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Editorial.

THE EDUCATION OF THE MORAL SENSE.

That the public conscience is not pitched on a lofty plane, can not be questioned. Of late we are having too many striking illustrations to the contrary. Look at the disclosures recently made in the municipal government of St. Louis. A number of prominent men have been indicted and some of them sent to prison for giving and receiving bribes. Even among our United States Senators, men standing high in the councils of the Nation, are indicted in the courts for alleged public offences against their oaths of office. In Texas, at the present time, more than one prominent man is being prosecuted for alleged crimes against the State in the use of money to accomplish certain results. Whether any convictions are to follow these indictments, no one can tell; and until the verdict of the jury is rendered, those indicted are entitled to the belief in their innocence. However, the testimony already given is sufficient to open the eyes of the public to the fact that many men have an inadequate idea of the gravity of moral offenses against the public weal. Now, it follows that if here and there these matters are being brought to light by one circumstance and another, to what extent do these practices obtain generally? Doubtless if the truth were known, similar irregularities exist in many places throughout the State and the Nation. We have many men who so much desire money in this commercial age that they are willing to work their way into positions of trust and then barter their influence for money considerations. And there are those who own and control great financial institutions who want further privileges that the law forbids, who are willing to obtain their ends by the improper use of money to thwart the spirit and the letter of our laws. None of these men, perhaps, would reach forth his hand and stealthily steal his neighbor's private money. He would scorn such a criminal act. But he is not so conscientious when it comes to dealing with a public trust. If he is in a position to shield some one from the operation of law, and he can obtain a good sum of money for his work, he sees no harm in this sort of transaction. And the man who has the money and wants immunity from the law in order to more largely forward his interests, does not hesitate to pay it out to this end. Neither one of them sees any disgrace in such offensive transactions, provided the results are in no danger of coming to the light. The trouble is, we have reduced everything to the basis of dollars and cents, and we have, to some extent, put conscience into the process. The public moral sense is debauched until many men, in their financial dealings, do not discriminate between right and wrong. They want money, and they are willing to subordinate everything else toward its possession. According to the evidence, they do not hesitate to use positions of trust for private gains. It is a good omen that the public is opening its

eyes to this state of things, and that here and there such offenses are attracting the attention of the courts of the country. The pulpit and the press need to speak out on these matters and try to bring about a state of things that will quicken and elevate the public as well as the individual conscience. Men ought to be taught that the use of money to corrupt and debauch a public official, or a public trust, is a crime against the community, for which the law will surely exact a severe penalty. Stealing is stealing, whether it is practiced upon a private individual for private purposes, or whether it is done upon an official through the medium of bribery upon the part of the representatives of a great corporation. This lesson needs to be learned by a great many people who stand high in the social and political realm to-day in the State and in the Nation. In other words, men must be taught that the principles of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount must apply to the business transactions of life.

THE PREACHER AND BUSINESS METHODS.

The preacher ought to be able to give himself exclusively to the pulpit and the pastorate; but unfortunately this is out of the question. There may come a time when this desired result will be possible. Laymen ought to manage the material affairs of the Church; but as a matter of fact, this feature of the work largely devolves upon the ministry. They have to create the sentiment for Church enterprise and usually they have to lead in making the enterprises materialize. Church building, parsonage building, and all the conference collections look to him for success. In view of this condition of things the preacher has to study business methods and make himself somewhat familiar with matters of this character. Otherwise, grave mistakes will occur under his administration. True, there are good laymen who are always ready to co-operate with him, and give to the movements their judgment and counsel; but the preacher is the one to whom they look for aggressive work and counsel. Also, the preacher needs to know enough about business procedure to enable him to manage his own matters with care and discretion. His income is necessarily small, and it requires as much economical acumen to steer clear of debt and make both ends meet, as though he were managing his thousands. And the fact that so many of our preachers do this and educate their children on the small salaries they receive, speaks well for them as men of business. They often show wonderful tact and resourcefulness. And having said this much, we want to go a step further and offer a suggestion. Every preacher owes it to himself and to his family to begin early in his ministry and lay by a small per cent of his income for future use. He ought never to make money an item to the extent that would interfere with his work and his spirituality, but after he has done his part in the way of supporting the institutions of the Church, he needs to look toward a day when a few dollars laid by in store will come in to meet

an emergency. While his family is small, and before he becomes non-productive as a worker, is the only time that this matter can be attended to. If he neglects it now, he will have no opportunity later. A little business prudence will accomplish this important end. There is no need now for any man in the ministry to pass through a quarter of a century of service without making preparation for his future needs without looking exclusively toward the superannuate fund. At least every preacher ought to so address himself to things of this sort that when he reaches the point of retirement from active service, he will have a comfortable little home for his age and infirmity. With this and what the conference will do for him from year to year he can live without want. It is a sad experience for the man of God to pass through his vital ministry and come down to the point of retirement with no shelter for himself and his aged wife. He is then a pathetic figure and much wholesome sentiment gathers around him, but sentiment will not protect him from the snows of winter and the heat of summer. True, God will do his part, but we are also expected to do ours. And if we are improvident through the years when we amount to something, then in the sear and yellow leaf we will suffer all the same. We see illustrations of this at almost every Annual Conference. A little prudent business management will contravene, to some extent, the rigor of the situation. The wise preacher will not neglect matters of this grave importance. Business tact is quite needful for the preacher in his work as a pastor and in the management of his own interests.

DENOMINATIONAL LOYALTY.

We have no patience with sectarian bigotry. It has its tap-root in pride. But devout loyalty to our own doctrines, polity and enterprises is quite a different thing. Without this we can not succeed. Whenever a man becomes so magnanimous in his affections that he can hold in equal esteem the wives and the children of other men, he becomes a free-lover. His trouble finds itself in the fact that he does not love his own household as he should. The man who loves his own wife and children above all others is prepared also to love his neighbor as himself. This analogy holds good in the great family of denominations. We owe our first and undying allegiance to our own Church. It has first claims upon our hearts, our devotions and our means. After that we stand closely related to all other movements having for their object the promotion of the gospel. The man who loves one denomination just about as well as another is an ecclesiastical free-lover. He has no fixed views of doctrine, government and usage. He is not sincere, for such a state of mind and heart as he assumes is impossible. He is worth nothing to his own Church organization, neither is he worth anything to any other organization. He is a sort of a religious cosmopolite, and he has no home life and no permanent citizenship in Zion. He represents the tramp idea of religion. In

our Methodist Church, while not many of our people go to the extremes above indicated, yet we have too much laxness in the question of denominational loyalty. We often yield entirely too much in the way of concession to others. For Methodists we have the best Church organization in the world. Our doctrines are Scriptural and consistent. They meet the needs of mankind. Our form of government is apostolic. We come more nearly carrying the gospel to all nations than any other Church in the world. Our system adapts itself to the poor, the well-to-do and the rich. We have a message for universal humanity. Therefore we owe our supreme devotion to the Church among whose members we worship and work. Her voice to us ought first of all to be heeded. Her demands upon us ought first to be met. To turn aside from her to minister to other calls is neither wise nor right. She affords us all the medium we need through which to exercise all our energy and to dispense all our benefactions. We ought not to divide our affections or our means with others until we have done our full part to and through our Methodism. And when our children come to decide the question of Church membership they ought to be turned toward the Church where their fathers and mothers have found religious nurture and edification. If the Methodist Church is good enough for us, it ought to be good enough for our children. This is the view that other denominations take of this question. It is time for our people to think more seriously on matters of this character, for our liberality is affording much leakage at this point. We are not harvesting the results of our labors as we should. Too many other organizations are fattening upon our toil. We do not oppose all division of results with them, but we do protest to a disposition to surrender more than is right. Let us more deeply root our faith in our doctrines and stimulate our interest in our own beloved Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"A hoary head is a crown of glory when it is found in the way of righteousness," but only so. There is something particularly appalling in the wickedness of an old man. It is so unnatural. Advancing years ought to bring sobriety of judgment, soundness of moral character and reverence for invisible and eternal things. It shocks us to hear an old man take the name of God in vain, or indulge in foul and indecent speech, or to see him reel and stagger in drunkenness. Once in awhile, as we walk the streets of our city, such a sight or sound salutes us, and we feel like closing our eyes, stopping our ears, and getting out of the way as speedily as possible.

No man ought to fall out with his brother for dealing candidly and openly with him. Such a person is to be greatly respected. It is the man who smiles to your face and then stabs you in the back who is to be dreaded. But the man who comes up in front of you and tells you plainly what he thinks is worthy of admiration.

BIG SHOW IN THE WILD WOODS.

H. G. H.

It will be remembered that Franklin Pierce was inaugurated President March 4, 1853, and appointed Jefferson Davis Secretary of War. At that time there were no railroads in the West. The Government posts strung along our vast western frontier must needs be supplied by means of large wagons drawn by horses or mules, and roads were very bad, and to some posts no roads at all. The great arid plains of New Mexico and Arizona were a terror to the wagoners and out-riders. Jefferson Davis supposed supplies could reach these distant out-posts more easily on the backs of camels than in wagons drawn by mules, and he determined to try the experiment. Correspondence was had with the camel market of Egypt, resulting in a consignment of fifty or more camels being sent over by ship to the United States Government. We think they were driven overland to Camp Verde on Turkey Creek, Kerr County, Texas. There they underwent acclimation, and several of them were used on long trips to see how they would stand it. O. B. Adams, Jasper K. Harper and myself held a camp-meeting on Turkey Creek close to Camp Verde in 1859, and a number of these camels were out there then. A few of them had been driven to San Antonio. After the meeting was over Harper and myself returned to our works, Uvalde Mission and Medina Circuit, by way of the noted Bandera Pass, where Jack Hays and his Rangers had fought a desperate battle with the Comanches. Stones marking the graves of some of the dead were still visible. I passed out to Uvalde and supposed I would see no more of the camels. Late in the fall of that year I was on my way east and had crossed the Hondo and entered a dense ten-mile strip of woods between that stream and Castroville. That strip of woods in 1859 was a famous hiding place for Indians. The man who entered it unarmed was considered as lacking in common sense. One time I met Frederick Vordenbaumen, Gustav Ellz, J. A. Shaper and John W. DeVilbiss passing through it armed to the teeth, and they reached Castroville in safety. But, as I said, I was going east one day to an appointment on Harper's work, and rely upon it my pistol was in good shape. I had gone near two miles, feeling a little shaky, when my horse seemed to see something unnatural ahead of him, and snorted. I hurriedly got down, tightened the girth, mounted, drew my pistol and looked ahead. A fearful sight it was indeed that frightened my horse. It seemed to be Barnum's Museum and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show combined, traveling westward with United States soldiers to the right and left. My horse seemed to want to climb a tree. I put spurs to his shaking flanks and got him up a little closer. I soon found it was about fifty of Jeff Davis' camels, with enormous bundles of army supplies on their backs, being driven to the far plains of the West. My horse got beyond my control, refusing a free ticket to this big show, and rounded the moving caravan at the rate of eight miles or more an hour. Such a sight would appall even a stouter Georgia boy than this one. My horse came back to the main road far in their rear. This was the first and the last great circus I have attended in the "wild and woolly West." Those camels were driven to Arizona and New Mexico. The war came on. The United States soldiers were moved east and only about seven years ago the United States soldiers were moved and only about seven years ago the last one of them died.

AGENCIES—GOOD AND EVIL.

With terrible explicitness, and with "blood earnestness," St. Paul tore the rags from "the Black Death of ancient morals." Romans 1:21-31 is an epitome of the world in her scarlet robe of sin. In the language of Dr. Farrar, "The apostle to the Gentiles seized heathenism by the hair and branded indelibly on her forehead the stigma of her shame." The moral turpitude of the world is writ large and traced in every line of the world's history. But the knowledge of it should be utilized and vitalized by the grace of God to fan the heart of Christendom into a flame of holy zeal that would repel every cause to abatement till the remedy for the world's disease shall have been made known to all who now sit in darkness and in the valley of the shadow of death. And just here is a good place to say, parenthetically, that the sum total that is being placed to the credit of the gospel account for the world's evangelization is not commensurate with the Church's ability, nor with the standard of Christian benevolence taught in the Scriptures, "He that soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly." "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that

withholdeth more than is meet (proper), but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered himself." Solomon was a philosopher. The Christian life, the zeal, the faith, that is lean and lank is but the reflex of the fruit upon the tree that gives out nothing but the peel of benevolence. All such religion needs a second blessing, and it needs it badly; but principally in the head.

But, says one, "Where the sin of covetousness and niggardly giving abounds, grace much more abounds." "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works." True; but this grace must become incarnate in the human life of the Church. It must be transmuted into eyes to see the many doors that are wide open, and just waiting for the gospel to enter; ears to hear the call of Him who gave to His Church the word "go" in the imperative; hands to unloose the purse-strings that have been tied by sordid selfishness, and a heart of sympathy that beats in unison with the heart of a loving Savior, and a world bleeding at every pore, because of sin. Jesus well knew that sin was the cause of the world's sorrow and grief and tears, yet his heart was moved with compassion. He gently laid his hand upon the pulse; his heart close to the palpitating heart, and his head upon the hot-brow of the sick man (the world), and he knew that his sickness was unto death (the wages of sin is death). He also knew the disease (sin) and the remedy (his own life's blood), but he freely gave it to save the sick from death eternal. The sacrifice was the purest and the highest expression of love that could have been made, and the making of it was the most sublime tragedy in the history of the world. As a prophet, Jesus foretold the destruction of Jerusalem, and Josephus has given to the world a record of its fulfillment. Sad picture indeed; a second tragedy that was awful in the extreme. No mortal tongue could utter, nor pen picture the sufferings of the inhabitants of the doomed city during the siege. The government of God's ancient people overthrown, their capital city razed to the ground, human life destroyed by the sword, the sedition and the famine; and those who escaped death were sold into slavery, scattered and peeled, and Rome, a power heathen to the core and corrupt to a proverb, was God's executor. But there was a cause. These people had closed their ears against the voice of the Son of God, who had faithfully warned them against their peril; and at last they rejected and murdered him. But that was not all. Give place to sin and it will multiply and bring forth a whole viper brood that will eventually and inevitably destroy those who harbor it. Josephus says: "It is therefore impossible to go distinctly over every instance of these men's iniquity. I shall therefore speak my mind here at once briefly—that neither did any other city ever suffer such miseries, nor did any age ever breed a generation more fruitful in wickedness than this was from the beginning of the world." Men may live as they list and do as they please, but there is one thing that no man will ever be able to do, and that is to evade the law of sowing and reaping. "And I say unto you, my friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him which after he hath killed the body, and cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him." J. J. HOLLERS.

APOLOGETICS.

That Alexander Balmain Bruce, D. D., was one of the master teachers of the last quarter of the nineteenth century no one who is at all conversant with the theological literature of that period will for a moment deny. In clearness of thought and accuracy of statement he probably has had no superior.

The faculty of the Summer School of Theology displayed good judgment in selecting "Bruce's Apologetics" as one of the chief books in the curriculum. While the foregoing eulogues, as well as many others that might be pronounced, are undoubtedly deserved by Mr. Bruce, he is by no means infallible.

After defining clearly the difference between apology and apologetic and referring to the small auditory of the apologist, consisting of "honest doubters," he uses this language: "One such strayed sheep is worth more than the shepherd's care than ninety-and-nine who have never known what it is to doubt." This statement is not only untrue, but it is absurd. Here is a man who has been taught from his childhood to accept the Bible as the revealed will of God. He believes the Bible, and his reading of orthodox literature confirms this belief, and not a doubt worthy of the name disturbs the tranquillity of his mind, or the peace of his soul. But he begins to read deistical, atheistical, or infidel

literature, and, as he reads, doubts arise in his mind. He is not able to answer fully the arguments of Spinoza, Martineau, Strauss, Mill, Rousseau et al. He is now an honest doubter. Is the man worth now ninety-and-nine times as much as when he was just a believer? If Mr. Bruce is right, then Christianity is very greatly indebted to atheistical and infidel writers for transforming believers into doubters, and thus increasing the value of those for whom Christ died. If Dr. Bruce is correct, should not the preacher call attention to apparent discrepancies in the Bible, emphasize the alleged almost irreconcilable difference between the Christ of John's Gospel and the Christ of the Synoptical Gospel, circulate infidel literature and promulgate from his pulpit every absurd or fanciful theory of which he may read, so that by these means he may change his congregation of simple believers to "honest doubters," and in this way increase the value of his hearers ninety-and-nine times? It is just such teaching as this of the author that superinduces in "honest doubters" that insufferable intellectual egotism that is characteristic of many of them. Mr. Bruce proceeds on the erroneous hypothesis that doubt is indicative of greater intellectuality than belief is. The truth is that neither doubt nor belief is indicative of extraordinary intellectual power. The ignoramus, or philosopher, may either doubt or believe. Again, Christ does not estimate the greatness or value of men according to their intellectual power. Read page 59 "Apologetics" and see Mr. Bruce's exposition of Christ's method of rating men.

The writer of "Apologetics," in discussing the authenticity and genuineness of the Old Testament, concedes entirely too much to the higher critics. He accepts probabilities, and even possibilities, as certainties. In fact, Dr. Bruce is such an ardent disciple of the critics that he may be said to be one himself. Moreover, he is an evolutionist. Any one who accepts the theory of evolution as originally taught by its early apostles has such a superfluity of credulity that he could believe any theory, on any subject, however improbable or ridiculous the theory might be. Is there a destructive critic living to-day who is not also an evolutionist?

While the statement made in the first sentence of this article is true, Dr. Bruce is by no means a safe teacher. It would be very unwise to place his writings in the hands of immature persons, or promulgate his teachings in public assemblies.

E. P. WILLIAMS.

Ballinger, Texas.

MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

It is a matter of great gratification to all friends of the Missionary Training School to know that the session is closing with every token of success. The Board of Directors believe that this is the beginning of a movement which has the promise of large developments in the training of missionaries and Christian workers. The movement was born in prayer and continued in prayer, and in its progress from day to day the manifest leadings of the providence of God have been discerned.

Sixty students have been enrolled for one or more courses this session. Tennessee has sent 24 students; North Carolina, 10; Georgia, 6; Kentucky, 5; Alabama, 5; Missouri, 1; Florida, 1; Mississippi, 1; Oregon, 1; Japan, 2; China, 2; Korea, 1. In addition to these regular students a number of ministers and Christian workers have attended the classes from time to time. The last weekly bulletin announces 192 lectures during the session, of which seventy-two were public. All public lectures have been well attended.

Dr. H. M. Hamill has conducted weekly studies with about thirty students, and these young men have gone from the classroom to hold prayer-meetings among the neglected classes of the city. Many conversions have been reported from these services.

Dr. W. F. Tillett and Prof. H. B. Carre have continued their lectures on devotional Bible studies, while Prof. G. W. Dyer, Prof. D. K. Lambuth and Rev. J. E. McCulloch have led the classes in the study of social, moral and religious conditions of our Southern cities. In these lectures the fact has been developed that the Church is not growing in membership as rapidly as the city grows in population. During the last twelve years the population of Southern cities has multiplied by three, while Church membership in the cities has only multiplied by two. This seems to be a small discrepancy, but what makes it significant is that it is against the Church, not in its favor. Another point of importance is that while Methodism is enlarging her hold upon the middle classes, the laboring classes have been more and more neglected, and have drifted away from the Church. For some years past Methodism has grown less rapidly than the population, and

has actually been outstripped in rate of growth by the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches—a fact which is hard for us to swallow gracefully. The city is the enemy of the Church in that it destroys the sense of brotherhood and sympathy between men. The great demand upon the Church is to reassert these principles and make them live under modern conditions.

Rev. J. J. Stowe, formerly one of the presiding elders of the Tennessee Conference, spoke of rural missions. He spoke largely from his experience, and said the presiding elder was in a position to be of immense advantage to the man on the country mission. He said the country work suffers because of intemperance, because of poor school facilities and for lack of strong leaders in local Church work.

The problems of the Down Town Church were discussed by Rev. W. F. McMurray, pastor of Centenary Church, St. Louis. He said the down town Church demanded first of all a preacher who understood the needs of the times, and how to apply the gospel to ever-changing, ever-present demands. Secondly, there must be enthusiasm in undertaking the work in hand; thirdly, the down town Church must be warm, sympathetic and full of Christian love. Dr. McMurray gave an account of how Centenary Church is attempting to solve the problem of city life, and this part of his lecture was considered by some the most helpful and interesting.

Dr. E. O. Watson, of Spartanburg, S. C., gave an account of mission work among Southern factories. He said the South is rapidly becoming the center of the industrial problem in the United States. In 1860 the South had 295,000 spindles, consuming 7500 bales of cotton. In 1900 there were eight million spindles, requiring two million bales of cotton, representing a capital of \$200,000,000. Factories in the South, said he, may be made to increase the price of cotton ten times its present estimate. A large part of Dr. Watson's address was devoted to a discussion of the moral and social conditions of factory settlements in South Carolina. He said that the Church that in the future had the strongest hold upon the destinies of that State would be the Church that gave most attention now to the religious life of the mill towns. He emphasized the need of a trained Secretary of Missions to give his entire time to factory work. This great problem is assuming enormous proportions in the South, and the time to deal with it is now before conditions get beyond our reach.

Visitors at the Training School this week have been Rev. R. Frank Eakes, pastor Wesley Memorial Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, editor of the Arkansas Methodist; Rev. W. R. Richardson, formerly of the Southern Christian Advocate, now pastor at Pulaski, Tenn., and Rev. A. E. Clement, presiding elder of the Clarksville District, Tennessee Conference. A. M. TRAWICK, JR.

HELENA DISTRICT, MONTANA CONFERENCE.

