords a natural driveway from the city to the site. We were told that in case we decided upon Corpus Christi it was very likely a street car line would be built connecting our site with the hotel site. So the importance attached to the location offered us is at once apparent. At the hotel wharf the ladies boarded the launch Mabel, of private ownership, and proceeded down the bay, while the committee proper were driven to the site to be inspected. This ground extends 1620 feet along the water's edge and 700 feet westward from the beach. It slopes beautifully toward the bay and is of a fine sand and shell formation. Not a vestige of seaweed, moss nor any kind of sediment was noticeable along the entire stretch, and the water was beautifully clear. No mud whatever, but a firm, even sloping shell bottom. No undertow, but an ever deepening expanse of clean, clear water, ideal for bathing, safe for tiny tot and delightful for those who would like nymph and mermaid play. Such is the description of the beach and waters of the bay at Corpus Christi. The site offered us is a picturesque spot, ideal and incomparable. An hour was spent in going over the ground and inspecting it from every possible vantage, during which time the two committees held a joint session and



The Committee in Joint Session at Corpus Christi.

cussed the business points involved. At the conclusion of this conference our party took passage for Rockport. Our leave taking was amid the waving of handkerchiefs and the benediction of hearty good wishes, all of which were responded to most cordially by our party.

On to Rockport.

During the forty minutes run from Corpus Christi to Rockport lunch was served. As an illustration of the extent to which the genial Col. Lupton and his colleague, Col. Brooks, went, in their efforts to show us every possible courtesy and attention, we relate an incident of this run. The lunch table and its garnishments were unusually attractive from an artistic point of view, so much out of the ordinary that the League editor expressed a desire for a picture of the scene. "Why not make it," said Col. Lupton, who had observed the making of several views along the way. "Because a time exposure is necessary and cannot be made with the car in motion," was replied. "That's easy," he rejoined, and calling to the porter, said: "Step forward, Bill, and ask Mr. Roberts to stop the train a moment." Mr. Roberts was the engineer. In a few minutes the train came to a dead standstill and the picture was made! We



A Ninety-Dollar Load of Trout, Rockport, Texas.

reached Rockport at 1:30 o'clock and a deputation of citizens, headed by the Mayor and accompanied by the several ladies, met us with carriages and drove our party to the Delmar Hotel, where we halted a moment and registered. The sites, three of them, were next visited. One in town, a block from the beach, embracing ten acres and shaded with live oak trees; another a

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mile down the beach, twenty acres, and likewise covered with trees; while the third, and really more desirable, location was what is there known as the Shell Beach Hotel property. Fifteen acres are embraced in this, and great, wide spreading oaks lend comfort and beauty to the surroundings. The hotel is not occupied except by the family of the owner, but is used in the summer by occasional tourists. In connection with the large building are a number of cottages, and many of these are filled through the summer. After holding a business session with the Rockport committee our party returned to town, two miles distant. On our return we met a fish wagon, loaded with 2200 pounds of trout. Now, we confess to a weakness for fish akin to Harry Halsell's love of buttermilk, and of course we had to stop the fishermen and have a look at his catch. Our

mittee as to the most desirable place. The original slips of paper on which these votes were written were carefully preserved, and when final negotiations shall have been closed they will be framed for exhibition purposes. Before adjournment Chairman Sexton was directed to transmit a letter of thanks to each committee which had entertained our party. Farewells were then said and the trip was at an end so far as the members as a party were concerned, divergent routes being taken from Houston home. G. W. T.

NOTES OF THE TRIP.

"All right, Jimmie."

A letter caught up with us on the rounds, addressed: "Dr. G. S. Sexton, in care of the Chief of Police." We did not know before to what extent our Chairman was known.

G. O. K. stands for Grand Order of Kokomoos. President Jennie Bering, Houston, Texas, will answer questions about the new order.

Harry Halsell was introduced as the religious member of the committee.

Allan Ragsdale was arrayed in a new suit. This disguise caused him to be mistaken for a preacher.

"Excuse me, boss, I see a member of de Baptist' Church."

Col. Jas. B. Brooks received the appointment of "Official Holder," and distinguished himself on several occasions.

Chairman Sexton told the Rockport people he was sorry there were not twenty Encampments to locate. He had his eye on a watermelon at the time.

Mrs. Peterson was introduced as the woman who votes her husband.

"Waiter, bring me a pitcher of buttermilk, not a glass." G. W. T.

NOTES.

Bro. Peterson's initials are J. M., not J. R. Correspondents are requested to take notice.

Robert Ware, of Gainesville, has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the North Texas Conference Epworth League, vice Edwin B. Doggett, resigned.

"At the meeting of the International Program Committee in Detroit on the 11th and 12th ult. the League Assembly was much discussed. Dr. Randall, of the Methodist Episcopal League, thinks it is to be one of the prominent and effectual League schemes of the near future, and in this we agree. There will be a conference on this matter at Denver."—Epworth Era.

We are in receipt of a copy of the West Texas Conference Journal, edited by Rev. Sterling Fisher. It is conveniently arranged and exceedingly well printed. The statistical tables, especially, are clear and distinct, and we note that their totals correspond with those given in the minutes. The Epworth League strength is given as follows: 123 Chapters, 3722 members. The following resolution was adopted touching the Assembly movement, viz: "Resolved, that we confirm the action of the State League Conference in its determination to establish a permanent encampment, and pledge to it our hearty support."

R. Gibbs Mood, of Bowie, has our thanks for a copy of the North Texas Conference Journal. It is up to the usual high grade of excellence, and shows the handiwork of Bro. Mood. Question 24 is answered as follows: 123 League Chapters. The League membership is given at 5036. The following resolution appears in the report of the Epworth League Board as adopted, viz: "Whereas, the State Epworth League in convention assembled has decided that the time has come for a change in the methods and manner of holding its annual meetings, and in its wisdom has decided upon the encampment plan as the best and most feasible one, and has asked for the indorsement and ratification of its action by this body as one of its patronizing conferences; therefore, be it Resolved, by the Epworth League Board of the North Texas Conference, that we indorse the proposed movement to establish an encampment for the Epworth Leagues of Texas, and pledge it our co-operation and hearty support." We also take note of the adoption of the following item in its report: "This board takes notice of the fact that the Texas Christian Advocate gives a column each week to the Epworth League. This act is much help to the League, and Gus W. Thomasson's editorship of this column is much appreciated." G. W. T.

A MESSAGE FROM THE JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT.

It is commonly thought that where there is a Junior League there can be no Juvenile Missionary Band. This is a mistaken idea. They can be handled successfully in any Church with the proper management and much work. Each has a place to fill and both are needed. Let us look a little closer into this: We have said through this medium before that our Church needs the Junior League and must have it. Her children are to be taught and trained for future service as well as for present serving. They are to learn to put into practice their religion; not to serve God as many of us do with slowness and backwardness, but with swiftness and go-aheadness that will make life count for something. They must begin to learn the great commands of our Lord and Savior, and that to be an obedient child of this, they must obey. Not a few command; can we as leaders pick out for them leaving others untaught and unlearned? No, we must teach them that every command must be equally obeyed. They should not only be taught to carefully look after their own needs as a home Church, but help others less fortunate than themselves. They have to learn that the true key to a Christian life is unselfishness. The Fourth Department of our League—the Missionary Work—to our mind is the greatest work of the Epworth League. You may be sure that those who have this spirit and living it are the ones to be depended upon for any Church work. It is the Christ Spirit, and do we all not long to be more Christ-like? But while this Fourth Department is good, yea, fine and very fine, it does not take the place of the Missionary Society. Our children need to be taught the specific work of our two boards, of our heroes and heroines in foreign fields, of our schools in the different places, their work, needs, etc. They are to carry this work on, too, by and by, as well as the home work, and will they be ready to do it unless prepared for it? Ignorance on the subject of missions, and especially foreign missions, causes to-day the indifference and selfishness that is retarding the great work of our Church. With a simple, homely illustration, if we will be allowed, we can make our idea perhaps clearer.

Compare then if you will our religion to a bird, the wings of which are foreign and home missions. If either wing be deformed or broken could it fly? No, mother earth would be its only resting place. If from either or both wings heavy pendants hand could it soar very high or far? But free from weights (ignorance, neglect, indifference and selfishness) and every vein filled with purest blood (Christ love) and guided by the truest instinct (the Holy Spirit), our little messenger will carry the glad tidings here and there, far and wide.

Much more could be said, but space will not permit, but let me repeat that these two different works, yet the same, can be successfully carried on side by side. We have tried it for four years here in this city and know from experience that a way can be found if there is a will to push.

Build to your Fourth Department of the League. Stress this work. Pray yourself for more of the missionary spirit. We cannot light another's fire from our dead embers. Work thoroughly each department of your League and it will be found that as you infuse the missionary idea, love and spirit into the little hearts that they grasp and grow faster along all the lines. There is little accomplished without energy, grit and determination; put these together with a burning unselfish love for dying sinners into the young hearts, and it will mean more to the Church than can be calculated.

If you have no Junior League by all means organize one at once. If you have no Juvenile Missionary Society organize at once, if you have to begin with the Fourth Department of your League. The lessons found in the Era are fine and beautiful. Use them with helps found in the children's own paper, The Little Worker. It will surprise you to see how your League will grow.

I will gladly help personally any who are troubled along this line if you will write me. MRS. C. W. HENRY, Cleburne, Texas, Box 305.

DRIFTING.

"You are drifting with the tide, O'er the ocean wild and wide." Whither art thou sailing? Our human lives are as great ships launched out on the sea of life; now idly drifting on calm, placid waters, now amidst the tossing, angry waves. Other ships pass and repass; some cast a gleam of light through the waters, others pass dark and silent. These lonely human ships are merely drifting on Humanity's restless sea, not knowing what is ahead. The white waves lash into foam and dash against them, and they are borne on; some sustained by hope, bravely breast the

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Your blood is always full of poison—the poison you eat and drink and breathe into your system. It is the purpose of the blood to absorb and carry off this very poison. And the kidneys, which are the blood filters, are expected to cleanse the blood and send it back through the system clean, to gather more poison which, they, in turn, will eliminate.

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 twinge in your leg—the dull ache in your arm on a rainy day—these are the first 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 what 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—something 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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waves and glide on into the night, and all is well, as the sun of a new day rises over a quiet sea and peaceful ship. Others who are ignorant and careless about the storms roll and rock in agony with the waves. In vain they send out their signals of distress over the tempestuous deep and finally they sink in a great whirlpool. Many tiny barks are bounding over Life's rippling surface. They do not know the dangers of mid-ocean; they cannot understand the sea, but relying on Self, only too soon will we find out. Passing these are lonely, deserted ships on Life's waves. They have tried to bravely battle the storms and are now almost gone. Soon they will be stranded, shattered wrecks on the shores of Time and Eternity.

Oh! why this drifting and unsuccessful voyaging, when Christ stands a ready to be our Captain and guide? Stop, consider, is it not worth our while to listen to his voice and accept him as our Pilot and start for the "Haven of Rest?"

"Oh! my friend, thy bark shall never Reach that happy shore Till the Lord becomes your Pilot. He will guide thee o'er. Call him with entreaty urgent; Call him near thy side, Then o'er roughest, darkest billows Safely thou shalt glide. Then at last, when the voyage is o'er, May we enjoy that promised rest, Free from sin ever more."

All for Christ. MRS. C. E. DOSS, Italy, Texas.

"CHEERFULNESS."

Cheerfulness ought, from its importance, receive more than a passing thought with every individual. Christ tells us that we shall have tribulation in the world and that he has overcome the world. He bids us "Be of good cheer." How these words fall upon our ears! Though we have tribulation and are tempted with many evils, we should not fail to realize the benefits of cheerfulness. By being cheerful we are benefited and those around us are also. But, you may say, "I can not be cheerful all the time; there are so many difficulties thrown in my way." Would you consider for awhile all the blessings God sends to you each day. I am sure you could never find anything to compare with his loving kindness. No person liveth to himself alone; he is ever wielding an influence over those whom he associates with. Many lonely ones of earth are pining away their days for want of words of encouragement and a cheerful look from some one would change gloom into light. Does not God always work everything for the best for all that love and serve him? We do not always understand why God has so dealt with us, as when he takes our loved ones unto himself. We should submit to his blessed word and will. Be cheerful and

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.

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enjoy life and try to make the lives of those around us happy. If cheerfulness had not been so important, if it had not been a great help to us, Christ would never have spoken the words of cheer to us.

Dear reader, "Be of good cheer," whatever may be your lot. Christ spoke to one and all; his words appeal to both the great and small.

ROXIE DUNAWAY, New Site, Ala.

Loss of appetite is an ailment that indicates others, which are worse—Blood's Sarsaparilla cures them all.

PIGEON KIDNAPPERS.

New York City has a multitude of "flights" of pigeons. There are few blocks that have not at least one roof devoted to this purpose. The section of territory bounded by Eighteenth and Thirtieth Streets and Eighth and Ninth Avenues has over twenty "flights." Their owners may be seen, twice a day, at six in the morning and again at five in the afternoon, stirring the birds to flight. A ten-foot fishing pole with a black cloth at one end is often used for starting the birds.

Many of the "flights" are used to catch stray pigeons. The "stray," as it is called, joins the flock in their upward flight and is trapped on the descent. On the East Side it is considered legitimate to trap a "stray" from a rival fancier's flock.—Country Life in America.

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Noon Hour Aboard Col. Lupton's Car.

kodak was brought into play, and we came away with a reminder of the interesting sight. After reaching the city we found that we had an hour to spare, and together with Bro. Halsell went for a stroll. At a barber shop, while waiting for a shoe polish, this conversation occurred between Bro. Halsell and a bootblack: "Young man, I am looking up recruits for the army; don't you want to be a soldier?" "No, boss," replied the dorky. "What's your name?" inquired Bro. Halsell. "Dennis," said he. "That's well," rejoined his questioner, "for if it isn't now, it will be." "Why, boss?" asked the knight of the brush. "Because I'll have to take you along with me." "Can't go, boss." "Why?" "Case, boss, I see already skered!" And with this parting salute the frightened dorky disappeared around the corner, well in the lead of his pursuer.

At 6 o'clock our party repaired to the hotel above mentioned. Here was served us one of the most bountiful, varied and appetizing dinners it was our good fortune to enjoy during the trip. Luckily no time-keeper or official counter was about, and the League editor ate unrestrained and free from all embarrassment. After the delicious repast, hosts and guests assembled in the drawing room, where an address was delivered by Dr. Oscar McMullen, the only physician we saw while there. The Doctor told us in a plain, practical way of the benefits and advantages of his town. His remarks were all to the point and gave us a remarkably clear insight into the conditions there. Chairman Sexton gracefully yielded the floor to the League editor, who replied briefly, expressing the pleasure of the party in being received so hospitably, and explaining the Assembly movement. Several instrumental selections followed by local talent, and a reading of merit was given by the wife of our Methodist pastor there, Bro. Amack. This closed the public function at Rockport, and at 9 o'clock our train started on its return trip to Houston. Before retiring resolutions were drawn up and signed in autograph by each member of the party, thanking the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway Company for the many courtesies extended us at the hands of its representatives, Messrs. Lupton and Brooks; and these were formally presented and responded to in the drawing-room of the car. Be it said to the credit of these railroad men that from the moment we stepped aboard their cars, until we left them two days later, not one word came from them in the interest of their line, except when in business session with the committee and replying to direct questioning. They said to us: "Gentlemen, you are now our guests; our purpose is to show you and leave the decision wholly with you." And this policy they lived up to. Because of it we drafted the resolutions mentioned.

At Houston Again.

While still aboard the private car we took breakfast at Houston, Saturday morning, prior to the breaking up of the party. Bro. Bering came down from his place of business and joined us for a business session. The several propositions, as submitted and as likely to be amended, were gone over, and full allowance was made on two, which were then not complete, when a preliminary vote was taken by secret ballot to ascertain the sense of the com-

Secular News Items.

According to the most recent information, the estimated acreage now under cotton in the different islands of the West Indies is as follows: St. Kitts and Nevis, 2,550; Barbadoes, 1,900; St. Vincent, 1,600; Monserrat, 600; Antigua, 500; Grenada, 120; St. Lucia, Trinidad and Jamaica, 100 each; Tobago, Virgin Islands and Barbuda, 50 each; a total of 7,720 acres, the greater part of which has been sown with selected Sea Island seed. The average yield should be 209 pounds of lint to the acre. It may reasonably be expected, therefore, that this season's exports of long-staple cotton from the West Indies will be 5,000 bales, and their total value \$500,000. The general tenor of the reports from the different islands is satisfactory and to the effect that the crop is healthy and the land well cultivated. The attempt is made to produce a high class of fiber for a special class of the British textile trade. The result of the present year's operations will largely determine the future of the cotton-growing industry in the West Indies.

The parliamentary election in the Province of Ontario, resulted in an overwhelming defeat for the Liberals, who had been in power for thirty-two years. The Conservatives elected 71 members, and the Liberals elected only 27. The Toronto Globe, the chief Liberal paper, says the defeat of the government was due to the positive antagonism of the liquor interest, the indifference or the antagonism of the temperance element, and the persistent reiteration of the charges of electoral corruption.

The Japanese are taking good care to see that the Russian rank and file are not left unmindful regarding the disturbances in Russia. They are carrying on a regular campaign to spread sedition and discouragement among the troops. Letters are daily thrown within the Russian lines declaring that all Russia is aflame with riot and revolt, arguing that the soldiers are shedding blood in vain and calling on them to surrender or desert. The soldiers eagerly read and discuss these communications, especially the accounts of events at St. Petersburg on Jan. 22. The sincere hope is expressed on all sides that the Russian Nation will forego internal differences and not play into the hands of the Japanese.

Considering the expressions of influential Republican Senators and of influential Republican organs, there is little reason to believe that President Roosevelt is going to be able to put through at this session of Congress his bill designed to regulate the freight rates of the railroads. "It seems to be settled that there will be no railway rate legislation at this session of Congress. Both the Senate and House feel that the problem is too important to warrant hasty action, although the sentiment in both branches is clearly in favor of the President's plan. It is expected that an extra session will be called next autumn, when this question and that of tariff revision will be considered." This is the most favorable of all the expressions of numerous Republican organs received. Some others declare against the President's plan of controlling the roads in the most positive terms.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has authorized a favorable report on the Mann bill, abolishing the Panama Canal Commission, and placing the government of the canal zone and the work of constructing the canal entirely in the hands of the President.

The trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund have dissolved the trust. They appropriated \$1,000,000 to the Peabody Normal School in Nashville. This leaves a fund of \$1,200,000 to be distributed among educational institutions. The greater part of this will probably come to institutions in the South.

Dispatch from New York says that George Washington Glintonkamp has proved himself a worthy namesake of the father of his country. George is 3 years old and was born in Fraunces Tavern, a historic building in Broad Street, where Washington once had his headquarters. While at play on the second floor, the little fellow smelled smoke and gave the alarm. A hurried examination by men whom George summoned failed to disclose the cause of the smoke, and firemen were called.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I take pleasure in announcing through the Advocate to Texas Methodists that I have accepted the general agency in Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma for the Hutchings-Votey Organ Co. of Boston.

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F. M. LAW, Bryan, Texas.

ed. They tore up part of the floor and found several heavy oak beams smouldering ready to burst into flames. The lad's quick intelligence undoubtedly saved the old house from being badly damaged and he is hailed by the entire neighborhood as a hero.

It is stated that half the wounded in the St. Petersburg troubles have died in hospitals, the result of the explosive bullets used.

The dual government which has since 1867 united the kingdoms of Austria and Hungary in a bond which has been a source of constant friction rather than real union, has reached a serious crisis. Last week the general parliamentary elections took place in Hungary, and resulted in a disastrous defeat of the government. The Liberals, who have been in power without a break since the present union was formed, have suffered defeat for the first time in thirty-eight years.

The party which has come into power is called, after its leader, Francis Kosuth, son of the great patriot and exile, the Kossuth party, or Kossuthists. It has gained fifty-eight seats in the popular chamber, and its triumph is equally surprising to friends and foes. Premier Tisza will tender his resignation and that of his cabinet to the Emperor. It is thought probable that Count Julius Andrassy will be summoned to form a new ministry, Kosuth himself being impossible "for historical reasons"—meaning doubtless that the son of the great revolutionist of 1848 can never be recognized as the head of the government.

The effect of this political upheaval on the fortunes of the dual monarchy may be far-reaching. Hungary has never given anything but a forced and unwilling allegiance to the House of Hapsburg and the Siamese twins arrangement with Austria has always been galling to her people. The Kossuthists are ardent advocates of Hungarian independence. While complete independence may not be a present practical possibility, such entering wedges as an independent Hungarian army and separate commercial policies, will probably be attempted. The situation is a severe blow to the aged Emperor, Francis Joseph, who has ruled over the united monarchy since 1867, and who has labored hard to prevent such a political event as has now taken place.—Exchange.

The Russian Minister of the Interior, Sviatopolk-Mirsky has retired from the office, ill health being assigned as the reason. M. Durnovo, former Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, becomes Acting Minister of the Interior. M. Bouligan, former Governor General of Moscow, seems most likely to be Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky's successor, but no decision has yet been reached. The gossips are saying that Emperor Nicholas has offered the portfolio to M. Witte, President of the Committee of Ministers. Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky's desire to retire had been known for weeks, but the manner in which it was announced was unusual, the retirement of a Minister being generally accompanied by an imperial rescript. For this reason the announcement is popularly adopted as a reprimand. Among the reactionaries and even among some of the more moderate Conservatives Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky has been blamed for having from the very outset of his career encouraged all sorts of Liberal aspirations, which being impossible of immediate realization, brought the present storm about the head of the Government.

