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Editorial.

EDUCATION AS A MORAL FORCE IN CHARACTER.

Morality has to do with men in their relation to each other. It is the result of men doing their social and civic duties to each other. To be truthful, honest and kindly reciprocal is to be moral. Christ taught the highest morality known to the world to-day, but he began at the source of moral relationship. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul and with all thy strength; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This is the fundamental law of religion and morals laid down by Christ. He took the position that no man can attain unto the highest moral excellence until he has first put himself into loving relation with God. He taught the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The Father stands first and the brother second. Not until we love the Father supremely are we prepared to love our brother disinterestedly—that is, for his own sake and separate and distinct from any selfish consideration. This grows out of the fact that man has a religious, a moral and an intellectual sense. These natures all stand in need of training and development. Our religious sense enables us to apprehend God and obey him; our moral sense enables us to recognize the rights of our neighbor and our duties to him; and our intellects enable us to intelligently determine the obligations growing out of these various relationships. No man is complete in his education until all these departments of his being are taken into account. Just here is where our Church schools afford facilities for the education of our children that can not be found in our secular schools. These schools ignore religion and especially our Christian religion. They do not recognize it, much less teach it. In the nature of things they are forced into this position. They devote their efforts toward the development of the minds of their pupils. The Bible is practically a tabooed book, and often skepticism is fostered. Many of our boys come away from these schools with their faith and religious training undermined. It can not be otherwise where the State has complete control of the matter, for the State can not and must not go into the work of religious teaching. But not so with our Church institutions. There the Bible is revered and its contents are taught. Jesus Christ as the Savior of men is recognized and worshiped. His precepts and commandments are burned into the consciences of pupils. And the distinctive doctrines of the Church stand out prominently. Our children hear and are taught, under the tuition of the faculty, the same truths in which they have been brought up at home. Religious services are provided for them, revivals of religion are conducted during the progress of the school year, and many of our boys who have gone to these schools unconverted have returned to us members of the Church and thoroughly religious. They learn the

best type of religion, their faith is strengthened, they are taught good morals and their minds are developed and trained to think wisely and correctly. In other words, our Church schools take into the account the whole of man in their work of education. They devote their purpose toward the cultivation of the mind, the spirit, the soul, the body. And the rule is when we put our boys and girls into our schools, they do not return to us injured in religion and morals. No skeptical teacher is kept in our faculties. They are men and woman who love God, belong to the Church and stand out in purity of life. These are matters concerning which our people need to consider thoroughly in selecting a school for the education of the children. If we want them kept true to the Church, to religion and sound morality, we had better look to our own schools for such results.

LOCAL OPTION AND ITS PRESENT EMERGENCY.

That a majority of the Court of Criminal Appeals, in its recent decisions, has hurt local option can not be denied. It has said that a solicitor has a lawful right to go into local option territory, solicit orders, send them in and have them filled at whisky headquarters and then deliver them to the parties ordering through the solicitor. This is an absolute violation of the letter and the spirit of local option, for the people have said in these dry territories that they do not want the liquor business carried on in their communities, and they have said it by an overwhelming vote; but the decisions of this majority vote of the court say to the contrary. So the people are helpless. They say that the whole county can be overrun by whisky solicitors against the will of the people, and that said solicitors are at liberty to flood the county with liquor through the medium of orders, and that the people have to submit to it. Again, by another decision, they have said that a man living in a wet county can send out a hack into a dry county, under the guise of a public carrier, take orders for liquor, have the same filled and delivered, and that the people can not help themselves. This decision was handed down by the court in a case brought up on appeal from Jones County. The solicitor case mentioned above was handed down in an appeal from Kaufman County. These decisions open up every dry county in Texas to the liquor dealers in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and every other wet district in Texas. The pretext for these decisions is that the United States Court has decided that under the Interstate Commerce Law a party outside of a prohibition State can ship liquor into said State. Well, our State court can not hold the outside party responsible for violating our local option laws. But the trouble with us does not come from the outside. It comes from these people in the wet districts of the State flooding local option counties with whisky. On the ground of "fairness" our State court has no right to turn State liquor dealers loose in Texas