The Texas Advocate is before me. It is ever a welcomed visitor. How I do enjoy reading its pages and learning from it of the personal doings of my many friends and brethren there, of the victories of local opinion, of the triumphs of the Church and of the spread of our Lord's kingdom in my native State. I have just been reading the "Notes from the Field." Most of them say the work has been hindered by the extreme bad weather. Bro. O. T. Hotchkiss says: "The very trying and severe weather has interfered with many of our quarterly meetings and prevented the stewards from doing as much as they otherwise would have done." Owing to the severe cold weather Bro. C. R. Lamar could not get a congregation to preach to in the town of Anderson. This is the last day of winter. Since the first of January I have been assisting the brethren almost constantly in their revival meetings in connection with their Quarterly Conferences. I can say that in an experience of eighteen months not a single Quarterly Conference has been at all interfered with by heat, cold, rain or the weather in any way. During my ministry of thirty months up here I do not believe that I have lost as much as three hours from my work on account of the weather. During the past two months most of the brethren have held protracted meetings. Two or three have been in progress most of the time. I have not heard of a single service being broken up on account of the weather. How is this for climate? Does it get cold? Old settlers say this has been the coldest winter here for many years. The thermometer has frequently registered from forty to fifty degrees below zero (Fahrenheit). The coldest night of the winter, February 10, Bro. H. H. Davis, formerly of Texas Conference, and the writer drove four miles to Church at 8:30 to drive five miles; we

found our road so badly blockaded with snowdrifts we occasionally had to get out to break our way; we reached our destination at 11 p. m. The next day Davis took me to the depot, sixteen miles distant, then returned home and preached that night. Neither of us suffered in the least from the cold. To-day is a beautiful spring-like day. I will tell you something of our work later on. J. R. MURRAY.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Missionary Conference for Brownwood District met at Brownwood February 22-24, 1905. Rev. B. R. Bolton, presiding elder, had prepared and announced an elaborate program covering almost every phase of the missionary question.

The conference opened Wednesday evening with an able and thought-provoking sermon by Rev. C. W. Macune. On Thursday morning the program was taken up in the order announced. Fourteen of the twenty preachers of the district were present. The following brethren were in attendance: B. R. Bolton, W. B. Andrews, J. J. Canafax, C. G. Shutt, G. W. Harris, W. J. Hearon, D. S. Pearson, E. P. Williams, C. M. Shuffler, T. B. Hilburn, E. T. Bates, A. E. Turney, D. A. McGuire, C. W. Macune, F. M. Neal. The absentees, for the most part, were detained at home on account of illness in their families or communities. The discussions throughout evinced studious preparation. There was not a dull paper read, nor an unthoughtful speech delivered. On Thursday evening, in the absence of Dr. Horace Bishop, this writer preached to a responsive congregation.

Friday morning the program was resumed. There was no abatement of interest from start to finish. In fact, the enthusiasm ran high at times. The two things emphasized were: (1) Collections in full or excess, and (2) a revival in every charge. The conference closed Friday evening with an interesting and helpful sermon by Rev. W. J. Hearon.

A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presence and papers of Mrs. D. R. Blair, District Secretary of the Home Mission Society, and of Mrs. R. H. Overall, District Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Rev. B. R. Bolton, presiding elder, already has the work of the district well in hand. Every one who is acquainted with him knows him to be a stirrer and a mover as well as a capital preacher.

Waxahachie, Waco and Fort Worth will have to look out and keep looking out or Brownwood will be the banner district this year.

The hospitality of Brownwood is proverbial. It was therefore with un-mixed pleasure that the conference unanimously adopted resolutions of thanks to citizens of Brownwood for generous entertainment and to presiding elder and pastor for considerate attentions. E. P. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Missionary Institute of Tyler District met in regular session at Wells Point February 28, with Presiding Elder E. W. Solomon in the chair. Several of our pastors were unavoidably absent on account of sickness or death in their charges. It is to be regretted that any pastor or member within the bounds of our district should have been deprived of the information and inspiration which were such prominent characteristics of our institute. An elaborate program touching the Sunday-school, the Leagues, the woman's societies and the Church in general with relation to missions was carefully prepared and ably discussed in all its important phases. The preaching was of a high order and can not fail to bear fruit for our Master's cause. The good people of this enterprising little town opened to us their Christian hearts and hospitable homes, and so became ministers to our social comfort. The institute was generally regarded by those present as taking front rank among the very best of its kind, and we are justified in the expectation that the seeds sown will yet produce an abundant harvest for good. S. S. MCKENNEY, Sec. Emory, Texas.

A KIND WORD.

To Dr. Rankin: We ladies of the W. C. T. U. want to write and thank you for the work you have done and the good we feel that you have accomplished in the Temperance cause. We are going to have an election in our town in June. Pray for us. May God bless and prosper you in your good work. Yours in Christ, MRS. T. M. LAMKIN. Box 50, Gonzales, Texas, Feb. 25.

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Devotional and Spiritual

ONE THING NEEDFUL.

What the Churches need most of all is a profound spiritual uplift. Other things may also be needed, and should be sought for; but that which is most urgently needed is a thorough awakening to the reality of spiritual and eternal things, for ourselves and for others as well. The most pressing need of the Churches is not finer places of worship; nor is it more money that is urgently required. These are important things in their place, but they are not what at present expresses the crying need of the Churches of to-day. What is needed is a more vivid consciousness of the divine, and a deeper sense of God in the Churches themselves; also a pungent sense of sin, and of the lost condition of men who are out of Christ, and of the final doom of the wicked who die in their sins. The gift of the Holy Spirit is pentecostal power, giving a spiritual outlook and uplift, is the desideratum of our Churches just now.—The Observer.

GOD KNOWS HER NAME.

Over in New York a certain great house hired a new boy. In the multitude of clerks he was lost, unrecognized by his chief. In the middle of the afternoon it was his duty to stand beside the head of the house and place checks and important documents for a rapid signature. He did this work with such skill and such exquisite manners that suddenly his employer looked up and recognized a new face. "How long have you been here?" "Two weeks, sir." "How old are you?" "Fourteen, Mr. —." "How much are you receiving?" "Three dollars." "Do you live at home?" "No, Mr. —." "Is your mother living?" "No, Mr. —, she died when I was three years old." "Does your father do nothing for you?" "No, sir." "With whom do you live?" "My teacher." "Do you mean your teacher in the public schools?" "I do, sir." "Three dol-

lars a week will not support you. Have you had any extra expense this week besides car fares?" "I had a dentist's bill last week." "How much was it?" "Fifteen dollars. I am paying it off a dollar a week." Just a few colors and strokes of the brush, and lo, the artist paints the angel and the seraph. Very few the strokes—you see a little child left an orphan at three; we see another woman coming into the home and counting the stepchild a burden. We see a man making himself unworthy, casting a little child out into a great world. Then we see a school-teacher interested in this boy, who must drop her classes, and then, opening her slender store, she makes a home for this child, puts his feet on the first round of the golden ladder, teaches him by night. Somewhere in this city there is a heroine. I know not her name. She abides in our midst, and she lends glory to this city.—Hillis.

THE SECRET.

Here are facts which anybody may verify: Persons on beds of pain, smiling; persons walking in a howling tempest of adversity, pelted as they go by poverty, injustice, ingratitude, failure of their plans and hopes, and yet proceeding with a firm step and a firm, cheerful spirit, going bravely on, even alone, with clear eyes and a good courage. And back of it all, accounting for it all, is the comfort and inspiration of religion. Ask them, and they will tell you. All this they endure and do through Christ, who strengthens them. The secret of it, the heart of it, is religion. They have an apprehension of God, realization of God, a consciousness of the presence of God, and in consequence of it they are strong and satisfied.—From "Human Nature of the Saints."

CONTROL YOUR THOUGHTS.

Until you have learned to control your thoughts you will never be able to live a godly and righteous life. "As a man thinketh in his

heart, so is he;" and it is because the thoughts which we entertain in the hostelry of the soul are such worthless and vain ones that our words and acts often bring so heavy a disgrace on the name we love.

Well might the Wise Man say: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." When the heart is right, the ear and the eye and the mouth and the foot necessarily will obey its promptings; but when the heart is wrong, filled with tides of ink, like the cuttlefish, it will develop itself in the impurity to which it gives vent. If you habitually permit evil things to have their right of way through you, or lodging with you, remember that in God's sight you are here equally guilty with those who indulge in evil acts, because you are withheld not by your fear of him, but by your desire to maintain your position among men.—F. B. Meyer, D. D.

THE THING WORTH WHILE.

I know that many of your are puzzled to know in what direction you can start to help Christ to help the world. Let me say this to you in that connection: Once I came to a cross-roads in the old life and did not know in what direction God wanted me to help hasten his kingdom. I started to read the Book to find out what the ideal life was, and I found that the only thing worth doing in the world was to do the will of God; whether that was done in the pulpit or in the slums, whether it was done in the college or classroom, or on the street, did not matter at all. "My meat and drink," Christ said, "is to do the will of him that sent me," and if you make up your mind that you are going to do the will of God above everything else, it matters little in what direction you work. There are more posts waiting for men than there are men waiting for posts. Christ needs men in every community and in every land; it matters little whether we go to foreign lands or stay at home, as long as we are sure we are where God puts us.—Henry Drummond.

CHRIST'S CONSIDERATION OF WOMEN.

One of the most touching and beautiful traits of character of the Master was his consideration and pity for women. There is hardly an instance where he turned them away from him in despair or failed to commiserate their weaknesses. There was something of the lost angelhood still existing in their natures, and the readiness and simplicity with which they believed in and accepted him for what he was were a rebuke to the men who held back often in doubt or demanded some proof of the truth of his assertions. Thomas, the disciple, trusted, and it is to the lasting honor and glory of the sex that there was no Judas among the women who followed Him who was base enough to betray her Master for a paltry bribe. "Last at the cross and first at the tomb." This is what has been so beautifully said of woman. Her smiles and her tears form a rainbow over the cradle, and her love, like the last light upon the darkening heights, sanctifies the grave like a benediction that follows after prayer.—Christian Observer.

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

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

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

This chemical was very expensive. The duty, too, was high. In all it cost me \$4.00 per pound. But what is \$4.00 per pound for a REAL remedy for the world's most painful disease?—for a REAL relief from the greatest torture human beings know?

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Secular News Items.

The findings of the majority of the North Sea Commission is in the main adverse to Russia. The commission decides that there were no torpedo boats on the scene and that "the opening of fire by Admiral Rojestvensky was not justified."

George Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has resigned from the Balfour Cabinet, forced out by the detection of the Irish unionists.

Great Britain does not propose to take any chances on maintaining the naval supremacy of the world. She is building eight new battleships and fifteen cruisers, and is asking still more appropriations from Parliament.

The British claims as a result of the North Sea incident, as finally submitted to Russia, total \$325,000. This amount, it is understood, will be paid in a few days without demur.

Hon. John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy, does not appear to agree with the President as to a rapid increase of our navy. At a public dinner in Boston not long since he expressed himself as of the opinion that it is not desirable that this country should be a "collector of debts for all the nations of Europe, which hold claim against South American Republics."

Mr. J. P. Morgan has paid \$1000 for the original manuscript of the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

Gov. Hanly, of Indiana, has signed the anti-cigarette bill, and hereafter the "cotton-nails" can not legally be manufactured, sold or given away in that State.

Vassar College advances rates \$400 for the term, making the cost to each pupil for the year's course \$2000.

The Vanderbilt lines will spend \$200,000,000 to secure better facilities to handle the traffic originating in and passing through Chicago.

Ellhu Root, former Secretary of War, has been offered the chairmanship of the Panama Canal Commission by President Roosevelt, but declines.

The plant of the American Cereal Co., located at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the largest of its kind in the world, comprising two entire blocks of brick and iron structures, was destroyed by fire March 7, with the exception of a small group of cooper shops, storage and packing rooms. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000, with insurance of nearly \$1,000,000. One person is known to have lost his life in the fire.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a warrant for \$750,000 in favor of Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, lawyers residing in Indian Territory, as fees for services rendered by them to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The Secretary of the Interior declined to approve the claim on the ground that it was excessive. Congress, however, directed the payment on the showing that it was regular and in accordance with the contract with the Indians.

A Japanese newspaper gives the ages of the leading Japanese generals prominent in the present war, as follows: Marquis Yamagata 65 years, Marquis Oyama 62, Count Nodsu 63, Count Katsura 37, Viscount Sakuma 59, Baron Kuroki 60, Baron Oku 58, Baron Yamaguchi 58, Baron Okazawa 60, Baron Nogi 55, Baron Hasegawa 54, Baron Nishi 58, Baron Kodama 52 and Prince Fushimi 46.

To find homes for the poor of London in this country is the mission which will take H. Rider Haggard, the noted author, to Texas. He has been commissioned by his Government to investigate land matters in the South. After making an investigation of the matter Mr. Haggard will submit a re-

port to the English Government. Two months will be devoted to travel through the United States and Canada. Accompanying Mr. Haggard is his daughter.

United States Senator William B. Bate, of Tennessee, twice Governor of his State, a veteran of both the Mexican and Civil Wars, rising from private to Major General in the latter, and for eighteen years a conspicuous member of the Senate, died at his hotel apartments in Washington, March 9, aged 78 years. Death was due to pneumonia and defective heart. Senator Bate attended the inauguration ceremonies on March 4, and his death is believed to be due primarily to exposure on that occasion.

According to the official report, the actual coffee stock is as follows: Brazil, 1,600,000 bags; Europe, 7,170,000; United States, 3,548,000. Since July 1 Brazil has exported 6,795,000 bags.

A report from Lindale estimates that 50 per cent of the peaches are killed. The outlook for strawberries so far is good. An increase of 40 per cent in vegetables is shown; strawberries 50 per cent increase, peaches 50 per cent increase.

Exports of cotton textiles from Japan in 1903 were valued at \$270,000 yen (\$1,118,460), a fivefold increase since 1893. China, Korea and Hongkong are the principal customers.

Mr. Carnegie insists that he has never met Mrs. Chadwick, and had never heard of her until the financial crash in the woman's financial affairs came.

The Grand Jury at Cynthia, Ky., has brought in 200 indictments against the Standard Oil Company.

A report from Calcutta, dated March 9, says: The deaths from the plague last week numbered 34,000. Statistics show that deaths from bubonic plague in India within a few years reach nearly 3,000,000. In 1903 the mortality in India from the plague alone was \$50,000. The number of deaths recorded last week, while extraordinary, is not unprecedented. The infection recently spread to Burma, where it is making rapid strides. This season of the year always favors its spread. The Indian Government is making every effort to eradicate the disease, destroying by burning whole sections of towns and segregating the inhabitants. But owing to the climate and unsanitary conditions of the outlying districts and native sections of the towns, it is difficult to cope with the epidemic, which breaks out continually at fresh points. The deaths are said to be 90 per cent of those infected. As a result of the plague, the labor supply for the manufacturing centers has seriously depreciated. So long has the plague existed in India that the native population regard it casually.

The much-talked of opposition of the trades unions to technical schools disappears, at least so far as Boston is concerned. The committee of the Central Labor Union appointed to consider the subject reports itself "not opposed to but in favor of wider opportunities for the higher industrial and technical training by means of which mechanics may perfect themselves in the theoretical and practical branches of their trades, study drawings, designs and technique and fit themselves for positions of larger responsibility."

President Elliot of Harvard makes the point when discussing labor conditions in this country, that "if all the work-people in our country, organized and unorganized, felt to-day that they were working for their own profit, for their own uplifting and their own happiness, they would work with such a will that the productiveness and general efficiency of labor would mount to an inconceivable height. The ultimate question about the industrial situation is, therefore, how to promote good will in labor."

It has been announced that the reunion of the Rough Riders, President Roosevelt's old regiment, which had been scheduled to take place at San Antonio, Tex., on the 31st instant, has been postponed until April 7 on the request of the President. To attend the reunion the President had intended to leave Washington on the 27th instant, but he found that he probably might not be able to get away at so early a date. In accordance with the arrangement tentatively made he will now leave Washington on the 4th or 5th of April.

Thirty-two years ago a Norwegian youth landed at New York. The total of his possessions was tied up in a handkerchief which was slung over his shoulder on a stick. When Gov. Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin leaves the executive office some time after March 4 to assume the duties of United States Senator his successor as governor of that great Western State will be the immigrant lad, James O. Davidson, who set out from New York with his little pack on his shoulder—who later rose to be lieutenant-governor of Wisconsin and will now become the chief executive of that State.

The President's new Cabinet is as follows: John Hay, District of Colum-

bia, Secretary of State. Leslie M. Shaw, Iowa, Secretary of the Treasury. William H. Taft, Ohio, Secretary of War. William H. Moody, Massachusetts, Attorney General. George B. Cortelyou, New York, Postmaster General. Paul Morton, Illinois, Secretary of the Navy. Ethan A. Hitchcock, Missouri, Secretary of the Interior. James Wilson, Iowa, Secretary of Agriculture. Victor H. Metcalf, California, Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

The treatment of Maxim Gorky, the novelist, is a fair illustration of the methods of bureaucracy and the autocracy in general. He was arrested without public charges; he is allowed no public trial—no trial at all; he is adjudged guilty by the bureaucracy and is to be deported.

WAR IN THE EAST.

A great battle has been fought between the Russians and the Japanese some miles from Mukden, along the Shakhe River. It raged for nearly three weeks, and is the bloodiest encounter of modern times. The Russians were beaten back to the city and then pressed beyond it with awful slaughter. A general retreat followed, with the Japanese pursuing, and the final results are not yet accurately known. Though it is conceded that General Kuropatkin has sustained an overwhelming defeat and that the bulk of his army is destroyed and great stores of his arms and munitions of war have fallen into the hands of Oyama. The latter general has shown himself to be one of the master military spirits of the world in this last achievement. What the outcome will be awaits to be seen. The newspapers are advising peace, but Russia has not yet said what she desires. If the war is continued, Russia will have to raise another army, for when she finds out the whole truth of the present disaster there will not be much left of Kuropatkin's force. The following associated dispatches give the latest news as we go to press:

Washington, March 12.—The Japanese legation has received the following telegram from the Foreign Office at Tokio, dated to-day: "The armies of the Shakhe quarter reported up to Saturday morning the following approximate figures, which are still increasing: Prisoners, over 40,000, including Major-General Nakhinoff; Russian corpses on the field, 26,500; other Russian casualties, 90,000; trophies, two ensigns, sixty guns, 60,000 rifles, 150 ammunition wagons, 200 shells, 25,000 shots for rifles, 75,000 bushels of grain, materials for light railroad for forty-six miles, 300 wagons for light road, 2000 horses, twenty-three Chinese carts full of maps, 1000 Chinese carts full of clothing, 10,000,000 portions of bread, 150,000,000 pounds of fuel, 223,000 bundles of horse allowances and 125,000 pounds of hay. The report from the Sinking quarter has not been received.

Tokio, March 12, 7 p. m.—Field Marshal Oyama reports that 40,000 Russian prisoners were taken, and that there were 90,000 Russian casualties in the Shakhe district alone. Japanese casualties are estimated at 11,000.

Tientsin, March 12, 10 a. m.—The well informed here roughly estimate the Russian casualties at 150,000 men and those of the Japanese at 60,000.

Later estimates place the Russian dead left on the field at about 30,000. Over eighty guns and 50,000 rifles were captured.

HOMES FOR SUPERANNUATES.

Alabama Conference has now seventeen neat cottage homes for superannuates. These are in different localities and are to be furnished free of all cost to superannuates and their families. This is a partial solution of a most difficult problem, and is so simple and practical that we trust it will prove a forcible example. We suggested this very idea in an editorial in the Advocate some years ago, in opposition to the idea of a "Home" for old preachers, widows, etc.

As we then insisted, there are many towns and villages where, with proper effort, a neat cottage property can be secured at small cost, and often as a donation to the Church; and wherever the Church is strong enough to locate such a home it will always have sufficient interest and liberality to aid the preacher or widow who may occupy it. When an entire Church or community recognizes such a responsibility it is easy.

The above clipping from one of our Advocate family tells of a great work these Alabama Methodists are doing. "Seventeen new cottage homes for superannuates." How glad this must make the members of the Alabama Conference feel! They know that their old men are provided for, and, too, they look forward to a time when they, too, shall have a place to rest until God shall call them to their eternal resting place. This is no small consideration. Many useful men have retired before the days of their usefulness were over because it became a necessity to prepare for old age. Many other men have had their last years in the conference made less fruitful because their minds dwelt upon the necessity that was confronting them, and, finding themselves homeless, they have begun to work and plan (who could blame them?) for money or means to secure a home. It does affect a man's usefulness to know that it is an uncertain thing for

him to-morrow. The Church ought to provide for them. The Church now has almost universally provided homes for her pastors, also for the Bishops. This is well. It is as it should be. But are we to do nothing towards securing homes for those who need them most? The pastors secure salaries; the amount secured by the superannuate is depressingly small. He, in the greatest number of cases, could live comfortably on the amount given him if he had a home of his own. He ought to have it. The Church is able to furnish him with it. Will she do it? It rests with the laymen to say whether or not the Church will provide for these old heroes. In the Alabama Conference John E. Morriss, a layman, gave the first home and put \$1000 in the bank to inspire the further giving of godly laymen. Where is the Texas layman who will do the same? Speaking of taking care of the old, worn-out preachers reminds me of an incident coming under my observation in my last charge. I was looking through a brother's stable, where he had a number of horses. In one of the large box stalls—the best one in the barn—was a beautiful yellow mare, showing marks of age, but still beautiful. He informed me, on inquiry, that she was very old and had not been harnessed for several years; that she had entirely lost use of her eyes; that she was of no particle of use in the world. "But," said he, "I take this care of her for what she has been; she was a good animal for a long time and did me faithful service for many years, and now I take pleasure in giving her every care." I thought more of the man when I saw this spirit shown towards this dumb brute. A pistol ball would have saved him a hundred dollars. I then reflected, and said: "What about the care of these old servants of God, worn out in the service of the Church, laying the foundation in this country deep and well? What are we doing for them?" I confess that the example of the man made me feel condemned. That this man should have done this no one will deny. It was a beautiful tribute to the service of the faithful animal. That the Church ought to take care of her old servants goes without saying, but are we doing it? Here is another clipping that shows the substantial way this noble North Alabama Conference is doing things. May I not expect someone in the bounds of the North Texas Conference to do likewise?

"The superannuate home movement of the Alabama Conference starts with encouraging prospects. In addition to a home recently donated, 160 acres of land and several building lots have been given."

I will be glad to correspond with anyone on this subject, and will, if necessary, come to see anyone who is interested. LOUIS S. BARTON, Special Agent for Superannuates' Homes in North Texas Conference. Terrell, Texas, March 1, 1905.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- March 2-C. L. Bounds, sub. L. L. Naugle, sub. C. G. Shutt, sub. J. J. Canifax, sub. A. L. Scarborough, sub. F. A. Downs, sub. M. Phelan, sub. J. C. Moore, sub. Frank Hughes, sub. J. T. Hicks, change made. Finis A. Crutchfield, sub. C. W. Perkins, sub. H. W. Nation, sub. Chas. Davis, trial sub. F. M. Winburn, sub. C. H. Adams, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. H. D. Huddleston, sub. G. H. Phair, sub. W. C. Hilburn, sub. R. F. Brown, sub. J. M. Barcus, sub. L. L. Mills, thank you. W. A. Gilliland, sub. W. A. Manley, sub.