Last week Senator Smith's divorce restriction bill was passed. It was amended so as to prevent the defendant from remarrying within three years, whereas the complainant may marry after the lapse of one year.

The British Government issues a blue book regarding Tibetan affairs, from which it appears that there has been decided friction between Col. Younghusband and the government. The former, in defiance, it is said, of express instructions, framed a convention exacting \$3,750,000 indemnity, to be paid in 75 annual installments, and the British to occupy the Chumbi valley till the last payment was made. The Government suggested \$1,250,000 indemnity and occupancy for three years only. The larger indemnity has finally been agreed upon, but the occupancy of the Chumbi valley has been limited to three years.

The Associated Press dispatches from St. Petersburg say that the Grand Duke Sergius is supreme in the councils of the Czar. Sergius is the most reactionary member of the imperial family, the head of the war party, and stigmatized by the Liberals as Russia's evil genius.

For the "Hall of Fame" twenty-nine names were selected in 1900, none of which was that of a physician, and this year twenty-six more will be named. The Western Medical Review proposes to nominate five medical heroes for the honors in the ballotings of 1905 for the Hall of Fame, and gives the names of Rush, Ramsay, Warren, Sims and Holmes. American Medicine adds that

"the suggestion occurs that it might be better for the professional voters to limit their ballotings, and choose two, or at most three, physicians to honor. Warren, it seems, should be the first named, as the discovery of anesthesia has lessened human suffering, and at the same time advanced science immeasurably. As the John the Baptist of the gospel of protection against infectious diseases, Holmes deserves the gratitude of Americans and of the world."

It may be unusual to estimate the amount of pork that can be produced from an acre of certain crops, but the problem has been solved in a very interesting way, says the Chicago Journal. It is claimed that an acre of land in clover will produce 800 pounds of pork; peas, 375 pounds; corn, 650 pounds; oats, 320 pounds; barley, 420 pounds, and wheat, 225 pounds. The value of each crop on one acre when converted into pork is as follows: Clover, \$31; oats, \$22.50; peas, \$15; barley, \$16.80, and wheat, \$9, estimating the pork at 4c per pound. Of course something depends on the prices ruling for the crops. The amount of produce per acre required to give the pork mentioned on an acre is 900 pounds of wheat, 1,680 pounds of barley, 1,320 pounds of oats, 2,240 pounds of corn, 15,000 pounds of peas and 12,000 pounds of green clover.

President Roosevelt is said to be determined to put through the measure looking to governmental control of railroad rates, and his speech on the subject of railroad legislation made before the Union League at Philadelphia is accepted as an appeal to the country for help, and it is the first step taken in public by the President in the contest. On the other side, it is given out that, while the President may be able to carry the House, many Senators oppose such legislation, and hold that the President is trying to impress his views on Congress to a greater extent than the best interests of the country require, and they are prepared to combat Mr. Roosevelt just as the Democratic Senators combated Mr. Cleveland in his second administration to the disaster of the party for at least two Presidential elections.

The following statement regarding the nomination of Mrs. Mary G. Stone to be postmaster at Iuka, Miss., was issued at the White House: "Mrs. Mary G. Stone, whose nomination at Iuka, Miss., has been sent to the Senate, is the widow of the late J. M. Stone, one of the most popular chief executives Mississippi ever had. He served as Governor for twelve years, a longer term than that of any other occupant of the office. He personally confronted mobs wherever they appeared in his State and was firm in upholding the majesty of the law. As Governor he offered a reward of \$10,000 for the apprehension of the miscreants who fired into a postal car, and publicly stated while he was Governor that United States Postal Commissioners should not be made the targets of assassins. He was a brave soldier and officer, carrying to his grave the scars from wounds he received in battle. He was a Gold Democrat and refused to accept a seat in the United States Senate because the tender had been coupled with the condition that he should obey the will of the legislature on the money issue. Mrs. Stone is a worthy woman, and will fill creditably the position to which she has been appointed."

The total number of deaths reported as due to consumption in the United States in 1900 was 109,750—56,124 females and 53,626 males. The rate of death from this disease to 1,000 deaths from all other known causes was 109.3. Ten years before it was 106.3. In 1890 the death rate from consumption was 215.4 per 100,000 population. In 1900 it was 187.3—a decrease of 58.1 in ten years. This is encouraging. In 1890 the death rate from consumption in England was 238 per 100,000 population. Now it is about 130.

Two Texas women are to appear in the Senate as witnesses in the impeachment trial of Judge Swayne. They are Mrs. Gordon Russell, wife of the Texas Congressman, of Tyler, and Mrs. Susan Lyle Downs, of Waco. The Government expects to prove by them that Judge Swayne, while boarding with them during sessions of his court, paid \$1.50 a day board and charged the Government \$10 a day.

Count Tolstoi sent \$5,000 for the benefit of the wounded workmen at St. Petersburg.

What is said to be the first statue erected in honor of a woman physician in the United States has been unveiled in Fullerton Memorial Hall Art Institute, when the friends of the late Dr. Mary Thompson presented a portrait bust of her to the institute. Dr. Thompson was the founder in 1865 of the Mary Thompson Hospital for Women and Children and was the pioneer woman physician of the Northwest. The memorial cost \$2,500 and is the work of Daniel C. French.

A report from Gov. Davis, of the Panama Canal Zone, states that re-

ports of health conditions on the isthmus are cruelly exaggerated, and that the sanitation of Panama is progressing as efficiently as that of any city in the United States. He says the total number of yellow fever cases originating in the zone since the Americans assumed control is thirty-two, of which nine have terminated fatally and six are convalescent. Gov. Davis says that in the opinion of Col. Gorgos, chief sanitary officer, the material and medical appliances for controlling the yellow fever situation have been sufficient for all requirements.

A woman has just argued a case before the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. This is the first instance, and the woman lawyer is Mrs. Anna Christy Fall.

Order appears to have been quite generally restored in Russia, the exception being in Poland. Even in Warsaw, however, there has been a return to conditions approximating the normal. The Committee of Ministers sitting at St. Petersburg has formulated, and the Emperor has sanctioned, a number of proposals looking toward the establishment of the Senate upon a basis of closer connection with the throne; doing away with the administrative orders, suspending certain laws, and in other ways checking the evils that have arisen through the arbitrary acts of Ministers or officials.

Gen. Treppoff alleges that the Jews were responsible for the St. Petersburg uprising.

Arthur Simmons, who for many years was the doorkeeper of the Secretary to the President, at the White House, and who, probably, is more widely known among public men than any colored man in the country, has been relieved of his duties at the White House and transferred to the Interior Department. Secretary Loeb explains that the change was made "for the good of the service."

WAR NEWS.

The five days' combat, which will go down in history as the battle of the Hun River, was fought out on a seemingly unending plain which is broken only by the southern Amethyst Mountains, around Yentai, the solitary eminence of which is the Liao Yank tower of bloody memory. Exposed to the intense cold of a Manchurian winter, the mounds of earth guarding the villages in which the Japanese were entrenched had become like granite and as impenetrable as the steel sides of a modern battleship. For five days Russian soldiers hurled themselves against the defense and field artillery pounded them. But neither steel pointed shell nor nickel bullets availed against the frozen earthworks. The gunners actually wept with despair at the impotence of the attack. Mortar batteries came up at a gallop in the hope of demolishing the fortifications. Night and day the stream of shells was poured against the breastworks, but it had very little effect. The men seemed indifferent to hunger or cold, which latter was of Arctic intensity. Their fingers, hands and feet were numbed, while stinging snow and dust blinded them. The slightest wound caused excruciating pain. Warm blood no sooner exuded from the lacerated flesh than it began to freeze. The wounded could not be left exposed, and if they did not receive attention within an hour they died. The surgeons, their assistants and nurses were almost powerless in the bandaging of wounds, for they were obliged to wear leather gloves or mittens in order to resist the cold. The men seemed to be living again the horrors of the winter campaign of 1812 against the Turks. Everything that could be done was done, but man was powerless in the face of nature, which heaped tortures upon the troops.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Parr-Royal.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Dec. 12, 1904, Mr. W. O. Parr and Miss Zella Royal, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Kyrke-Burnes.—At his father's residence on Dec. 15, 1904, Mr. Clarence Kyrke and Mrs. Jennie Burnes, Rev. W. H. Harris officiating.

May-Nelson.—At her home on Dec. 17, 1904, Mr. G. R. May and Miss Ibbie Nelson, Rev. W. H. Harris officiating.

Morton-Barton.—At the bride's mother's home in Ovilla, Texas, Dec. 27, 1904, Mr. D. M. Morton and Miss Mary Barton, Rev. W. H. Harris officiating. Deik-Ballard.—Near Sardis, Texas, Dec. 30, 1904, Mr. R. E. Deik and Miss Minnie Ballard, Rev. W. H. Harris officiating.

Gather-Curtis.—At the Methodist parsonage, Jan. 4, 1905, Mr. Carl Gather and Miss Mollie Curtis, Rev. W. H. Harris officiating.

McElroy-Hopkins.—At the bride's home, Jan. 10, 1905, Mr. J. O. McElroy and Miss Lela Hopkins, Rev. W. H. Harris officiating.

Middleton-Gray.—At the Methodist Church at Sardis, Texas, Jan. 26, 1905, Mr. J. W. Middleton and Miss Jennie Gray, Rev. W. H. Harris officiating.

Clay-Hopkins.—At the bride's home Jan. 31, 1905, Mr. Rufus P. Clay and

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Williamson-Hendley.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. H. Hendley, on Dec. 11, 1904, Mr. Fred Williamson and Miss Abbie Henley, Rev. W. F. Hardy officiating.

Howdershell-Henley.—At the home of the bride's father, Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. John Howdershell and Miss Sallie Henley, Rev. W. F. Hardy officiating.

Riley-Barberce.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Maud, Texas, Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. J. E. Riley and Miss Nannie Barberce, Rev. W. F. Hardy officiating.

Hood-Frost.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. H. Frost, Jan. 18, 1905, Mr. Eli J. Hood and Miss Lora Frost, Rev. W. F. Hardy officiating.

Kenter-Whetsell.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Whetsell, Dec. 14, 1904, Mr. R. J. Kenter and Miss Nancy E. Whetsell, all of Floyd, Texas, Rev. H. L. Hare officiating.

Smith-Jones.—At the residence of the bride's parents in San Augustine County, Texas, at 3 o'clock, Dec. 22, 1904, Mr. Geo. C. Smith and Miss Alma Jones, Rev. W. S. Easterling officiating.

Cordray-Warner.—In San Augustine County, Texas, at the residence of Mrs. Baldrice, the bride's mother, at 4 o'clock, Dec. 22, 1904, Mr. W. E. Cordray and Mrs. Della Warner, Rev. W. S. Easterling officiating.

Ewing-Willis.—At the home of the bride's father, H. H. Willis, at 8 o'clock, Dec. 25, 1904, Mr. Milton E. Ewing and Miss Minnie Willis, Rev. W. S. Easterling officiating.

Brooks-Young.—At the Christian Church, Clinton, Texas, Dec. 25, 1904, Mr. O. M. Brooks and Miss Maggie Young, all of Clinton, Texas, Rev. H. L. Hare officiating.

Berthea-Bledsoe.—At the parsonage M. E. Church, South, Floyd, Texas, Dec. 29, 1904, Mr. C. C. Berthea and Miss Rose Bledsoe, all of Caddo Mills, Texas, Rev. H. L. Hare officiating.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Lewisville.

C. M. Jacobsen, Feb. 1: Bishop Hoss favored us greatly by sending to our charge Bro. E. K. Bransford, a transfer from Memphis Conference. Ever since his arrival he has been faithfully at work, visiting from house to house, praying with the people and hunting up the lost and straying sheep. His preaching has been very acceptable, spiritual and with power. In the Sunday-school he has infused new life, and as a result it has almost doubled. About twenty-five have joined the Church since conference. He is now working hard on his conference collections and will soon have them in good shape. Furthermore, he has commenced agitating the building of a new church, making use of the old one, and if he succeeds in his plans then there will be spent on same at least \$2500 in improvements. In token of our appreciation for his faithful labors the stewards have raised his salary from \$550 to \$700.

Argyle Circuit.

C. H. Rice: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Argyle Jan. 28. Our presiding elder, Bro. J. L. Morris, was with us and preached two very fine sermons, besides the many good things which he said in the conference. We are anxious for him to come again. This is my first appointment in the North Texas Conference, being readmitted at the last session. The people here received us very kindly, and have since let no opportunity pass in making us feel at home. Almost every day since we reached here good things have reached us from the people. The pounding came in due form, and still continues. And as we think on these things our hearts swell within us and our bodies and minds are quickened to the work of Him who sent us. We are improving our church property in all quarters, and ere long Argyle Circuit will compare favorably with any in the conference in this respect. This work began last year and seems to gather force as it advances. We have four houses of worship, two of which were begun last year, and have been completed this year. One of these two is seated with very beautiful pews at a cost of

about \$350. The church at Argyle has been built some time, but never completed. But even now we can hear the sound of the hammer as the result of a personal canvass for that purpose. And we will soon have our church here painted, papered and completed, looking as "neat as a pin." Then the parsonage will be looked after, so that the next pastor will find things ready for his coming.

Preston.

S. Crutchfield, Jan. 31: The first Quarterly Conference of Preston charge was held the 28th and 29th inst. Our presiding elder, Dr. Alderson, was with us and preached four excellent sermons to the edification and profit of us all. It will be gratifying to former pastors of Pottsboro and Preston to know their labors have not been in vain in Preston. I see the footprints of May, Vinson, Reynolds, Bounds, Leatherwood, Fuller, Davis and others still remaining. This appointment has been connected for years with Pottsboro, but now stands alone, and our noble band of Christian men and women are at work building a parsonage for the occupancy of their pastor and will soon have it completed. We have one of the finest Sunday-schools in the district, and a most excellent corps of teachers; more than 100 in attendance at Sunday-school. My stewards have agreed to pay me \$400 for the rest of this year and have paid one-fourth of the same, although I have been here only one month.

Iowa Park.

Jno. Moore, Feb. 6: On coming to this work we met with a very cordial reception. We have been received kindly by the people at all of the appointments. Our people are both intelligent and loyal. On Jan. 28 and 29 our first Quarterly Conference was held. Bro. Pierce, the presiding elder, was on hand, presiding and preaching to the pleasure and profit of all. His sermon on Sunday was a masterpiece, and will never be forgotten by the large congregation that heard, for in his argument he triumphantly swept away every vestige of materialism. There was a good attendance of official members at the business session. A liberal assessment was made for the pastor, and a good report made for the first quarter. We have been pounded again and again. Everybody speaks well of the Advocate, and I am trying to place it in every Methodist home. We are hoping and trusting for a good year. Our work is scattered, but our people are appreciative. Bro. Davis wrought well and his work abides.

Ponder and Krum.

Charles P. Martin, Junior Preacher, Feb. 6: Please tell our friends that we are well pleased with our new charge. The first Quarterly Conference convened last Saturday. Owing to the inclement weather the official members were not out in full force. A liberal assessment was made for ministerial support—\$500 for pastor in charge and \$326 for junior preacher. Bro. L. G. White ate no idle bread while on this charge. He did some work that will stand as a monument to his untiring energy, and the liberality and devotion of the people. And we trust the good work will go on under the present regime. If present indications count for anything, this will be a prosperous year for us. We are working and praying for showers of spiritual refreshing from the presence of the Lord over the entire charge. District Conference meets with us at Krum the last of April. We are looking forward to that occasion with happy anticipation. The junior preacher is attending school at the Polytechnic College in connection with his ministerial duties. Our people are in sympathy with us, and the plan is an admirable one. The Advocate is no stranger in our midst, several copies being taken; and we are succeeding in getting new subscribers. We have observed that Methodist people who read the Advocate are usually alive to the interests of our Zion, and are ready to respond to her every need.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Wellington.

J. B. Curry, Jan. 31: We are well into our second year's pastorate at Wellington, and the outlook is for a fine year. We have already had success—have had a revival since conference. Rev. Jas. A. Walkup came to me on the 16th inst. and preached for ten days. He is a success as a revivalist. The plain gospel messages he delivered took hold of the people, and notwithstanding the fact that the weather was very bad, much good was accomplished. There were much interest among the unconverted; had some conversions and eight accessions to the church. And best of all—save the conversions—it prepared the church for a second year's work. Yes, we have had the pounding. Wellington "never faileth." Good things are coming to the parsonage all the time, but

the real pounding came during the meeting and was gotten up by two young men, Messrs. C. E. Scott and Wade Arnold. This did not end their expressions of kindness, but on the last night of the meeting wife was presented with a twenty dollar purse. For these things are we profoundly grateful. May God give us a great year in spiritual things. Brethren, if you need help remember Brother Walkup; he is the pastor's friend.

Wingate.

A. E. Turney, Feb. 2: Our work is moving off nicely this, the second year, on this charge. We have organized an Epworth League with forty-three members that is doing good work; have also organized a Sunday-school, and feel very much encouraged to make this the best year of our ministry. Our first Quarterly Conference is in the past; finances were all raised over the assessment of last year; our new presiding elder, Brother Bolton, made lasting impressions on our people for good. Since conference good things have been finding their way to the parsonage continually, which were received with open hearts. Then during Christmas holidays we had a special invitation to take dinner at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slater, when a pounding came in earnest. The good people of Slater's Chapel know how to make the preacher feel at home, and, with the bright prospects before us, we take courage and go forward.

Vernon Circuit.

M. L. Moody, Feb. 6: Our people received us kindly, and quite a number of tokens of interest have been manifested during these weeks. It is with pleasure we note the growing interest of the members in a larger development of the spiritual life of the Church in the charge. We are now nearing the end of a month of the coldest weather this country has experienced for years, but it is fine on the land, though trying on the stock. General crop prospects are more encouraging than for some time. Our people are rejoicing over our local option victory. We expect a great year.

Salado.

C. S. Cameron, Feb. 6: On Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in January we began a meeting here. The pastor in charge did the preaching the first week; then came Rev. W. H. Crawford, of Troy, and did some faithful work for several days, in which time there were several conversions; then Rev. K. S. Vanzandt, of Iredell, came and preached for three days, when the blizzard came and closed the services. We had intended to continue the meeting indefinitely, the interest was growing rapidly and several had professed conversion, three joined the Church, when we suddenly had to close. Great good was done and the Church was very much revived. I feel sure the earnest work of these men of God will result in much good to the Church here in the near future. We are making some progress on the entire charge. We serve a good people and look for greater prosperity.

Colorado Mission.

M. Phelan: This country is fast settling up with people from all parts of the State. Portions of it have been worked over with strange isms, many of which I never heard of before. But everywhere are to be found members of old-fashioned Methodist families, who hold family prayer, read their Bibles and live its religion, name their boys for our Bishops, or for John Wesley, and take the Advocate. And where these things are and abound, they make a country, and it won't remain barren nor unfruitful long. Most of the congregations are small, and, with one exception, are worshipping in school-houses. But we are working industriously toward the erection of some new church buildings. The long delayed enterprise at Union is now on foot. The Building Committee met last week, organized, and are now at work, so that we hope to have a new and creditable building by the close of April. J. M. Dorn, the father of the Church at Union, and whom every former pastor and presiding elder remembers—for they used to hold Quarterly Conferences at his house—is the President of the Building Committee. There is also a good prospect for a new church house at Cuthbert, and at no distant day Bro. Martin and the faithful people at R-Bar will have a new building going up there. We have planned to organize a new Sunday-school there on my next visit.

Temple—First Church.

M. S. Hotchkiss: We are now very comfortably domiciled in one of the best parsonages in the State. This broad-gauged congregation determined to build a pastor's home in keeping with their already elegant church building, and with A. F. Bentley, the Downs boys, W. E. Willis, and a strong Building Committee in the lead, they

projected and have completed one of the most modern, commodious and elegant parsonages in the connection, and some days ago the preacher and his family were instructed to move in and enjoy its convenience and comforts. The Woman's Home Mission Society, which has already paid \$500 on the building, have now undertaken to furnish the house, and the President, Mrs. E. H. Wynne, assisted by Mesdames Flora Hutcherson, McKnight, Buchanan, Brady, Bently, Willis, and about fifty others, will soon have furniture in keeping with their beautiful, elegant \$3,500 home. A splendid range has already been placed, giving hot water connections through the house. Window shades, at a cost of \$60, have been purchased and placed, and Mesdames Hutcherson and McKnight have to hand nearly \$100 for purchasing art-square for the parlor, and providing floor coverings for the reception hall and stairway. From the first our reception has been most cordial and happy. Everybody seems genuinely interested in the welfare of the preacher and his family, and desirous of contributing in some way to their comfort and pleasure. We were instructed to draw on the bank if in need of money. The officials paid the rent, when we lived in a hired house waiting for the completion of the parsonage; and the good women said, "What do you need? Tell us: we will get it for you." The official Board, one of the best I have ever known, instructs the preacher to go to the bank monthly and receive his salary in full, and the presiding elder is paid in full quarterly. They have also taken charge of the assessments by the Annual Conference, and are collecting this monthly, with the salaries, relieving the pastor of this work that he may give his time to "the ministry of the world." Truly "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places," and the pastor and family pray God's richest blessings upon this noble, generous, people. We have had a number of conversions and thirty-three additions to the church. The Sunday-school is carefully graded and thoroughly organized, and under the efficient direction of Capt. J. E. Binkley, superintendent of the city school, and my Sunday-school superintendent fifteen years ago at Columbus, Texas, is doing splendid work and gives great promise. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has added fourteen new members, and about an equal number have joined the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The Epworth League has enjoyed a good increase, and has more than doubled its efficiency. Prof. F. C. A. Lehmborg is President, and we are operating every department of the League. The year opens with great promise. Our chief desire and prayer is for a sweeping revival of religion. Will all our friends join us in prayer until this is accomplished?

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rains County Gone Dry.

S. Stephen McKenney, Jan. 31: It will be of interest to the Advocate readers to know that another victory has been scored in behalf of prohibition. Last Saturday, Jan. 28th, witnessed the defeat of our anti friends by a majority of 44 votes in the county of Rains. Emory, our county seat, was the stronghold of the saloon and was being rapidly overrun by such classes as would prove hurtful to the moral life of any civilized community. Now we can hear of saloon men who are going to move into those communities where the saloon is a welcome institution. During the campaign our cause was ably represented by competent officers and speakers. The management was largely in the hands of Rev. L. E. Masters, pastor of the Baptist Church of this town. Revs. John Carney, of Weatherford, and C. M. Martin, together with Mr. R. C. Dial, proprietor of The Greenville Banner, spoke throughout the county on prohibition. It was our privilege to accompany Bro. Dial to several of his appointments, and we have never heard a clearer or more entertaining speaker on the subject. He is a very spiritual man and a prominent Methodist, having been a delegate to our last General Conference in Dallas. Perhaps it may not be amiss to say in this connection that we have had a splendid start on the Emory charge for the present year. We have everywhere been cordially received and met by large and responsive congregations. The salaries have been assessed at more than twice what the charge has paid for years, and arrangements have been made (for at least the greater part) to be paid monthly in advance. Since conference we have received into the Church 21 persons, mostly by letter, and we have in view quite a number of others yet to be received. There is some church and parsonage improvement to be made in the near future to which due attention is being given and for which proper provision will be made. The outlook is decidedly hopeful, and we are determined by

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Buckholts.

H. G. Williams, Feb. 1: Friday night after our conference adjourned at Marshall we were in our new home at Buckholts, and notwithstanding the bad weather, we have filled every appointment to date. Held Church Conference at some points, did some straightening up of Church registers, dismissed some members and received some; built a crib, buggy shed and stable, and some of the brethren built us a good yard and lot fence. The parsonage is a nice little house well finished. It was built last year by my predecessor, Rev. A. T. Walker, who has left a good name here, and his work will abide for years to come. The parsonage is in debt, but we hope to pay that off this year. We spent four years on the Lyons charge, and left many good friends there who worked with us and prayed for us to the last; and we shall never forget their faithfulness. We hear that Bro. Eugene Potter is moving things there as perhaps no other man could do, being "the right man in the right place." We have an excellent people here, and they are easy to please, for they are satisfied with their preacher this year. There are five churches on the work, and they have all received us well. Salem, which is nine miles from the parsonage, is one of the best organizations, and has one of the best church houses for the country in the Texas Conference. These people gave us a nice pounding some time since, there being a wagon load. We shall only mention a few things, such as 50 pounds home raised lard, ham, shoulders, bacon, flour, corn, hay, potatoes, chickens, turkeys, many things too numerous to mention, and in fact too

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 To our longing hearts be given?
 Shall we share in full fruition,
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Test the hope by life's done duty,
 Surest link in love's strong chain,
 Faithful in earth's scenes of beauty,
 Faithful too 'mid grief and pain.

Of his death have we partaken?
 Shared with him in suffering too?
 By the world have been forsaken,
 Walking onward with the few?

Then hope springs up, strong and
 at-dfast,
 Deep within the heart's pure fount;
 Self and sin to the cross nailed fast,
 When Jesus now on the mount.

And along life's earthly pathway,
 God's sure promises appear,
 All who trust him and obey,
 The Master's welcome, there will
 hear.
 —Hattie Long.

ETHEL'S AUTOGRAPH ALBUM.

Ethel ran in from the porch where she had been reading her Sunday-school paper. "Just see this, mamma. The inside of Shakespeare's house was all covered with names of visitors. It was a kind of autograph album, wasn't it? The minister who writes about it says our hearts are like that house. Isn't that funny? You read it, mamma."

"So mamma read it. 'Yes,' she said, 'everything we see or hear or feel or speak or think is written on the walls of the heart. And you can try for yourself and see if catching the good in everything does not make you happy.'

"Oh, tell me how to begin," cried Ethel. "I mean to have a beautiful autograph album, and mine will be alive. Tell me how to begin; then I'll run over to Sadie's and tell her that I have a beautiful live autograph album. And she will want to see it and wish she had one, and I will tell her that she has one just like mine. How surprised she will be to think she has such a wonderful album and does not know it! How shall I begin, mamma?"

Mamma smiled, and said, softly: "Love would be a good name to write in your heart album to-day, I think. It will shine like a little sun, and it will shine into the heart of every one you meet, and show you something lovable there."

"Every one?"

"Yes."

"Oh-h!" said Ethel, with a deep breath. "Will it light up something lovable in the hearts of the boys that call names and throw stones, and in the heart of Maggie Flint, who treads on my heels when I am coming home from school, and in Kate Stone's heart? She is the proud girl, you know, and won't speak to me. Do you think there could be anything lovable to light up in her?"

"Try it, and see," said mamma. "Remember, you must think of nothing but the name in your own heart, and let it shine. Let all the names that you do not love go, for if you write them in your heart they will make such a smoke that the light can not get through."

"How queer! I'm going to begin right now."

Ethel stood still for a moment. "There," she said, "I have written it six times in bright letters like sunshine, and now I am going to Sadie's."

On the way Ethel saw an old man ahead of her. He was bent over, and carrying a basket that appeared to be very heavy. His shoes were rusty, his clothes faded and patched, his hair and beard grizzled, and he muttered crossly as he shuffled along slowly with his burden.

"Oh, dear!" sighed Ethel, "if there isn't that dreadful old Mr. Peter Conner. He'll scowl at me, I suppose, but I won't be scared a bit this time. I'll make believe I am not scared any way. My! I wonder if there can be anything lovely inside of his heart. I'll shine my bright name in, anyway. It will be like a searchlight, showing up things you can't see in the dim lights. Good-morning, Mr. Conner."

Mr. Conner stopped short and grunted, but he was so surprised to hear himself spoken to pleasantly, and to see such a smiling face raised to his, that he forgot to scowl.

"Couldn't I help you with your basket?" asked Ethel. "I'm real strong." Then the old man had to smile. "I'll be jiggered if ever I saw such a girl

as you, miss." He had set his basket down, and with his hands on his sides he straightened up a little and looked at her curiously from under his shaggy eyebrows.

"Why, you see me every day almost. I am Ethel Mayhew, and I live in that white house with the long row of holly-hocks next the wall."

But the old man shook his head. "Never saw you before," he said. "Never saw anything but bad children who laughed at me, and called me names and threw stones."

Ethel's cheeks flamed so red that the man hastened to add: "Not meaning you, of course. I never saw you."

All in a minute Ethel had a thought, and the smile grew into a laugh and the dimples danced in her cheek. "I've got a secret, a beautiful secret, Mr. Conner," she said, "and if you will sit down here on this big stone, I will tell it to you."

Mr. Conner chuckled to himself and patted his knees with his crooked hands as he sat down on the big stone. He kept very still and looked straight into the grass, as solemn as a crow, while Ethel told her secret. "Now, Mr. Conner," she said, when she had finished, "you try it too, won't you? Just see what you can find in those boys and girls, and I'll see what I can find, and I'll come around next Saturday and we will tell each other what we find."

"It's a bargain," said Mr. Conner. Promptly on Saturday morning Ethel appeared at the door of the little hut where Peter Conner and his two dogs lived. Her eyes were very bright and she looked as though she had a lot to tell.

"Hello, little gal, what diskiveries have ye made?" he asked, so cheerfully that Ethel could scarcely believe this was the same Peter Conner. And he had brushed his clothes, and scrubbed his hands, and combed his hair, and his hut was as neat as a pin.

"Why, it's all a great joke," said Ethel. "I thought it was other folks, and it's all myself."

"Jes' so, jes' so, little gal," said Peter, and he chuckled and patted his knees. "That's what I have been findin' out. Cur'us, ain't it?"

"As soon as I began to be different to other folks, they begin to be different to me."

"Jes' so, jes' so," said Peter. And when they had told each other their stories, and Ethel had said good-by and was skipping on toward her little friend Sadie's, old Peter Conner sat in the doorway and patted his knees, and about once in five minutes exclaimed: "Well, I'll be jiggered!"—Mildred Norman, in Zion's Herald.

ABOUT BOYS.

One boy I have seen I would not recommend for any position whatever. He is bright and energetic, he has winning manners, but he is dishonest.

What does he do? He cheats in little, mean ways—and thinks it's smart. He writes a note on the corner of a newspaper, and mails it at newspaper rates; he holds his railroad ticket in such a way that when the conductor punches it the boy gets three rides where he should have but two, and then boasts of "getting the better" of the railroad; he borrowed a pencil when he entered an office on trial, and the pencil went away in his pocket. He has no keen sense of honor, he has lost his self-respect, and, worse still, he does not know it.

"John," said a lady in the office where John was employed, "don't you live near the corner of Fifth Street and West Avenue?" Yes, he did. "Then will you take this parcel around there on your way home?"

John did not quite dare to say "No," but he grumbled out after the lady had turned away. "There's no money in working overtime." He never knew that one listener might have recommended him for a better position, nor that his surly remark lost him the chance.

"What he wants," two men were talking of a third, "is a truck that will come right up to a job and load itself." Tom was that kind of a boy. He would do his work—yes, but in a grudging sort of way, and never in the way he was told to do it if he could possibly devise another. Unless constantly called to order, he would tip back his chair in his leisure moments, put his feet on top of the table and drum with his fingers. Tom lost his place after a very short trial, and so will every boy who takes no pains to do as he is told or to be courteous.

Then, there was Jimmie. Jimmie met me one freezing cold night when I was waiting on the corner for my car. He pulled up his thin, little jacket—I could see a cotton waist under it, and stuck his hands into his pockets. "That's a brave little fellow," I said to myself.

"Waiting for the cars?" he called. Then he danced toward me and held out a key. "See," he cried, "I unlock the cars with this," and his eyes shone. He saw that I understood his bit of cheery fun, and I think he must have known that I like boys. Jimmie is a philosopher.

"Across the lake? Take you over for one cent. Just as cheap as the bridge."

"No, thank you. I want to go down to the pavilion."

"Take you down there for five cents."

"All right! That's cheaper than walking," and I stepped into the boat, leaned back at mine ease on the cushioned seat, and watched the young oarsman. He couldn't have been more than twelve years old. He had a frank, clear face, and he managed the oars as if used to them.

The camera in my hand gave the clue for opening conversation, and I soon learned that he owned one, and could use it, too. But he discovered that "it costs a good deal to keep up a camera," and, being fond of music, he had agreed to a proposal by his mother to change it for a mandolin.

Of course he rode a wheel. "Can you swim?" I asked.

"Oh, yes! Mother wouldn't let me go out with the boat if I couldn't."

Our ride was all too short for the talk with the active young American who had an eye for business, who believed in his mother, and whose mother trusted him.

Coming from an office to which business occasionally calls me, I met a newsboy with the evening papers under his arm. Selecting one from the big bundle, and folding it with care as he spoke, he said, "Mail and Express?" in the confident tone of one who knew what the answer would be.

Smiling assent and taking out my purse, I asked, "How did you know I wanted a Mail and Express?"

"Oh, you've bought it from me two or three times," he replied, quickly.

"Well, you remember me better than I do you," I said.

"It's worth while to remember your customers," was his answer.

One of these days that boy will be a treasure to an employer, and his customers will come again and again, and buy of him something more valuable than the daily papers.—The American Boy.

IT'S VERY HARD.

"It's very hard to have nothing to eat but porridge when others have every sort of dainty," muttered Dick as he sat with his wooden bowl before him. "It's very hard to have to get up so early on these bitter cold mornings and work all day, when others can enjoy themselves without an hour of work. It's very hard to have to trudge along through the snow while others roll about in their coaches."

"It's a great blessing," said his grandmother, as she sat at her knitting, "to have food when so many are hungry. It's a great blessing to have a roof over one's head when so many are homeless. It's a great blessing to have sight and hearing and strength for daily labor when so many are blind, deaf, or suffering."

"Why, grandmother, you seem to think that nothing is hard," said the boy, still in a grumbling tone.

"No, Dick, there is one thing that I do think very hard."

"What's that?" cried Dick, who thought that at last his grandmother had found some cause for complaint.

"Why, boy, I think that heart is very hard that is not thankful for so many blessings."—Exchange.

BIRTHDAY IN JAPAN.

The Japanese have a queer way of celebrating birthdays. Instead of a party in June for little Tama, and a party in September for little O-Tatsu, and a party in December for little Ume, there's a party in February in honor of all little girls, and one in May for all little boys. In February every little girl receives from all her grown-up relatives and friends gifts of dolls, and besides these dolls her mother takes out of the closet many of the dolls she had when she was a child, some even older dolls that the little girl's grandmother had when she was a little tot; and I dare say there are dolls that belonged to the little girl's great-grandmother, and even her great-great-grandmother—quaint dolls in faded clothes of a hundred years and more ago, carefully handed down from mother to daughter ever since. I saw one doll, about six inches tall, dressed as a daimio, or great lord of bygone times, in gorgeous brocade robes, covered with steel armor of little overlapping plates, just as beautifully made as if for a real warrior. He wore a tiny helmet, and carried two tiny swords not as large as matches. You could draw the swords out of their scabbards just like real ones, and they were as sharp as they could be. Well, for about a week all Japan is one

grand dolls' tea party! And then the festival is over, and all the best dolls, even the presents to the little girl, are put carefully away, never to be even looked at for a whole year. I don't see how the little Japanese girls can bear that part of it.

Then at the first of May comes the boys' festival—the Fish Festival. It is called, Every family that's lucky enough to have a boy puts up a flag pole in the dooryard; or perhaps several families combine to use the same pole, and have it a bigger, handsomer one than the one family could afford. On the top of the pole is a gull ball, or else a basket with something bright and tinsely in it. And flying from the pole, in the brisk spring winds, is a whole string of carp, made of oiled paper or cloth, painted in bright colors, and anywhere from five to fifteen feet long. Each fish belongs to some particular boy, and the carp is chosen because it is a big, strong fish, and not only can swim against the most rapid currents, but in its eagerness to get upstream will leap straight up waterfalls. The gold ball means a treasure, which the carp, leaping and struggling, buffeted by the wind, is forever trying to reach. And the whole thing means that the boy, when he is a man, will have to battle his way as the sturdy carp struggles up the river. The fishes look so very pretty and gay, flying over his house, and the boy gets so many treats of Fish Festival time, that I don't think he minds even if the carp is a nice little jolly lecture on ambition.—St. Nicholas.

WHERE THE MISTAKE LAY.

"Never put your name to a certificate of a piece of work unless you know it is worthy," said the late Senator George F. Hoar, in an address to students. "Throw up your job first. Let no employer's command move you to do that which you know is wrong. The city of Lowell was built on the Merrimac River. Dams and canals were constructed to conserve the water power. There was no competent engineer for such work in America at that time. A young Englishman named Francis came over, and was employed. He looked over the work already done. He learned that, sixty years before, there had been a great flood in the valley. He went to the directors of the company, and said: 'Gentlemen, you must rebuild Lowell, and the works.'

"We can't do that," was the answer. "We have spent large sums, and must take a risk."

"Then, gentlemen," said Francis, "here is my resignation."

"The directors reconsidered, and rebuilt under Francis' direction. In a year a flood came, and the town and the works stood the test. Under the former conditions they would have been swept off the face of the earth. There is a lesson for you. Learn it."—Success.

A SUNSHINY SOUL.

Outside it was raining heavily. Inside—well, inside the weather was threatening, to say the least. One of the nurses, going to the linen-room with an armful of fresh towels, shook her head sympathetically at another, who was just going into the ward.

"I pity ourselves to-day," she said.

"I know—it will be hard to keep the children bright," the other answered. A nurse was taking temperatures and marking charts that hung at the head of each white bed. She stopped a moment, and looked down at one especially listless face pressed soberly against the pillow.

"Don't you want some of the scrap-books to look over, Jennie?" she asked. Jennie's weak voice was utterly uninterested. "No," she answered.

The nurse's voice kept its brightness in spite of her discouragement: "Then, don't you want me to bring you one of the puzzles? You could play with it nicely there."

"No, I don't want any," Jennie answered, wearily.

A hand pulled at the nurse's skirt, and she turned quickly. The thin, pale, sharpened face of the girl in the next bed smiled at her cheerfully.

"Don't bother about Jennie. I guess I can make her do something," she said, in a low voice.

The nurse bent over her with a swift, caressing touch. "Thank you, little assistant," she said, tenderly.

She went on about her work, but it did not seem so hard or so hopeless any more.

Maggie lay thinking for a few minutes. She opened her eyes when the sharpest pain had passed, and called across to the next bed, "Jennie!"

"What is it?" Jennie answered, listlessly.

"Jennie, let's 'see things.' We haven't for ever so long. You wanted to the other day, you know."

"Well," Jennie answered, doubtfully: "you'll have to begin, though."

"Oh, yes, I'll begin. Well, then, I see some great red roses, just as soft and dark as velvet; and they feel all

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cool when you touch them, and they smell—my! don't they smell sweet?"

"I know something prettier than that," Jennie answered. "It's violets—a lady gave me some once. They ain't anything like 'em, velvet, nor nothing else. I 'most cried when they withered. That's prettier than yours, Maggie Dulin!"

"But I see something else," Maggie went on. "It is a great green place, and the grass is all nice and thick under your feet, and it's full of the beautiful flowers—yellow, and white, and all colors, and there ain't no sign up to keep off the grass—you kin jest lay in it all day long. And ther's birds in the trees, and you never heard nothin' sing like them; and you kin see the sky, jest miles of it, and you kin most taste the air, it's so sweet."

Round the ward word sped quickly. "Maggie's seeing things!" Children who could walk went over to her corner; wheel chairs rolled there; from some of the cots eager patients sent messages to her, and waited for hers back again. The dull day was forgotten, and the long room was crowded with vision. Flowers bloomed there, and birds sang, and happy girls went to parties or cherished wonderful dolls. The gladness of the world was theirs, as God meant it to be; and all because one girl knew how to keep fresh in her life every bit of beauty she had seen.

The doctor smiled as he went his rounds. "She's as good medicine as the sunshine," he said.

"Poor little thing!" the nurse answered, with a loving glance toward the corner.

The doctor corrected her. "It's the heart that makes one rich or poor—rich little thing!" he said.—Mabel Nelson Thurston, in Woman's Journal.

There are no swordless saints.

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Devotional and Spiritual

THOUGHTS FROM BISHOP WILSON'S SERMON.

Text, I John 4:2-3: "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of anti-Christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come—and even now it is already in the world."

The question of man's relationship with God is the most vital question that ever was raised. It can only be decided by some decisive and unmistakable test. It can not be decided by an intellectual test alone. It is a matter of that higher and more profound knowledge, in which the intellect is hardly a participant, for it appeals to the highest part of man's nature. It must have for its correct solution something that appeals to both sides of man's nature, the natural side on the one hand, and upon the other it must appeal more forcibly to the spiritual.

If, as scientific men to-day would say, we are shut up to material things and can only infer and deduce from these things the highest things, we are in a very hopeless state. The best inquirers have said very clearly that science cannot help us in this, and the world has never been content with any sort of proof offered from the natural side. The heathen world went so far as to drag God down to the level of men, and the heathen gods were but the apotheoses of man's ideas, but the dissatisfaction and unrest of the world furnished one of the best proofs that men will never be content with the merely natural side. The question has been asked, "Is it possible, is it true that God should come to men's senses, should come to men's intellect, and should reach the heart or man; or is it but a dream of the mystics and philosophers?" It was a question that was acute in apostolic days. It was a sharp and urgent question—more so than with us, for we have at least the form of godliness. Outside of the Church even there is an atmosphere which has gone out from the Churches, and men can but see there is something beyond the natural, but in the apostolic days it was different. There was wickedness on every side. Men came to consider the question with prejudiced minds. Having eyes, they saw not, and having ears, they heard not.

The apostles said positively, "There is such a Spirit of God. We know it, for we feel him." They did not rest even upon the word of the prophets, great as they were. There was no man before John the Baptist who had a clearer tone than Isaiah, who said, "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." He was there in the temple built by Solomon, with the smoke of the incense and the songs of the worshippers about him, but none of these things attracted him, for in the midst of the worshippers he saw the

Lord, and went out and said, "I have seen Him, not in form and ceremony, but upon His throne." But when he stood in that awful presence, he said, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." So prophecy was but a message of men. In the days of the apostles men came with a better hope. They had the highest test. They said, "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God," and that relations between God and man have been established. We walk with him as did Enoch. To use the apostle's highest term, "We sit together with him." There is no higher test, brethren. It is not a matter of intellectual demonstration, for there is no intellect in all of earth that is equal to it. If it had been a matter of intellect, they would not have said what they did. You can not find to-day greater brains, or depths of insight, than had those men who had searched out these things centuries before Christ came. Paul was acquainted with them and said, "The natural man knoweth not the things of God, for they are spiritually discerned." Intellect may frame a theology out of them, but the intellect will not bring out truth. If it were the intellect, nine-tenths of the world would be excluded, for they could not reach it. It would take men of great intellect many years of toil; many persons would be kept out, and we could not say, "God so loved the world." God's meaning was broader and deeper than that. There is spirit in man, and God speaks to that. "We preach wisdom," says Paul, "not of the princes of this world which come to naught, but the wisdom of God in a mystery"—mystery meaning a truth to those who were initiated. God's plan includes all. Paul said, "Warning every man and teaching every man, that we might present every man perfect." John, who had the innocence of childhood, such innocence as God gives only to children, said, "We make known to every man that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh." There is a basis, a starting point. The whole thing is utterly void and false unless Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. Take that out and the rest is nothing. It is anti-Christ, the prophecy of utter unbelief and departure from God.