- March 3-L. G. White, sub. P. O. Miller, sub. C. J. Oxley, sub. R. A. Waltrip, sub. Marcos Williamson, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. C. L. Browning, sub. Jno. M. Lynn, sub. J. J. Callaway, sub. S. L. Ball, sub. Ben Hardy, sub. M. C. Dobbs, sub. Lee Sanders, sub. M. C. Dickson, sub. D. S. Pearson, sub. H. M. Long, sub. J. T. Trice, sub. S. C. Dunn, sub. E. Hightower, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, sub.

- March 4-E. L. Spurlock, sub. W. B. Wilson, sub. W. W. Gollighugh, sub. P. E. Sims, sub. J. H. Braswell, sub. I. M. Bryce, sub.

- March 6-C. H. Armstrong, sub. J. J. Murphy, sub. W. L. Neims, sub. J. W. Childers, sub. J. M. Baker, sub. E. R. Edwards, sub. W. B. Martin, sub. J. W. Goodwin, sub. Z. B. Pirtle, sub. W. H. Matthews, sub. A. W. Wilson, sub. A. L. Scarborough, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. J. J. Canifax, sub. J. P. Lowry, sub. A. C. Biggs, has attention. S. D. Harger, sub. Franklin Moore, sub. G. H. Phair, sub. J. T. Hooks, sub. T. M. Dalton, sub. K. S. Van Zandt, sub. C. F. McKinney, sub. E. A. Smith, sub.

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- M. C. Dobbs, sub. R. B. Moreland, sub. S. D. Cook, sub. March 7-J. W. Tinscher, o. k. L. C. Mathis, sub. W. N. Curry, sub. R. B. Bonner, sub. J. S. Tunnel, sub. W. P. Garvin, sub. T. N. Weaks, sub. L. L. Naugle, sub. P. M. Riley, sub. Walter Douglass, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub. C. W. Young, sub. R. S. Heizer, sub. M. H. Hudson, sub. J. D. Dorsey, sub. J. W. Hennessee, sub. C. H. Armstrong, sub. March 8-E. R. Patterson, sub. C. W. Jacob, sub. M. A. Turner, sub. J. W. Ford, sub. D. F. Falley, sub. W. L. Harris, sub. T. B. Vinson, sub. L. B. Eirod, has attention. J. A. Ruffner, sub. J. A. King, sub. J. C. Wilson, sub. S. A. Barnes, sub. A. P. Hightower, sub. C. A. Hooper, sub. J. T. Kirkpatrick, sub. M. W. Rogers, sub. G. W. Conly, trial sub.

Vernon District Conference.

The Vernon District Conference will convene at Midland May 8, 1905, at 8 a. m. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. W. E. Lyon May 4 at 8 p. m. The following are the committees of examination: License to Preach—W. R. Thornton, J. E. Curry, W. E. Lyon. Admission on Trial—R. B. Bonner, J. T. Hicks, M. W. Clark. Deacon's Orders—J. T. Bloodworth, A. T. Culbertson, Frank Hughes. Elder's Orders—M. L. Moody, L. W. Carleton, E. R. Wallace. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Colorado District Conference.

The following are the committees of examination for the approaching Colorado District Conference: License to Preach—S. E. Houck, Walter Griffith, J. T. Howell. Admission—L. A. Webb, Geo. F. Fair, C. A. Evans. Deacon's Orders—M. H. Hudson, A. H. Hussey, L. A. Webb. Elder's Orders—S. J. Vaughan, S. E. Houck. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Red Oak.

R. J. Tooley, March 7: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Red Oak Feb. 22. The roads were extremely muddy; however, every class was represented. The train being late, we did not have the pleasure of hearing our beloved preacher. This was a disappointment to us all. The stewards easily agreed on salary, putting it at \$870, paying over one-fourth of it the first quarter. This is a new charge altogether, having been formed out of the Ovilla, Ferris and Palmer works. This charge, of course, created the need of a new parsonage. After spending nearly two months in the hospital home of our old friend Hardee Harrison, without any trouble from our wives or fights among our children, we moved into our new home, which is a nice, commodious, five-room house, complete throughout. We have some excellent people in this charge, and feel safe in saying we have fallen into good hands. We trust our ministry to them in holy things will be acceptable and profitable.

Gordon and Strawn.

W. A. Manly, March 9: A severe hurt which I received several weeks ago and the very bad weather which we have all experienced have hindered my work during the winter. However, the charge is now on the upgrade, our congregations are growing at each service and the interest is becoming more intense in Church work. While I was unable to be out I devised plans and formed new resolutions which I am now trying to put into execution. The last fourth Sunday we organized a Senior League at Strawn. Some of the very best workers in the community joined and others will follow shortly. We are counting on much faithful service by this band of Christian workers. May God bless them and make them a power for good. We shall organize a Junior League soon. Miss Nell Wilson, our organist at that point and a successful music teacher, will doubtless take charge of the children in the junior work. She will make a good leader. She is intelligent, consecrated and faithful; her work will therefore tell as she instructs the dear children in things divine. The Lord give gracious results. We serve a good and kind people. Many tokens of love and friendship warrant this statement. They are in-

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deed our folks. We love them and they honor and love us in return. We received a "pounding" last Friday evening which was helpful in every particular, physically, socially and spiritually. Old and young were represented in the company which stormed us through the darkness of a cloudy night. But the smiling faces and tender words of the crowd soon convinced us that no harm was intended by their presence. They meant good to us. After they dispensed with their burdens the social feature of the occasion began. This was noted for social fellowship and spiritual songs. We made melody from our hearts unto the Lord. We pray divine blessings upon the donors, and may grace abound abundantly towards them and the benedictions of His presence be theirs. We will hold our spring meetings soon, beginning in April. Bro. Armstrong will assist us at Strawn and Bro. Walkup at Gordon. These are both good preachers and godly men. The latter knew me when I was quite a small boy. The former was my pastor before I was grown. I love them ardently and shall appreciate their presence and labor among us. We are expecting a good time together; are praying and working for a great revival. Our Bro. Boone was the welcome guest at the parsonage during the Quarterly Conference. He was much enjoyed in our home. We all love him. His presence was a benediction to us. By the way, he is a preacher not of the ordinary sort. He is lucid in thought, positive in his declarations, earnest in his appeals and adheres with tenacious fidelity to the cardinal functions of the gospel. His preaching has the right ring. Our second Quarterly Conference meets at Strawn, where we expect good entertainment and gracious results.

Winters.

R. B. Young: The second Quarterly Conference for Winters is a matter of history. Bro. Bolton was with us, preaching and presiding with great satisfaction. He won our hearts and left an abiding blessing with us. The finances were comparatively good, notwithstanding the absence of some of the stewards. Sunday was a great day. We had a fine sermon by the presiding elder; received seventeen members; had a good sacramental service, and secured \$111 for conference collections. We had already raised an amount which will swell the aggregate to more than half of our assessments. We send two new subscribers to the Texas Advocate.

Farmer.

J. M. McCarter, March 10: At the last session of our conference we were ordered by Bishop Hoss to this point. We have never had any alternative but to obey orders, so we bade reluctant adieu to the people of Ellaville charge, whom we had learned to love very dearly. We had been with them but one year, which, by the way, is a long time for some preachers to stay on a work. Our lots have been cast among a very fine people. Our reception was open and cordial. The pounding came in due time, was served in good order and greatly appreciated. Good congregations, spiritual services, live Sunday-schools, good prayer-meetings and very happy class meetings are features of the new year. The League also prospers, with the Junior but recently organized with a membership of eighteen. The charge has splendid possibilities, and we believe, a glorious future. There is nothing to hinder it from being one of the banner circuits of this conference. We are expecting great things. Pray for us. The Advocate is not forgotten.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

Emberson Circuit.

C. H. Armstrong, March 7: We arrived here December 3, 1904; found a good, kind people who received us very kindly, pounding us before we were hardly settled. On the second day after we moved in, while eating supper, Sister Browne came over and said, "Please do not retire early." Then I said, "Pounding's comin', Betsy." She said, "No, no; just company coming." And, sure enough, after awhile they came, bringing numerous good things, from shaving soap on up the line to a gallon of sweet milk. If any of you run short of soda, come over. So we were encouraged, and we are praying God's blessings upon these good people. We held a meeting Christmas week at Sumner, which resulted in reviving the Church so that we have had Sunday-school and prayer-meeting ever since, whereas before we had none at all. Bro. Crowson, of Neola Mission, did the preaching. We have been visiting and praying with our people—have made over 150 visits; have secured 32 new subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate; have filled all our appointments save one. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 18th and 19th ult. Our presiding elder preached us two very fine ser-

mons. The stewards fixed the salary for the support of the ministry at \$600. We are working and praying for a sweeping revival all over our work. May the Lord help us.

Josephine Circuit.

Leonard Rea, March 13: We are now beginning our second quarter on this circuit. Our presiding elder, I. W. Clark, came to us on Friday, remaining until Sunday. He preached four very fine sermons for us, which indeed were a great treat for us all. I am sure they put us on a higher plane of Christian living. The business meeting of the conference was held Saturday afternoon, and as this is a new circuit we elected new officers and out of the twenty-two officers elected fourteen were present—a good number for such bad weather, for it was raining part of the afternoon. We have been almost mud-bound for some time. The conference occasion was, in spite of mud, a great success, for we feel that our beloved left us much higher in divine life than he found us. The stewards paid preacher in charge \$73.60 and the presiding elder \$12.25, for which we give God thanks. Our circuit is coming to the front. It was just organized this last conference. When we came here in November we found some of the best people we have ever known, but, speaking generally, the Church was in a bad condition spiritually; but we thank God and take courage because we have already felt the warming influence of the Holy Spirit and we feel sure that we are waking up to a great need of a spiritual awakening. My people are beginning to talk about the meeting and when you can get people to talking about and praying for a revival then the revival wave is not far away. We are praying that God will bless us with a great revival of religion this year, and I believe He will, for we have already received a foretaste of His grace in our own hearts. When I came on this work in November there were only two Sunday-schools, but we have since organized two others. We organized first Sunday in January at Honaker Chapel with fifty-seven members. This school is doing well under the leadership of Bro. R. F. Hawkins. Bro. Hawkins goes into his work with a determination to succeed and that is what it takes to make a good superintendent. The present enrollment is nearly seventy. We organized at Milam Chapel fourth Sunday with fifty-seven members. In spite of cold weather this school has gone steadily on under the leadership of Bro. J. J. Dean. Bro. Dean has proven himself worthy of this place as superintendent. He goes ahead and says, "Come on," and not, "Go on." We now have four schools. We have also organized an Epworth League at Josephine with twenty-five members. We have since added four, making a total of twenty-nine. I believe the League has a prosperous future. We are taking ten Eras. We have put nine Advocates in the homes since conference. We love the Advocate and will do all we can for its circulation on our circuit. We have been for some time repairing our church house at Milam Chapel. It will cost when finished about \$200. We ask the prayers of all who read this that this may be the greatest year we have ever experienced. We will begin our protracted meetings June 23 at Josephine. Bro. J. M. Bond will assist me here and Bro. H. L. Timmons, of Mart, has consented to lead the singing. I have visited nearly every member on my circuit. We find that pastoral visiting is a good way to get near your people. I believe that Josephine Circuit will in a short time, become one of the best little circuits in North Texas Conference.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Calvert Station.

G. E. Cameron: We have raised and are expending about \$400 in improvements on our Church property. Our missionary assessments are paid in full. The services are well attended. We had one accession last Sunday night. Our people all seem hopeful of a good year.

Cold Springs.

Wm. M. Foster: I was returned to this work for the second year by the authorities at Marshall. Last year's work was closed up in good shape, having been able to report an increase in membership and the salaries paid in full, with a grand total of \$1,792.10 from all sources. I am sorry to say there was a deficit in some of the collections ordered by the Annual Conference. Will try and do better this year. Our new church at Waverly has been completed, though, owing to bad weather, we have not used it for services yet, but expect to the third Sunday in March. It is a beauty and the good people there deserve great credit for their heroic efforts in building. We think the Board did a wise thing in giving us \$75 at conference to pay

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off the last of the building expenses. We now have four nice, comfortable church houses for the four intelligent congregations belonging to the Cold Springs charge. Well, our new presiding elder, Bro. Lamar, came Saturday—too late to preach at 11 o'clock—and held our Quarterly meeting, and I believe "all hands and the cook" believe him to be at home in the chair at such councils. He was kind and courteous and manly, yet firm and exacting in looking into and inquiring after the Church's interest. He preached for us only twice. Having an appointment to preach elsewhere, he had to leave Sunday evening. We were sorry his stay was so short. The stewards made the same assessment for the support of the ministry as was raised last year, which was \$500; but as the presiding elder's claim this year is \$73, where it was \$63 last year, it changes the figures just a little. But that is all right, for, with the many kindnesses shown this preacher, I am sure that he, with his large family, consisting of one wife, can get on very comfortably on that amount, provided his old buggy don't have to be replaced with a new one. We have been very much hindered in our work by the extremely bad weather, but now it is better and we hope to "get down" to business again. Our people responded very liberally, at our Cold Springs Church yesterday, to our appeal for the conference collections. We have a good people anyway, and a good home.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Rockport and Aransas Pass.

W. D. Amack, March 9: Back in Missouri when we first decided to come to Texas, and when all we knew of Rockport and Aransas Pass was that it was a spot on the water edge of the map, we said this would be our first charge in this conference. But we never spoke of this to any one. We came to Beeville two weeks before the Annual Conference and met our future presiding elder, the man who never stops, except to turn around (and this would hardly be counted a stop); we dined with him and cracked nuts with him and talked and tried to look wise, but never once did he say, "What will you have?" But we still hoped and "according to your faith so be it unto you." So we came to Rockport and Aransas Pass. An adjourned prayer-meeting, led by the retiring pastor, met us at the station. We forgot their names in a minute, but we won't forget the deed. Bro. Joe Morris and wife took us to their home for the night. The house fronts on the bay and is so near the water's edge that we were lulled to sleep by the lapping of the waves. How strange it seemed to think that here we were actually within the sound and sight of the dreamed-of surf. Does a dream come true? The people here are very good to us. They are all Methodists, though some have their names recorded in the books of other denominations. But they could not be kinder to us if they were Methodist in name as well as deed, and some of our truest friends are not members of any Church. Our prayer for them is that they may be saved. Our first night in the parsonage brought a liberal pounding. We resolved to keep even by giving our whole selves in service. But there is no keeping even. The pounding was protracted into a three months' affair, followed by a regular "hallelujah" pounding that left us dead to vanity. We still do our best because we can not help it, and not with any thought of keeping even. The membership here is small and not rich, but it makes up in loyalty and devotion. We have one family of four, all Church workers, living six miles out. This whole family averages two services every week in the year, and there is never a meeting in any department of the Church, Sunday-school or League

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that one or more of the family is not present. One of our stewards is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and another is ex-Lieutenant-Governor T. B. Wheeler. Gov. Wheeler is also superintendent of the Sunday-school at Aransas Pass, and a "hustler." Other ex-officials rest on their laurels, but Gov. Wheeler must needs go higher. Everything is booming.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Tyrone, Okla.

A. G. White, March 10: Our Second Quarterly Conference was held at Nabisco last Saturday. I received eight members this quarter; received on salary \$21 from charge. We held services in new schoolhouse. This will help us there, as heretofore I preached in a store. Brother Lovett, my presiding elder, preached three old-time gospel sermons, which were enjoyed by all. I have just returned from a ninety-mile ride on horseback. I have decided to take Dondy on my work. I hope to organize a class there soon. This makes eight places where I preach, with Tyrone a half station. I hope to start several good charges here this year. I am praying the Lord to send more laborers into this new field. I have no local preachers. My presiding elder hopes to get someone to help me soon. I have not commenced my Church house at Tyrone, but hope to soon. Wife is lending all the aid she can. We have not had any meetings yet, but will start just as soon as we can.

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CORRECTION.

In the Advocate of March 2 there appeared a communication from the pen of W. D. Moore, Loriburg, N. M. The article was written by Rev. N. D. Wood and was incorrectly printed W. D. Moore.

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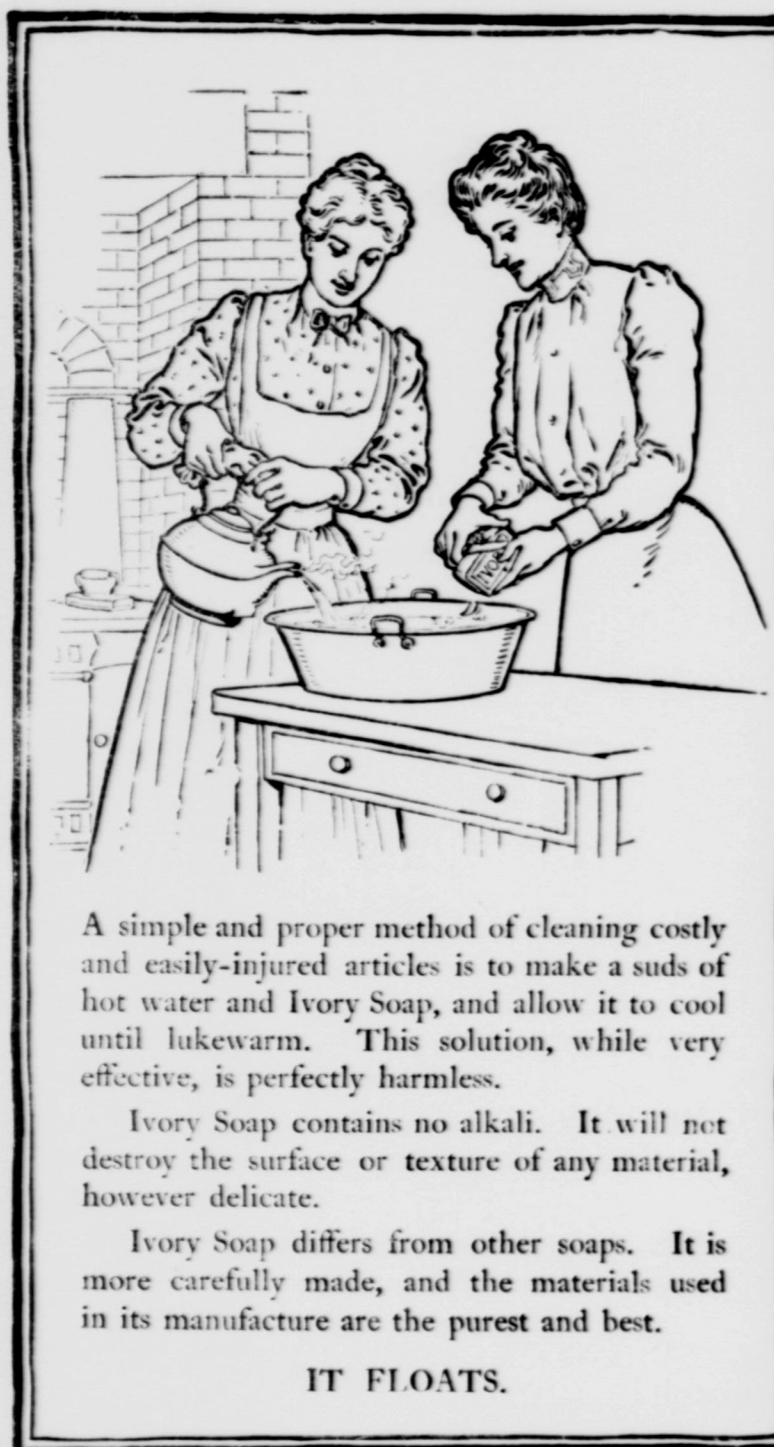
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THE LITTLE TURNCOAT.

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N' sometimes good,
N' go with mamma
N' wear my hood.
At Auntie sent me;
N' I have so nice,
N' sits more stiller,
N' a little nice.

Then, 'fo' I know it,
The naughty's back,
A tryin' to follow
Right in my track;
It spoils my playin',
N' spoils my song,
N' makes the rightest
of things go wrong.

N' then I changes
Ain't so quick
At Brother Sammy
Says: "You're a brick."
I can't quite explain it,
How it can be;
But mamma calls me
A turncoat—see."

(Written February 16, 1905, and dedicated to little Zoelle Peoples, of Gardner, Tenn.)

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM,
Haskell, Texas.

A TRANSFERRED PROTEGEE.

"What do you find so interesting this hot day?" asked a gay voice, and, looking up from her book, Joan Naylor saw two city girls watching her with amused eyes. She was sure they were city girls from their clothes, and then, too, she knew all the girls around, but these were strangers. She remembered that a party of campers had come to the big forest near her home, and instantly guessed that her stylish visitors belonged there.

"Hume's History," she said, turning the leather-covered volume over in her lap. "Won't you sit down?" and the visitors took the old porch-chairs she offered.

"Hume's England! The very thought of anything so ponderous makes me faint. And on a day like this, too!" exclaimed one of the girls.

"Do you read much history?" asked the other girl, kindly. "Perhaps you are preparing for college?"

"I read everything I can get," answered the country girl. "My grandfather left me his books, and I have read them all. I am afraid we will never be rich enough for me to go to college, but I should like to so much."

"It doesn't take much money to go through college these days," said one

of the visitors. "There is a good school in the town where I live, and lots of the students work their way clear through."

"Where is that?" asked Joan, almost breathlessly. Though thoroughly versed in her grandfather's books, she was ignorant of the cities not a hundred miles away.

"At C—, about seventy-five miles from here. Have you never been there?"

"I have never been more than ten miles from home in my life," answered Joan, simply. "What do the students do to earn their board and clothes?"

"Are you girls going to stay all day?" called several boys and girls coming up the flower-bordered path.

In the bustle and confusion that followed the purchase of bread, butter, milk, and eggs from Joan's mother, all talk about college students was dropped, but Joan pondered the things she had heard in her heart.

"Do you go to the college you spoke about?" she asked Nell Reeder, timidly, the next time she came to the cottage.

"O, dear, no," said the young lady with a little flush. "I think school is too tiresome for anything! Papa wanted to send me last year as soon as I graduated from the high school, but I begged and cried till he gave up the notion. I take music from one of the college teachers, and that is all I can stand. I'll tell you what I'll do, Joan. Some day, when the rest are busy in camp, I'll come up and tell you all I know about the school, but that isn't very much."

"As much as an outsider can know," laughed the girl with her. "Come on, Nell. That bread smells so tempting that I must have a piece right away," and Joan was left to dream of the coveted place till time to give the chickens their supper.