On one side is the pure historic fact that Jesus of Nazareth lived eighteen centuries ago. The world hardly disputes that to-day. It is a part of the world's history. John, who wrote about Him, "That which was from the beginning . . . that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you," gives a pure historic fact. Paul likewise tells us of the witnesses who had been and talked with Him. The gospel records, brief as they are, are amply sufficient to show it. He appeared to the chief priests, scribes and common people, showed signs of common humanity, was distressed, hungry, wearied. No man then thought of disputing it, but made it a matter of reproach, as a prophet had said would be done, that He was a man of sorrows. The records of the world clearly come down to us that this man Jesus did live. Not only that testimony, but the record of the world since shows it. It has never been the same world since. Not even the historian who hated Christ would deny that Jesus had changed the history of the world. It was not three centuries before He had changed the history of Rome, and since then the course of events shows that Jesus did live. Millions were ready to die for Jesus, and thousands did go down in death and near His time, too. There is no nobler monument to the fact that Jesus lived than the Church. Every brick in the church buildings, every service, says, "We

acknowledge thee, O Christ, to be our Lord." That is the historic side of it. The world can take that. The intellect can take that. We stand upon that historic fact that Jesus is here. You can not wipe him out of the world's history. That is where the apostles began. When Peter went to Cornelius, he told him of "Jesus of Nazareth." He did not even call Him "the Christ." Men have tried to make it appear that Christ Jesus merely looked like a man, that he was not a real man, but a sham. They have dwelt upon that, and magnified that, that God could never come into immediate contact with man. The Apostles, like men of common sense, planted themselves upon the manhood of Christ, and went about preaching Jesus and him crucified. Go and stand where the agonized form of Jesus is on the cross, with the blood trickling down, watch the water and blood pouring forth at the thrusting in of the spear, and hear John say of this historic man, "This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood." When the blood comes, you have a man with all the attributes of a man. This world is a new world because Jesus lived. It is new in one sense because Napoleon lived, for he changed the trend of thought and the aspirations of a multitude of people, but his was a baneful example of intense selfishness and ambition that men should make the world subject to their will. Jesus has left no such effect. The Church is the most orderly of all bodies, and is the custodian of the peace of the world.

But there are things that history can not give. When the Syrian army was about Dothan, in which Elisha and his servant were, the servant saw them and said, "Alas, master, what shall we do?" Elisha answered, "They that be with us are more than they that be with them," and then his eyes were opened and he saw the horses and chariots of fire. I suppose he was the only man in all Israel, except Elisha, who saw them or had the power to see them. When Elisha asked that a double portion of Elijah's spirit might rest upon him, Elijah replied, "If thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee." When suddenly Elijah was taken away, Elisha exclaimed, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and horsemen thereof." That gift of seeing spiritual things is needed to-day, and you can not see them by natural means. On one side, the world can never get away from the natural fact of Jesus, and upon the other the Church holds to the spiritual side. There are many persons to-day who say that Christ was only a man. The whole Unitarian contention is a denial of the Church's mission—to testify that Jesus is the Son of God, and hence the Savior of the world. No man, we are told, can say it but of God. We have much formal acknowledgment that Jesus is the Son of God, and hence the Savior of the world. No man, we are told, can say it but of God. We have much formal acknowledgment that Jesus is Christ. The apostles had something much higher than that. They knew they had been sinners, and when sin was taken away, new life was put into them, and that experience was the basis of all their confidence in God. Men began to analyze these things, until it crystallized into the creeds of to-day, but it began upon this plane. They heard Jesus preach and were converted. They said, "Who can say such things, but God?" and while the formal creeds were not formulated until centuries later, there has not been a day but that this experience was known, that Jesus is the Savior, that he can give remission of sins.

We must make no mistake upon this point. I do not want any man condemned unquestioningly. God is truer than man. There is many a man who would confess himself a

Unitarian (and John would say that is anti-Christ), in an intellectual way, and yet, who renders allegiance to him. I remember Channing, the preacher, who did not call Jesus Lord, but who did give him all the attributes of Lordship. It is possible for a man to be overwhelmed by intellectual difficulties, and yet have the testimony of Jesus deep in his heart. Intellectually it may not be a matter of any confession, and yet he may say, "What I know not, that teach thou me." Intellectually his confession of Christ may be impossible, but I thank God we are not living wholly upon intellect.

Jesus Christ had a life before he came upon earth. "He was made in the likeness of men," not to mislead or deceive. He intended to be taken as a man. His manhood was genuine. Apostolic testimony is, "There is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Yet there is a higher truth. There was not a tear that fell from His eye that was not God's tear, there was not a pain that he suffered but that it was God's pain. Everything he did was divine. God was manifested in the flesh. Sometimes I find it hard to understand how this flesh can be brought near to God, for all of us came out of the gutter of human degradation. Yet what we are seeking is to be brought to God. We can say, "It is God that I want above all things, and if you can show me that God suffered and died, then I am content." Jesus shows it, when he says, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father. I am in the Father and the Father is in me." That is what the apostle meant when he spoke of the new and living way. Through Christ we can come, and, despite our human weakness, God can come and say, "Come, I am your Father."

That is why the apostles were insistent upon this matter. That was the only necessary test. "If you confess after the scriptural sort that Jesus is the Son of God, then you have the divine testimony. You do not need flaming mountains, like Sinai, but you have the Spirit in your heart, crying Abba, Father." Brethren, there is no use to attempt to shift the burden. Jesus Christ never framed a ritual nor organized a creed. We have to say, "I know that Jesus lives and dwells in me." The prime mover to-day is the indwelling Spirit of God. If God is out of it, then the world is as dead as the moon. If God is in our hearts, then heaven is opening, the clouds are rolling away and the glory of God is there, as when Stephen saw Christ on the right hand of God, sitting on the throne. And He tells us that because we believe that He came in the flesh, we shall sit on the throne with Him. Do not let that die out of your experience, out of your hearts. The Spirit that is within us testifies that Jesus was raised up that he might give remission of sins. We have only to hold fast to this to effect the conquest of the world, for it is Jesus who overcomes the world.

Paul said, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." It is the world's hope, that Jesus came, the exalted Prince, in order that he might give remission of sins. We can only preach Him that He is revealed by the Spirit of God. "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God." If any man denies that He is come, he simply tries to dig away the ground beneath our faith and hope.—Baltimore Southern Methodist.

THE TENDER CHRIST.

When He came into this world on an errand of mercy He found the race like the bruised reed. His spiritual mission the Jews could not understand. The galling yoke of political and spiritual bondage pressed heavily upon them. Yet He was tender toward them from

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the very beginning. At first He took a little leaven of truth with which to renew the whole lump. He began by planting a grain of mustard seed in the soil. He was ever considerate of them. All along His ministry He had in His heart "to say many things unto them," but He knew "they could not bear them," so weak and bruised were they. He began in His teaching to unfold such rudimentary truths as they could apprehend. He would not "break the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax."

Our Lord's intercourse with his disciples furnishes an illustration of his tenderness. They understood but little of his spiritual kingdom. They often exhibited pride and ambition. They fled from him during his trial. They were timid during his abode in the sepulcher, and yet when he arose he did not hesitate to call them brethren. Verily, Jesus did not then break the bruised reed nor "scorn the meanest name."

Nor does he in our day. Where is there sorrow, disappointment, unrest, or guilt? Lo, Jesus is present there. He comes not to chide, but to help; not to condemn, but to save. The centuries have not changed his attitude toward needy souls. Sinful self-depreciation should not keep us from him. Spiritual depression should not overcome us. His heart is tender, with an unspeakable impulse to succor us. Believe him, and salvation is ours.—Primitive Methodist.

Whenever souls are being tried and ripened, in whatever commonplace and homely ways, there God is hewing out the pillars for his temple. Oh, if the stone can only have some vision of the temple of which it is to lie a part forever, what patience must fill it as it feels the blows of the hammer, and knows that success for it is simply to let itself be wrought into what shape the Master wills.—Phillips Brooks.

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

I left Dallas Wednesday night on my way to Mexico, and reached Austin next morning, where I spent the day. I wanted to look in upon the Legislature for a time. I have promised to keep our readers apprised of what is going on in that body, and when I visit it personally I have fine opportunity for making observations. The people are very much interested now in many things pending before that body.

Speaker Seabury, who is a very able and a very charming man, gave me his personal card, which gives to me the right of way to the sessions of the Legislature and to the committee rooms; and in addition to this, I happen to know nearly every man in the Lower House and many of the members of the Senate. There are one hundred and thirty-three members in the former and thirty-two in the latter. The Lower House is the much more interesting of the two. It is fresh from the people and reflects their sentiment. Half of the members of the Senate are "hold overs." That is, they drew long terms out of a hat at the close of the last session. Hence, several of them are members who would not be had the people voted on their cases. At the time that "drawing" took place, there was much complaint as to its methods, and suspicion attached to it. A number of the members who drew short terms expressed much dissatisfaction with reference to it. So the Senate, as at present constituted, is not wholly a representative body. But the House is.

There are a number of bills now engaging attention of more than a passing interest. The tax bill is one. There is a heavy deficit confronting the Treasury, and this tax bill is intended to meet the deficiency. In it there is an effort being made to raise the taxes on railroads, banks, insurance companies and the like. This has brought a formidable lobby from these various interests to Austin, and they are bombarding the committee with speeches, and they are doing personal work with the members of the House to prevent the passage of the bill. You can not appreciate the influence of these people unless you could be present and see their workings. If the bill passes in its present form, it will be a miracle. The finest lawyers in the State and the best equipped business men are there

to obstruct its progress. It will be next to impossible for the members of that body to resist the efforts of such a combine.

Another bill is drawing the clans to Austin, and that is the uniform high license bill, introduced by Thos. B. Love, of Dallas, and Y. W. Holmes, of Gonzales. The purpose of this bill is to put all intoxicants, including beer, under a \$2000 license and to throw around the saloon additional restrictions. A few of the liquor men are said to favor this, but the bulk of them oppose it. They say it will drive the small dealers out of business, as they will not be able to pay the tax. All the brewers oppose it, and they are said to have dead loads of money with which to fight it. They want to continue under a cheap license, so as to keep open their dives and joints. They are in Austin in force, and they have their attorneys. They are doing everything on top side of earth to either kill or modify the measure. So the fight is on, and its progress will be watched with interest. One thing I have observed, and that is the people have no lobby there looking after their part of the fight in any of these matters. They seem to take it for granted that their representatives will guard their interests. Well, I trust they will not be disappointed. This high license bill would be a great advantage to those sections where local option sentiment does not exist. But a few temperance workers, for reasons best known to themselves, are opposed to the bill. I am not one of them.

Over in the Senate the cold storage bill is exciting attention. It was to have come up while I was there, but was not reached. That bill ought to pass, and may be it will, but a number of "hold over" Senators are bitterly opposed to it—among them Mr. Stafford, of Mineola. Yet he represents a totally dry section. Also Mr. Hanger, of Ft. Worth, who represents Parker and Hood Counties, which are dry, and Tarrant, which is dry except Ft. Worth. Others I might mention, but space forbids.

The lobby crowd are a liberal set. Many of them furnish such members as are bibulous with free beer and free tickets to the theaters. This is a cheap way to minister grafts, but it has its influence with a few people. There are many members of the Church in that body who never go to such places, but some do attend. They would not do it at home, but they are in Austin now, where it does not cost much for them to go!

I was told that the lobby, in some instances, do not hesitate to send cases of beer to the committee rooms, or nearby places, for the free use of those whom it wishes to influence. It is said that this has always been the custom of certain sections of this "third house," as the lobby is significantly called. If the people could only see some things that are going on in and around the capitol at the present time, they would open their eyes in wonder and astonishment.

G. C. R.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

I left Austin last Friday morning and reached Laredo at 3:30 p. m., a distance of 150 miles. I came from San Antonio over the International road, and it passed through a new country to me. Here and there you see a very good town, but the country looks to be sparsely settled. Occasionally I saw a farm under cultivation, but for the most part, the face of the earth is covered with cactus and mesquite bushes. It looks like a very good grazing section, and I presume live stock is the principal industry. As you approach Laredo, the Rio Grande bottoms are in evidence, and from the river water is utilized for irrigation purposes. Most anything will grow out of the soil when watered, for it is very fertile. But the staple product is onions. It has been learned that this vegetable,

when properly cultivated, is prolific and very large. And when the weather is favorable it is profitable. The ground is put in perfect condition as early as the first of December, and the onion slips are transplanted in it in loamy beds of long, straight rows, and by the first of January the crop is growing. By April it is mostly matured and being gathered for shipment. It will yield, on an average, four hundred dollars' worth of onions an acre, and the cost of production and shipping is one hundred dollars. So you see how profitable onion raising is. Last year one hundred and thirty odd carloads were shipped from this point, and this year the crop now growing is the largest yet planted. A wet season is had on the crop. In a dry season they "grow to perfection."

Brother Elliott, our pastor here, met me at the depot and conducted me to the good home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Daniel. Until recently they lived in Georgetown, but he was placed in charge of the International depot here and moved to this point about a year ago. It is a delight to be associated with them. Bro. W. C. Everett, of the Publishing House, came in Saturday morning, and he is here with me. The Mexican Border Mission Conference is in session here, and Bishop Candler is presiding. It takes in all of Texas from Seguin and Austin to this place and Eagle Pass, and goes into Mexico as far as Monterey. There are two presiding elders' districts, embracing about fifty charges. Brother King has the Monterey District, and Brother Gray has the San Antonio District. With the exception of two or three, the preachers are native Mexicans, and for the most part they are intelligent and devoted men. Their business is conducted in Spanish, and I understand but little of the proceedings of the conference. But its spirit is very much like our conferences in Texas. Bishop Candler has so far mastered the language as to conduct the most of the business of the conference in Spanish. But when he wants to lecture the brethren extensively on a given subject, he does it in English, and has an interpreter to put it in Spanish; and he lectures them quite a good deal and quite plainly. His wit and humor bubble up as naturally as when he presides over an American conference, and these Mexicans are quick to pick it up and appreciate it. They are making some progress, and their work is resolving itself into a steady and substantial method of progress.

I was introduced to the conference and accorded a warm welcome by the Bishop and the brethren. I made them a short speech in English, and Dr. George B. Winton, of the Nashville Advocate, put it into Spanish for me. He is a member of this body, and held in high esteem by these preachers. He and myself have our newspaper differences, and we occasionally hit each other hard, but this does not touch our personal relations in the slightest. He is a very brotherly man, and I am exceedingly so; and hence our greeting is warm and cordial.

Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, formerly of the Texas Conference, is a member of this body. He is pastor of our English Church at Monterey, and will go with me to that point to-morrow. Rev. R. Wilkerson, of New Orleans, is visiting the conference with the Bishop, and he will go with us down into Mexico. Rev. Seth Word is here looking after the foreign mission work. He is in good health, and to meet him, grasp his hand and enjoy his communion is to me a great pleasure. I love him like a brother, and where is the Texan who does not? Rev. W. J. Johnson, of West Texas Conference, and presiding elder of the San Antonio District, is here holding his Quarterly Conference. Rev. A. E. Rector, of the German Mission Conference, is also present. Rev. J. B. Cox, of the Central Mexican Mission Conference, is visiting and will go back to the city with us. Hundreds of our Texas people remember him pleasantly.

The Bishop and the English-speak-

ing preachers, together with myself and Brother Everett, were entertained Sunday at dinner at the Laredo Seminary. This school is under the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and I was perfectly surprised at the progress and extent of their work. It was founded in 1882 and placed under the management of that magnificent woman, Miss N. E. Holden. After twenty-four years of work, this institution has twenty acres of ground, five large brick structures, six other buildings, including stables, outhouses and other improvements, which cost, all told, about \$100,000. They have something like 300 pupils—girls and boys. The two departments are separate, but all taught by a competent faculty of ladies. Their course of instruction is most excellent, but literary and industrial. Many of the pupils pay their way, but the most of the work is mission work, pure and simple. After dinner Bishop Candler preached in their elegant chapel, and the student body is a creditable lot of boys and girls. This is a splendid school, and if our Texas women could look in upon it they would all be members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We have no female college among our home people that will surpass this one in its buildings, equipment, grounds and faculty. It stands here a monument to the enterprise and liberality of our good women, and the results of its work cannot now be recorded. Our Mrs. Park, formerly of Galveston, and a great worker for years in the Texas Conference, is here, but at the present time she is greatly afflicted. She fell a white back and fractured her hip, and on account of her age and feebleness, it is doubtful if she will ever be up and out again.

Laredo is located on the banks of the Rio Grande River, with Mexico just on the opposite side. It has a population of 13,000, but only 3500 of these are Americans. The town is dominated by Mexicans, and Mexican sentiment. Nearly all the officers are Mexican. It is a wide-open town, and wickedness is the order of the place. Very little attention is paid to law, so far as gambling and the saloon are concerned. Sunday is almost like any other day, except it is a trifle more lively. The Catholic Church has more Americans in it than all the Protestant Churches combined. Brother Elliott, our pastor, has a good church structure (brick), with a seating capacity of 250 and a membership of something over 100. He has a good Sunday-school and an excellent League. His people are a devoted band, and he is a faithful preacher. He recently stirred up a lot of them indicted. It awaits to be seen what the court will do with them. We surely need some drastic laws on this subject. Will our Legislature give them to us? We have no bolder, more courageous and consecrated man than Brother Elliott, and he is an aggressive, moral and religious force in this wicked city. Our border work is very trying and very difficult, and our preachers who are doing it are certainly on the firing line, and they deserve well of the Church. Nothing but the success of Protestantism will ever save the mixed populations of these border towns. Catholicism is a curse instead of a blessing to the foreign element. It teaches a very shallow system of morals, and it is lax on all questions affecting the saloon and gambling dens. Just across the river is a population of 6000, and they are all Mexicans, with few exceptions. Our Protestant Churches have a great responsibility in this section, and their presence is the only stay to the tide of ignorance and superstition prevalent in this section.

CHURCH NEWS.

The total indebtedness resting on Methodist Episcopal Church property is \$10,899,196.

Rev. J. W. Wolling left South Carolina January 20th, to return to his mission work in Brazil.

A leading society belle in Connecticut has been converted and has led some sixty others to the altar.

An almanac in the library of the late Bishop Hurst recently sold for \$565. It was the first issue of "Poor Richard's."

Dr. Tigert has been engaged to deliver a course of lectures in connection with the summer school at Garrett Biblical Institute.

The South Carolina College, at its recent Centennial Celebration, conferred upon Dr. Andrew Sledd the degree of LL.D.

Messrs. Torrey and Alexander will hold a five months' mission in London. Albert hall, seating 8,000 persons, has been engaged.

Mrs. J. William Stokes, of Orangeburg, has donated \$1,500 to Wofford College, to be used as a loan fund for the sustentation of deserving students.

Maj. R. W. Millsaps gave \$5,000 to the Orphans' Home sometime ago, and recently he presented the Home with twenty acres of land near Millsaps College.

The trustees of McKendree Church at Nashville are planning to give the building a thorough overhauling in the spring. The improvements will cost nearly \$20,000.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway will deliver a series of lectures at Trinity College March 28th, 29th and 30th, under the auspices of the Avera School of Biblical Literature.

Bishop A. Coke Smith has been suffering with a case of la grippe for the past month. He is improving, but his condition is such that all his engagements have been canceled.

Dr. H. M. Hamill and Mrs. Hamill will conduct a "Carolina Summer Training School" at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina (near Wilmington), June 15-21 next.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler celebrated his eighty-third birthday on January 19th. He still preaches whenever opportunity affords, and writes for the church papers.

Rev. F. Ohlinger is the new editor of the Chinese Christian Advocate, published at Shanghai. Bishop Bashford appointed him last month. The two men were classmates in Boston theological school some years ago.

January 30 was observed as "Founder's Day" at Lander College. That date is the anniversary of the birth of the late Dr. Samuel Lander. An oil portrait of Dr. Lander and a tablet to his memory were unveiled. The address was delivered by Rev. John C. Kilgo, D. D., President of Trinity College.

Hon. Levi P. Morton has given \$600,000 to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York City. This money will be employed to enlarge and equip the cathedral, which, when completed, will be the greatest house of worship in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Morton gave this money as a memorial to their daughter, who died in Paris last summer.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix went to Nashville last week to deliver two lectures before the Missionary Training School. From there he goes East, where he has engagements to preach before Princeton University and to speak before Union Theological Seminary in New York City, of which he is a graduate, also before Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, New Jersey.

A great revival is in progress in Walnut Street Church, Louisville, under the direction of Rev. M. Telford, of England. There have been a great number of conversions and additions, and the crowds have been very large. Dr. Telford will remain in Louisville awhile to assist in the union revival effort, which will be under the direction of Rev. Mr. Calhoun, Rev. G. R. Stuart, Rev. Mr. Cary, of the Moody Institute, Dr. Telford, and others.

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WORK AFTER LEAVING TEXAS.

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Many noted and able men have been sent to Texas during the past sixty years or more to labor in the various fields occupied by the Church, but none have surpassed the earliest missionaries. I would mention the work of several after they left Texas.

John Clark, a Northern man, did good work in Texas for several years. He was one of the delegates from the Texas Conference to the General Conference that met in New York in 1844. He took his family with him and never returned. After filling several appointments in New York he was sent to Chicago. There he induced the wealthy widow of a former Mayor of that city to give property worth \$300,000 for the endowment of Garrett Biblical Institute for the education of young men preparing for the ministry.

Thomas O. Summers virtually laid the foundations of Methodism in Galveston and Houston. In 1844 he was transferred to the Alabama Conference. After a few years he was elected book editor, and called to other editorial work at Nashville. There he became famous as one of the ablest writers in American Methodism. To our Church he was what Richard Watson was to English Wesleyanism.

Abel Stevens did hard circuit work in Texas in earliest days, on the Washington Circuit, in the valley of the Brazos, and elsewhere among the roughest of circumstances. He returned to the North after a few years and became the famous historian of Methodism.

One of the earliest itinerants among the wilds of Texas was Dr. O. Fisher. At the time he left Texas for California he was regarded as probably the ablest preacher in the State. In California he did a remarkable work in laying broadly the foundations of Methodism. He was looked upon as the strongest old field doctrinal preacher on the Pacific Coast for many years. He returned after the war broken in health, with shattered voice, but his fame and work abide in California to this day.

Dr. Jesse Boring did not reach Texas until 1858, yet he stirred things mightily while he was here. On his return to Georgia after the Galveston yellow fever epidemic of 1867 he was in demand everywhere for great occasions, equal to the most famous for eloquence, working zealously until his feeble body dropped into the grave.

A swarm of younger Methodist preachers have fallen heirs to the fields once occupied by these, and hundreds of other old-timers who never left Texas.

MEETING DATES.

Brethren writing me for help in meetings will please take notice that the last half of March, the first half of May and the entire month of August is promised to other men. This will indicate the dates you may secure. Next! D. A. GREGG. Lometa, Texas.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

It was an Oxford Bible of the best material; clear, large print suited to dim eyes. On the fly-leaf was written:

"To Rev. W. H. Hughes, on his seventy-seventh birthday, Jan. 27, 1905.

"Bishop E. E. Hoss.
"Rev. J. L. Morris, P. E.
"Rev. E. R. Barcus.
"Rev. M. L. Hamilton, pastors."

This gift is appreciated not for its money value, but for its intrinsic moral worth, and its adaptiveness to failing sight impaired by accumulated years. But above all, it is prized more than words can express because it is the token of love and respect of younger men who are in the thick of the fight for an old and worn-out comrade whose active work is in the twilight. May God's richest blessings abide with the donors and all true yoke-fellows in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

This episode put me in a reminiscential mood. Standing at the shady end of life my mind ran back to my childhood days. I stepped to my library and took down my father's old Bible, printed in England in 1799, which was the first article purchased by my father after his marriage, which was a start in the right direction. I suppose this old Bible is the first book I ever saw, and as my father invariably read from it, both evening and morning in family worship, I am sure it is the first book I ever heard read, and that it is the first book I ever tried to read. We were not only taught to read the Bible at home, but the New Testament, without note or comment, was not then regarded as unworthy a place in the common schools, but a chapter read by the whole school was a part of the daily program. The literary progress of the children then was as rapid as now, and the moral sentiment inspired by that reading was infinitely above much of the stuff taught in some of our modern school books.

I love the Bible above all other books. To me its utterances are final and supreme, from which there is no appeal. So I place this beautiful copy of God's Holy Word in my library side by side with my father's Bible as the best bequest I can leave my children, hoping they will ever make the Word of Holy Writ the rule of their faith and practice.

W. H. HUGHES.

MISSION BOARD.

Report of treasurer of Mission Board, West Texas Conference, for the month ending January 13, 1905:

Table with columns for Domestic and Foreign amounts, listing various churches and their contributions for January 1905.

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I should pay drafts amounting to \$1450 to-day, but have only \$431.97 to pay that amount with.

Will the presiding elders of the Austin, Cuero, Beeville, San Antonio and San Angelo Districts please send me the assignments by charges on their respective districts for missions?

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San Marcos, Texas.

FT. WORTH CITY MISSION.

If persons who write me, to look up young women and men who come to Ft. Worth, will give me their place of employment or boarding house, or if they have families their street and number it will help me very much in finding them. Then I can get the aid of some pastor and his Church as soon as I locate them. And I am sure much good could be done if pastors who give Church letters to their members would drop some pastor in the city a card where they go; a card informing them of these persons. Thirty years ago I heard Bishop Pierce exhort the Texas Conference "to look out for the Methodists coming into your State. Ask them for their Church letters. If they have not got them, write for them. The devil loves a Church letter in the bottom of a trunk." That exhortation would be in order now in many District Conferences in Texas. My work continues to grow since conference; over twenty children have been taken from poverty, ignorance

and vice and placed in good homes. They are now in the midst of plenty, culture and Christian homes. This may be a small thing, but I am sure nothing better can be done for the children than this. Where would that eight-year-old girl be eight years from now if she had been allowed to stay with that drunken mother? Now she is in a good Sunday-school League and has a Christian mother. Besides these children, I have aided over fifteen women to secure homes where they can keep their children, or found homes for their children, and sent them back to their father and mother. Not a day comes but what a call for help comes, and I know not how to say no. But I can say I will try. Sometimes it is for advice, a home, house rent, food, fuel, clothing, transportation, or for a child, or for a home. Now, if any one wants to aid me in any way on any of the above lines, you will be "walking in the steps of the Savior." My finances are behind, and I have had no pouncing (except three or four children per month to care for). I can't tell whether it is the "boll weevil," the "low price of cotton" or the devil. I suspect it is the latter. Well, the Lord will carry on his work. And if his people will go forward and trust him, great will be the victory. I will appreciate the aid of any person opening a home for a child, or a woman, clothing or anything that will be helpful in my work among the outcast and fallen. "Brethren, pray for me."

One of the best helps in my city mission work is good literature. If any one wants to aid me, send the cash and I will put it in the Texas Advocate. You know Blaylock will let me have them at half price" on account of charity. In this way your money will go once a week into the home of some poor family as long as you say. I believe I could place one hundred copies of the Advocate where they would be anxiously looked for and diligently read every week. Besides, I am sure if I had twenty-five copies to drop into the hands of people who live in dens in the slums and houses where no Bible is read or Christians ever go, only when they are city officials. Here is an open door for your money. Send it to me and the Advocate will go. I. Z. T. MORRIS. Ft. Worth, Texas.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The absorbing topic at present is the weather. Several damp, rainy days, followed by several days of cold, with much sleet, have made walking very disagreeable. Many of the students are being kept in their rooms on account of colds and grippe. However, there seems to be no serious sickness.

Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, Commissioner of Education for the Medical Department of Southwestern University, occupied the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, Jan. 29th. His subject was "Revivals." After a fine sermon, he spoke of the rapid progress being made in raising funds and of the great increase in the number of students.

Prof. J. C. Hardy, of the Chair of Modern Languages, preached at the evening hour.

Rev. A. E. Rector, of the German Mission Conference, conducted chapel on Tuesday morning, and Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, of Temple, on Wednesday morning.

The intermediate examinations are now over, and the second term's work begun. The new students enrolled are: Misses Cornelia Wyse, Jane Wyse, Greenville; Fannie Spear, Tyler; Cora Fields, Josie Fields, Merkel; Ella Forehand, Centerville; Johnnie Collins, Rice; Mary Blanche Booty, Georgetown; Bessie Bailey, Palestine; Kathrine Howard, Ft. Worth; Carrie Burscle, Rogan; Messrs. J. R. Parlette, Georgetown; Will Ross, Del Valle; George Carpenter, Seguin; J. M. Worsham, J. L. Worsham, Cumby; I. L. Sims, Beeville; T. C. Turk, Blooming Grove; W. S. Smallwood, Tecumseh; T. H. Morris, Cedar Hill; J. W. Mayne, Lindale; B. W. Marshall, Dexter; Fred Lewis, Midlothian; J. R. Garnard, Lytle; Frank Polson, Dallas; J. Cartwright, Waco. Eleven young ladies and fifteen young men. Making a total of twenty-six.

It was stated the past week that Tarver and Black would debate with Arkansas; it should have been W. L. Tarver and O. T. Cooper. S. M. Black and L. B. Newberry will debate with Oklahoma.

Mr. Mac B. Green, of Houston, one of last year's students, has entered college since the above list was made out. We note with interest the account in the Houston Post of Rev. James Kilgore's work as Commissioner of Education of Southwestern University. There is no reason why Southwestern should not prosper, with 200,000 Methodists to draw from.

Dr. Jno. R. Allen conducted the funeral services of Mrs. P. H. Callahan Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

SOWING AND REAPING.

(To my Daughter.)

No kindly act shall ever be lost, Though done to a poor fallen brother. For Christ hath said: "Love one another." And eternal life is worth the cost.

The heart that feels for another's woe, And that prompts the gift, to one in need, Shall ere long receive its promised seed. For God is not forgetful, nor slow.

The "oil and the meal" divided shall be, A doubling of blessings, and joys to thee; Let thy face each day but beam with a smile, And others will love and bless thee the while.

The song that's sung to gladden and cheer A human heart, all bleeding and sore, Will echo back from the golden shore, In sweetest tones, to the listening ear.

Then "sow seeds of kindness," with lavish hands, Rich harvest to thee they will one day bring;

With songs of gladness make the welkin ring, And write thy name in Eternity's sands.

T. H. YARBROUGH, Ennis, Texas.

BOARD OF MISSIONS NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference met in the pastor's study, Temple, Texas, Monday, Jan. 30, 1905. All the members were present. The cordial invitation of the Churches at Fort Worth to hold the mid-year meeting there was accepted, and the time fixed at April 12-13. It is proposed to make this one of the greatest mid-year meetings in the history of the Board. The eyes of the Church are specially fixed on Fort Worth now, and this Board notes with pleasure the purpose of a forward movement there, which is already materializing, and we trust will soon assume much larger proportions. The program will appear later. M. S. HOTCHKISS, Secretary Board.

PERSONAL.

To Pastors of Our Church in Texas: Miss Tucker will be in Texas this spring, and any pastor desiring to secure her services will please write Mrs. L. P. Smith, Dodd City, Texas. Miss Tucker gives a series of Bible readings. She has been very much blessed in this work, for it is done in the power of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual life of the Churches where she has given these Bible readings has been wonderfully quickened and developed.

I have used the samples of the Advocate as best I could and herewith send five new subscribers. LEON HENDERSON, Wharton, Texas.

MAGAZINES.

The Atlantic Monthly for February is before us. It opens with a racy communication from the pen of Edward Stanwood on "The Predicament of Democracy." The article on "George Herbert as a Religious Poet" is instructive. "The Confession of a Newspaper Woman" is well written. "The Jackson and the Van Buren Papers" is of historic value. Many other most excellent contributions fill this fine number.

Scribner's Magazine for February contains the first instalment of a new lot of letters by "A Diplomat's Wife," Mary King Waddington. These are Mme. Waddington's vivid record of a visit to Italy in 1880, just after M. Waddington had resigned the Prime Ministership in France. They were received in Rome with the greatest distinction, and these letters give a picture of the Court life of that day, and are fully illustrated from portraits and photographs.

The special features of the Review of Reviews for February are editorial discussions of Russia's revolutionary outbreaks and of the war in the far East; an exhaustive presentation by Minister Barrett of the problems connected with the Panama Canal; an article on "Theodore Thomas and the Development of American Music," by W. J. Henderson; an illustrated summary of "The Industrial and Commercial Outlook in Venezuela," by G. M. L. Brown; "Baltimore, One Year After the Fire," by Day Allen Willey; "Manhattan Bridge: A Lesson in Municipal Aesthetics," by G. W. Harris; "The Japanese Art of Jiu-Jitsu," by H. Irving Hancock; and "What Justifies Intervention in War?" by Amos S. Hershey. Dr. Edward Dana Durand discusses "Street-Railway Fares in the United States," in a well-considered article; and there is an illustrated paper on "What the People Read in Scandinavia," with a brief sketch of General Stoessel, Port Arthur's gallant defender.

Eruptions

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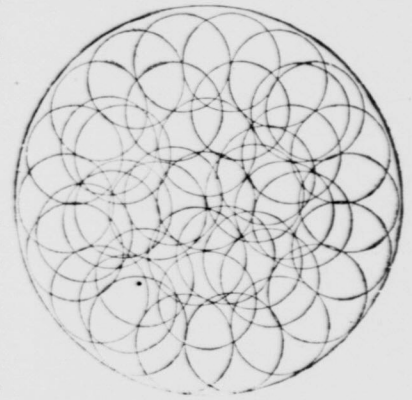
Which thoroughly cleanse the blood, expelling all humors and building up the whole system. They cure

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Sunday-School Department

By PROF. H. M. HAMILL, D. D., Superintendent Training Work.

II. The Sunday-School Pastor.

There are five reasons why every pastor should be active in Sunday-school work:

It is his duty officially. As the chief officer of the Church he cannot afford to neglect so important a department of Church work.

It is his most fruitful work. Recent statistics indicate conclusively that eighty-five to ninety per cent of our adult Methodist membership comes from the Sunday-school.

It is his most extensive field work. It includes (or should include) the Bible teaching of children and of adults of all grades and social conditions.

It is his most important social opportunity. His influence over his congregation is most potent when it begins among the children.

As the chief officer of the Church certain duties devolve upon the pastor, as follows:

He should attend, if possible, every session of the school, in his official capacity as pastor. Only by this will he be able to keep in touch with its membership and work.

He should assist in the selection of properly qualified officers and teachers of the school, and advise as to its literature, "helps," etc.

He should see to the characters of the officers and teachers, and to the integrity and purity of their teachings.

He should be especially helpful to the superintendent, who is likely to need his help and to expect it.

He is entitled to and should be given a place upon every Sunday-school program, not by courtesy, but by official right.

He should suitably and publicly install the newly elected officers and teachers of his school, with appropriate exercises.

As to the pastor's educational work, he should catechize the school upon the elements of Methodist history, doctrine, and polity.

He should preach steadily to the children as such. John Wesley commanded his preachers to both "preach to and exhort the children."

He should review the Sunday-school lessons, or see that they are reviewed. This was the secret of the Jesuit's success.

He should attend the "teachers' meeting," though it involve sacrifice of other less necessary engagements.

He should teach (if he teaches at all) a training class, whose purpose it is to provide teachers from among the young Christians of the Church.

He would do well occasionally to make the Sunday-school lesson the basis of a sermon or "prayer-meeting talk," and thus broaden and elevate the standard of Bible study among his people.

As a missionary, he should know by name the Sunday-school scholars, and

cultivate the closest spiritual relationship with them.

He should endeavor to secure the attendance upon his preaching services of every scholar in the school.

He should do his full share of home missionary work in recruiting the school, both from non-Christian and Christian homes of the community.

He should make it a point to visit the scholars in time of sickness and trouble. Such visits win him a welcome that does not wear away.

Finally, he should "feed the lambs" by personally talking and praying with them, one by one. The day that a pastor receives children into the Church should be the "red letter day" in his calendar.

Feb. 19. Subject: "Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda."—John 5:1-15.

Golden Text: "And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles."—John 6:2.

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Darkness and daylight, hell and heaven, are not further apart than were the Spirit of Jesus and the spirit of Annas and his partisans.

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well! I am glad he was found a little later by Jesus in the Temple, and that he who never does things by halves sought to add to the outer healing the inner grace of steadfastness by the tender warning: "Go, and sin no more, lest a worse thing befall thee."

TEXAS PREACHERS IN MONTANA.

On September 15, 1903, Bro. J. W. Bergin arrived in Butte City to succeed the writer as pastor of our St. Paul's Church in Butte City.

On December 12, of the same year, Bro. H. H. Davis arrived to take charge of Gallup Circuit. Notwithstanding the fact that he found the snow about two feet deep everywhere on his work, three weeks later, when his Quarterly Conference was held, he had visited every home in the bounds of his work and made fast friends of old and young, saint and sinner alike.

Bro. S. T. Powell is our last arrival. He comes to Belgrade Station, where he was confronted with some rough propositions, but he has shown himself equal to the emergency, and is starting off nicely.

Besides these Texas men, two young men from Vanderbilt University have come to us in the last year. The first shall be last. Your scribe reached Butte September 20, 1902, and served St. Paul's one year with, I think, a fair degree of success.

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"NOTHING AGAINST HIM."

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I pray God it may be, "Nothing against him." "Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," "for I have blotted out all thine iniquities, and forgive all thy transgressions for my Son's sake, whom I sent into the world to redeem man from his fallen estate."

O how sweet and full of comfort will be that declaration. How full of joy unexpressed will be my glad heart through all eternity.

Let me imitate my blessed Master in living; and O "let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last days be like his," that I may have a right to the tree—"life"—that grows "on the banks of the beautiful river," that flows out from the throne of God forever and forever.

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Agencies, good and evil, are all laid under tribute to establish the government of God over the world, and to bring in the kingdom of righteousness, justice and mercy.

THE BUSINESS SIDE OF RELIGION.

I pen these lines, hoping that some unconverted person may read them and be constrained to turn from his evil ways and be saved.

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THE DAY'S WORK.

"Tired, dear?" The drooped lids lifted
As the man's voice silence broke,
And the face suffused with pleasure,
Then the woman softly spoke:

"Yes, my every nerve is aching,
Very weary hands and feet;
But I'm filled with thankful gladness
For a life so full, complete.

All the day I have been toiling,
But my task has been sublime;
And I know its lasting influence
Far transcends the bounds of time.

I have helped our big lad Robert
Through a dark and tangled maze,
That, unguided, would have led him
Into sin's most devious ways.

And our head-strong, wayward Jennie
I have helped to win in fight
Over self and untoward passions,
And to gain and love the right.

I have aided little Helen
To undo a childish wrong,
And the baby's fretful hours
I have soothed with crooning song.

They are sleeping now, our darlings,
And my heart rejoicing sings,
Greater is the mother's mission
Than the pomp and pride of kings.

Now your strong right arm around me
Brings me a sense of rest complete,
Happy wife, and blessed mother!
There is naught in life more sweet."
—American Motherhood.

NOTICE.

The auxiliaries of the W. H. M. Society of the North Texas Conference are hereby requested and urged by the Treasurer of the Conference Society, Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Dallas, to send in their quarterly reports for the present quarter promptly, by March 1, as she must have them in time to make out her own annual report for the fiscal year, which closes this quarter.

FOR DISTRICT SECRETARIES W. F. M. SOCIETY, N. W. TEXAS CONFERENCE.

It has not been possible for me to separately address a letter to you; then 'tis good to address you through our ever-ready and pleasing "Woman's Department."

It hardly seems possible that we have come to cast up accounts and records for another fiscal year. If possible I am more eager than ever to receive accurate reports from each auxiliary in your district. If "dead or alive," please report it to me. If necessary will you please write and send separately to each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer her respective report blank and urge an early report to you not later than March 1? There should be no confusion about reports, since the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer report separately; but rather be helpful, that there is no need of waiting one on the other. To the newly appointed District Secretaries we give added greetings, for you so nobly responded in our time of need. From your predecessors you have received District Secretary's book, organization and report blanks. If not, let me know at once and I will supply you. See to it that each auxiliary has paid up in full. Please send to Mrs. C. J. Hooper \$25 for our missionary candidate at "Scarritt" that all things needful for her graduation and home coming may be provided. This from thirteen districts, but be careful that one does not wait on the other, thinking that some one else will attend to that, but it means that your part should be met. This will be most gratifying to your Executive Committee, and let us disappoint them not. These are good days indoors, and may, I hope, that at once we attend to these matters. Hope your auxiliaries have not neglected to take shares in the Training School Scholarship. We would not discourage any in taking up new scholarships and Bible Women to support in the fields, but since we so much need to finish the scholarship of \$25 at Scarritt, may we not for a year or two turn all new work to this account? 'Tis missionaries, "trained and tested," that we most need in the field, and when once fin-

ished we can then take up some "special." Sustain that already begun, but consider for a moment our greatest need, and see if our Training School Scholarship is not the first. Auxiliaries will please take notice and help the faithful Secretaries. For the board meeting in May at Muskogee, I. T., may we not have a large representation from our conference? We need the energy and enthusiasm of such a body. Already good things are in store for you at the annual meeting of our own Conference Society in Cleburne.

Keep praying and working. May the Father keep watch and in love supply the blessings needed.

MRS. W. F. BARNUM,
Fort Worth, Texas.