Day after day, while the campers lounged and enjoyed the cool shade, Joan was eagerly learning everything she could from the city girl. "I'll send you a catalogue when I get home," said Nell, one day just before she went home. "That will tell you better than anything else about the studies and expenses. Some high-school pupils are admitted without examination, but I really could not

tell what they do with country scholars."

"If you encourage that girl to go to college you may regret it one of these days," warned a friend, when Joan trudged away from camp one day with her empty baskets. "She fairly drinks in every word you say, Nell. Self-supporting girls have a hard time in a strange town, and she might blame you if she failed."

"Nonsense!" laughed Nell. "The idea of any one paying attention to what I say! I've been called giddy and a chatterbox all my life, and John says people discover in fifteen minutes how shallow I am, so there's no danger. She hasn't fifteen dollars to her name and never went to school more than three years in her life, so how could she go to college? You see, I know all her family history. As soon as she sees the catalogue she will see how impossible it is for her to go."

But when the catalogue came it had the very opposite effect from that which the sender intended. Instead of discouraging, it inspired the highest hopes in her breast, and from the moment of its arrival the two occupants of the cottage planned Joan's college career. Mrs. Naylor had carefully taught her daughter during the months it was impossible to attend the country school, and they both knew the young girl could pass the entrance examination as soon as they read the list of studies required.

"Who is that girl I met in the hall as I came in, Nell?" inquired Margaret Patterson, as she came into her friend's room. "She looked as if she was in deep trouble."

"Well, she ought to be in trouble," said Nell, crossly. "Now, don't look shocked till you hear my troubles, Margaret. Last summer we camped in a forest near her house, and this girl used to bring us butter and eggs and things like that. Her mother makes the most delicious cakes you ever tasted. They fairly melt in your mouth, and all the campers were crazy about them."

"Is that what all your troubles are about?" asked Margaret, who was used to leading her flighty friend back to the subject in hand.

"No, of course not! How absurd you are! As I was saying, this girl asked all manner of questions about college till the girls called her my protegee. In an evil and unguarded moment I mentioned that some of the students worked for their tuition, and what did the foolish girl do but pack up and come here to take full college course with just one hundred dollars to her name. She and her mother sold their cow and horse and everything but their little farm to scrape that much together. Did you ever hear of anything so ridiculous? I talked very plainly to her to-day, but I don't suppose it did her any good."

"She looked too miserable for words, poor little thing!" said plain-spoken Margaret. "Are you sure you didn't encourage her to come?"

"You are exactly like grandma," sobbed Nell, "always blaming me with everything. Down in camp I thought it would be lovely if she got to go; she seemed so anxious, but I never dreamed of seeing her here so soon. She thought I'd be delighted to find her a place to stay, but my music takes so much of my time that I really can't bother with anything else. I'll never advise anybody else as long as I live."

"Suppose you transfer all your right and title in your protegee to me," suggested Margaret. "She needs a friend this minute if any one ever did, and I'll take her off your hands if you'll promise never to interfere."

"I solemnly promise!" cried Nell, joyfully. "You don't know what a load is off my mind. She is staying down at Mrs. Trent's for the present, and her name is Joan Naylor. Do you want any other information?"

"I'll get it from Joan," answered Margaret, and ten minutes after she left the room Nell had almost forgotten her protegee.

During the years that followed, Nell and Margaret naturally drifted apart. The former was concerned with the social life of the place, while Margaret was an earnest student. They met occasionally, but the intimacy of high-school days was broken off.

Once, when the subject of camping came up, in a company where both girls were, Nell asked suddenly, "By the way, Margaret, what ever became of my protegee? Did she see the folly of trying to get through school on that tiny sum of money, as I predicted, or is she still in town?"

"Whose protegee?" asked Margaret, lifting her eyebrows in the way Nell remembered from past school-days.

"Yours, of course. What did I say? From the look on your face it must have been something dreadful."

"You said 'my protegee,' and she has been mine for two years."

"Two years! Is it possible?" said Nell, looking serious for a moment. "Well, you are welcome to her. We had some sponge cake to-day that tasted exactly like that we used to get

in camp from Joan's mother, and I thought of her for the first time in years. Of course, it wasn't Mrs. Naylor's cake, but it tasted like it. Mother got it at the exchange."

"Mrs. Naylor bakes things to sell, so perhaps it was hers," said Margaret. "She and Joan have more orders than they can fill. Joan is at the head of her classes, and is doing splendidly."

Nell thought no more of Joan till she attended a brilliant reception given by the president of the college in honor of a distinguished guest. It was a gathering of the best and brightest pupils as well as many of the citizens, and the head of the college took pleasure in presenting the young men and women who were making their mark in the school to the visitor. In spite of all her efforts, Nell was sad as she thought of the frivolous young people who were her friends, and mentally contrasted them with the intelligent faces before her.

"I really can not understand why Miss Naylor is so friendly with Margaret Patterson," a lady near her was saying, as Joan and Margaret passed by. "Mrs. Naylor is rich and could take her daughter to the best school in the land, but Joan prefers to stay in this little place with comparatively limited advantages, because Margaret can not afford a more expensive school."

"I can tell you why," said her friend. "Mrs. Naylor has not been rich all her life. You have only lived here a few months, and do not know that she once baked for a living. She owned a farm near a forest, where people camp every summer, and some rich people took a notion to buy up several hundred acres for a country club. They paid Mrs. Naylor a good price for her land, but she is not rich in the way most people count riches. Margaret Patterson did everything for them when they came here without money or friends, and it is no wonder they cling to her so."

"I might have done that myself," said Nell, bitterly. "Margaret has a good education and the lasting gratitude of Joan and her mother to show for these two and a half years since we both graduated, and what have I? Nothing but an empty head and lasting regret."—Hilda Richmond, in Western Christian Advocate.

IN A THOUGHTFUL VEIN.

You owe it to your mother—
To do your best to keep her youthful in appearance, as well as in spirit, by taking pains with her dress and the little accessories and details of her toilet.

Not to shock or pain her by making fun of her religious prejudices if they happen to be at variance with yours, or if they seem narrow to your advanced views.

To introduce all your young friends to her and to enlist her sympathies in youthful projects, hopes, and plans, so that she may carry her own youth into old age.

To talk to her about your work, your studies, your friends, your amusements, the books you read, the places you visit; for everything that concerns you is of interest to her.

If she is no longer able to take her accustomed part in the household duties, do not let her feel that she is superannuated or has lost any of her importance as the central factor in the family.—Success.

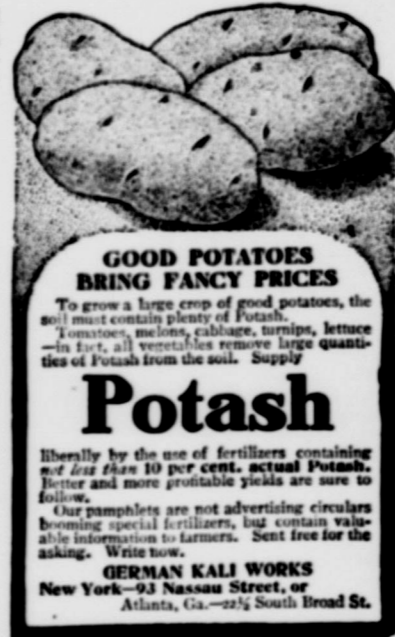
THE GOLDEN RULE IN LITTLE KINDNESS.

"Thank you so much," said one friend gratefully to another, in acknowledgment of very trifling favors. "Don't speak of them," was the reply. "They are all such little bits of things."

"But sometimes the little things are much easier and pleasanter to take than great favors," persisted the appreciative friend.

Upon reflection, the hearer was much impressed with the discriminating truth of the passing word. It is not true, indeed? We all "just love" to do big favors, of course. We may really take delight in putting ourselves out to any extent to serve another or bestow a gift; but would we enjoy having others make a sacrifice or suffer a positive inconvenience for us? Here is where the Golden Rule has its fine and delicate application. There may be alloy of selfishness in the gold of our giving. Is it not more unselfish and kindly to please our friends in the way they choose and like best, rather than to insist upon our own way, though it may give us actual gratification? Measureless love, tact, and even self-renunciation, enter into the bestowal of kindnesses.

"You understand exactly what I like," said one who had received from another a simple remembrance of growing plants, instead of a more lavish gift which would have been gladly offered as a measure of love. But the giver knew how the sensitive receiver shrank from elaborate bestowals, and that if the receiver were



to be the giver, she ought to give a trifle, too, in order to keep the Golden Rule.

If it is easier to take little kindness than large ones—since it requires great love indeed to receive without the burden of obligation, then let us be encouraged to do the little wayside deeds of love that can not jar in the taking because they are so small. Yet are they very dear. "Pansies for thoughts" and roses for love may be sweeter than hothouse orchards.—Julia H. Johnston.

NOT A CLEAR TITLE.

The word "furlough" occurred in a reading lesson of a primary grade in one of the public schools, says the Philadelphia Ledger. The teacher asked if any boy or girl knew the meaning of the word.

One small hand was raised and shaken vigorously in the eagerness of the urchin to display his knowledge. When he received permission to speak, he rose, and with the greatest assurance said:

"Furlough means a mule."
Not a whit disturbed at the teacher's "Oh, no, it doesn't," the small boy confidently answered:

"I have a book at home that says so." Then the teacher told him he might bring the book to school and show it to her.

The next morning he came armed with the book, and triumphantly showed her the picture of an American soldier astride a mule, under which was printed, "Going home on his furlough."—Youth's Companion.

MAXIMS FOR THE YOUNG.

If courage is gone, all is gone.
If you lose heart you weaken your head.

Fly from pleasure that bites to-morrow.
Put the best of yourself into all you do.

A wise man can keep silent—a fool can not.
Prosperity in evil is the greatest misfortune.

A minute may read what an age can not mend.
Hurry not only spoils work, but spoils life also.

No office can make a worthless man respectable.
A noble failure is better than a disreputable success.

A man should have "the will to do, the soul to dare."
More harm may come of work ill done than of work undone.—Tribune.

Too many preachers think that eloquence is a matter of accent.

Cancer—How Mrs. Margaret E. Cox, of New Moon, Ala., Saved Her Life.

March 4, 1904.

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THE MINUTES OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The following review of the minutes of the Texas Conference is not intended as a criticism of any one. That the tables are very defective any one who takes the trouble to go through them will see.

The Houston District paid for ministerial support \$16,128—94 per cent on assessment. For foreign and domestic missions \$1951—85 per cent of assessment.

Beaumont District: For support of ministry, \$9998—80 per cent of assessment. For foreign and domestic missions, \$1908—78 per cent of assessment.

Brenham District: For support of ministry, \$9650—80 per cent on assessment. For foreign and domestic missions, \$1438—78 per cent of assessment.

San Augustine District: For support of ministry, \$12,677—99 per cent. For foreign and domestic missions, \$1520—95 per cent. Other conference assessments, \$1943—95 per cent.

Calvert District: For support of ministry, \$10,329—82 per cent of assessment. For foreign and domestic missions, \$1884—94 per cent. Other assessments, \$2031—83 per cent.

Huntsville District: Ministerial, \$9965—95 per cent of assessment. Foreign and domestic missions, \$1602—100 per cent of assessment.

Palestine District: Support of the ministry, \$11,679—94 per cent. Foreign and domestic missions, \$1769—96 per cent of assessment.

Tyler District: For support of the ministry, \$11,613—92 per cent. Foreign and domestic missions, \$1884—94 per cent.

Marshall District: Ministerial support, \$11,263—98 per cent. Foreign and domestic missions, \$1617—101 per cent.

Pittsburg District: Support of the ministry, \$14,322—99 per cent. Foreign and domestic missions, \$1970—101 per cent.

These are the figures as given in general summing up in the minutes. I have taken time to go over the figures for Pittsburg District and find that instead of \$52,179 we actually paid for all purposes \$56,260, a difference of \$4081.

Tyler District: Total membership given for this year, 8770; last year, 9248, net loss 478.

9248, net loss 478. But now take additions by profession and certificate. They have 989; removals, 543. This leaves 446 net gain; add this to 9248 of last year and you have for this year, instead of 8770, 9694, a difference of 924.

Pittsburg District goes down with this year, 7396; last, 7427, net loss, 31. But the additions show by profession and certificate 993; removals, 375; net gain, 618.

The minutes are a model of neatness, and show that Bro. Garrison, the editor, has taken much care in getting them out, and in reasonably good time. I have said that the imperfect totals were probably due to the imperfect or complicated statistical blanks.

Now take Shearn Church. Bro. Hay gives all items on finance table. Then in the column for "other objects" puts down \$301.60, and makes the "total amount raised for all purposes" \$5106.60.

J. T. SMITH, Pittsburg, Texas.

SOME NEEDED LEGISLATION—THE LOCAL PREACHER.

How shall we account for the decrease in the number of local preachers in the Church? The general minutes will show a very great decrease in the past eight years of Southern Methodist history.

Finally, why dissent from the two articles above? Well, mainly they are liable to confuse us common people, getting us in a fix.

When money is the only egg in the nest, misery is the only bird in the brood.—Ram's Horn.

as follows: "A local deacon shall be eligible to the office of elder after he has preached two years from the time he was ordained deacon, and has obtained a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference, after a proper examination on the course of study prescribed by the Bishops as a preparation for elder's orders; and the fact of passing an approved examination on this course shall be stated in the recommendation which shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the conference.

JOHN L. WILLIAMS, Blue Ridge, Texas.

DOCTORS WILL DIFFER.

"Doctors will differ." I see some well-written articles in Church papers that I don't accept, or at least see it that way, one of which appeared in Texas Christian Advocate the 13th inst., in which the writer assumes that the woman whom Christ met at the well was not an adulteress, but rather the "espoused wife" of the man with whom she was then living.

The second article from which I dissent is found in the Arkansas Methodist of the 15th inst., in which the writer asks: "Where and when did the wise men find Jesus?"

SKIN PARASITES Live and multiply in the skin of the sufferer from tetter, itch, ring worm, and similar skin diseases. It is horrible for one to be fed upon in this manner.

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Table listing district conferences: Gatesville, McCombs, Dallas, First Church, Ft. Worth, Polytechnic College, etc.

ANOTHER ONE DRY.

McCulloch County voted on local option last Saturday, and every precinct in the county went dry but one, and it was a small one. The fact is, the county like to have made the vote unanimous. If we mistake not, the county has been partially dry, and we have had it in the partially dry column. But now it is totally so. Thus the good work goes on. Within a week four more counties will vote, and we hope all of them will wheel into line. They are Haskell, Midland, Polk and Hardeman. They are all partially wet at present. Who says that local option does not go marching on? Do our legislators see any signs sufficiently intelligent for them to read? Does our Court of Criminal Appeals hear any noises of an ominous kind? Is not public sentiment on this question thundering some deep-toned notes? On with the battle!

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Much inconvenience to the Advocate office and confusion and loss of time will be saved all parties interested if our correspondents will observe a few requests, to-wit:

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5. Please bear in mind that the American Home Journal and the Home and State have no connection with the Advocate.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Mexico City is a city of church buildings. I presume it has a structure of this sort for every one thousand or fifteen hundred of its population. They are on every square, and sometimes more than one to the square. They are a peculiar style of architecture. There is nothing like it in our country. It is a combination of the Spanish with the Moorish, the former dominating. They are built of stone and a yellow sort of cement, with now and then a brick one. They are all old and none of them perfectly finished. They are always working on them. They are building no new ones. They do not need any others, because they are well supplied in the city, the towns and throughout the rural districts. The reason why they never quite finish one is that if finished they would be liable to taxes. But incomplete, they are not thus liable as long as they are used for Church purposes. None of this Church property belongs to the Church as such. The Government confiscated all Church property years ago, but it permits the people to use the property for religious purposes as long as they conform to the laws of the country, but the moment any disaffection in Church property manifests itself toward the Government, the authorities will take charge of it. Such was the trouble up to several years ago with the Roman Catholics meddling with the country that the Government decided to allow no Church to own property. The Government has no sympathy with Roman Catholicism, and regards it as an enemy. The heads of all departments of the Government are Liberals, and they are under the complete control of Diaz. They are referred to as Masons, but not as Catholics. When you attend the Church services and witness the influence of Catholicism on the minds of masses of those ignorant and degraded people, one is not surprised at the action of the Government. For the masses of these people are Catholics, and they are subject to civil authority because of their abject fear. The Government is called a Republic, but it is only such in name. It is a one-man Government and Diaz is that man. He holds the reins of absolute power in his hand. As long as the people obey his laws and behave themselves, he gives them all the liberty they can enjoy, but the moment they fall at any one point, his power knows no mercy. And he has his soldiers, his police and his rural constabulary everywhere. The whole of it is subject to his order. He is so firmly established that none dares to cross him. And fortunately he is a very humane and patriotic man, when obeyed. And he has given to the country peace and order and material prosperity. Hence, with all the influential classes he is popular. But to revert to the Churches. They are not built for seating a congregation like we build ours; but for prayer and confession. There are no seats at all in the great cathedral. It has three immense altars gorgeously furnished, and it has many shrines. All around the interior walls are confessionals. The people come in, bow before some image, crawl about on their knees, cross themselves, do reverence to a lot of unsightly images, put something in the contribution boxes, then drag themselves over to one of the confessionals, and tell their sins into the ears of a greasy, fat priest and imagine that they have worshiped. While these confessions were in progress the morning I was there, the old fat priests were perched in these boxes, gazing about at the other people coming and going. If they heard what those poor wretches were saying to them, they at least seemed to have no interest in their stories. It was solemn mockery. Yet they pretended to be representing God in forgiving their sins! And during all this heathenish performance, a whole company of priests and choir boys at the organs were chanting the strangest and weirdest music that ever fell on human ears. It was gruesome, ghastly, spooks-like. Here and there were people of the bet-

ter class, but the most of them were a dirty, repulsive and abhorrent-looking lot. And for three hundred years Rome has held them in this bondage of ignorance, superstition and degradation. They know nothing of spiritual religion, and the corrupt sort to which they have always been accustomed keeps them in sin, rather than helping them out of it. After observing them closely, I came to the conclusion that Roman Catholicism in Mexico is nothing more than substitution of the old Aztec idols with the cross, the Virgin and the images. There is positively no other change in their ancient religion. It is Christianity in name only. In fact, it is the worst form of paganism. For instance, in the early days of Spanish rule, the Mexican or Indian element brought into the Church concluded that a white Savior had no sympathy with the poor Indians, and they lodged complaint. Rome was equal to the demand. She had a black Christ constructed, consecrated and sent over to them. He is still there in one of their Churches. I visited it to get to see him. Sure enough, there he hung upon the cross, looking more like a black devil than a Savior. Yet they were crowded around him on their knees worshipping him! Had I not seen this and gotten the history of the thing, I could not have believed it. But it is a fact. The piece of statuary presents the life-size form of a black man nailed to a huge cross. For nearly three centuries those people have been flocking to that Church and doing homage to that horrible piece of human device. It was enough to make one's blood run cold. And those people believe as firmly in that black, unsightly specimen of art as I do in the veritable Christ, who sits on the right hand of God. Unless it be a gorgeous cathedral, the furnishings in all these buildings are the same. When you have visited one and looked at it, you have really seen them all. But I want to tell of my visit to Guadalupe, a famous suburb of the city. You reach it by an electric car and it is quite a village. There is connected with it a legend of rare credibility, and yet its influence over the Mexican mind is unbounded. Some time after the establishment of Romanism by the Spaniards, there was a Church at this place, and a Bishopric. Just in the rear of this church there arose a hill several hundred feet high, and from the front it was nearly perpendicular. It was covered with cactus and shrubbery. One morning as a poor Indian was coming round the foot of this hill, on his way to worship, he heard the music of singing voices. His name was Juan Diego. It was December 9, 1531. He stopped and listened. Falling upon his knees, he looked up and a lady appeared to him and bade him hear what she had to say. She told him to go to the Bishop and tell him it was her will that a temple should be built on that hill in her honor. Then she vanished. He arose and hurried to the Bishop and told him his vision. The Bishop listened, but attached no importance to his story and had him go his way. Sorrowfully he returned to where he had seen her ladyship, and she was there awaiting his return. He told her the result of his call upon the Bishop; and she made an engagement to meet him there again the next morning. The next day he returned to the hillside. She appeared for the third time and sent him back to the Bishop with her message. The Bishop still did not believe Diego, and told him to return and bring to him some sure evidence of the reality of the vision. He did so, but two servants secretly followed him. The lady again returned to him and he gave her the Bishop's reply. She told him to climb up the steep hill and gather some flowers in his tilma—blanket—and take them to his reverence. No flowers had ever been known to grow on the hill. But he climbed up, and behold! the flowers were growing in profusion. He gathered them, rolled them in his tilma, carried them to the Bishop, but just as he reached the bottom of the hill, a clear spring miraculously broke out of the earth. When he

reached the Bishop he threw down his tilma and began to unroll it, and instead of flowers he found painted on or woven into the blanket the image of a beautiful woman! She was the Virgin of Guadalupe. The Bishop placed the image in his house. This story received the sanction of Rome, a splendid cathedral was built at the foot of the hill, and the like of it I have never seen. The original image is said to be suspended over the altar. I gazed up at it, while upon her head, or rather, just over it, is a crown of gold and precious jewels, said to have cost \$5,000,000! It is said that the huge altar railing is made of silver and weighs twenty-five or thirty tons. Millions of dollars' worth of gold and silver are used in the interior. A shrine or chapel is also built over that miraculous spring and the people flock there by the thousands, worship and drink and bathe and are cured of all sorts of maladies. The most degraded form of worship I ever saw, or expect to see, was in that magnificent cathedral. Just on the top of the hill, where the Indian is said to have gathered the flowers, there is a splendid chapel, reached by long, winding steps. In this chapel I saw a black virgin—the statue of her. She had ribbons of various length hanging on her arms. It is said that she is the Virgin of poison. If a woman wants to get rid of her husband, or if a man wants to get rid of his wife, all that is necessary is to get the length of the offending party by the ribbon measurement, hang it on the Virgin's arm, tell your wish and go your way. Then vengeance awaits the victim! And these poor fools believe this. But the Lady of Guadalupe, whose image is in the cathedral below, is the Mexican Virgin Mary. The Spanish have the other Virgin Mary. Throughout nearly all of Mexico, the churches where the Mexicans worship have this Mexican Virgin painted on a tilma, conspicuous in their churches. They worship her, and the Spanish-Mexicans worship the other Mary. And all this traditional story about the Lady of Guadalupe is believed implicitly by the people. Just back of the chapel on the hill is a beautiful cemetery, with splendid tombs. I wandered through it, covered with low evergreen trees, and the graves are as close as they can well be built; but just as I entered it, and, looking near the right side, I saw a grave with iron pickets around it and a plain, stone slab at its head—all unpretentious and without any decoration—and behold! I was standing by the grave of Santa Anna. On the tombstone was his name in full and the date of his death. It was June 21, 1872. My first impulse was to spit upon it. I thought of the Alamo and Goliad. The spectral forms of these patriotic men who fell martyred victims to his cruelty and despotism rose up before me. But then I thought that God, who avenges the wrongs of men, had the soul of this monster in his keeping and that justice had long been meted out to him. Even the Mexicans hate his memory; and it is said that he died in poverty, but the Government permitted him to be buried here; and two peons carried his body on their shoulders to this spot and laid the remains away. But as long as human memory abides, the life and character of this brute will be held in utter loathing by brave men and women. It is a mystery to me this day how General Houston ever got the consent of his mind not to have Santa Anna court-martialed and shot at San Jacinto. But perhaps the old defender of Texas knew his business.

G. C. R.

THE HOLCOMB MEETING.

The revival service at First Methodist Church, under the preaching of Rev. Walter Holcomb, of North Carolina, came to a close last Sunday night. We do not yet know the extent of its results, but it was a good, spiritual revival service from the beginning to the close, and we are sure that its influence will continue. Brother Holcomb did some very earnest, soul-searching preaching—not profound, but fine re-

vival preaching. He got hold of the congregation and the spirit of God was manifest in the service. While the meeting did not reach out and draw great crowds from the city at large, it did draw the congregation in sympathy with the Church, and the other preachers were often present and helped in the service. In fact, it was intended to be a revival in First Church, to stimulate the spiritual life of the membership and to save the unsaved who properly come under the ministrations of this Church. In this respect it was a success. Dr. Moore, the pastor, worked faithfully day and night, and kept up the work needed to make the meeting a success. Brother Holcomb goes on to other fields to fill engagements in revival work. He is an excellent man, in deepest sympathy with the Church, her doctrines and polity, and his ministry is helpful to those where he labors.

ANOTHER TRIP TO THE PANHANDLE.

Last Thursday I returned to the Panhandle and remained till Monday morning. Went back to help the brethren in a local option campaign in Hardeman County and to spend Sunday with Rev. R. B. Bonner and his good people at Quanah. The most of the day, as I traveled toward my destination, was spent reading and observing the country. The land through which we passed is mostly farming land. Wheat is the principal commodity, though corn, cotton and other products are cultivated. The ground was never in better condition at this season for farmers. A fine season is soaked into the earth, and the wheat and the oats are looking well. The land is generally broken up for the spring planting. The people are greatly encouraged, and say they have never had a better prospect in years. When they get good seasons in that section, there is scarcely any limit to the productivity of the soil. Everything grows and yields luxuriantly; but when the seasons fail, the crop is light. However, the farmers have learned that milo maize, millet and kaffir corn will grow without much moisture, and now they so diversify their crops as to be sure of success in some things. In places live stock is an industry, and the cattle have come out of the winter in very good condition. Plenty abounds, and if the present prospect is realized, the products will be immense. Whenever the question of irrigation is solved, the Panhandle will be the garden spot of Texas.

I reached Acme about night, and was pleasantly entertained at the good home of Brother Vestal. He moved to that point from Palmer a year ago and has charge of the mercantile business of the great Acme Cement Company at that point. There are about five hundred people living here, and the most of them work in this cement manufactory. A great deal of money is invested and there is ready sale for the output of the mills. The material used is found in the beds of gypsum, found in great abundance, and the product is said to be the best material for plaster in the United States. It is used mostly in inside work. There are some fifty or sixty votes at Acme, and as the most of them are working men, the antis count on many of them. But they will find that all working men do not vote their way. I spoke to the entire community at night. After the speaking I went into the country a mile or two and spent the night with Brother and Sister J. W. Golston. They have a beautiful country place, with quiet and plenty around them, and I have not enjoyed a night more in a long time. Their membership is at Quanah, six miles away. Brother Pipkin has Acme in his charge, but the organization there has not yet taken shape. He will have it in hand soon. A drive to Quanah brought me to the westbound train, and a run of sixteen miles brought me back to Chillicothe, a town of several hundred, and where Rev. L. W. Carleton is the pastor. I was soon installed by him in the good home of Rev. C. T. Neese and family. He is a useful local preacher and a

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prosperous farmer. He went to that country twenty years ago, entered two of the best sections of land to be found, settled on it and remained steadily till this good day. He has made a success, and is more than independent; and with it all, a devoted preacher and a liberal supporter of the Church. He now lives in the town. He has seen the country develop, the town build up and the Church become established. He did some of the first preaching in that vicinity, as he went there in advance of the railroad. He came from Union County, Georgia, a portion of that State over whose hills and mountains I have traveled many a time. I know everybody, nearly, who was living there twenty-five years ago. To say we had a good old time talking and talking, early and late, but feebly expresses it. At night we had a large congregation in one of the church buildings, and I spoke to them for more than an hour and had good attention. Chillicothe is a dry precinct by three to one, and the pros are counting on a good report from there next Saturday. The next day I went back to Quanah, and had my home with Brother Bonner and his faithful wife, at the parsonage. They are doing a fine work in Quanah, as Brother Carleton is at Chillicothe. At night a large gathering greeted me at the court house and we had a rousing local option meeting. Sunday morning we had a gracious service in our large stone church edifice. The house was full, and I met many subscribers to the Advocate, and others promised to take the paper. At night the house was packed and I preached and spoke on local option. The people seemed much interested. Quanah is the only place where bar rooms exist in the county. They had a local option election two years ago and the antis won by forty-five votes. Then we had no Terrell election law. This time we hope to reverse the result. The antis will not put out any speakers and want to keep the matter very quiet. But the pros are pressing the battle to the gates. Rev. Granville Jones and Mrs. Zehner are on the ground and the campaign is warm.

Quanah has a population of perhaps three thousand. The town is a good one, except the saloons. It takes its name from the famous Indian chief, Quanah Parker. The last raid made by the Indians in that country was met by the Rangers under General Ross, afterward Governor, at Medicine Mounds, several miles from where Quanah is now located. He dispersed them, capturing a number, among whom was Cyuthia Ann Parker. She was a white woman, one of the wives of Chief Quanah. He made his escape. She was captured when a little girl about six years old, along with her little brother, and she was brought up by the Indians and to all intents and purposes became an Indian. She was the mother of young Quanah, who is now chief among the Comanches. She was taken to Fort Sill, where a list of the names of white children captured by the Indians was kept. In calling over that list of names in her presence, she said, on hearing her name, "Me Cyuthia Ann." These were the only English words she could speak. She was turned over to her uncle, with whom she lived till her death, which is said to have occurred a few years after her capture. Quanah took its name from these incidents. In going from Chillicothe to Quanah, the Medicine Mounds, four in number, loom up several miles in the distance to the left of the railroad. They look like Indian mounds.

DEATH OF REV. P. A. EDWARDS.

Rev. P. A. Edwards, of the North Texas Conference, died in this city last Monday. His death was sudden, but it found him ready for the summons. Brother Edwards was born in 1843, was converted soon after the war and joined the Church. Soon after he entered the Louisville Conference in a class with Bishop Morrison. He filled many appointments in that conference, and did district work also. In 1892 he came to the North Texas

Conference and did active service until a year and a half ago, when he took a nominal relation. Since then he resided in this city. For forty years he was an itinerant preacher. He was a man of solid ability, genuine religion, a sunny disposition and most companionable. He loved the Church, was a true preacher, enjoyed the fellowship of the brethren and did faithful work. He leaves a widow and several children, mostly grown, among whom is Rev. E. R. Edwards, of the North Texas Conference. He finished his course with joy, and has now gone on to join that part of the Great Conference beyond the river. We will miss him, but his warfare has ceased and he is with the Lord.

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT DISCUSSED.

In this issue will be found an article by Rev. John M. Moore, Ph. D., on a subject of importance to the Church. Turn to it and read what he says. There is no need of conflict between our Church schools and those of the State, but it looks like the State is disposed to encroach a little in its work upon some phases set forth by Dr. Moore. At least the discussion of the matter is timely, and it will call attention to a matter that needs to be considered.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. A. F. Hendrix, of Sanger, made a visit to the city this week and gave the Advocate people the benefit of a good visit.

Rev. N. B. Read, of Italy, brightened the Advocate office with a good visit last week. He is very much encouraged with his work.

Rev. C. R. Wright, of Austin Avenue, Waco, was in to see us not long since. He is moving out well in his new field, and has a good year before him.

Dr. Alonzo Monk will preach at the opening exercises of our new Church at Groesbeck next Sunday. They are expecting a great day on that occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rogers, of Lorena, were in the city this week and called on the Advocate. He edits the local paper there, and we enjoyed their call.

Rev. Chas. Brown and his people will dedicate their new Church at Cleburne next Sunday. Bishop Hoss will be with them, and they are expecting a great day.

Since our last issue announced the death of the good wife of Rev. F. O. Favre, her little babe has followed the mother to the better land. "It is well with the child."

We had a pleasant call from Rev. J. H. Chambliss, of Haskell, the other day. In addition to his other work, he is also in the midst of a local option campaign for that county. May they succeed!

Rev. W. B. Andrews, of Brownwood, ran over recently and while here called on this office. He is always a welcome visitor. Aside from his other excellent qualities, he always has an interview with the business department.

Bishop Hoss spent last Sunday in Austin helping the brethren down that way by his fine sermons and personal association. He eats no idle bread. In every sense of the word he is a working Bishop, and everywhere the Church is feeling the throb of his heart and brain.

We are in receipt of a very brotherly letter from Rev. J. W. Cunningham, of St. Louis. He is a venerable local preacher, and were it not for modesty's sake we would quote some of the good things he says about the Texas Advocate. Why don't he write for us occasionally?

Rev. W. O. Burroughs, of the Mississippi Conference, and brother of Rev. R. A. Burroughs, of the Texas Conference, died the 6th of this month. This is a sad blow to our Brother Burroughs, and we tender him our deepest sympathy. His brother was a useful minister and a popular man in Mississippi.

Rev. D. A. Aston, pastor of our Church at Rovse, is now in the city at Dr. S. H. Milliken's hospital, where he has undergone an operation for ap-

pendicitis. We are glad to say that so far the operation is a success and he is doing well. We hope in a few weeks he will be fully at himself and back at his work.

Bro. D. M. Smith, book agent of the Publishing House, has been in Dallas a few days looking into the interests of the branch department. He is much pleased with the growth of the business and its management out here. He also brings a good report from headquarters at Nashville. Everything up that way promises well, and the house is in good condition.

In a private note from Dr. John Mathews, of St. Louis, one of the "Grand Old Men" of Southern Methodism, he adds these words: "Excuse my poor writing. It is with difficulty that I can hold my pen. I am one of the shut-ins. My power of locomotion is limited. The outward man is perishing, but the inward man is renewed day by day." God bless the old hero! If you have not gotten a copy of his book, "Peeps Into Life," and read it, you are doing yourself a great injustice. Its spirit will come to you like a breeze from perfumed hilltops.

CHURCH NEWS.

In the revival meetings at Los Angeles over 4000 persons signed cards indicating thereby that they desired to become Christians.

The Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans, has been sold. A handsome new church building will be erected in another part of the city.

Boston has been nominated as the place for holding the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1908.

General William Booth starts this month on an evangelistic tour of New Zealand and Australia. He will visit the Holy Land on the way.

The Lord Mayor of London gave a dinner recently to the two American evangelists, Torrey and Alexander, Ian Maclaren also being present.

There will be some 680 hymns in our new hymnal, and the date of publication has been settled at September next. There will be two editions of the same size, differing in paper and binding, one selling at \$1 and the other at half that price. It will contain a Psalter in addition to the ritual.

Rev. W. J. Dawson has resigned the pastorate of Highbury Quadrant Church, in London, and will devote all his time to evangelistic work in American cities. He will work at a much less salary than he was receiving in the pastorate, but he regarded the call to the United States too imperative to be disregarded.

The Joint Commission on the Catechism soon to be published met recently in Cincinnati. Bishops Merrill and Joyce, Drs. Jennings, Kelley and Royal, and Messrs. A. W. Harris and Frank Brown represented the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was represented on the commission by Bishops Duncan and Smith, Drs. Tigert, Wilson and Godbey, and Messrs. Brown and Blackwell.

The Brooklyn Presbytery, by a vote of 21 to 19, has gone on record in favor of allowing the organization of the separate presbyteries for negroes within the bounds of presbyteries established for white persons. Rev. W. A. Alexander, pastor of the only negro church in the presbytery, opposed the plan vigorously, declaring it was unscriptural, un-American, contrary to the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and adverse to the progressive sentiment of other denominations.

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A GREAT OCCASION.

Cornerstone Laying and Graduating Exercises of Southwestern University Medical College in Dallas Monday, April 3, 1905.

April 3 promises to be a great day in the history of Southwestern University and Christian education in Texas. On that day, in the afternoon, the cornerstone of the new building of the Medical Department, located in this city, will be laid on Hall Street, with imposing ceremonies. Bishop Hoss and other distinguished speakers will deliver addresses appropriate to the occasion. On the same evening the graduating exercises of the Medical College will be held in the First Methodist Church. Dr. Alonzo Monk, of Fort Worth, will deliver the commencement address. Fourteen young doctors, in caps and gowns, if successful in their final examinations, will receive diplomas. The class will have a valedictorian; the Graves medal, and other prizes, will be presented. Arrangements are being made to run a special excursion train from Georgetown to bring up the faculty and students of the University. It is expected that the University Club and Miss Bowen, our own charming reader, will give additional interest to the exercises. The Boards of Curators and Trustees, together with the University, will be the special guests of honor. Their wisdom, last June was a year ago, in protecting the Medical Department and making our great central institution a university in fact, as well as in name, has been fully justified. The School of Medicine, as provided for in the charter, is now in successful operation, with a splendid faculty and not the Medical College on a permanent basis. Southwestern University was never more prosperous, and never more the hearts of our people. The citizens of Dallas have already given large, substantial expression of their appreciation of the Medical Department located in their midst, and will now heartily cooperate with our local pastors and Churches in making the cornerstone laying and commencement exercises a great success. The Texas Sunday-school superintendents' meeting will open in this city on the next day—the 4th. The railroads will give reduced rates, and parties can take in both occasions. A cordial invitation is extended to the preachers and members of the Methodist Church and friends generally throughout the State to be present at the cornerstone laying and commencement exercises of the Southwestern Medical Department, April 3.

OKLAHOMA CHURCH.

In addition to the sums hitherto acknowledged, I have received the following sums for the Oklahoma Church:

Miss M. Norship, Clarksville, Tex.	\$10
L. B. Tooley, Glen Rose, Texas	4
A Mississippi brother	3
T. L. Miller, Amarillo, Texas	1
Jno. E. Palm, Round Rock, Texas	1
Mrs. C. C. Connor, Waco, Texas	1
Mrs. Alfred Abel	1
Mrs. Simeon Shaw, San Angelo, Tex	1
Total	\$22

E. E. HOSS.

THE SOUTHERN METHODIST HANDBOOK.

The editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate is at work on a handbook of Southern Methodism to be issued by the beginning of 1906. This handbook will be a complete reference book on Southern Methodism, embracing matters of doctrine, polity, history, biography, bibliography and statistics. The handbook will also contain a vast amount of general information touching Methodism and other branches of the Christian faith. The work will be artistic, containing many illustrations in the form of cuts and maps. The editor and publisher is determined to make it as complete as possible, fully meeting the demands of Southern Methodists and representing the dignity and strength of our great Church. A complete bureau is being established so that all records and other sources of information may be exhaustively utilized.

TO OUR DEAR PASTOR.

Rev. F. O. Favre: We, as a Church, and as a Sunday-school, offer our heartfelt sympathies in this hour of deep affliction. We feel though that all we can say can not comfort as the Holy Spirit comforts, but the few words of condolence we offer prove the love and esteem in which we reverence our beloved pastor and his noble but absent companion. How sad it is to see death's shadow creep in and finally clutch in his cold embrace our loved ones, pitilessly robbing little ones of their precious heritage. "God calls our dear ones, but we lose not wholly what he has given; they live on earth in thought and deed as truly as in heaven." The wound inflicted can not heal soon, but on the wings of death came life, and her Christian life has a closer union with the Christ she loved and served so well. Signed by the Church and Sunday school at Bridge's Chapel, March 5, 1905. Ripley, Texas.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

The Greenville District Conference will meet in Lone Oak April 27th instead of Leonard, as heretofore announced. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

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Weatherford mts. at Dennis, Mch 18, 19.
Aledo, at Benbrook, Mch 25, 26.
Millsap, at Willow Pond, Apr 1, 2.
Mineral Wells, Apr 2, 3.
Palo Pinto, at Gran, Apr 8, 9.
Gordon, etc. at Strawn, Apr 16, 17.
Santo, at Lipan, Apr 22, 23.
Breckenridge, at Pisgah, Apr 25.
Crystal Falls, at Grogan, Apr 27.
Ranger, at Mt. Zion, Apr 29, 30.
Peaster, at Agnes, May 6, 7.
Whitt, at Bethesda, May 10.
Spartanburg, at Goshen, May 13, 14.
Graham mts. at Henry's Ch., May 20, 21.
Graham sta., May 21, 22.
Farmer, at True, May 23.
Throckmorton, at Sibley, May 27, 28.
Eliaville, at Caddo, May 31.
Dist. Conf. at Graham, June 22.
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round
Brookhaven at R. Ch. Mch 18, 19.
McGregor, at McGregor, Mch 25, 26.
Oglesby, at Sta. Cr., Apr 1, 2.
Jonesboro, at Union, Apr 8, 9.
Gatesville sta., Apr 10.
Killeen and Nolan at N. Apr 15, 16.
Gatesville mts. at Nowland, Apr 22, 23.
Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, Apr 29, 30.
Maxdale, at Elmore, May 6, 7.
China Springs, at C. Creek, May 13, 14.
Evant, at I. C. H., May 20, 21.
Copperas Cove, May 27, 28.
S. W. Turner, P. E.

MARRIED.

Carter-Harper.—In Arhala, Texas, February 22, 1905, Rev. H. E. Carter, of the North Texas Conference, and Miss Bertha Mae Harper, Rev. R. S. Gorsline officiating.
Paul-Adcock.—At the residence of Mr. Julius Adcock, Mission Valley, Texas, March 12, 1905, Mr. Jack Paul, of Austin, and Miss Ida Adcock, Rev. H. M. Glass officiating.

Sunday-School Department

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

VII. Sunday-School Music.

Its chief purpose is devotional. It is, or ought to be, an act of genuine worship by the school. It may have all other qualities of fine music, yet be lacking in this. It is not to be used as in some schools, to serve as a mere signal, or to cover the noise and confusion of a tardy opening. Every true hymn is a prayer.

Another important purpose is to train the scholars to sing the Church hymns for preaching and other services. The singing of the congregation will be good or bad as the singing of the Sunday-school is well or poorly done. There is no other training place than that of the school, since the days of the old-time "singing school master" have passed away.

The Sunday-school singing ought to be correct singing. There is no reason why it should not be well executed, with a good chorister and organist. The chief reason why it is not so is the lack of drill and care by leader and superintendent. Most Sunday-school music is faulty in time, pitch, movement. Noisy leaders exhort to "sing loud," and discord and noise follow.

The Sunday-school music should have its rightful time and place. Some schools sing too much, others too little. In an hour's session about fifteen minutes of singing will be a fair proportion. The music is secondary. The main thing is the study of God's Word.

Whether as worship or as training, the principal thing is to have all to sing. The officers and teachers especially should be charged to set a good example to the school, and to join promptly and heartily in all the songs. The first requisite of a Sunday-school chorister is a good strong voice. He needs to be heard in all parts of the room in order to stimulate and inspire with confidence the weak and quavering singers. The chorister need not be a musical expert. If he has a good ear and voice and an ordinarily good knowledge of singing, he is sufficiently well equipped. His chief work is not so much his own singing as getting his school to sing.

He should carry a cheerful and hearty manner into his leadership. Scolding, fretting and stamping (by become the gentle spirit of worshipful song.

His position should be where he will be seen as well as heard, upon the platform, in full view of the school. This is especially necessary to the little ones whose eyes are intent upon the leader's lips and hands.

He should take time beforehand for the careful selection of the day's singing. There is wise adaptation of the songs to the great truths of the day's lesson. Everything—song, prayer, or other exercise—should be made to deepen and fix the spiritual meaning of the lesson.

The chief work of the chorister is that of the drill. If he is a persistent drillmaster, with tact and common sense, his leadership will be a success. To train a mass of untrained singers, to bring them out of the harsh voices and ugly habits of song that too often prevail, and to make of them devout and hearty singers of the hymns, is the great and helpful work.

Preference should always be given to the song books provided by our Church publishing house. Our Church leaders know best what is needed for Methodist schools, and they command the finest musical talent in song writing.

If a new song book is to be selected, appoint a competent committee to do it. Let them take time to get the best, and to see that the words as well as the music of the book are in accord with Methodist doctrine and usage. Many books of jingling tunes are utterly worthless and nonsensical when carefully weighed as to matter and poetic thought. A good song book ought to last for several years, and amply supply all musical needs of the school.

One indispensable to good Sunday-school music is to have plenty of song books. A school of one hundred members should have one hundred books, and a few to spare. If well selected

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will probably be quick to take advantage of the offer which is being made by the Vernal Remedy Company, of Le Roy, N. Y., to send free of charge to every reader of Texas Christian Advocate who writes for it, a trial bottle of Vernal Palmerton's remedy (Berry Wine), the household remedy that is attracting the attention of physicians and the public at large, for the reason that it is the best specific known for the quick and permanent cure of all diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, and urinary organs. The proprietors want everyone to try the remedy before investing any money, so that all can convince themselves that it is the greatest restorative and tonic in the world. Better send to-day and check your disease at once, for if you wait a week or two it may be too late. Only one dose a day is necessary.

and well cared for, it is a foolish economy that fails to provide this requisite to good singing.

The chorister (or the librarian next) should be charged with the duty of seeing that the books are kept in the school-room. They should be given out to the teachers before the opening of the school, the number to each teacher noted, and should then be carefully collected at the close. However disciplinary this method may seem, it is imperatively needed to arrest the chronic tendency of song books to be missing.

As to methods of singing, try a new song every other session. Drill upon it line by line, for a few minutes only.