To the W. H. M. Auxiliary of the North Texas Conference: We were so sorry not to be able to make a complete report last quarter, and that all may be stirred to greater diligence in the matter of reporting, the Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Jackson, and I have thought best to just publish in the Woman's Department of the Advocate each quarter those who are delinquent. The auxiliaries not reporting to the Secretary last quarter are as follows: Dallas District, Grace Young Ladies, and Cedar Hill; in McKinney District, Allen and Wylie; in Terrell District, Mabank, Forney, Mesquite, Rockwall and Fate; in Sherman District, Van Alstyne; in Greenville District, Commerce, Quinlan, Concord, Wolfe City, Leonard, Lone Oak and Fairlie. From Bonham District not a single report except Dodd City. The Treasurer finds that these did not even send in their dues: Alford, Allen, Boyd, Broadway (Gainesville), South Bonham, Blue Ridge, Bonham, Bells, Cedar Hill, West Dallas, Ector, Fairlie, Farmersville, Frankford, Fate, Greenville Mission, Honey Grove, Ladonia, Montague, Princeton, Roseland, Southmayd, Shooks Chapel, Sanger, and Woodland. Three auxiliaries were tardy—Kavanaugh, Lewisville and Bryson. Let us hear from you promptly. The next quarter ends March 1st.

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

THE BIBLE DE LUXE.

Birthday Gift from the Bible Society to the Empress of China.

As the greatest work of the American Bible Society has been done in China, it seems fitting that the most remarkable copy of the Bible the society has yet produced should be in that tongue. I refer to the sumptuous edition de luxe presented to the Dowager Empress of China on her 60th birthday by the British and American Ministers, on behalf of the Christian women of that country.

That book was manufactured by the Presbyterian Press, in conjunction with the silversmiths of Canton, and had silver covers, embossed with bamboo and bird designs. It was printed on the very finest paper obtainable, with the biggest type, and a border of gold encircled every page. It was incased in a casket of solid silver, the whole weighing ten and a half pounds, and there was a gold inscription plate on the cover of the casket.

No sooner was this superb volume presented to the Dowager Empress than she sent her eunuchs from the palace to the book store of the Bible Society to ask for a common copy, so that she and her ladies might compare the two texts. Her Majesty evidently thought the Christians had one version for the palace and another for the hovel.—Everybody's Magazine.

IN MODERN JERUSALEM.

Life in Jerusalem, according to Miss A. Goodrich Freer, the author of "Inner Jerusalem," is one of anomalies and anachronisms. The street Arab speaks three or four languages. Apart from the tourists, who are representatives of half the nations of the world, there are Jews, Mohammedans and Christians. The streets of Jerusalem are unspeakably filthy. One can buy anything one wants in the city. There are even French dressmakers who will follow out the latest Parisian models.

Water is scarce and mainly derived from cisterns. The rainfall averages only thirty or forty inches. There is a trade in good water which comes from the village of Ain Karim, some three miles distant from Jerusalem. There is a most unpleasant wind, the sirocco, which is fatal to vegetation, "exhausting to the nerves, irritating to the temper, parching the skin and ruining to the hair and complexion." The dews are heavy. Jerusalem has its special diseases, but the cure is found in quinine.

Insect pests are the mosquitoes and

most particularly the sand flies. One may keep out the mosquito, but the sand fly is at home everywhere. Clothing affords no protection. Flies are overabundant. Winter is more pleasant than summer. Sometimes on a winter evening a fire is necessary. After all it is a land of perpetual sunshine, the mean annual temperature being 63 degrees. With all its sacredness, Jerusalem is described as a "topsy-turvy land." In a holy place the native takes off his shoes and wears his hat. The men sport petticoats and the women expose their legs, while hiding their faces. Carpets are hung on the walls and pictures on the ceiling. There is no apparent gratitude, for in Arabic there is no word the equivalent of "thank you."

Living is cheap. A good cook can be had by the month for \$6. Mutton is worth from 8c to 10c a pound, chickens about 25c a pair. Fruit is plentiful and reasonable. Considering the economy of living, the author expresses her surprise that so few English live in Jerusalem, "their number being insignificant when compared with the American residents." The population of the city is put down at 60,000, of which 40,000 are Jews.

THE IDEAL MISSIONARY MEETING

No Missionary Society or committee can do its best work without high ideals. The perfection sought may never be attained, but the higher the aim the greater the achievement.

In every missionary meeting there are four things to be considered: preparation, place, people and program.

Preparation.—Back of the ideal missionary meeting must be ideal preparation, for such meetings do not "just grow." They are the result of hard work and earnest, intelligent, prayerful planning. Every detail concerning the program, the place of meeting, the announcement of the meeting, the personal invitation to new-comers, must be carefully considered beforehand, and nothing forgotten.

Place.—The place in which a missionary meeting is held should be bright and cheerful. Often a transformation may be easily wrought by rearranging the chairs in some manner suggestive of sociability, by hanging missionary maps, charts and pictures on the walls, and by bringing in curios from missionary lands and fresh flowers.

People.—It is impossible to have an ideal missionary meeting without people. Small meetings are often full of spiritual power; but there is enthusiasm in numbers, and a small meeting that ought to be a large one, and could be with a little effort, is certainly not ideal. But it is not enough for people to be present; they must be ready to greet one another with a cordial handshake and a friendly word.

The Program.—After all, this is the most important part about a missionary meeting.

Here are some of the points to be considered:

1. The leader. Carlyle says: "Let him who would move and convince others be first moved and convinced himself." The ideal leader, therefore, should be an earnest, consecrated Christian, full of the spirit of missions, able to inspire others with love for the work.

2. The program must not be too long. Papers and discussions should be strictly limited in time.

3. In every battle, owing to random shooting, there is much waste of ammunition. It is said that but one bullet in a thousand hits the enemy. There is the same waste when the missionary shot is fired without aim. In the ideal meeting everything is chosen with the definite aim of interesting people and inducing them to pray for this work, to give liberally, or go personally to the foreign field.

4. Especial study should be given to the scriptural foundations on which missionary operations rest: the "great commission," the rewards promised to those who take up the work, the danger of neglecting it, and the great promises and prophecies by which the ultimate triumph of world-wide missions is assured.

5. In the ideal missionary meeting there is much prayer, not only in connection with the devotional service, but at intervals during the entire meeting. There should be more real praying for specific things. It was said of Gossner that he "prayed open both hearts and pocket-books, prayed up the walls of a hospital, prayed mission stations into being." To-day workers may be prayed into the field, courage into the hearts of missionaries, money into the empty treasuries, and heathen souls into the kingdom of God. Too little use is made of silent prayer.

6. Music is an important factor.

7. The papers, discussions and addresses should deal not only with the work of the denomination, but also with general missionary history, giving broad views.

8. An ideal program always includes something that will bring the home

workers into close and sympathetic touch with the missionary in the field. In a Church in Springfield, O., a missionary is assigned to each member of the society. In response to roll call the members give the names of the missionaries and items of interest about their work. The plan works admirably.

There should always be fresh, up-to-date missionary material.—Mrs. A. C. Cobb, in Wesleyan.

F. E. B.

We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February—Feb.—means "freeze every body," and that man looked frozen in his uster. It was apparent that he needed the kind of warmth that stays the warmth that reaches from head to foot, all over the body. We could have told him from personal knowledge that Hood's Sarsaparilla gives permanent warmth, it invigorates the blood and speeds it along through artery and vein, and really its men and women, boys and girls, to enjoy cold weather and resist the attacks of disease. It gives the right kind of warmth, stimulates and strengthens at the same time, and all its benefits are lasting. There may be a suggestion in this for you.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

By J. B. Cranfill.

In my article in your last issue, entitled "Get the Best," an error appeared, which I desire to correct. If I was not an old newspaper man I would charge it up to the printer or proof-reader, but my long time familiarity with these two dignitaries convinces me that they never make an error, and that the error occurred in our office.

In that place in the article where it was stated that the Reliance Life Insurance Company had the largest surplus to policy holders of any company in the world, it ought to have read this way: "The largest comparative surplus to policy holders." I am always solicitous to state only absolute facts, and I regret that this error occurred.

Dallas, Texas.

The way some people lay up treasure in heaven, they must think that religion is a nickel-in-the-slot business.—Ram's Horn.

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North Texas Female College and Conservatory of Music and Art.

Sherman, Texas.

Last week we had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. John B. Cobb, of Georgia. Mrs. Cobb was for many years associated with Wesleyan College, and has long been identified with the most active educational interests of the Methodist church. She is an old friend of Bishop Key, and in the days of his service in the Georgia Conferences was for a long while a member of the congregation he ministered to.

Mrs. Cobb is sent out by the Woman's Foreign Mission Society to look after this work in the field. Beginning at Laredo she visited the various schools as far as the City of Mexico, and is now just from that interesting tour of inspection.

At Guadalajara she found a North Texas College girl doing efficient work in the missionary school there.

Mrs. Cobb gave the young ladies an interesting talk on the great work being done by the society in Mexico.

From here she expected to go to Cuba, and a little later to Japan, where the rapid strides toward Western civilization made by the people in the last half century give great promise of work to be accomplished there.

The beautiful music program arranged by Miss Louise Boyd Rankin for the Sunday-school has done much toward interesting the students in this regular Sunday-school service. Much of the success of this work is due to the zeal and earnestness of the Superintendent, Miss Padelford, of the Department of English. She has made a special study of Sunday-school methods, and has an especial aptitude for the work.

We have much to be thankful for this seven months that brings so many physical ills, and that our college family is enjoying excellent health is a blessing we cannot overlook. Comfortable buildings and watchful teachers give the girls everything necessary to their welfare.

Mrs. Key is like the Captain on the bridge, and under her wise guidance our good ship always weathers the storm.

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

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Continued from page 5.

such things as we were in need of, and not sparingly in quantity. We shall ever feel a lasting gratitude for this act of kindness, and may God bless every one of those good people. Bro. Smith has held our first Quarterly Conference, and, notwithstanding it was in the week, it was well attended. All had a good time. Bro. Smith was at his best, and preached us a sermon which will bear fruit in years to come. We earnestly ask the prayers of all our friends and brethren.

Wharton and Hungerford.

Leon Henderson, Jan. 31: I was at conference to answer to roll call, but was not permitted to stay. Soon after conference I was told that I was read out for Wharton and Hungerford. This was my first long move. After several weeks delay I put my goods and live stock in a car and started them on the way. The next day I took my wife and our little three weeks old babe and started for that awful "grave-yard" of the State. Notwithstanding the excursions and crowded trains we got here all right. We were received very kindly and many tokens of kindness and love have found their way to the parsonage. Pounded? Well, yes, we have had two of them already. And to cap it all (or rather to cap my wife)

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a nice ladies' hat was handed in last evening. And you know they are what cost. All these good things come from a charge that is said to be hard. While it is true that our people here have suffered much and our Churches have gone backward for the last few years, we must remember that the Galveston storm and the boll weevil have played havoc in this country. But with the spirit now manifest we hope soon to turn the tide and report a different state of affairs at the next conference. As to the reported "grave-yard," this town has the best health record of any town I know of in the State.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Willow City.

M. J. Allen, Jan. 31: I left some as good people on the Bertram charge as any man ever served. We were well received on our new work, and not new, because this is my second time to serve this charge. I was here two years before. We have lots of good people on this circuit. We were founded in due and ancient form. Well, our people are good to the preacher in charge. About \$225 paid on salaries of preacher in charge and presiding elder. Raised on collections in cash and subscriptions \$105 up to date; expended on parsonage about \$50. Three new subscribers and six additions to the Church. If the Lord be for us, who can be against us? We now have four rooms to our parsonage. We aim to do our best.

Runge.

W. A. Govett, Jan. 30: We were received with a royal welcome. The town with homes and hearts seemed open to us and preacher like in we marched and took possession. The pounding was up-to-date, full measure, delightful, refreshing and inspiring. At the parsonage the good ladies of the Home Mission Society put new matting on the floors, new furniture in the rooms, and some needed cooking utensils in the kitchen. Our League has had eleven new members added to its membership and has also secured a club of ten subscribers to the Era. Mrs. Govett organized a Juvenile Mission Society with 36 members. It is a very hopeful enterprise. Bro. Morris is much loved all over the work, and I shall have to step wide to reach his tracks. This is my second circuit in fourteen years, so I shall expect pardon if I make mistakes. Last year our sweet little Vera left us. It is our first great sorrow. Still she is with us. Her angel spirit weaves some influence into our character every day. May God grant us full reports for the year and victory in his great name.

Sterling City.

S. L. Burke, Jan. 30: On Saturday after the adjournment of conference I arrived at Sterling City after a journey of about 250 miles; was kindly cared for by the good people of Sterling City until our household goods and wife and children arrived. On the evening of their arrival the good things began to find their way to the parsonage, and they still continue. Of course the regular pounding came, but they didn't stop. It's hardly safe to visit much yet, for fear of getting hit with a piece of pork or sausage or sack of popcorn, but we are trying to bear it with patience and a forgiving, but not a forgetting, spirit. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 28th and 29th of January. Bro. Scott, our presiding elder, though not well, was with us. He makes himself felt on the Quarterly Conference occasion. He looks well after the interest of the Church and preacher. His sermon on Sunday morning was especially strong, practical and helpful. I am sure it will bear much fruit. All of the Churches were represented except one, and as the steward there lives seventy miles from Sterling City, we hardly expected him. Sterling City charge is not in an ideal condition, but we have some faithful men and women, who do not cease to pray for and work for the prosperity of Zion. We are praying and working for a Holy Ghost revival all over the work. May we not have the prayers of every one who reads this that God will honor us with his presence to lead and direct us in this work? There are some hard problems to solve in this country, and Methodism must at least help in solving them. The population comes and goes, the centers of communities change, the distance some live from places of worship makes it somewhat hard to attend regularly, and this leads to indifference on their part, and thus they drift away, if not from the Church, at least away from duty. To hold these together until conditions change, which we feel sure they will, is one of the tasks of the Church. To do this we must literally "carry the gospel" to every creature. Not simply to the towns and centers of population, but to the remote settler and the lonely ranchman. May the Lord direct us in this work so that his cause may not suffer in our hands.

MONEY OR WEALTH AN INCREASE OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

In the great arena of God's universe the craze for wealth is on the increase all the time. Schemes with all of their diabolical crimes are practiced on every side and in every place imaginable. Wealth is one of the greatest blessings that God can bestow upon mortal man, if properly used; but, on the other hand, one of the greatest curses if improperly used. If gained honestly it has the stamp and approval of God's love on it. Hence the more we gain the greater is our responsibility. Therefore the desire for an increase in this world's goods ought to put us on our guard. We ought, too, if desiring for wealth, to be careful about the law of covetousness as laid down by our Lord and Master in his great commandments to his followers. We think it right for a man to be ambitious enough to want wealth for the great necessities of life. Any one in possession of wealth can meet the responsibility of life much easier than if he did not possess it. A man that has no ambition for wealth is a vagabond, a sluggard and is to be feared by the man of industry. Another thought: In a great many instances as a man increases in wealth he forgets God. I heard this remark from the pulpit recently: "You have largely shut God up in your Bibles and Churches and do not carry him into the commercial world with you." I have seen men recognize God and the Church on the Sabbath and forget him through the week. Brother, sister, if God is worthy of your notice on one day of the week, he is worthy of your notice the next six. Remember that it is he that giveth and he that taketh away. As your wealth increases your responsibility increases. If God sees fit to give us a nice fortune we ought to be careful how we use it. The greater a man's wealth the more servants he has to have to utilize it. Sitting on the steps of a depot one Sunday afternoon meditating upon the realities of life, I caught the remarks of a negro as he was talking to two more of his race. "Does you know dat dey works me so hard at dat oil mill dat I dredest to see Monday morning come?"

When we are called upon to stand before that great tribunal Judge we will see wonders before us. Men that we thought righteous see them fall, and men that we least expected would be there, see them grasp the great banner of God's love and go marching up to Zion, the beautiful city of God. Thank God, that will be one great day for the meek and lowly—a place where we all can meet on a common level, where the high, the low, the rich and poor all can meet in the same plane, the plane of Christ's kingdom. R. C. GREEN, Greenville, Texas.

THE GOOD WORK GOES ON.

The call for help to build a parsonage for Ed and Emma is meeting with liberal responses. Come on with your money, people. Ed Pilley is our boy and Emma Poteet Pilley is our girl. Let us get them out of that uncomfortable travesty of a house they live in. Let the messengers to the heathen from the Churches in Texas know that they are in our hearts to live and to die with them.

One man has sent me his check for \$50. Who will be next on that list? Where are the boys who were with Ed in Georgetown? Boys, remember the prayer-meetings down by the rock in the Gabriel bottom, and then remember Ed among a people of strange speech and customs, for the Lord's sake. Where are those who knew Emma at Salado and Belle Plains? She was a great factor in the Church's progress there. Now she represents you in the hardest of work. Help to put her in a comfortable home. If you can't send \$50, send \$25, or \$20, or \$10, or \$5. Do it quickly! Do it now. I expect to report great progress in the next few weeks.

HORACE BISHOP.

Ennis, Texas.

UNDELIVERED LETTERS.

Feb. 2.—J. Kilgore, sub. C. G. Shutt, o. k. W. R. Thornton, sub. W. D. Mountcastle, sub. P. B. Summers, subs. J. R. Mood, subs. J. H. Westmoreland, subs. J. M. Armstrong, sub. H. B. Day, sub. P. M. Riley, sub. M. K. Little, subs. L. L. Naugle, subs. C. F. Kiker, sub. G. W. Shearer, subs. P. G. Huffman, sub. C. E. Statham, subs. G. W. Conly, sub. T. E. Bowman, o. k. S. L. Ball, subs. C. L. Bounds, sub. H. T. Swartz, sub. C. S. Field, sub. E. G. Roberts, subs. E. L. Silliman, sub. Eugene W. Potter, sub. Feb. 3.—N. W. Turner, sub. W. E. Caperton, sub. J. M. McCarter, subs. W. W. Horner, sub. W. P. Garvin, change made. J. W. Johnson, sub. J. T. Weems, trial subs. R. L. Ely, sub. Feb. 4.—W. P. Edwards, sub. J. T. Hicks, sub. A. P. Smith, subs. W. W. Watts, subs. L. B. Sawyers,

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Feb. 6.—C. A. Hooper, sub. H. T. Cunningham, sub. J. T. Howell, sub. M. W. Rogers, sub. J. F. Tyson, subs. R. A. Clements, sub. S. J. Franks, has attention.

Feb. 7.—J. S. Barcus, sub. J. P. Rodgers, subs. Geo. H. Phair, subs. A. A. Kidd, subs. W. T. Renfro, sub. C. D. West, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub. J. P. Lowrey, sub. H. B. Clark, sub and trial subs; 2 cards. F. L. McGehee, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. J. D. Dorsey, sub has attention. B. T. Hayes, sub. A. T. Culbertson, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, subs.

Feb. 8.—R. L. Ely, subs. Horace Bishop, sub. A. P. Lipscomb, sub. C. E. Clark, sub. J. D. Crockett, has attention.

W. C. T. U. AT QUEEN CITY.

We have near thirty members, with Mrs. Della Ellington as President, than whom no more earnest, nor truer leader is in any community. As press superintendent of our society we but voice the unanimous sentiment of the Queen City W. C. T. U. when we say, that the Advocate, with Dr. Rankin at its helm, is the greatest power in the State for the cause of prohibition. In the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U., Saturday, Feb. 4, we unanimously passed this resolution:

Resolved, That the members of the W. C. T. U., in regular meeting in Queen City, Texas, do most heartily endorse the course pursued by the editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and that we express a profound admiration for his unflinching stand for right against the liquor traffic of our State, and that we do earnestly pray our great heavenly Father to lead him on to complete victory.

Our weekly meetings are a season of social pleasure and religious enjoyment. We believe that ours is the greatest cause of home and State. All honor to our President, Mrs. Stoward; long live the W. C. T. U.!

(MRS.) LILLIAN WILSON KIDD, Press Superintendent, Queen City, Texas.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of L. L. Jester, Treasurer of the Texas Conference, for December and January, 1904, and 1905:

Huntsville District: McAshan & Brunner, A. S. J. Haygood, Orphanage, \$18.

Beaumont District: Jasper Mission, M. W. Jones, Orphanage, \$4. Sabine Pass, W. M. Sherrill, foreign missions, \$5.

Brenham District: Rockdale, G. W. Davis, Orphanage, \$16.90; Davilla, C. E. Simpson, missions, \$20; Orphanage, \$10; Caldwell, C. A. McLarty, Orphanage, \$32.

Calvert District: Wheelock, J. W. Skinner, for missions, \$5; Bremond and Reagan, Orphanage, 18, by A. A. Wagnon.

Huntsville District: Madisonville, for missions, \$4 by T. B. Anderson; Cold Springs, W. M. Foster, Orphanage, \$3; Midway, J. W. Hennessee, domestic missions, \$10.50.

Tyler District: Edom, M. A. Matney, domestic missions, \$45.20.

Pittsburg District: Gilmer, T. B. Vinson, Orphanage, \$11; Park Mission, J. M. McCain, Orphanage, \$10. Linden, S. H. Morgan, domestic missions, \$11; Orphanage, \$12; Redwater, W. F. Hardy, for missions, \$20.50; Dalby Springs, J. M. Mills, Orphanage, \$9. Total, \$265.10.

ADMONITION.

Hail, feathered chieftain of the yard, A zealous sentinel and guard! Once thou didst reign a gaudy king, But drooping now is that proud head, Now dragging is that shattered wing, And hating that once gallant tread, And black and swollen are thy feet Which mope along the frozen street.

Thy voice oft broke the morning still And woke the echoes on the hill, (As did the cock of sacred page, Whose crowing woke and caused to start From his doze and sn and rage, Saint Peter's thrice denying heart.) But now no more it calls the night, Or greets the early morning light.

But poor and old and weak and blind, And heeding not the driving wind— The street is beating down thy crest, Thy plumes once gay are worn and old, The ice is forming on thy breast, And stiff thy form is with the cold, While standing freezing in this place The bitter night draws on apace!

Alas, not only is it night That follows day and joy and light— But see those closed and sightless eyes, And note that drooping, mooping form, That dragging wing that no more flies; No shelter from the awful storm— Ah, senseless, sightless, and alone— The night of age and death draws on!

Beware, O King, upon thy throne, Thou, lord of millions called thine own, Yea, thou, with acres rich and wide, With cattle on a thousand hills; And thou, whose vessels proudly ride, All heedless of thy brother's distress— Secure thy life ere hope is gone, The night of age and death draws on!

FRAN M. NEAL, Proctor, Texas.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The American Bible Society finds it necessary again to issue a special appeal to its members, friends, and supporters in view of a continuing shrinkage in its general benevolent receipts.

During the past year its receipts from the living have increased, but only in a degree sufficient to a little more than counterbalance the continued shrinkage in receipts from legacies. On the whole, therefore, our benevolent receipts are but little larger than they were last year when we fell \$50,000 behind the average receipts of a decade previous. We were then compelled to curtail our work almost everywhere, and are face to face with the same situation to-day. We desire to make grateful acknowledgment of many generous contributions from churches, societies, and individuals, many of them evidencing extraordinary self-sacrifice, and all of them hearty approval and support.

Two offers have recently been made—one from a generous woman who agrees to be one of twenty persons to give \$5,000 apiece, if the rest can be found by April 1, 1905. The other by a gentleman who will be one of fifty to give \$1,000 apiece, his offer running to July 1, 1905. We venture to hope that 1,000 persons might be found willing to subscribe \$100 a year for five years, or until they notify the Society to the contrary. Subscription cards for the latter offer are now being circulated, and we make our appeal to all our friends to help us secure some or all of the subscriptions needed on these plans, or on others not involving such large contributions.

There has never been a time when the opportunities for the translation and circulation of the Scriptures were so great; in almost every country the door is open. In China, since the "Boxer" uprising, there is a demand for Bibles altogether unprecedented, and our work there could be doubled without difficulty. In Japan the war has given likewise extraordinary openings. The Society needs a revenue from the churches of not less than \$250,000 a year.

A recent magazine writer refers to our work as "Sowing the Bible." The seed is indeed the Word. "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly." Will not those who love the Bible help us to sow bountifully?

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: At the rate of ONE CENT PER WORD. Money should accompany all orders.

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POETRY CAN IN NO CASE BE INSERTED.

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FLY.—Soon after my arrival at Cuero, the seat of the last session of the West Texas Conference, to which I had been transferred from the St. Louis Conference, it was my very great pleasure to meet, among many warm-hearted preachers and big-hearted laymen, Major G. W. L. Fly. As he gave me the warm hand grasp and broad smile, which revealed the warm, pure heart that was within him, little did I think that I was to become his pastor, and much less that it should ever fall to me to perform the sad duty of conducting his funeral.

Major Fly was sitting at his desk in his office last Friday, Jan. 27th, at about 11 o'clock, when suddenly, and unexpectedly to all, the heart ceased to perform its functions, and but a few moments later his lifeless body was tenderly lifted by loving hands and laid upon the bed, where his heart-broken wife and friends gathered about him and wept bitterly, while the calm, peaceful look upon his face seemed to say, "Weep not for me, for I have died as I have often wished and believed I would;" and, though unseen by us, we could feel that heavenly visitors had invisibly entered that office and caught up his spirit, as it leaped out from the body, and had borne it away to be with Christ Jesus forever. We are weeping now, but, though the family, the Church, the pastor and the town have suffered an almost irreparable loss, our tears are not all tears of sorrow, for we are rejoicing in the assurance that his spirit is with God, and in the hope that we shall see him again. He was born June 2, 1835, in the State of Mississippi; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 16; graduated with honors at Madison College, Mississippi, at 18; married to Miss Mary Callie Bell at twenty-two. To this union were born five children—four sons and one daughter. The wife, the daughter, Mrs. Hon. J. L. Hill, of Victoria, and three sons, Judge B. W. Fly, of Victoria, and F. M. and W. M. Fly, of Gonzales, survive him. At the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the Confederate Army and served with distinction until its close, and at the close he and his wife settled in Texas, where he practiced law until his death. He was a loving husband, a tender father, a good citizen, a successful lawyer and an earnest Christian gentleman, with all that the term implies. He filled many responsible places in the Church, being superintendent of the Sunday-school; twenty-two years of his life, eighteen of which were spent at Victoria; was also steward, and was a number of times elected delegate to the General Conference, and for some years prior to his death filled the responsible position of Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance of the West Texas Conference. On Sunday before he died he spoke in the Sunday-school of many dangers through which he had gone, especially during the war, and expressed surprise that God had spared him, saying that it was for a purpose, but that if he had ever accomplished that purpose he did not know it, but his work was about done, and, though he did not know it, nor were we prepared to give him up, yet he was soon to reap the reward for his true, faithful and devoted life. He led the closing prayer after the sermon his last Sunday on earth, which will long be remembered, as will the one offered the following Wednesday evening at prayer-meeting, which brought tears to the eyes of those present. No more will his voice be heard in the conference room, no more will he say goodbye to the outgoing, and throw wide open the door of his home and heart to the incoming pastor; no more will wise counsel be given by him; no more will his presence give inspiration to the preacher; no more will his voice and footsteps be heard in the home, but his influence will be felt and will live on and on. May a "double portion" of his spirit of devotion and loyalty be upon all who mourn for him! The largest crowd perhaps ever gathered in the church at Victoria was present Saturday evening at 4 o'clock, when the writer, assisted by Rev. I. T. Morris, a former pastor, now pastor

of Cuero, and Dr. Josephus Johnson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Victoria, conducted the funeral, and just as the sun was setting the Masonic order laid his body to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery, to await the rising of the sun on the resurrection morning. Sunday as a large crowd gathered again in the church at 11 o'clock, with bowed heads and aching hearts because of the vacant seat, we spoke for a short time on the subject of "Life Beyond the Grave," after which we invited Judge J. C. Wilson to take the stand, which he did, and spoke at some length of the life and character of his life-long friend, making pathetic reference to the vacant seat just opposite his seat, to which his eyes would turn involuntarily as the sermon was being preached, saying that, though the eyes of his friend and brother would never meet his again across the aisle, that they would meet each other in heaven, where they would know each other at sight. J. E. MARTIN, Pastor.

BROWN.—Mrs. Mary Clayton Brown (nee Wear) was born in Verona, Lee County, Mississippi, October 14, 1850. On November 29, 1869, she was married to J. T. Brown, of Verona, Miss., and to this happy union eight children were born, two of whom died in infancy and six are still living. She departed this life December 12, 1904. She was ready for the summons and fully prepared to meet her Lord in peace. In all the relations of life she was loyal and true. She exalted in the highest degree her divinely appointed sphere of wife and mother, and today the rich fruitage of her consistent, earnest Christian life is found in the lives of the children she reared. Prospect Hill Methodist Church, of which she was a charter member, was largely built and started through her self-sacrifice and faithfulness. We will greatly miss her, but her influence is still with us. The funeral service was conducted at the family residence in San Antonio by her pastor. Beautiful tributes to her Christian character and saintly life were placed upon the shrine of her memory by the Rev. Dr. J. E. Harrison, of San Antonio Female College, and Rev. B. Harris, her former pastor. May we be ready when the summons comes to join the blood-washed throng. A. B. DAVIDSON, Pastor.

BLANTON.—It is with much sorrow that we record the death of Talmage Oscar Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blanton, of Stratford, Tex. A horse dragged him over a mile at the end of a long rope, bruising him up so badly that he died the third day (Nov. 6, 1904), aged 14 years. Oscar had a sweet disposition, and was devoted to his parents, brothers and sisters. He was loving, tender, with the thoughtfulness of manhood. Being the eldest son in the family he was fondly cherished by all and sadly missed when called away. He loved the Sunday-school and League work, and was always ready to do all in his power to promote the work. He had much faith in Christ. "God doeth all things well." Mother, father and loved ones, dear Oscar has gone over the river only a little in advance of us. Some one must go first. Perhaps it is the best that it should be he who is to welcome the other members of the family on the other shore. Oscar, we'll meet you again by and by. His cousin, MRS. JESSIE K. CLARK.

BATEMAN.—Brother W. J. Bateman was born December 25, 1847, in Wayne County, Tennessee, and died January 23, 1905, at his home in Red River County, Texas. He came to Texas in 1859; was married to Mary V. Roberts, May 29, 1878, by Rev. J. W. McKenzie. He united with the Methodist Church in 1879 under the ministry of J. C. Weaver. During the entire time of his membership he held some official position in the Church, which was terminated by his removal by death. The writer held services at the late home of the deceased. Then the Masonic fraternity took charge of the remains and buried him. A large number of friends were present, and he will be missed in the Church and community. The bereaved ones left behind will know where to find him. E. S. WILLIAMS.

MONTGOMERY.—Louis Montgomery was born in Kaufman County, Texas, December 28, 1855; died at his home in Wise County January 25, 1905. He professed faith in Christ in 1879, at Goshen camp-ground during the session of the Weatherford District Conference. His membership remained at this place until three years ago, when he moved it to Agnes. He bore his suffering with much patience and never once lost faith nor confidence in his Lord. He was a good neighbor and citizen, a kind husband and father, and a loyal son of Methodism. He leaves a wife and several children, with a host of relatives and friends, to mourn his departure. May the brilliancy of his transparent life shed its luster on us many days hence. G. W. SHEARER.

RANDLE.—Mrs. M. J. Randle (nee Sheppard) is dead. She died near Honey Grove, Texas, Jan. 19, 1905. She was born in Giles County, Tenn., May 1, 1835; married Samuel D. Randle Dec. 28, 1853. She was the mother of six children. Three preceded her to the good world. Her only surviving son is the Rev. W. A. Randle, an honored member of the Indian Mission Conference. Mrs. Mollie Hendrix and Mrs. Mattie E. Avary, of Honey Grove community, are her only daughters. She has thirty grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Sister Randle professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1866. Thus endeth a life of 70 long years that for the most part, to my certain knowledge, has been full of good works. I have known Sister Randle for many long years, since I was just a boy, so to speak. She had one of the best husbands I ever saw—true, tried and always trusted; a Mason of high degree and a staunch Methodist, a man that always honored God and that blessed the world. So she had all the help during Bro. Randle's lifetime that she needed. Many of the ministers of the North Alabama Conference, also of the North Texas Conference, will remember her kindly for kind hospitality as shown to them. I knew her as one of the best neighbors I ever saw. Many times when wife and I were first married how she would counsel us and advise us; how she would visit us. Many nice things have found their way to our house when we first started in life by her kind hand. When Sister Randle had anything extra good to eat she did not forget us. When we just started to keep house, then when traveling a poor mission in North Alabama Conference, she gave me many a good meal, when I was tired and cold and hungry. And since I have been in Texas I was her pastor for four years, and when I went to McCrow's Chapel, I did not feel like I had been there fully unless I saw Grandma Randle. She loved God and loved the Church, and did all she could to bless the world. She was good to visit the sick and helpless, and did what she could for the needy. Many days she has spent at the parsonage when I was her pastor to help my wife and children when they were sick and when I was away from home. Sister Randle is in heaven at rest with her long loved ones who have gone before. We are sad at this parsonage to-day as wife and all the children gather around to weep for one of our best friends who is no more. May God bless and keep her precious children and grandchildren unto everlasting life. May grace of Almighty God sustain them in their bereavement, and one day, dear children, when you go down to death's dark river remember that your mother and father await you on the eternal shore. We will see them again. W. B. BAYLESS, Pastor. Rosston, Texas.

BLACKLOCK.—The death angel has visited the home of J. K. and Annie Blacklock and claimed for his own little Mabel, who was born August 3, 1902; died January 24, 1905, and was laid to rest in the Roundrock cemetery January 26. Truly her little life budded on earth to blossom in heaven. Mabel was a most sweet and lovable child and won the hearts of all that knew her. It is hard to give her up, but we know where to find her. She has gone to that bright home where no sickness, pain nor death can ever come, there waiting for papa and mamma and little brother. Grieve not, dear parents, our heavenly Father knows best; he doeth all things well. Some sweet day the loved ones will clasp the little hand that is now beckoning them from that heavenly home, when all tears will be wiped away and no more good-byes will be said. May the grace of God sustain you in this sad affliction, and may we all be ready when the summons comes, so that we can join little Mabel in the mansions above. Her uncle, GEORGE HY. PEARSON.

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ROBERTSON.—Mrs. son (nee Waite) was born February 6, 1839; moved to Scott County, the age of three years was fourteen years of age heart to God and joined Methodist Church. Eighteen she was married Robertson. Soon after in the winter of 1867 with her husband to Texas, where she lived her home, December moving to Texas and estant Methodist Church she joined the South, and remained a member till her death. Heceded her to the spirit May 22, 1900. She w of seven children, six one son. Five daughter She was a subscriber reader of the Texas Chr for twenty years, and ble she loved her Church writer was permitted Godly woman but a fe her death. But in those permitted to behold su of patient suffering an faith in God as is sel She was perfectly ration and talked much of her Just before she took he hills of glory, she call children and grandchild bade each one a loving ing with the younger o God and meet her in he death without a shud that her Savior was wi was Her last words w I see Jesus!" And th saintliest mothers in h her reward. Her deat phant, and her rest is the bereft ones, let m Christ as she followed shall follow her to th farewells are never ut suffering can never e are the dead which di yea, saith the Spirit, from their labors and follow them. Her past A. J.

FRENCH.—Mrs. Alice Moore) was born Nov. fessed religion and join Church at the age of was married to G. W. 26, 1903, after which sh E. Church, South. Fr sion to her death she ent Christian life. She country home near F Jan. 23, 1905, and w down to rest in Brushy yard. Many relatives mourn her death, wh stricken husband, lon mourns the loss of h companion. May the comfort each broken h IRVIN

BARNARD.—The de visited the home of J. V. Mrs. Eva Barnard, and own little William Bar born December 14, 1901, cember 18, 1904. The v the funeral at the Tus where a large crowd of friends met and wept Brother and Sister Bar of the first and only we little William budded on blooms in glory. May dear father and mot by his grace lead the where they will meet lit the sweet by-and-by. (REV.) W. Tuscola, Texas.

GRAU.—Sister Martha born March 29, 1837. When she was quite yo moved to Texas and se County. After remaini time they moved to Mo Cass County, near Cor of this sketch breathe in life she gave her ne never united with any four years ago, when, ing at Hamill's Chapel, M. E. Church, South, a consistent member th death, Jan. 13, 1905. S sick for only a short w advanced in years, and weakly for some time, that she had not long world, and intimated of was not afraid to go, an rected her eyes to the faithful which was awa beyond this vale of tea right, hence could die ri dwells in that "city no hands, eternal and i Look up, bereaved ones mine by God's grace that her in the "sweet by and W. H. VAN

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ROBERTSON.—Mrs. Ann E. Robertson (nee Waite) was born in Alabama, February 6, 1839; moved with her parents to Scott County, Mississippi, at the age of three years. When she was fourteen years of age she gave her heart to God and joined the Protestant Methodist Church. At the age of eighteen she was married to O. H. Robertson. Soon after the Civil War, in the winter of 1867-68, she moved with her husband to Falls County, Texas, where she lived till God called her home, December 21, 1904. After moving to Texas and finding no Protestant Methodist Church within her reach she joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained a consistent member till her death. Her husband preceded her to the spirit land, dying May 22, 1900. She was the mother of seven children, six daughters and one son. Five daughters survive her. She was a subscriber and diligent reader of the Texas Christian Advocate for twenty years, and next to her Bible she loved her Church paper. The writer was permitted to know this Godly woman but a few days before her death. But in those few days was permitted to behold such an example of patient suffering and unwavering faith in God as is seldom witnessed. She was perfectly rational till the last, and talked much of her happy release. Just before she took her flight to the hills of glory, she called each of her children and grandchildren to her and bade each one a loving farewell, pleading with the younger ones to live for God and meet her in heaven. She met death without a shudder, declaring that her Savior was with her, and He was her last words were: "O Jesus! I see Jesus!" And thus one of the saintliest mothers in Israel passed to her reward. Her death was triumphant, and her rest is glorious. To the bereft ones, let me say: Follow Christ as she followed Him, and you shall follow her to that home where farewells are never uttered and where suffering can never come. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Her pastor,
A. A. WAGNON.

FRENCH.—Mrs. Alice French (nee Moore) was born Nov. 21, 1882; professed religion and joined the Baptist Church at the age of 13 years. She was married to G. W. French March 26, 1902, after which she joined the M. E. Church, South. From her conversion to her death she lived a consistent Christian life. She died at her country home near Emmett, Texas, Jan. 23, 1905, and we laid her body down to rest in Brushy Prairie Churchyard. Many relatives and friends mourn her death, while the grief-stricken husband, lonely and sad, mourns the loss of his helpmeet and companion. May the Divine Father comfort each broken heart.
IRVIN F. HARRIS.

BARNARD.—The death angel has visited the home of J. W. Barnard and Mrs. Eva Barnard, and claimed for his own little William Barnard, who was born December 14, 1901, and died December 18, 1904. The writer preached the funeral at the Tuscola cemetery, where a large crowd of relatives and friends met and wept for and with Brother and Sister Barnard in the loss of the first and only sweet babe. Truly little William budded on earth and now blooms in glory. May God bless the dear father and mother and finally by his grace lead them to heaven, where they will meet little William, in the sweet by-and-by.
(REV.) W. L. A. SELF.
Tuscola, Texas.

GRAU.—Sister Martha E. Grau was born March 29, 1837, at Blount, Ala. When she was quite young her parents moved to Texas and settled in Collin County. After remaining there for a time they moved to Morris County, in Cass County, near Cornett, the subject of this sketch breathed her last. Early in life she gave her heart to God, but never united with any Church until four years ago, when, during a meeting at Hamil's Chapel, she joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained a consistent member thereof to her death, Jan. 13, 1905. Sister Grau was sick for only a short while, but being advanced in years, and having been weakly for some time, she realized that she had not long to live in this world, and intimated often that she was not afraid to go, and therefore directed her eyes to the reward of the faithful which was awaiting her just beyond this vale of tears. She lived right, hence could die right. She now dwells in that "city not made with hands, eternal and in the heavens." Look up, bereaved ones, and determine by God's grace that you will meet her in the "sweet by and by."
W. H. VANCE, Pastor.

LEMONS.—That "death loves a shining mark" was never more fully verified than when the subject of this sketch was called hence. Lota Dalton Lemons was born in Cleburne, Texas, Aug. 17, 1881, and died in Weatherford, Texas, July 11, 1904, in which city she had spent the greater part of her life. Having been converted when a child, at which time she united with the Methodist Church, Lota's chief pleasure was found in Christian service. She was an active member of the Epworth League, and a teacher in the Sunday school. Her large class of little boys attested their love for their teacher in a beautiful floral offering. The funeral, simply conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Rowlett, was beautifully impressive. The pall-bearers were young men—her schoolmates and friends. Beautiful in life, shedding a radiance over her home and circle of friends which still lingers in memory, her home-going was peaceful and sweet. "If this is death, oh how sweet!" were the words which fell like a benediction on the ears of the watchers just before the freed spirit winged its flight. Sometime, in the "house of many mansions," we will greet our loved one again, and this dispensation of Providence which now seems so veiled in mystery will be understood. "For now we see through a glass darkly; then, face to face."
MATTIE R. TURNER.
Terrell, Texas.

CHAPPELL.—Little Ada Chappell, daughter of John and Ida Chappell, departed this life Jan. 26, 1905. She was 11 years old. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Wm. Allen, of Frisco. The remains were laid to rest in the Little Elm Cemetery. Little Ada was a sweet Christian child, beloved by all who knew her. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, about two years ago while Rev. T. E. Bowman was on this work. A host of sorrowing friends followed her remains to the cemetery, where they took the last look upon the beautiful face. The father, mother, brother and sisters have our heartfelt sympathy. We can only point them to our heavenly Father, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Although 'tis hard to give her up, we know it is best. Let us all strive to lead a life as pure and sweet as she did, so that when we lay down our earthly life we can meet her in that land beyond the skies.
IRA BUTTON.

LAWRENCE.—Mary V. Lawrence was born February 29, 1829, and died in 1901. She professed religion in 1847 and joined the Methodist Church, and lived a faithful, Christian life till death. She was united in marriage to M. P. Lawrence in 1850. To this union eleven children were born, and ten lived to be grown and married. She loved her neighbors and her Church. Oh, what a halo of glory filled the heavenly courts when Sister Lawrence entered in! May the husband and children so live as to meet her in the good world. I visited Alabama last July and held two meetings near where her dear body was laid to rest. May God bless her husband and children and grandchildren. Her old pastor,
W. L. A. SELF.
Tuscola, Texas.

IVEY.—John Wesley Ivey was born Aug. 27, 1835, and died at his home in Frost, Texas, Jan. 26, 1905. Bro. Ivey was struck by a freight car, which badly mangled his right leg. The accident occurred Jan. 25, 1905, after 10 o'clock in the morning, and in spite of all that could be done by skilled physicians, he died in the early morning of the 26th. He had been religious from his early childhood, and all who knew him will bear testimony to his noble Christian life. He loved God and was devoted to his Church. We have no better man. He gave all his life to God. Bro. Ivey left a devoted wife, six sons and two daughters, with other relatives and many friends, to mourn his sad death. He has gone to his Father's house to receive the crown of eternal life. May the bereft find comfort in the hope of reunion. His pastor,
IRVIN F. HARRIS.