Lose no time in getting ready to sing. Change promptly from song to song.

Alternate the singing. Let department or class lead. Let the leader sing a verse, and the school join in the refrain.

Train to sing softly, at times even in whispered song.

Have the school at times to read a verse in concert before singing it. Call attention to the words and meaning of the song.

Vary the songs. Use freely the old standard hymns of the Church along with the newer songs.

Have the boys and girls to sing alternately, as a stimulus, specially to the former.

Use a small orchestra, if any. A big orchestra will overshadow and detract from the singing.

Use a skillful cornetist as the instrumental "lead." It is better than organ or piano.

Do not rely upon a Sunday-school choir or quartette. If you do, let it be home school talent, and not paid musicians, with no other intent than earning their Sunday stipend. It is better to do without a choir wholly.

Epworth League Department

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

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ENCAMPMENT, CORPUS CHRISTI, AUGUST 8-18, 1905.

DR. McMURRAY SECURED.

We are glad to announce that Dr. W. F. McMurray, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, St. Louis, has been secured for our Corpus Christi program. Dr. McMurray is recognized as one of the strongest men in the Southern Methodist Church to-day, and as he is a great favorite with Texas people, this addition to our list of speakers will add further interest to our encampment meeting. From here we go to Nashville, where we hope to secure other speakers of national reputation. The provisional program will be ready to give out within a short time.

St. Louis, Mo. G. W. T.

NOTES.

We are under obligation to Dr. H. M. DuBose for a neatly bound copy of the 1904 volume of the Epworth Era. This is particularly valuable to us inasmuch as we have a nearly complete file of the Era since its first publication in 1894.

Arrangements are now being made for an excursion into Mexico following the encampment session of the State League at Corpus Christi. Those who desire information about the trip, and who might wish to join the party if the rates are sufficiently inducing, will communicate with Chairman Ragsdale, of the Transportation Committee.

By preserving the series of views now running in this department our Leaguers will have a fine picture album of Corpus Christi. There will be something like fifty of the cuts before the run is exhausted. They are being furnished us through the courtesy of the Corpus Christi Caller. We expect to have a bird's eye view of the encampment site made as soon as the buildings are erected.

We hope our League chapters will

respond promptly and liberally to the call for dues. There has been no debt created in connection with the encampment enterprise, but the usual incidental expenses are to be met. As only the local chapters contribute this fund it is highly important that it receive attention without delay. It would seem that all our chapters would understand where to send dues, but since a remittance occasionally wanders into our office we call attention to the Treasurer's address at the head of this department, and state that all money should be sent to him.

The North Texas Epworth League Board in its report says of the League column of the Texas Advocate and its editors: "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." A similar notice was taken by the Committee on Books and Periodicals of the Virginia Conference of the work of the League editor of the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate.—H. B. Anderson, in Raleigh Christian Advocate.

The two Methodisms have united in "The Oklahoma Epworth Assembly" which has been incorporated, and the first encampment will be held at Guthrie, Okla., August 16-21, 1905, and it will be a religious and intellectual feast. It will be held at Island Park, a beautiful place which will be covered with tents, and great speakers and preachers will be present—Dr. S. A. Steel, Richard Hobson, and many others. You can't afford to miss it. A program will soon appear in the Advocate.—Western Christian Advocate.

G. W. T.

UNSELFISH JESSAMINE.

Jessamine King was the only daughter of a wealthy merchant, and often wished for a companion, for, in spite of always some toys, she longed for a living companion. She was reared by Christian parents and was very unselfish and kind hearted. One day as Mr. King and Jessamine were going down the street a little girl clothed in rags was coming across the street toward them. "Oh, papa," exclaimed the little girl, as she saw the little ragged form. Mr. King went toward the little girl and spoke kindly to her. "Have some matches, sir? Want to buy some matches?" asked the child. Mr. King put a \$5 bill in her hand and took a box of matches. He asked her where she lived. He was touched as she answered:

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And the buyers all be lame,
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Whenever this hustling pastor
Comes home, happy, from his "rounds"
He "must needs" see the grocer man,
Does our "Circuit Rider" and "Old Ben."

He teaches all men a lesson,
With his energetic grit;
Things that paralyze most people
Don't astonish him a bit;
He is always bright and cheerful,
With a smile for every one;
He's just "scattering sunshine"—
This our "Circuit Rider" and "Old Ben."

Then have kind words for him always;
He will give you back the same;
For the doings of a few black sheep
Good people you must not blame.
Away down in perdition
Some true Christians fell!
While along the road to heaven
Trots the "Circuit Rider" and "Old Ben."

LUTHER O. RODGERS,
Gibtown, Texas.

THE MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL AT NASHVILLE.

The writer was called to attend the conference of Missionary Secretaries in Nashville, Tenn., in January, and it has been suggested that a write-up of the trip might be of interest and service. The Conference Missionary Secretaries were in session January 25th to 27th. Some of the questions discussed were the following: 1. Who should compose a Board of Missions? 2. To what extent should a Board be governed by a set of by-laws? 3. What are the best lines of connection between a Board and (1) the missionaries; (2) the other preachers; (3) the people. 4. When and how should a Board attend to its business. (1) at Annual Conference; (2) ad interim. 5. How to keep the business reputation of the Board at par. 6. How to reduce the number of permanent missions. 7. The mid-year meeting, (1) should there be one; (2) when; (3) where; (4) who should plan it; (5) what should be its aim and purpose? 8. What may be the legitimate expenses of a Board? 9. How to increase the efficiency of work in the mission charge. 10. To what extent should a Board be allowed directly to influence appointments to missions? 11. The District Missionary Institute: (1) Who should lay out its plans; (2) who should attend; (3) what should be its aim and purpose?

The above were not all the points, but some of the main ones considered, and they are presented here without discussion. The Secretaries' Conference was just one feature of the Missionary Training School, which has been in session throughout January and February. Dr. Lambuth wrote at the middle of February that 55 students had matriculated to date. From first to last, this first session of the Missionary Training School has been an immense success. Henceforth, it is to yield annually its newly generated energies into the life channels of our great Church. So strongly does Dr. Lambuth believe in the need and power of this school that he has on his faith and personal responsibility purchased a permanent home for it.

During the few days the writer was present many features of the school were going on which deserve to be mentioned, but the desired length of this article will permit but one or two to be specified.

Mrs. J. W. Barnes, International Superintendent of Sunday-school Primary Work, was there. Her address left a splendid impression. She began by saying that the work of the Sunday-school teacher should be to stamp the child's life and character with the divine impression, so that in the life of the man to follow God's will might be his will. To realize this high ideal the Sunday-school teacher must be a student. 1. A student of child life at first hand. (1) Observe

children at their play and their work. (2) Live again in the channels of a child's thought and feeling. Think for children along the line of your own experiences. Remember what kind of things you wanted to know as a child. Recall how you felt under given circumstances. Be familiar with the books your children read and like, so they can respect your knowledge and opinion in their own realm. 2. A student of books—books on how to train the child for, and bring the child to know, Jesus Christ. Especially be a student of one book, to present it as the exalted book—the Book of God.

We should say Mrs. Barnes laid bare these several points. The Sunday-school teacher, and more especially the teacher of little children, should be: 1. A lover of children. 2. A student of children. 3. A sympathizer with children. 4. One who recognizes the individuality of children and deals with them according to individuality. 5. An energetic—not a lazy—person.

S. H. Hadley, superintendent of the old Jerry McAuley Mission, on Water St., New York City, was there. Seeing a drifting snowstorm that lay shoe-mouth deep on the ground, a full house assembled at his first appearance in West End Avenue Church, on Sunday at 11 o'clock. After hearing him Dr. Tillett remarked, "That talk afforded a truly remarkable study in the

to forget his audience and preach and pray for that one soul, and when the miserable old sinner fell down at the altar Hadley forgot to call for any more mourners. Monday morning, speaking to an audience principally of ministers, Hadley said he really did not know how to address such an audience. He felt more at home preaching Christ to drunkards and harlots, and cutthroats, and bums and believed his work was among the ruined and lost. Still, he gave a good, spiritual application of a most difficult passage—Matt. 18:18: "Whosoever ye shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Hadley is probably nearly a Simon-pure example of the oldtime Methodist preacher—his personal experience the largest part of every sermon. Perhaps it is true that the most convincing human element in any sermon is the element of personal experience, but let none jump at a conclusion that the pastor of today ought to preach that way. Such would be wholly impracticable. The lesson we should rather learn is that the manner of presenting the gospel in one place may not be the best for another. Let every man be himself in his own place—that place where God has called him to work—only be Christ-centered. And let us not miss the lesson



Looking North, Up Mesquite Street—Corpus Christi.

practical application of Christianity." Hadley is an ordained Methodist preacher, but it can not properly be said that he preaches, in the common acceptance of the term. His sermons consist in the recitation of his experiences and incidents of his work. He presented some, if not brilliant flashes, then very interesting interpretations of scriptures, but he attempted nothing outside of his own experiences and observations. For instance, he read the story of the healing of the man born blind (John 9), and then drew a picture of himself as a miserable barroom bum, street tough, forger, drunkard and vagabond who had not earned an honest dollar in ten years; showed that he came into this miserable condition by turning away from his Christian home of Methodist parents and the family altar, and God; and presented himself as a man blinded by Satan and sin. He dwelt upon the experience of his knowledge that he was "saved"—rang the changes on the word, still telling his experience, and driving it home with pathetic incidents, which he told all in explanation of the testimony of the healed man, "I was blind—I see."

The theology of Hadley on this occasion would not bear at every point the inspection of the schools. One would observe at once that he could not be called an educated man. He is deformed, and withal, quite ordinary in personal appearance. Yet, there is something remarkable about the man, and it is summed up in one word; the spiritual power in him. He is not an enthusiastic fool, nor is he an ignorant bigot. Thousands of souls have been saved through him, and he is the center of one of the greatest spiritual power-houses in the world—the old Jerry McAuley Mission—and all because, only because, the Son of God is the source of his power.

Sunday night five or six hundred men and some ladies gathered to hear him in old McKendree Church. He went over almost the same story as we heard in the morning, but he had, in addition, almost a dramatic view of him as a Christian worker. Of the five or six hundred men Hadley seemed to see only one. Dr. Lambuth had brought into church, and was sitting on the front seat with a drunkard, one just sobering up, sick and restless and miserable, evidently, in body and mind. That one drunkard seemed to Hadley like the alarm of fire to an old fire horse. He seemed

that the secret of every man's effectiveness, educated or not, is in the power of the Holy Ghost.

There were several others whom the writer heard, and whom he would like to mention, but the length of this article forbids. And before his arrival and after his departure, many really great names appeared on the program of the Missionary Training School. With such names on its program—we will not attempt a roll of them—it scarcely could but be a great occasion. The Church is to be congratulated in the hope that henceforth this school is to be a permanent institution. Two things it has done and will do: Feed the mind on facts and figures and so inspire the imagination that our nerve centers vibrate quicker as we see a clearer view of the Christ-centered purposes and plans and labors that are so rapidly now rescuing this world for Christ. But, more: It has been and will be a spiritual dynamo, the touch of which is to feel one's life-blood run quicker and warmer in the love of our beloved and yet ever dearer Redeemer.

A. L. SCARBOROUGH,
San Saba, Texas.

THE BISHOP STIRRED HIM.

In the Advocate of February 23 we have an article—a bombshell thrown in the right direction—by Bishop E. E. Hoss. Wife read the piece aloud last evening. It made me think of my past life, and a thought uppermost in my mind, "Where am I at now?"

After spending over forty years of my life in getting the young inside the pales of the church, and as I look back at the many altars I have worked in at revivals, I now think, perhaps, my labor was to no purpose. As so many that made bright professions have denied the faith I might refer to the revivals conducted in our churches by D. F. Fuller, Parker and others, with the able sermons delivered each quarter for four years by John H. McLean, presiding elder, the church would not have lost anything had he been made Bishop. In conclusion, I say religion is not what it was then, and is not what it ought to be now. D. W. ADRIAN.

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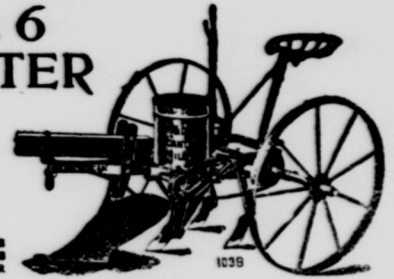
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Texas Conference W. F. M. Society will be held May 10th, at Henderson. Names of delegates will please be sent to Miss M. J. Yates, Henderson; also to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Timpon.

MRS. S. PHILPOTT, President.
MISS L. P. LANE, Rec. Sec.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Three Texas Home Mission Institutes.

Houston, March 14-16.
Austin, March 21-23.
Dallas, March 30 to April 1.

List of Subjects to Be Discussed.

"Present Social Conditions and Needs of Our Country."
"What Are Our Responsibilities and How May We Meet Them."

(a) "Foreign Population and Its Influence."
(b) "The Negro and How He Affects Our Civilization."

(c) "The Mountaineer and His Possibilities."
(d) "The Rural Districts."
(e) "Our Mining Population."
"The Problems of the City."
(a) "Its Population."
(b) "Its Industries."
(c) "Its Social Evils."
"Christian Social Reform and How to Bring It About."
"The City Mission Board as a Factor in the Solution of the City Problems."
"The Trained Worker as a Factor in the Solution of City Problems."
"Books for Untrained Minds and Methods of Bible Study."
"The Need of the Church for Trained and Consecrated Young Women."
"Methods of the Woman's Home Missionary Society."
"Money and Its Use."

Several addresses will be given. Maps and charts will aid in presenting the work to the eye. Pictures and exhibits from all the Home Mission Institutes will be shown on Home Mission Leaflets and Books will be on view.

NOTICE.

All delegates and visitors expecting to attend the Home Mission Institute, to be held for North Texas Conference, in Dallas, Texas, March 30 to April 1, inclusive, will please send names without delay to Mrs. J. G. Fry, 181 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas, in order that homes may be provided for them.

FROM ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO.

(We commend the following letter, and appeal which accompanies it, to our Home Mission members and friends, and ask a kind response.—Ed. Woman's Dept.)

My Dear Mrs. Howell: I am sending you a letter which our ladies are getting out which I am sure will commend itself to you and your readers. We have many Texas people here in Alamogordo, New Mexico, all just getting a start in life in this new country.

We are doing everything we possibly can, and trusting to some liberal-hearted people who have more than a local interest in our Master's work. In a few years this field will be settled up and as strong as any of our Southern fields, and if we are to have our great Church represented we must plant the seed now.

I believe by appealing to you I can

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In response to a request of the Press Superintendents we give the following in regard to the work:

The object of the press work is to educate, and then we may expect enthusiasm and willing service. "We must be workers together with Him in knowledge."

"Every child of God, and especially every member of an auxiliary, ought to know the great work being accomplished in missions, both Home and Foreign. In the effort to place these facts before the membership in such a crisp, short manner as to catch the attention and quicken the conscience, the Press Department came into existence."

As to the duties of the Press Superintendents:

1st. She shall present to the regular monthly meetings of the auxiliaries the Bulletins which will be sent her each month by the District Secretaries, also any other information that she may be able to gather, relative to the Foreign Missionary work.

She should present these items in the most attractive, interesting manner possible. They should never be read.

The use of the blackboard will be found most helpful. Study each item carefully and try to illustrate same on blackboard. Make each item count, make them talk, and so impress them on the minds and hearts of her hearers that even the most indifferent will be awakened.

2nd. She should secure space in the weekly secular papers of the town or county, and report in this space every week news of the foreign work, gathered from Bulletins, the Woman's Advocate and elsewhere. She should establish confidence by regularly filing her space each week. Irregularity causes the publishers much trouble. She may also report any local news of interest and the announcements of her auxiliary.

These reports should be written in short paragraph—brief and spicy—no paragraph exceeding ten or fifteen printed lines. She must preserve best clippings of the same and send quarterly to her District Secretary.

3rd. It shall be her duty to cooperate with the Conference Superintendent, sending her all news and plans concerning her own auxiliary, that might be helpful elsewhere for the good of the work. Don't fail at this point. Any special work you may have done, or any items of interest, would be most helpful.

We believe the initial trial of press work in our conference has not been disappointing; we have been brought in closer touch with each other and with the work in our conference and in foreign fields.

The Press Superintendent invites the superintendents of the auxiliaries to write her if she can be helpful to them in any way, and she earnestly pleads for the prayers and co-operation of all, that the work may result in a yet deeper interest and zeal for mission. "Press" on!

MRS. JOSEPH C. MIMMS,
Conference Supt. of Press Work,
Taylor, Texas.

W. F. M. SOCIETY, TERRELL, TEXAS.

Since our last letter to the Woman's Department of our Texas Christian Advocate, we feel that we have had much to encourage us. It was not convenient for us to observe the week of prayer in November, so we united with the W. H. M. S. and held our services the third week of February. The weather was ideal and the attendance fine. The work in China, Korea, Mexico, Cuba and Brazil was reviewed, and we feel sure that those who were present have a more intelligent view of what is being done by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions than before. We were blessed spiritually and felt like saying with the Psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever!"

Our pastor, Bro. L. S. Barton, who was with us at each service, preached a splendid missionary sermon on Sunday morning to a large congregation. Before the sermon our enthusiastic treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Dashiell, made a statement of what we had done, and what we hoped to do. The free-will offering amounted to more than eighteen dollars, besides the names of six gentlemen were secured as honorary members.

We regret that Mrs. Barton, because of her father's serious sickness, could not be with us.

This society has finished the three first books of the United Study of Missions, and have begun the fourth—Dux Christus. We have enjoyed the study of these books very much.

We now have seventy-five members, many of them very enthusiastic, and each time we meet it seems the interest is increasing.

MRS. R. H. COOK.

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Samuel O. L. Potter, A. M., M. D., M. R. C. P., London, Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the College Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, Cal., in his "Hand-Book of Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Therapeutics," in the citation of remedies under the head of "Chronic Bright's Disease," says: "Mineral waters, especially the Buffalo Lithia Water of Virginia, is highly recommended." Also, under "Albuminuria," he says:

George Halsted Boyland, A. M., M. D., of Paris, Doctor of Medicine, of the Faculty of Paris, in the New York Medical Journal, August 22, 1896, says: "There is no remedy as absolutely specific in all forms of Albuminuria and Bright's Disease, whether acute or chronic, as Buffalo Lithia Water, accompanied by a milk diet. In all cases of pregnancy, where albumin is found in the urine as late as the last week before confinement, if this water and a milk diet are prescribed, the albumin disappears rapidly from the urine and the patient has a positive guarantee against puerperal convulsions."

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MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AT DALLAS.

Representatives from the different Methodist Churches met at the Publishing House for the purpose of arranging for entertainment of the 100 delegates that they expect to be present at the Home Mission Institute to be held at First Church March 30, 31 and April 1. All delegates are requested to send in their names to Mrs. J. G. Fry, 181 Live Oak Street, Dallas, Texas, that entertainment may be provided for them.

The following committee were appointed:

Assignment of Homes—President of each auxiliary.

Printing Committee—Mesdames Deathrage, Jackson and Thruston.

Local Committee—Miss Denman, Mrs. Milton Ragsdale.

MRS. L. H. POTTS, Pres.

MRS. O. C. CROTHWAITE, Sec.

To the Home Mission Societies of the Northwest Texas Conference: Your attention is called to the Home Mission Institute to be held in Houston, Austin and Dallas, and you are urged to attend. Our president of the General Board, Miss Bennett, also Misses Helm and Tucker, will be in attendance, and many important subjects will be discussed under their able leadership. This is an opportunity for our Home Mission workers to come in close touch with the work, and we hope each one will take advantage of it. The dates, as before announced, are Houston, March 14 to 16; Austin, March 21 to 23; Dallas, March 30 to April 1.

MRS. A. B. HONECUTT,
President Conference Society.

MRS. FLORA N. HEY,
Cor. Sec. Conference Society.

FROM TYLER, TEXAS.

The W. H. M. Society of Cedar Street Church has had a revival.

We held a very enthusiastic meeting on last Monday, and have received twenty new members, and more to come. Our prospects for the new year are very bright.

MISS HATTIE LONG, Cor. Sec.

LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO.

I thought you would like to hear from the Woman's Home Mission Society on the border of the New Mexico Conference. We are only a small band, but better workers are hard to find.

I will give a partial report for the last quarter: Have held seven meetings, distributed eighty papers and leaflets, made ninety-seven visits to sick and strangers, assisted several needy. Expended on parsonage about \$50; repairing of church, \$150, and planning to do more.

God is owning and blessing the work here.

We have elected the following officers for the new year: Mrs. W. N. Shine, President; Mrs. W. D. Griffith, First Vice President; Mrs. Emma Fuller, Second Vice President; Mrs. C. X. Cherry, Third Vice President; Mrs. W. H. Small, Treasurer; Mrs. N. D. Wood, Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Pray for us that we may be faithful

in the discharge of our duties, and that we may do more work in the future.
MRS. N. D. WOOD,
Rec. and Cor. Sec'y.

REPORT FROM WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, JEWETT.

One more year of home mission work has ended! As another year dawns upon us, our minds naturally take a retrospective view of the year just ended, and, facing the future with firm resolve, we are expecting to do better work for the Master.

Our auxiliary at Jewett is small, consisting of only thirteen members.

We suffered a severe loss in the death of our President, Mrs. F. J. Wallmon. We will ever miss her gentle ways and wise counsel in directing the home mission work here.

We have two meetings a month—devotional and business. At the devotional meeting we use the Bible study in "Our Homes," and find it very instructive and inspiring. At the business meeting we transact all business of the society and study the different branches of the connective work.

We endeavor to send a box once a year to the Orphanage at Waco. This year the foreign missionary ladies and others kindly assisted in making up the box. Last quarter we lost one valued member, Sister G. W. Rile, and received one, Miss Ella Dezell.

The following is the report of our year's work: Amount raised for membership dues, \$13.20; baby mite boxes, 75c; conference expense fund, \$2; printing minutes, etc., \$1; Orphanage, \$35. Amount expended on parsonage, \$64.70; church, \$1.25; pastor's salary, \$8; needy, \$5.25.

We have started a local fund of 10 cents per month for emergencies at parsonage.

MRS. J. D. ADKISSON, Treas.

Humors feed on humors—the sooner you get rid of them the better—Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to take.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Superannuated Preachers and Widows of Preachers in Texas: Will you kindly send me the date and conference at which you (or your husbands) were admitted on trial? Number of years you have served (or your husbands served), districts, stations, circuits or missions? Any other facts in your experience you think will be helpful to the cause of our conference fund. I do believe if the Church knew some facts brought out by the Texas Advocate in the last six months much more would be done than is being done. And if you will give me the information I will do my best to give it to the Church.