HURST.—Joseph D. Hurst was born December 31, 1836; was married to Elizabeth Belew, 1857. Of this union four children were born—two living, two dead. Was married the second time to Miss Mary Shaw, in 1876, who, with three boys, mourn his death, which occurred at his home in Hunt County, Texas, December —, 1904. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life. He was never very demonstrative, but always firm and true as steel. He was possessed of great energy and accumulated good property, which he left, with an exemplary life, to his family. We had known him many years. Many of his neighbors will miss him. May God bless the bereaved ones, and may they one day make an unbroken family in the kingdom of our great Redeemer.
J. M. HOLT.
Warren, Texas.

BECK.—Mr. J. R. Beck died November 22, 1904, and his wife, M. A. Beck, died December 29, 1904. In their death Cushing Circuit loses two of her most excellent members. They were faithful to the Church and devoted to their pastor. Their home was truly the preacher's home. Under their roof many tired preachers have spent many sociable and pleasant hours. And not only preachers, but others; for they were the friends of all who would allow it. Bro. Beck was one of the most accommodating men that I ever saw. During the two years I was his pastor he brought me under lasting obligation to him through his unflinching kindness to me. I recall many happy hours spent in the company of Brother and Sister Beck. It was a sore grief to me to give Bro. Beck up (for Sister Beck died after I left that work). He was as faithful to attend Quarterly Conference as any man I ever saw. He and his good wife will be greatly missed by many, especially on quarterly and protracted meeting occasions. Bro. Beck was converted at the age of 21 years, and most of the time thereafter was a useful member in the M. E. Church, South. He was a steward at the time of his death. Sister Beck (nee Rawlinson) was converted at the age of 18 and joined the M. E. Church, South, and ever remained faithful. At the time of their death he was 50 years of age and she was 54. They leave behind four children to mourn their loss. May the grace of God comfort and sustain the bereaved ones. Their loving friend,
M. I. BROWN.

WATSON.—Perry Watson was born near Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, May 10, 1815; moved to Wilcox County, Alabama, at 9 years of age. At 24 years he was married to Miss Lucretia J. Perdue, daughter of Rev. J. B. Perdue. The same year he joined the M. E. Church, South. They began life together right. The first night they were in their new home they began family prayer. Four sons were given to them, two of whom still live and are consistent Christians. After eighteen years his wife went home to heaven. Two years afterwards he married Miss Mary E. Ellis, of Macon, Ga. Eight children came of this union, five of whom still live. He passed to his reward Jan. 9, 1905. He left behind an aged widow and seven children. They know, though where he is gone. His life was long on the earth; but it was given to the Master, and his departure was triumphant.
J. T. KIRKPATRICK.

FOWLER.—Mrs. Archie Fowler (nee Barnett) was born September 13, 1881; died January 19, 1905, and was carried to the Hickey cemetery and laid to rest in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in girlhood and lived a faithful member to her death. Was united in marriage to Mr. Leon Fowler January 11, 1896. There were born to them one girl and four boys, one of whom preceded mother to the home above. She leaves husband and four children, Travis, Opal, J. C. and Guy, with father, mother, three brothers and one sister to mourn their loss. She had been sick only a few days, but was conscious of the near approach of death. She regretted to leave her husband and little children, but submitted to the will of Him who drank the bitter cup and said, "Not my will, but thine, be done." She was the first of her father's family to go and will be the first to welcome at the beautiful gates the loved ones left behind. May this dispensation of the heavenly Father be sanctified to the good of the bereaved and entire community.
MAC M. SMITH, P. C.

GRAVES.—Mrs. Nancy E. Graves (nee Kemp) was born on July 21st, 1864; was converted to God at the age of 18 years, and joined the Methodist Church. For 16 years she was a great sufferer. She came to this place, Marfa, Texas, partly on account of the state of her health and partly on account of her daughter, Emma, who is threatened with tuberculosis. She died on Monday night, the 23rd of January. Her body was taken for interment to the Terrell Town Cemetery, Travis County, she being a member of the Methodist Church in that neighborhood. She leaves two daughters to mourn her loss.
W. S. HUGGETT.

GRAVES.—Sister Mary J. Graves was born February 16, 1840, in Hines County, Miss.; moved to Texas in 1867. She united with the Methodist Church about twenty-five years ago and lived a consistent life. Died January 19, 1905, at the home of her sister, at Lavernia, Texas, where loving hands ministered to her in her last illness. There was no fear of death to her, for her hope was in Christ. "While passing through the valley and shadow of death," she experienced the joyful presence of the "Comforter." She gave directions as to her burial, comforting those who were weeping, giving them the assurance that all was well. Sister Graves leaves two sisters and one brother, Mrs. H. G. Carpenter, of

Lavernia; Mrs. Pink E. Carpenter, of Smiley, and Mrs. J. C. Warren, of Sequin. She was laid to rest in the Bundick Cemetery January 21, 1905, by the side of her husband, who was buried January 22, 1904. The favorite song of Sister Graves, "We will never say good bye in heaven," was sung at the grave. To those who are sad, and mourn the departure of their loved one, we would say, remember earth has no sorrows which heaven can not heal. May the comforting influence of the Holy Spirit be with you in your sad affliction.

MARCOS WILLIAMSON, P. C.

BOOKOUT.—Mrs. Amanda J. Bookout (nee Webb) was born December 12, 1814, in Robertson, which later became Brazos County, Texas; died January 17, 1905, at her home in Union Bluff community, Hill County, and her body was laid to rest in the Hickey cemetery. She spent 61 years as a native and pioneer of Texas. At the age of 15, she moved with relatives to Milford, Ellis County. In 1864 she united with the Methodist Church, thus giving forty-one years of faithful service to her Lord in this communion. In 1866 she was united in marriage to J. D. Bookout at Port Sullivan. Eleven children were born to them, eight of whom survive her. She was a resident of Hill County for thirty-eight years and of Union Bluff community for twenty-three years. Sister Bookout loved her home and her family. It was her prayer of hope and faith that all of the children might be developed into man and womanhood before she passed away—especially that she might live to see her baby girl (Bessie) grown. Her prayer was answered. We commend the bereaved husband and children to Him who hears a mother's prayer for her children and comforts those who mourn. Your circle is broken here, but may it be unbroken in the city beyond.
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LETTER FROM CHINA.

The first quarterly meeting for the Tsu Ka Kauh Circuit was held on the 3d and 4th of December. Leaving Shanghai on Friday morning in a Chinese boat, towed by the steam tug that plies between Shanghai and Tsu Ka Kauh we, wife and I, reached there about 7:30 at night, a distance of some 50 miles.

I spent Saturday morning conferring with the preacher, Brother Tsiau, about the work in his charge. In the afternoon he held his Church Conference, and at 4:30 I held the Quarterly Conference. The following, among other items, were reported. Total number of Members, 54; probationers, 104; Sunday-school scholars, 76; Epworth League members, 20. The total amount of contributions for last year was—for the preacher, \$27.75; for Church building, contributed by the members of the circuit, \$380; other purposes, \$125.58.

The Sunday-school was held on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. There were 80 pupils present. At 11 o'clock I preached to about 100 persons, Christians, probationers and outsiders. At 3 o'clock I baptized seven adults and one child. At night the Epworth League meeting was held—a very interesting and profitable meeting. In fact, the whole day was one during which God's presence was manifest, and we felt that it was good to be there.

As I desired very much to visit two of the outstations on this circuit, and could only spare one day for the purpose, it was arranged that the preacher and I should call a small boat and start early Monday morning to visit those stations. So I arose a little after 4 o'clock in the morning, and after getting a little breakfast, started with the preacher and a Bible colporter, Brother Dan, and King Zah, one of the stations, distant about 12 miles. Arriving there about 9:30 a. m., we went to the little rented chapel and soon a few Christians and probationers of the town were assembled, together with a considerable number of outsiders.

I talked to the Christians from Peter 1:4, 11:6, and Brother Tsiau followed me with an earnest talk to the outsiders. After the service was over the Christians pressed us to take dinner with them, but as our time was limited we had to refuse, and went to our boat and started for the next station, Lien-dong. But the King Zah Christians insisted that we must eat the dinner they had prepared, and so they sent it on board our boat and we ate it on the way. It was a very substantial meal, nicely cooked in Chinese style, consisting of rice, duck, chicken, shrimps, crabs, cabbage, turnips, chestnuts and other vegetables.

Arriving at Lien-dong about 2:30 p. m., we passed through the town to the street chapel. On the way Brother Tsiau notified the members and probationers in several of the shops along the street that a meeting would be held immediately in the chapel. We soon had a crowd gathered at the chapel and I and Brother Tsiau preached to them for over an hour. I baptized three men at that place and received them into the Church. There are now seven members there and a considerable number of probationers. Here again the Christians had prepared a bounteous feast for us, but as it was growing late and we had to get back to Tsu Ka Kauh that night, we could not stay to partake of their good things.

So we left there about 5 o'clock p. m., and having a favorable wind we reached Tsu Ka Kauh about 8:30, having traveled a distance of about 30 miles since 5 o'clock in the morning and preached three hours of the time at the two stations.

In a letter that I wrote some months ago I stated that the preacher reported that he had received the names of some forty or more probationers at Lien-dong. On this visit I learned that some fifteen or twenty of these had gone over to the Roman Catholics. The reason for their having left us appears to have been the fact that the Chinese Catholic priest had made a great show of his ability to help people in law suits, and many had joined him because of his boasted influence with the Chinese local officials. Our preachers have orders to have nothing to do with law suits or the local gentry or officials anywhere, but the Catholics make a great show of their power and influence in matters of this kind, and through such means they gain many adherents who care nothing about the salvation of their souls, but would like to get help in their land disputes, law suits, etc., etc.

Already the Roman Catholic tactics are bearing fruit in raising opposition among the people of Lien-dong, for the gentry of the place have put out orders forbidding the people to sell land to the Catholics and offering that if any one has land to sell to the Catholics, they, the gentry, will buy it and so prevent the Catholics from getting it.

The work in King Zah is growing in an encouraging manner. The seven that I baptized on Sunday are all from that place. The Christians there have rented a small preaching place, paying the rent themselves. Quite a number of probationers have been enrolled. The town has a widespread fame for its temple worship. Twice every year thousands of Chinese from the country round at a distance of 150 miles or more, come there to worship. It is especially noted as a place where the witches and wizards of the country come to worship idols. The prosperity of the town depends largely on these visitors and there are quite a number of shops that are closed during the rest of the year, and opened only when the visitors come. It is said that the people of the town, for the most part, do not believe in the idols themselves, but that as it is a profitable business they keep up the temples for the money that is in it.

Since my last visit to Tsu Ka Kauh the land which had been bought as a site for the church has been filled in and is now ready to receive the building. Brother Tsiau and the Christians there are exceedingly anxious to have a church building and a parsonage, and indeed, such a building is very much needed. If it could be erected it would be a very great stimulant to the Christians in that whole region.

About \$15,000 gold will be needed to cover the expenses for a church building, a parsonage and a day school building. Over \$700 Mex. has been raised by Brother Tsiau for the purchase of the land, filling it in, etc. Of this amount, \$380 were contributed by the Christians on the circuit, which really shows wonderful liberality, because very few of the Christians are well-to-do.

Will not our friends in the homeland take into consideration the great need at this place and give the money for the erection of the buildings that are so necessary for the development of the work there?
A. P. PARKER.
Shanghai, China.

NOTICE.

To the Preachers of the West Texas Conference:
The Conference minutes have been mailed to all the preachers. If any have failed to receive them, please notify me. STERLING FISHER.
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C. A. TOWER, P. E.
Timpson, Texas.

FROM NASHVILLE.

Christian workers in Nashville have found much to engage their time and thought this week. Every day has offered themes of special interest, while actual problems have been presented which have demanded wisest solution. Missionary Secretaries and other workers from various conferences have met in consultation concerning living issues in home mission fields, and have attempted to find some general policy that would apply to all missionary boards in the matters of appropriation, self-support, appointments, etc. Dr. Lambuth and Dr. Ward have held special conferences with the following brethren on these questions: Rev. J. M. Dannelly, President Mission Board of the Alabama Conference; Rev. R. H. Willis, Missionary Secretary North Carolina Conference; Dr. W. F. Lloyd, Missionary Secretary Louisville Conference; Rev. J. T. Daves, Missionary Secretary North Georgia Conference; Rev. J. W. Perry, President of Board of Missions of the Holston Conference; Rev. J. J. Thomas, District Campaigner, Memphis Conference; Rev. W. H. Willis, Missionary Secretary, West North Carolina Conference; Dr. D. C. Kelly, Missionary Secretary, Tennessee Conference; Rev. S. L. Dobbs, D. D., Treasurer, North Alabama Conference; Rev. C. A. Waterfield, President Mission Board, Memphis Conference; Rev. A. L. Scarborough, Missionary Secretary, West Texas Conference.

On Wednesday afternoon occurred the formal opening of the new Missionaries and Training School Home, recently purchased from Miss Emma and Tina Tucker, who will hereafter engage in general evangelistic work, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

The purpose of the new home, which is located in a densely populated district in the western part of Nashville, is to furnish a suitable and quiet place where young men in training for the mission field may live while in the city and to give them the advantages of home life. There are, for instance, in the city at the present time three young men studying for service as medical missionaries who are hampered in their work by the high cost of living and the distracting conditions by which they are surrounded. Trained nurses for the missionary work will also be housed here while taking a course in some of the hospitals of the city.

The home has accommodations for about twenty-four or twenty-five students, and is very conveniently arranged for their comfort. The quarters include a substantial two-story brick building heated by steam, and a cottage in the yard. In the latter there is room for about eight or ten men. There are also located on the lot, which has a 124-foot front and is 150 feet deep, a barn, servants quarters and several other outhouses, besides a large cistern. Visitors and missionary workers in Nashville will find here a convenient and comfortable stopping place at little cost, and will have ample opportunity to study the problems of city missions. The home is in the factory district, is near the Union Stock Yards and new railroad shops, and will be a Settlement Home.

The Training School has been greatly cheered this week by reports from the Cuban Mission. The increase in Church membership there during the past year was 555, which brings the membership up to 1500, with 1000 probationers in addition. Report comes, however, of the sickness of Dr. Carter, Superintendent of the Mission, and the school offered special prayer for his recovery.

A similar item of encouragement comes from the home field. The Thomasville District, South Georgia, already supports two missionaries in the foreign field and now undertakes the support of two more. The preachers of the district have pledged the support of one of these, and have agreed to raise the money for the other over and above the full payment of all assessments.

The Methodist Sunday-school Union of Nashville and vicinity has held their annual "Workers' Week" at McKendree Church. By agreement with the Mission Board and Board of Directors this session of the Workers' Week was made part of and contributive to the Missionary Training School. The attendance has been exceedingly gratifying. Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill, well known throughout the Church, have had the leading part on each evening's programs. Dr. Hamill has given Missionary Drills, and has lectured on "The Problem of the Teacher," "John and His Gospel, a Review of Lessons for 1905," and "The Sunday-School's Evangelistic Opportunity." Mrs. Hamill has discussed Primary and Junior Department problems.

Mr. Louis J. McIntosh, President of Louisville Methodist Sunday-school Union and Superintendent Fourth Street Methodist Sunday-school of Louisville, Ky., was present by invitation of our Union, and discussed "The Superintendents' Problems in Louisville." Mr. McIntosh is a successful young business man of Louisville, and

is devoting time and thought to the Sunday-school. His address was well received and a rising vote of thanks extended him. Mr. John R. Pepper, member of the International Lesson Committee, and Superintendent First Methodist Sunday-school, Memphis, Tenn., addressed the Workers' Conference on "The Superintendents' Problems in Memphis." His lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views, and was brimful of interest. Mrs. J. W. Barnes, of Newark, N. J., International Primary Secretary, delivered an address on the "Primary Teacher."

The program also contained the names of local Sunday-school workers. It is almost impossible to estimate the good these annual Workers' Conferences have accomplished for the Sunday-schools of this city. Interest in every phase of Sunday-school life has been deepened, many difficult problems have been solved, and better methods have been adopted.

Regular class work in the Training School has continued with unabated interest. Dr. E. B. Chappell has conducted studies in the book of Galatians; Dr. G. B. Winton has delivered a series of addresses on Mexico as a mission field; Mr. F. P. Turner, of New York, Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., has lectured on "Modern Missionary Movements;" Prof. G. W. Dyer read a paper on "The Economic Aspects of Gambling;" Dr. H. M. DuBose was announced to deliver the second of his lectures on the "Epworth League as a Force in the Evangelization of the World." But great interest had developed regarding the Anti-Gambling Bill before the State Senate Agricultural Committee, and Dr. DuBose postponed his lecture in order to give the school opportunity to attend the session of that committee when the bill was under discussion. The Preachers' Meeting also passed a strong resolution favoring the passage of that bill.
A. M. TRAWICK, JR.
Nashville, Tenn.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his wisdom, to remove from our midst our beloved brother and superintendent, G. W. L. Fly, to a better, a purer and holier life beyond the realms of time, where temptation and sin, pain and suffering, sorrow and parting cannot enter; therefore, be it Resolved, 1. That while our hearts are torn with anguish and grief at his loss to us, yet we humbly bow with submission to the will of God, who is too wise to err and too good to unnecessarily wound, believing, as did he, that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord.

2. That we will earnestly strive, by the help of the Almighty, to observe and be guided in our lives by the many admonitions and precepts which we have received from his consecrated lips, as well as follow the examples of his pure and upright life which he lived before us.

3. That we extend to his bereaved family our warmest and most sincere sympathy in their great loss, and confidently point them, for consolation and comfort, to that blessed Redeemer whose great heart bled in sympathy and pity for the broken-hearted of earth and in whose great love our dear Bro. Fly so fondly and faithfully trusted, and by whose precepts and commands he was truly guided through his life.

VICTORIA SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

NOTICE.

"The Waco District "Preachers' Meeting" and "Missionary Institute" will convene in Morrow Street Church, Waco, Texas, Monday, Feb. 27th inst., at 2:30 p. m., and close Tuesday night. All the preachers of the district and at least one laymen from each charge are urged to be present.
J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.
Waco, Texas.

A GOOD WOMAN PASSES AWAY.

With sadness we state that after an illness of twelve weeks, Mrs. A. R. Shadden, one of our most cultured and saintly women, passed away on Wednesday, February 1st, in perfect peace and in full view of the glory world.
C. T. CUMMINGS.
San Augustine, Texas.

POSTPONED.

The date of dedicating our new church has been postponed. A new date has not yet been fixed. As soon as known it will be announced in these columns. Those interested in this matter will please take notice.
P. M. RILEY.
Mansfield, La.

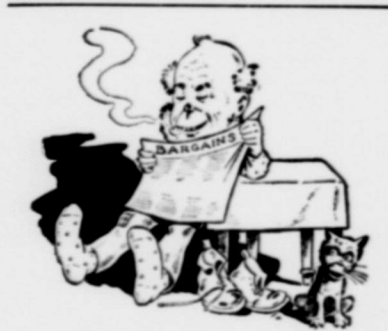
TRANSFERRED.

I was transferred back to the Indian Mission Conference directly after the Northwest Texas Conference was held, and placed at El Reno, Okla. Therefore my address is Box 243, El Reno, Okla., and not Throckmorton, Texas.
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A Trip to the Holy Land
A small party of preachers is being organized for a trip to Egypt, the Holy Land and Greece, to leave New York about March 25, and return about June 10. It will cost about \$600. Those who would like to make the trip should communicate with the preacher who signs his name as
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Colorado District—Second Round.
Dickens, Feb. 18, 19.
Emma, at Bethel, Feb. 21, 22.
Floydada, at Lockney, Feb. 25, 26.
Plainview, Feb. 28, Mch. 1.
Halo Center, at Center Plains, Mch. 2, 3.
Lubbock, at Lubbock, Mch. 4, 5.
Gomez, at Whitley, Mch. 7, 8.
Tahoka, at Tahoka, Mch. 11, 12.
Colorado Mts., at Liberty, Mch. 18, 19.
Colorado Sta., Mch. 25, 26.
Gail, at Prairie View, Apr. 22, 23.
Clairmont, at Clairmont, Apr. 29, 30.
Midland, May 6, 7.
Snyder and Dunn, at Dunn, May 13, 14.
Big Springs, May 16.
District Conference will convene at Big Springs May 18th, at 8:30 o'clock a. m.
J. T. Griswold, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round
Ovilla, at Onward, Feb. 18, 19.
Midlothian, Feb. 19, 20.
Hillsboro, Feb. 25, 27.
Maypearl, at Auburn, March 4, 5.
Waxahachie, March 12, 13.
Ferris, March 18, 19.
Palmer and Boyce, at Palmer, Mar. 19, 20.
Bristol and Trumbull, p. m. Mar. 24, 25.
Eanis, March 25, 26.
Forreston, at Falls, April 1, 2.
Venus, April 8, 9.
Alvarado, April 9, 10.
Milford, at Sims, April 15.
Italy, April 15, 16.
Red Oak, April 22, 23.
Bardwell, at Elm Branch, April 29, 30.
Loveland, May 13, 14.
Grandview, May 14, 15.
District Conference and Missionary Institute at Ennis will begin April 18 at 10:30 a. m.
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Some men will not believe they are saved from drowning until they feel dry.—Ram's Horn.

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