I. Z. T. MORRIS,
Fort Worth, Texas.

HE ANSWERS.

I see Bro. X. wants light on page 219 of the Discipline. None but God can bring light out of darkness. In Adam all died. But thanks be to God, in Christ all was made alive. Before there was ever a child born into this world, and children are in the kingdom of God when they are born into this world and need no regeneration, for they are not sinners; and if they are fit subjects for the kingdom of God, they ought to be taken into the Church of God and trained up in the way they should go.

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TO THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPER-INTENDENTS OF THE NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Sunday-school Board of our conference was represented in Dallas, Texas, on February 9, 1905, at a meeting to formulate plans and program for a Superintendents' Rally, to be conducted by Dr. H. M. Hamill, superintendent of Trinity Church, Dallas, April 4, 5 and 6, 1905. This is not confined to any conference, but includes all of Texas Methodism.

We have nearly 600 superintendents in our conference, and we hope for a large representation from all over our conference. It will be a great meeting, and we hope that every Sunday-school will pay the railroad fare of its superintendent, and thus send him to Dallas. It will be a fine investment for your school, as he will carry back new life and new ideas and infuse them into your home work. Act now. It is a delicate matter, and the superintendent will not mention it to you who read these lines: "Thou art the man." Read the program. It promises a rare treat.

CHARLES S. FIELD, Secretary Sunday-school Board, Northwest Texas Conference.

The attention of our Texas pastors and superintendents is called to the above notice. Should not each conference be represented proportionately? Let each school send at least one representative. Reduced rates on railroads. Accommodations in city, \$1 per day and upwards.

FRANK REEDY, 296 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas.

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS OF TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The superintendents' rally, or conference, to be held in Dallas April 4 to 6, is a rare opportunity for our Sunday-school workers to learn new methods and ways of working.

Dr. Hamill could not spare the time for an institute in each conference, so the four Sunday School Boards decided to hold one large central institute in Dallas. This will be in charge of Dr. and Mrs. Hamill, assisted by some of the most practical and successful superintendents in Southern Methodism, among whom are Mr. Jno. K. Pepper and Mr. J. B. Green.

This is not to be a hurrah meeting, but a time for study and improvement. The plan is to get together as many superintendents and other workers as possible and discuss the best ways to make our Sunday-schools go. The well lined program is intended to meet the requirements of every one whose school needs new life. Every school in our conference should be represented—the wide-awake schools will be and the others can not afford to miss it.

Special rates of about \$1 a day for entertainment have been provided, and the railroads will sell tickets at reduced rates. Dallas is easily accessible from nearly every part of our conference, and I trust a large number of our Sunday-school workers will be there April 4 to 6.

While this is called a superintendents' meeting, the pastor is needed and expected too, for he is generally the backbone of every Sunday-school. No meeting of this kind can be a success without our preachers. The teacher will also find much that will be helpful and can return with new ideas and renewed zeal. All our Sunday-school workers will be heartily welcome.

R. M. KELLY, Chairman S. S. Board Tex. Conf.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

A part of the library of the late Dr. W. P. Archer has been recently donated to the university.

The senior orations were delivered on Saturday and Monday evenings last. There being twenty-one speakers, it was necessary to devote two evenings to the occasion. Six were selected from the total to compete for the curator's medal. The fortunate contestants and their subjects are: G. N. Alredge, Dallas, "The Empire;" S. M. Black, Krum, "The Warfare of Peace;" O. T. Cooper, Arlington, "The Pending Struggle;" J. E. Crawford, Waxahatchie, "Twentieth Century Civilization;" G. Hartsfield, Lockhart, "Stonewall Jackson;" D. C. Johnston, San Marcos, "America as a World Power."

Rev. C. M. Harless, of Bonham, who has been visiting his daughter, Miss Zena, at the annex, preached at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. He preached a fine sermon and at its close made an eloquent appeal to faculty, student body and all Church members for more earnest service in the Master's cause.

The installation of the electric light plant at the annex is about completed, and it is stated that before long work on the new east wing of the annex will be begun.

At the annual oratorical contest of

Vanderbilt University to select a representative for the Southern Intercollegiate contest, Mr. C. T. Tally, a Southwestern graduate of 1902, was the successful contestant. His subject was "The Square Deal."

The open session of the Alethean Literary Society was held February 27 at the Alethean Hall in the Ladies' Annex. Among the visitors were representatives from the Alamo, San Jacinto and Travis Literary Societies and the members of the senior class. The first part of the afternoon a program of the Sorosis Club was presented. The members of the club occupied positions on the stage and rendered a very humorous program. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to the social side of life. The officers of the society are: Miss Laura Fowler, President; Miss Mary Church, Vice-President; Miss Lola Hotchkiss, Secretary; Miss Florrie Root, Treasurer.

A REQUEST.

As a member of the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference I am much pleased to know that the Board has accepted our invitation and will meet with Mulkey Memorial Church for their mid-year meeting. The time is April 12 and 13. We want all preachers of the conference, who will do so, to come. Homes will be provided for all. Especially do we desire a full attendance of the lay members of the Board. In order that we may care for all who come, it is especially desired that everyone, whether a member of the Board or not, should let it be known on what train he will arrive. Unless this is done we cannot meet him. Let all who can come notify me or Rev. J. A. Whitehurst on which train they will reach Fort Worth. W. ERSKINE WILLIAMS.

MAGAZINE NOTICES.

The March number of the Atlantic Monthly is before us, and its title page shows a good bill of literary fare. "Our Spanish Inheritance in the Philippines" is worth the price of the number, to say nothing of many other excellent articles.

Scribner's Magazine for March is to hand, and we emphasize one article in particular, "Government Education," by Frank A. Vanderlip. He discusses the many phases of government education, particularly in Germany, England and France. His account of technical education in Germany will be a revelation to well-informed people in this country, and will suggest a line of improvement along which our educators should work if we are to keep abreast of Germany in industrial affairs. Mr. Vanderlip finds the French schools full of antiquated methods, and in England the system is hampered by the needs of the established religion. Mr. Vanderlip says, "In my opinion, no small part of England's loss of prestige in the world's commercial life is due to the failure of the great body of representative and intelligent men who shape English public opinion to recognize the important influence of an adequate school system upon the national development."

American Review of Reviews: The special features of this number are an article by Dr. E. J. Dillon on "The Doom of Russian Autocracy" (including an account of the events of Sunday, January 22, of which Dr. Dillon was an eye-witness); a survey of the Santo Domingo situation by Prof. John Bassett Moore; "The Rise of La Follette," by Walter Wellman; "A Civic Awakening at the National Capital," by Max West; "The Civil Service Under Roosevelt," by William B. Shaw; "The Post Office: Its Facts and Its Possibilities," by R. K. Bowker; "The Great Religious Revival in Wales," by W. T. Stead; and "Some Recent Types of Lifeboats," by Alfred Gradenwitz. The editorial department, "The Progress of the World," has timely comment on current discussions in and out of Congress, and an exceptionally complete resume of the month's developments abroad, particularly in Russia. The frontispiece is a portrait of the murdered Grand Duke Sergius.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Ready Money," by George H. Knox, and published by the Personal Help Publishing Company, Des Moines, Ia. The purpose of this book is to teach young men and women how to get a business start in life, and it makes many most excellent suggestions in its treatment of the practical phases of business propositions.

"Heroes of the Cross in America," by Don O. Shelton, and published by the Young People's Missionary Movement, New York. This book is a part of the Forward Mission Study Courses, and it gives a most interesting biographical study. It takes up those who have been forward and active in the great missionary movement, and from their work draws many useful lessons, and it imparts much valued information.

"A Pilgrimage to Jerusalem," by Charles G. Trumbull, of the Sunday

School Times Company. Dr. Trumbull made an extended trip to the Holy Land and to the country made memorable by St. Paul's ministry, along with the great number who attended the World's Sunday-school Convention in Jerusalem last year. During the trip he made a special study of that country, and this large volume is the result of his observations. It is most interesting and instructive.

"Letters of an Old Methodist to His Son in the Ministry," by Robert Allen, and published by the Fleming Revelle Company. This book is what its name implies. An old Methodist father is very much interested in his son in the ministry, and it is made up of his numerous letters to him. It is a helpful book.

"From Sunday to Sunday; or Short Bible Readings for Sunday," by Dr. H. C. G. Moule, and published by Armstrong & So. It is a devotional book and adapted to religious uses. It has Bible lessons for all the Sundays in the year.

"The Master's Question to His Disciples," by Rev. G. A. Knight, and published by Armstrong & Son. The questions addressed by our Lord to his disciples at various times are here gathered and arranged on the basis of meditations for private hours, and the result is very spiritual to those of a religious turn of mind.

TREASURER'S REPORT, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

February, 1905.

Beaumont District—Liberty, J. R. Ritchie, domestic missions, \$10. Sabine Pass, W. M. Sherrell, foreign missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$5.50. Brenham District—Buckholts Circuit, W. E. Washburn, domestic missions —, Orphanage, \$8.

San Augustine District—Center, L. H. McGee, domestic missions, \$65. Timpson, C. A. Hooper, foreign missions, \$72; domestic missions, \$66; Orphanage, \$17.

Calvert District—Bremont and Reagan, A. A. Wagon, foreign missions, \$49.75; domestic missions, \$50.

Huntsville District—Millican, J. C. Huddleston, foreign missions, \$14; domestic missions, \$13; Orphanage, \$4.

Tyler District—Wills Point, J. W. Mills, foreign missions, \$65.95; domestic missions, \$60.75. Edom, H. A. Matney, foreign missions, \$15.

Pittsburg District—Gilmer Circuit, T. B. Vinson, foreign missions, \$18.85. Dalby Springs, J. M. Mills, domestic missions, \$20.

Total, \$560.80. L. L. JESTER, Conference Treasurer.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Waco Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute convened at Morrow Street Church, Waco, Texas, February 27 and 28, 1905, at 2 p. m. All of the preachers but one, Brother D. C. Stark, from the new preachers at Waco seem to be a perfect fit. They are moving off nicely, and our presiding elder holds the reins and plans the work with equal skill to any in the Northwest Texas Conference, and when he preaches people get happy and shout. The talks made at the institute were as high-toned and full of meaning as I ever heard, and such expressions fell from the lips of many of the brethren. Many of the brethren covered themselves with glory in their discussions and we who listened got our portion of the glory. The meeting was thoroughly religious and interspersed with much prayer made it a happy occasion. We were disappointed that Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., did not reach us for the closing sermon, but Bro. J. H. Braswell, from Whitney, preached an able and helpful sermon on "Reveries," Bro. T. S. Armstrong and his good people gave us hospitable entertainment. They are in love with each other. We parted enthused and edited with resolves to make a fine report at Hillsboro. Watch us! C. BRUCE MEADOR, Sec.

THE CONFERENCE MINUTES.

The minutes of the Texas Conference have been received, and thanks are due and are hereby tendered to my old soldier friend, Gus Garrison, for his efficiency on the one hand and his promptness on the other. With much pleasure I note that the four years statute of limitation is not a dead letter. One on a circuit and two brethren on stations are holding the fort. Thank goodness there is enough left to raise seed.

Bishop McTyeire used to say that any brother that planned his work thoughtfully and worked his plans energetically (and we are all supposed to do that) could have more influence for the Master and Methodism the fourth than the first year. This is written only as a reminder of what used to be, and hardly that.

Again I see that the presiding elders are requested to marshal the forces on their respective districts for evangelistic work. As a pastor of rather long standing, I would, if possible, emphasize the suggestion. Personally it is so helpful to go to the assistance of a brother pastor that needs our help. I am tempted to tell tales out of school on this question. Years ago a good brother from a city station consented to help cultivate a very un-

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inviting field, and remained the whole week, preaching twice a day. Wonderful were the results, and the fruits are ripening to this good day. After his return to his city pulpit we were gratified to learn that he was doing the best preaching of his life. On another occasion a good brother from a city hard by, came and helped through an entire camp meeting, and the report came back to us that his preaching on his return to the city was at least one-third better than before. Much more is not a hindrance to us as pastors, could be given to show that such work but greatly to our help, in the long run, and that is the only run that the Master and Methodism care for. The congregations are always the better as the result of such services. I am truly thankful to Dr. Packard and his committee for making this suggestion, and trust it will be carried out with punctilious care. In this one particular the elder is to act only as a leader among the field hands. A word from him will be so helpful, as to who, when and where. Of course each congregation will be glad to lend their pastor for at least one week at a time to help on this great work. So thankful would we all be to hear from Bishop Hoss on this subject. Should there be any exceptions to the rule, he is in position to give all the facts in the case. W. W. GRAHAM, Keltys, Texas.

TEXAS CONFERENCE MINUTES.

To the Brethren of the Texas Conference:

The following corrections for the minutes are made:

Gilmer: Dr. G. V. Ridley reports that he paid all assessments, but included his Delegates General Conference, Paine and Lane or Orphanage assessments under the amount reported under head of Other Objects.

Quitman: Bro. C. B. Smith paid all his assessments but failed to put his assessment and collection for delegates General Conference in his report.

Atlanta: Bro. C. B. Cross paid all his assessments, but failed to put his Paine and Lane and Orphanage collection in his report.

Park Mission was not on the list of appointments which I received; hence, the name of Bro. J. N. McCain, who is supplying that work, is not on the list.

In the report of the Joint Board of Finance, the board reports \$25.00 paid to Bro. A. G. Scruggs, when, I am informed, this was paid to Bro. O. A. Shook, and not to Bro. Scruggs.

Several brethren who are supplies have written me to know why they have not received minutes. The reason is that their names have not been furnished me until they wrote me. Only those whose names appear in the Directory in the minutes have been sent minutes, except some to whom I have already sent them. Some of the presiding elders failed to notify me of the name and address of the supplies secured since conference. I have mailed quite a number recently.

In Recapitulation Table No. 3, the names of the Marshall District and the Pittsburg District were transposed and the Marshall District follows after the Pittsburg District, when its regular order would be to precede it.

This makes the figures of the Marshall District stand for the Pittsburg District, and vice versa. It is due myself to say that this error occurred after the proof had been read and when the form was being set up. GUS GARRISON.

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San Augustine District—Second Round.

Shelbyville cir. at Short, Apr 1, 2. Center sta. Apr 2, 3. Center cir. at Loneok, Apr 8, 9. Garrison cir. at Garrison, Apr 15, 16. Timpson sta. Apr 16, 17. Teahua cir. at Joaquin, Apr 22, 23. Keltys cir. at Keltys, Apr 29, 30. Lufkin sta. Apr 30, May 1. Burke, at Diboll, May 6, 7. Melrose cir. May 13, 14. Nacogdoches sta. May 14, 15. Bronson mis. May 20, 21. San Augustine sta. May 21, 22. Geneva cir. at Sexton, May 27, 28. Cushing cir. at Fri. June 2. Minden, at Glenfawn, June 3, 4. Gary mis. June 10, 11. Carthage, Wed. June 14. Appleby mis. June 17, 18. Dist. Conf. at San Augustine, June 22-25. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Houston District—Second Round.

Columbia and Brazoria, at B. Mch 18, 19. Rosenberg, at Beasley, Mch 25, 26. Richmond, Mch 26, 27. Bay City, Apr 1, 2. Houston, at The City, Apr 2, 3. Angleton, at Venaco, Apr 8, 9. League City, at Pasadena, Apr 12. Galveston, Central, Apr 16. Galveston, West End, Apr 16. McKee St., Apr 22, 23. McAshan, at Brunner, Apr 23, 24. Sitaran, Apr 29. Harrisburg, Apr 30. Tabernacle, May 6, 7. Washington St., May 7, 8. Sandy Point, May 10. White Oak, May 12. Cedar Bayou, at Fisher's Ch, May 13, 14. Alvin, May 16. District Conference at Alvin at 10 a. m. May 17. Delegates to the District Conference will be elected on this round. Let all the pastors be ready to report in full on missions at the District Conference. Sam R. Hay, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round.

Bertram, at Mt. Horeb, Apr 15, 16. Blanco, at Live Oak, Apr 22, 23. Willow City, at Post Oak, 11 a. m. Apr 25. Johnson City, Rockdale, 11 a. m. May 2. Sunny Lane, at Briggs, May 6, 7. Liberty Hill, at Leander, May 13, 14. Burnett and Marble Falls, at B. May 20, 21. Kingsland, at Wolf's Crossing, May 27, 28. Llano station, June 10, 11. Kerrville, at Harper, June 17, 18. Boerhe, at Waring, 11 a. m. June 21. Center Point sta. 11 a. m. June 23. Bandera, at B. 3 p. m. June 24. San Saba sta. July 1, 2. San Saba mis. July 8, 9. Cherokee, July 15, 16. Rocksprings, 3 p. m. July 21. Llano District Conference will convene at Johnson City April 27, 7:30 p. m. Recording Stewards will please have their books there for examination. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

The date of the first meeting of the commission on the unification of the book concerns, called by Rev. Dr. Day, the member-at-large, to meet in New York, has been changed from March 22 to April 26.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Second Round. West Point cir, at Muldoon, Mch 18, 19. Eagle Lake cir, at Eagle Lake, Mch 25, 26. Weimar cir, Mch 25.

Beeville District—Second Round. Pleasanton, Mch 18, 19. Floresville, Mch 25, 26. Oakville, Mch 25, 26. Rockport, Apr 1, 2. Beeville, Apr 1, 2. Stockdale, Apr 15, 16. Laverina, Apr 22, 23. Mathis, Apr 29, 30. Brownsville, May 6, 7. Berclair, May 13, 14.

Llano District—Second Round. San Saba sta, 8 p. m. Mch 17. San Saba mis, 2 p. m. Mch 18. Cherokee, at Valley Springs, Mch 25, 26. Rocksprings 3 p. m. Apr 3. Harksdale, 3 p. m. Apr 8.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Gonzales, 3rd Sun Mch. Luling, at Prairie Lea, 4th Sun Mch. Staples, at Harris Chapel, 1st Sun Apr. Lockhart, 2nd Sun Apr. Tilman, 3rd Sun Apr. Pleasant Grove, at P. G., 4th Sun Apr. San Marcos, 5th Sun Apr. Dripping Springs, at Wimberly, 1st Sun May.

San Antonio District—Second Round. Hondo cir, at Tehuacana, 2d Sun Mch. Bexar cir, at Bexar, 4th Sun Mch. Amphion cir, at Anchorage, 1st Sun Apr. Devine cir, at Devine, 2d Sun Apr. Del Rio, Apr 13. Del Rio cir, at Brackett, 3d Sun Apr. Uvalde, Apr 21. Carrizo Springs and Batesville, at Batesville, 4th Sun Apr. Eagle Pass, 5th Sun Apr. Laredo, 1st Sun May. Utopia cir, at Leaky, 2d Sun May. Travis Park, 11 a. m., 2d Sun May. West End, 7:30 p. m., 2d Sun May. Sherman St., May 22. Prospect Hill, May 23. South Heights, at Conal St., May 25.

Cuero District—Second Round. Runge, at Cabesa, Mch 18, 19. Flatonia, Mch 21, 22. Hallettsville, at Hope, Mch 25, 26. Youakum, Mch 26, 27. Shiner, at Terryville, Apr 1, 2. Cuero, Apr 8, 9. El Campo, at Ganado, Apr 15, 16. Palacios, at Palacios, Apr 22, 23. Port Lavaca, Apr 29. Clear Creek, May 6, 7. Nursery, at Mission Valley, May 13, 14. Rancho, at H., May 20. Leesville, at Floyd's, May 27, 28.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Fort Worth District—Second Round. Grapevine, at Minters, Mch 17, 18. Smithfield, at Keller, Mch 19, 20. Bono, at Godley, Mch 25, 26. Arlington, Mch 29. Cleburne, Main Street, Apr 1, 2. Polytechnic College, Apr 4. Blum, at Kopper, Apr 8, 9. Mulkey Memorial, Mch 15, 16. Missouri Avenue, Apr 15, 17. North Fort Worth, Apr 19. Azle, at Harwells, Apr 22, 23. Peach Street, Apr 26. Joshua, May 6, 7. Cresson, May 13, 14. Grandview cir, May 20, 21. Covington, May 27, 28. First Church, May 29.

Vernon District—Second Round. Crowell cir, Mch 18, 19. Paducah cir, Mch 25, 26. Vernon sta, Apr 1, 2. Vernon cir, Apr 8, 9. Seymour cir, Apr 15, 16. Munday and Goree, Apr 16, 17. Knox City mis, Apr 18. Spring Creek mis, Apr 21. Seymour sta, Apr 22, 23. Matador cir, May 3.

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Ferris, March 18, 19. Palmer and Boyce, at Palmer, Mar 19, 20. Bristol and Trumbull, p. m., Mar 24, 25. Ennis, March 25, 26. Fortson, at Falls, April 1, 2. Venus, April 8, 9. Alvarado, April 9, 10. Milford, at Sims, April 15. Red Oak, April 22, 23. Beardw. at Elm Branch, April 29, 30. Lovelace, May 13, 14. Grandview, May 14, 15.

Waco District—Second Round. Lorena, March 18, 19. Hewitt, March 19, 20. West, March 22. Penelope, March 25, 26. Abbott, March 26, 27. Hubbard City, March 29. Mt. Calm, April 1, 2. Morgan and Walnut, April 8, 9. Aquila, April 15, 16. Waco, Elm Street 11 a. m., April 22. Waco, Fifth Street, 7:30 p. m., April 23. Whitney, April 29, 30. Peoria, May 6, 7. Boesqueville, May 13, 14. Axtell, May 20, 21. Mart, May 27, 28.

Colorado District—Second Round. Colorado Mis, 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 15.

Clyde, at Eula, Apr 29, 30. Caps, at Rock Crossing, May 6, 7. Buffalo Gap, May 13, 14. Baird, May 18. Putnam, May 20, 21. Jno. R. Morris, P. E. Weatherford District—Second Round. (In part.) Weatherford mis, at Dennis, Mch 18, 19. Aledo, at Benbrook, Mch 25, 26. Millisap, at Willow Pond, Apr 1, 2. Mineral Wells, Apr 2, 3. Pale Pines, at Oran, Apr 8, 9. Gordon, etc., at Strawn, Apr 16, 17. Santo, at Lipan, Apr 22, 23. Breckenridge, at Pisgah, Apr 25. Crystal Falls, at Grogan, Apr 27. Ranger, at Mt. Zion, Apr 29, 30. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round. Bartlett sta, Mch 18, 19. Temple sta, First Ch, Mch 25, 26. Temple sta, Seventh St, Mch 26, 27. Holland cir, at Little River, Apr 1, 2. Belton sta, Apr 8, 9. Granger cir, at Jonah, Apr 16, 17. Taylor Bohemian mis, Apr 22. Taylor sta, Apr 22, 23. Rogers cir, at Oenaville, Apr 29, 30. Hutto cir, May 6, 7. N. Georgetown cir, May 10. Moody sta, May 12, 13. Troy cir, May 13, 14. Bruceville and Eddy, May 14, 15. Salado cir, May 20, 21. Belton cir, May 21, 22. Florence cir, May 27, 28. J. S. Chapm, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round. Clairette, at White's Chap, Mch 18, 19. Hico, at Hico, p. m. Mch 19, 20. Granbury cir, at Paluxy, Mch 25, 26. Granbury sta, at Granby p. m. Mch 26, 27. Iredell, at Iredell, Mch 29. Fairly and Lanham, at L., Apr 1, 2. Carbon and Gorman, at C., Apr 8, 9. Cisco cir, at Romney, Apr 15, 16. Cisco sta, at Cisco, p. m. Apr 16, 17. Eastland, at Staff, Apr 22, 23. DeLeon cir, at Victor, Apr 29, 30. DeLeon sta, at DeLeon, p. m. Apr 30, May 1. Huckabay, May 6, 7. Stephenville, at S., p. m. May 7, 8. Morgan Mill, May 13, 14. Bluff Dale, p. m. May 14, 15. Carbon mis, May 21, 22. Desdemona, p. m. May 21, 22. Glen Rose, May 21. Duffau, May 26. Carlton, May 27, 28. A. E. Bailey, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round. Glen Cove, at G. C., Mch 18, 19. Bangs, at Chapel Hill, Mch 25, 26. Cross Plains, at Burnt Branch, Mch 31. Rising Star, at Salt Tank, Apr 1, 2. May, at Hog Valley, Apr 2, 3. Santa Anna, at Rockwood, Apr 8, 9. Gustine, at Fleming, Apr 15, 16. Sipe Springs, at Macedonia, Apr 22, 23. Comanche cir, at Sidney, Apr 23, 24. Blanket, Apr 29, 30. Comanche sta, May 6, 7. Indian Creek, at Winchell, May 13, 14. Coleman mis, May 20, 21. Coleman sta, May 21, 22. Proctor, at Oak Grove, May 27, 28. Missionary Institute at Brownwood Feb. 23 and 24. District Conference at Blanket April 27-30. Sunday-school and League Conference at Proctor June 29 and 30. E. R. Bolton, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round. Claude, at Goodnight, Mch 18, 19. Clarendon, Mch 22. Canyon City, Mch 25, 26. Hereford sta, Apr 1, 2. Hereford mis, at Wamble, Apr 5. Amarillo, Apr 8, 9. Stratford, Apr 15, 16. Hansford and Hutchinson, Apr 19. Dalhart, Apr 22, 23. Dist. Conf. at Clarendon, Apr 27-30. Channing, at Middle Well, Apr 25. Canadian, May 6, 7. Higgins, at Second Creek, May 9, 10. McLean, May 13, 14. Cataline and Shamrock, May 16, 17. Tulia, May 21. Rowe, June 3, 4.

Corsicana District—Second Round. Mexia, Mch 13. Richland, at Birdston, Mch 18, 19. Corsicana cir, at Eureka, Mch 19, 20. Blooming Grove cir, at Cryer Creek, Mch 25, 26. Blooming Grove sta, Mch 26, 27. Corsicana, Eleventh Avenue, Mch 29. Thornton, at Thornton, Apr 1, 2. Coolidge, at Coolidge, Apr 2, 3. Alma, at Alma, Apr 7, 8. Barry, at Love's Chapel, Apr 15, 16. Rice, at Tupelo, Apr 16, 17. Brandon, Apr 22. Dawson, at Emmett, Apr 23, 24. Corsicana, First Church, Apr 25. Groesbeck, Apr 26. District Conference will convene at Groesbeck at 3 o'clock p. m. April 27, and close Sunday night. Delegates will be elected on this round. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

McKinney District—First Round. Blue Ridge mis, Mch 18, 19. Farmers Branch, at Carrollton, Mch 25, 26. Farmersville sta, Apr 1, 2. L. W. Clark, P. E. Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Bonanza, at Rockdale, 2d Sun Mch. C. E. Fladger, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round. West Dallas, at Lago, Mch 18, 19. Grand Prairie, at Bethel, Mch 25, 26. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at D., Apr 1, 2. Wheatland, at Hutchins, Apr 8, 9. Oak Lawn sta, 11 a. m. Apr 16. Ervay Street sta, 7:30 p. m. Apr 16. Argyle, at Garza, Apr 22, 23. Clark's Chapel, Apr 29, 30. Denton sta, May 6, 7. Trinity Church sta, 11 a. m. May 14. First Church sta, 7:30 p. m. May 14. Lewisville sta, May 20, 21. Cochran and Caruth, May 27, 28. J. L. Morris, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round. Floyd, at Caddo Mills, Mch 18, 19. Kavanagh, Mch 19, 20. Kingston, at White Rock, Mch 25, 26. Wesley, Mch 26, 27. Quinlan, at Quinlan, Apr 1, 2. Commerce cir, at Center Ch, Apr 8. Commerce sta, Apr 9, 10. Campbell, at Caney, Apr 15, 16. Lone Oak, at Twin Oak, Apr 16, 17. Neola, Apr 22, 23. Dist. Conf. at Leonard, Apr 27-30.

Fairlie, May 6, 7. Greenville mis, at Jones Bethel, May 13, 14. Where the conference is held on Monday it will convene at 9 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. J. M. Peterson, P. E. Bonham District—Second Round. Gober, Hall, Mch 18, 19. Brookston, Brookston, Mch 25, 26. Randolph, Randolph, Apr 1, 2. Ladonia sta, Apr 8, 9. Ector, Mt. Pleasant, Apr 15. E. Bonham, Ravenna, Apr 15, 16. Lanius, Broderton, Apr 22, 23. Dodd, Dodd, Apr 22, 23. Trenton, Orangeville, Apr 27. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round. Boyd, Mch 18, 19. Roma, Mch 19, 20. Paradise, Mch 25, 26. Bridgeport, Mch 26, 27. Jacksboro, Apr 1, 2. Bryson, Apr 2, 3. Benvenue, Apr 8, 9. Henrietta, Apr 9, 10. Bellville, Apr 15, 16. Blue Grove, Apr 16, 17. Iowa Park, Apr 22, 23. Wichita Falls, Apr 23, 24. Archer, Apr 29, 30. Holliday, Apr 30, May 1. Crafton, May 6, 7. Giltown, May 13, 14. Decatur cir, May 20, 21. Decatur sta, May 21, 22. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round. Reinhardt, at Reinhardt, Mch 18, 19. Mesquite, at Montgomery Ch, Mch 25, 26. Forney, at Forney, Apr 1, 2. Terrell cir, at Terrell, Apr 1, 2. Fate, at St. John, Apr 8, 9. Garland sta, at night, Apr 9. Crandall, at Crandall, Apr 15, 16. Kaufman sta, at night, Apr 16. Rockwall, at Rowlett, Apr 22, 23. Greyhound, at Morrow Ch, Apr 29, 30. Kemp, at Kemp, May 6, 7. Elmo, at Eagan, May 13, 14. Chisholm, May 21, 22. Mahank, at Prairieville, May 27, 28. The District Conference will be held at Kemp May 3 to 7. Opening sermon by Rev. J. R. Wages, 8 p. m. May 3. Let all local preachers be present or send written reports. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round. Woodland and K, at W, Mch 18, 19. Detroit sta, Mch 19, 20. Blossom and Sylvan, at S., Mch 25, 26. Lamar Ave., Paris, Mch 26, 27. Marvin cir, at Marvin, Apr 1, 2. Centenary, Paris, Apr 2, 3. Deport and Halesboro, at D., Apr 8, 9. Clarksville cir, at Union, Apr 15, 16. Clarksville sta, Apr 16, 17. Abilene mis, at Young's Bk, Apr 22, 23. Bailey mis, at Bailey, Apr 29, 30. Whitetree sta, May 6, 7. Annona and William's Ch, at W. Ch, May 7, 8. Avery mis, at Oak Grove, May 13, 14. Emberson cir, at Hopewell, May 20, 21. Chicota mis, at Hinkley, May 27, 28. E. H. Casey, P. E.

McKinney District—Second Round. Pilot Point, Apr 5, 6. Plano, Apr 8, 9. McKinney, Apr 9, 10. Allen, at Herrington, Apr 12, 13. Renner, at Frankford, Apr 15, 16. Weston, at Anna, Apr 19, 20. Princeton, at Pleasant Grove, Apr 22, 23. Farmersville, Apr 23, 24. Dist. Conf. at Wylie, Apr 25-27. Wylie, at Murphy, Apr 28. Nevada, Apr 29, 30. Josephine, Apr 29, May 1. Copeville, May 6, 7. Blue Ridge cir, at B. R., May 13, 14. Blue Ridge mis, at B. R., May 14, 15. Frisco, at Frisco, May 19, 20. Prosper, at Wesley Ch, May 20, 21. Colma, at Rossland, May 21, 22. Farmers Branch, May 27, 28. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round. Winsboro sta, 7:30 p. m. Mch 31. Purley cir, at Clopton, 1st Sun Apr. Yowell cir, at Moss Ch, 2d Sun Apr. Cumbler cir, at Oakland, 11 a. m. Apr 13. Mt. Vernon, at Weaver, 3d Sun Apr. Sulphur Springs sta, 7:30 p. m. Apr 17. Cooper sta, 7:30 p. m. Apr 21. Klondike, at Posters, 4th Sun Apr. Rolly Springs, at Parks, 1st Sun May. Ben Franklin, at P. G., 2d Sun May. Como, at Harper's Ch, 3d Sun May. Birth cir, 11 a. m. May 24. Sulphur Bluff cir, 4th Sun May. Bonanza, 11 a. m. May 31. Lake Creek, 1st Sun June. The Sulphur Springs Preachers' Institute will convene at Birthright Friday night before fifth Sunday in April, closing Sunday night. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round. St. Jo, at Hardy 1st Sun Apr. Rosston, at Rosston, 2d Sun Apr. Montague, at Woodland, 3d Sun Mch. Belcher, at Belcher, 3d Sun Apr. Woodbine, at West View, 4th Sun Mch. Burns mis, at Friendship 4th Sun Apr. Denton St., night, 4th Sun Apr. Ponder and Krum, at Krum, 5th Sun Apr. Dist. Conf. embraces 5th Sun in Apr. beginning Wed. night preceding. Neotoma sta, May 6, 7. Marysville mis, at Sivel, 2d Sun May. Broadway, Gainesville, night, 2d Sun May. Aubrey and Oakgrove, at Cooper, 3d Sun May. Bonita cir, 4th Sun May. Era and Bolivar, 1st Sun June. Dexter, 2d Sun June. Delegates to District Conference elected this round where it has not been done. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Gatesville District—Second Round. Brookhaven, at R. Ch, Mch 18, 19. McGregor, at McGregor, Mch 25, 26. Oglesby, at Sta. Cr., Apr 1, 2. Gatesville sta, Apr 9, 10. Killeen and Nolan, at N., Apr 15, 16. Gatesville mis, Apr 22, 23. Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, Apr 29, 30. Jonesboro, at Union, Apr 29 3 p. m. May 1. Maxdale, at Elmore, May 6, 7. China Springs, at C. Creek, May 13, 14. Evant, at L. C. H., May 20, 21. Copperas Cove, May 27, 28. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round. Huntsville, Mch 25, 26. Navasota, Apr 1, 2. Bryan, Apr 8, 9. Prairie Plains, Apr 15, 16. Millican, at Alexander, Apr 22, 23. Dodge, at Riverside, Apr 29, 30. Wills and Conroe, at W., Apr 29, 30. Madisonville mis, at Oxford, May 6, 7. Madisonville sta, May 7, 8. Waller, at Macedonia, May 13, 14. Hempstead, May 14, 15. Montgomery, at Harmony, May 20, 21.

Bedias, May 27, 28. Anderson, at Koa's, May 28, 29. Magnolia, May 31. Cold Springs, June 2. Conroe mis, at Cleveland, June 3, 4. C. R. Lamar, P. E. San Augustine District—First Round. Cushing cir, at Pinegrove, Mch 18, 19. Appleby mis, at Bonita, Mch 25, 26. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round. Warren, at Big Sandy, Mar 18, 19. Jasper Mission, at Homer, Mar 25, 26. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E. Tyler District—Second Round. Wills Point, at Clifton, Mch 18. Wills Point sta, Mch 19, 20. Fruitvale, at Creagleville, Mch 25, 26. Grand Saline, Mch 26, 27. Mineola, Mch 28, 29. Emory, at Point, Apr 1, 2. Alba, at Pleasant Ridge, Apr 2, 3. Canton and Edgewood, at E., Apr 5, 6. Colfax, at Marvin Ch, Apr 8, 9. Tyler cir, at Pleasant Grove, Apr 15, 16. White House, Apr 16, 17. Edom, Apr 22, 23, 29. Muregan, Apr 23, 29. Snyder Springs, at S. S., Apr 30, May 1. Marvin, May 6, 7. Athens, May 7, 8. Malakoff, at Malakoff, May 13, 14. Big Sandy, at Gladewater, May 20, 21. Troup and Overton, May 27, 28. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round. Calvert sta, Mch 18, 19. Fairfield mis, at Lanely, Mch 25, 26. Fairfield and Dew, at Dew, Mch 26, 27. Jewett, at Buffalo, Apr 1, 2. Leon mis, at Pleasant Ridge, Apr 8, 9. Centerville, at Redland, Apr 9, 10. Rogers Prairie, at High Prairie, Apr 15, 16. Franklin sta, Apr 22, 23. Pettoway, at Beck Prairie, Apr 29, 30. Travis, May 6, 7. Rosebud sta, May 7, 8. Durango, May 19. Lott and Chilton, May 13, 14. Wheelock, May 20, 21. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round. Naples, at Omaha, Mch 18, 19. Atlanta, Mch 25, 26. Park, at Park, Mch 30. Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, Apr 1, 2. Texarkana, Central Ch, Apr 2, 3. Linden, at Cedar Grove, Apr 8, 9. Winfield, at Winfield, Apr 15, 16. Mt. Pleasant, Apr 16, 17. Musgrove, at Morris Ch, Apr 22, 23. Gilmer cir, Apr 29, 30. Gilmer sta, Apr 29, May 1. New Boston mis, at Daniels Ch, May 6, 7. New Boston sta, May 7, 8. Pittsburg cir, at Reeves Ch, May 13, 14. Pittsburg, sta, May 14, 15. Cason, May 17. Daingerfield, May 18. Quitman cir, May 20, 21. Queen City, May 21. Redwater, May 27, 28. Dalby, May 31. J. T. Smith, P. E.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE. Duncan District—Second Round. Temple, at Gregg, Mch 18, 19. Hastings and Walter, at Lone Star, Mch 19, 20. Marlow sta, Mch 26, 27. Lawton cir, Apr 1, 2. Lawton sta, Apr 2, 3. Bailey cir, at Bailey, Apr 8, 9. East Duncan cir, Apr 9, 10. Bush Springs cir, Apr 15, 16. Duncan cir, Apr 16, 17. Comanche cir, Apr 29, 30. Waurika cir, Apr 29, May 1. The District Conference will be held at Temple, O. T., April 19 to 23. N. L. Linebaugh, P. E.

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STATE UNIVERSITY'S SYSTEM OF EXTERMINATION.

Rev. John M. Moore, Ph. D.

The recent appointment of Prof. John W. Hopkins by the governing board of the University of Texas to the position of "Inspector of Schools" is one of the boldest attempts ever made by any institution of learning to lay its hands upon the entire educational interests of a great State. It is the farsighted policy of some loyal partisan of our State school, who can readily see what will be the result of such a system. Professor Hopkins was elected to this position from the superintendency of schools of Galveston, and is to receive from the university a salary of \$3000 a year and his expenses, which will amount, likely, to \$2000 a year. The cost of the "inspector" to the university will be about \$5000. What is his business? The answer in plain terms, is to put every teacher and superintendent, and, if possible, every school board in Texas at work to induce every bright boy and girl of every public school to attend the State University in some department as soon as the high school days are over. The curricula of the high schools of the State, and consequently of the lower grades, are to be inspected by the official of the State University, and are to be approved or disapproved according as they agree with the ideas and plans of the authorities at Austin. In other words, Texas is to have a great "educational trust," and the process of "freezing out" the weaker competitors is soon to begin.

The inspector recently visited Dallas and is reported in the Dallas News to have said: "The University of Texas is a part of our public school system of education. There should be the same close connection between the university and the high schools as there is between the high schools and the primary schools. The public high school should prepare students for university work."

Those words, "university work," mean "work in our State University." To interpret otherwise would be to reflect on the inspector, as high schools prepare only for college work, and not for university work. In other words, every high school in Texas, according to the inspector, is to hold before its pupils continually the State University as the one institution which they must eventually attend if they follow the advice of the leading educators of the State. Any person who cannot see the palpable injustice and gross unfairness to the other noble colleges of this State must be a veritable dupe, and if our colleges do not resent this bold attempt to crush out their very lives they are unworthy of our support.

We have no fight to make on the State University. It has its place.

The Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and Disciples help to pay for its support and do not complain. No one opposes any appropriation that the Legislature may see fit to make. Yet Southwestern University, Baylor University, Austin College, Trinity University, Polytechnic College, Simmons College, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth University are all institutions whose fruits would give them recognition in any land. These schools are as much a necessity to the education of the youth of Texas as is the State University. They represent something which has been driven out of the public school system—the Bible and the Christian religion. How many Methodist preachers has the State University ever educated? Look at the long list of noble itinerants who received their training at Southwestern. The same is seen when the State University is compared with Austin College, Baylor University, Trinity and Texas Christian University. Yet the State institution is planning to lay its hands on every bright boy and girl that comes from every high school of Texas and corral them into the university that would empty the pulpits of Texas in one generation by failing to furnish supplies. We do not ask the university to make preachers, but we do ask it to recognize the right of these noble colleges to exist and to allow them a chance in securing some of the brightest of the land as students.

The people have given the university fine buildings and competent equipment. Dormitories have been erected to reduce the cost of living to a minimum. Appropriations have been made to maintain a large and well trained faculty. Tuition is eliminated. These Church schools are not so well equipped; the faculties cannot be so large, as funds are severely limited, and tuition must always be charged. Against great odds have these Church schools been maintained, but they have wrought a work worthy of the heroic in any age. Now, for the State University to institute a system that will openly plan to take every worthy pupil of the State from these colleges who have done and are doing to-day such superior work is to place it in the attitude of hostility to the highest interests of the great Christian denominations of the State.

Why should the university want to send forth an "inspector of schools"? Is it to oversee the educational work of the public schools of Texas? When was that authority conferred on that institution? The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is supposed to be the lawful "inspector of schools" of Texas. Is he merely to decide the petty quarrels of school districts and give opinions on little points of law? He, and not any private appointee of the Board of Regents of the State Univer-

sity, is to superintend the public schools of Texas. He is paid a respectable salary to attend to this work, and why should Texas pay \$5000 or even \$3000 to secure the same service from another man?

There can be but one reason for the appointment of an "inspector of schools" by the State University, and that is to secure pupils. The authorities simply say, "We must do something to secure more boys and girls in our school at Austin." Prof. Hopkins reported in Dallas: "The academic, engineering and law departments have enrolled about 1000 students, and the medical department at Galveston about 200." We have the last catalogue, issued June 1, 1904, and the figures show a grand total of 1353. Of that number 285 were in the summer schools, 235 were in the department of medicine, 186 in the department of law and 154 in the department of engineering, leaving only 493 in the academic department. Of the whole number in the academic department, which really forms the body of the university, 237 are young women. If we leave out the special students there were last year only 252 young men who were studying in the academic department of the State University. The 154 young men in the engineering department would make the total number of young men at Austin last year 376. Of the total number in the academic department 135 live in Austin. For the academic department of about 500 pupils there are seventy-five teachers. This digest has confirmed the original opinion that the authorities at Austin want pupils, and they have hit upon the system of high-school affiliation by an "inspector of schools" as the best method for satisfying their wishes.

We know nothing but the best concerning the distinguished gentleman who has been appointed "inspector of schools." We have no war to make on our great State University, its faculty or its board of regents; but we do condemn in the severest terms the selfish intent and purpose of this newly instituted system to capture the pupils of Texas for the university without regard for the other worthy educational institutions that will ever hold the highest interests of a large percentage of the Christian people of the State. This movement should fire every drop of Methodist blood within the bounds of this Commonwealth and cause such a tide of loyalty to our Southwestern as has never before been known. We can educate our Methodist boys and girls and give them as good as they can get at Austin, and we will be tramping on our rights if we fail to do it. Let us appoint an "inspector of schools" in every pastoral charge of Texas. Let the high schools affiliate with the State University if they desire, but let Methodists henceforth and forever affiliate with our Methodist Schools. Let the tide to Southwestern sweep Texas from the Red River to the Gulf. Let every Methodist boy and girl in every high school in the State be given personal instruction as to his or her privilege at Georgetown. We do not discriminate against Polytechnic. Its noble work is worthy of our support. Let Texas Methodists arouse and stand by their colors and their institutions. We will defend our rights to the last ditch.

Dallas, Texas.

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to put up these gaps in our legal fence that let in the liquor wolves to prey upon society where they have been outlawed.

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The Petition.

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of Texas:

We, the undersigned, hereby respectfully petition your honorable body for the enactment into laws of House Bill No 460, designed to give relief from C. O. D. shipments and the soliciting of orders for liquor in local option districts; also House Bill No. 93, regulating liquor cold storages, and also the general law prohibiting drinking of intoxicating liquors in public places, other than licensed saloons, to protect railroad trains, depots, etc., frequented by women and children, from drinking rowdies. We submit that experience in local option counties has demonstrated conclusively the imperative necessity for and enactment of these laws to prevent the flagrant defiance of the will of the people by liquor law breakers when, by vote, they have decreed that the public dramshop shall be closed in their midst.

We also ask that joint resolution for a constitutional amendment extending the scope of local option so as to include not only the sale, but also the gift, exchange and introduction of liquors in local option districts shall be submitted to the people.

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