to overrun our local option territory. There is no inter-county commerce law in Texas. But comparatively little business will be done in our local option territory from outside States. The great bulk of it comes from our Texas wet towns and cities. Judge Brooks holds that when a Texas man ships C. O. D. whisky, or takes orders for whisky in a local option district, the sale takes place when and where the whisky is delivered. But the other two members of the court hold that because the United States Court gives an outsider the right to do this under the Interstate Commerce Law, under the same ruling the man living in Texas has the same right. These State decisions, therefore, tie the hands of our people and turn them over to the Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco and Houston liquor dealers. So we have no recourse as the court is now constituted. We simply have to bide our time. Fortunately, Judges come and Judges go, but courts abide forever. The people elect the Judges. By and by they will be permitted to pass upon those who make our courts. Judge Hurt, one of the greatest criminal lawyers who ever served on this appeals bench, was an anti from the top of his head to his feet, but he invariably upheld the validity of the local option laws. Scores and scores of the best lawyers in the State agree as to this matter, and they agree regardless of their personal views of local option. So that we hold on to local option. We will not let a dry county go back into the wet column, and we will invade every wet county possible with local option. Even with the decisions of the court against us, local option is infinitely preferable to the open bar-room. And within the next two years the people can say at the ballot box as to whether they are in agreement with these decisions. It is useless for us to say that we do not question the honesty of the present members of the Appellate Court. But they are not infallible. They are liable to be mistaken. So let us possess our souls in patience. We will get relief in the future. On with the battle!

THE STATE LEAGUE ENCAMPMENT.

As our readers have seen from time to time in the League Department of the Advocate, the State League encampment, located permanently at Corpus Christi, is an assured success. After months of careful consideration the committee appointed to look after the enterprise determined that this is the place for it and so located it at that point. So that we are to have the encampment as a fixed institution. August is the time for the gathering and all arrangements are now in progress to have a fine gathering next summer. There will be an excellent program, fine speakers and lecturers, good normal classes, and nothing will be left undone to make it a great success. Our young people ought to begin now to arrange matters so as to attend the opening session of the encampment. Aside from the religious and mental advantages offered to all, the social recreation will not be lightly esteemed. The

coast will afford fine opportunities for bathing, fishing, boating and the like, and when the camp duties are over for each day occasion will be provided for diversions of this character. When we combine fine spiritual and intellectual treats for the young people with these incidental recreations, the encampment ought to prove a great blessing to our young Leaguers all over the State. But these privileges will not be exclusively the property of the young people; they will be open to all—the old, the middle-aged and the young. It ought to become, and doubtless will, a great rallying place for the Methodist hosts. It will be to us what Ocean Grove is to the North. The location is wonderfully adapted to just such an annual gathering and it will become a great factor in our young people's work in Texas. We wish for it the eminent success to which it is entitled and to which it is necessarily destined.

THEIR LAWLESSNESS SELF-CONFESED.

The liquor business is a lawless business. It does not keep the law. It is set to violate law. This we have known from the beginning, but it is not often that the business confesses to its shameful and shameful violations of law. In San Antonio recently the Liquor Dealers' Association held a meeting, according to their organ, the Texas Liquor Dealer. "The purpose of the meeting was to adopt, or rather agree upon, more stringent rules in the matter of conducting saloons. It was unanimously agreed that wine rooms should be discountenanced and that stricter rules regarding the sale of liquor to minors, habitual drunkards or other persons forbidden to drink should be enforced." This is an admission that the rules against these violations of law had not hitherto been observed. And as a matter of fact, saloons observe none of the laws enacted against them. It is coming to be quite common of late for them to make good promises, but what is the promise of the liquor business? It amounts to nothing, for it originates in hypocrisy and it is carried out in falsehood. It cares nothing for the Sunday law, for the law against minors drinking, against gaming and every other restriction imposed upon the accursed thing. It hates law and it hates those who try to enforce law against its lawlessness. The moment it secures a license it starts out in a career of crime. As a matter of fact, there is but one way to make a saloon good and law-abiding, and that is to kill it. All good saloons are dead saloons. The people are finding this out and they are proceeding to kill them by their votes just as rapidly as they can get to them. One hundred and fifty counties are now dry in Texas and not one has gone back to the saloons in the past six years after having tried local option two years. They continue in the dry column by a larger majority than ever. People do not want these self-confessed violators of law to continue their business in their midst. The time is approaching when the county tolerating the bar-room will be the exception. They are going and will soon be gone. On with the battle!

The Bible Vs. Fermented Wine

By Rev. R. C. Armstrong.

Does the Bible encourage a moderate use of intoxicating beverage? This is an important question, and I approach it with an ardent desire to present to your readers a correct interpretation of God's Word. Fermented wine contains about 13 per cent of alcohol, which, taken in sufficient quantity, will produce intoxication. If the Bible encourages a moderate use of fermented wine as a beverage, then it encourages the moderate use of an intoxicant. There are those who contend that the Bible prohibits the use of intoxicants and enjoins total abstinence; others contend that the Bible justifies a moderate use of fermented wine—that it teaches temperance, but not prohibition. I take issue with the latter position and with the former view we shall appeal to God's Word. There are two classes of Scripture bearing upon this subject which appear to teach contradictory doctrines. "Wine is spoken of in the Scriptures as a blessing and a curse; it is exhibited as possessing opposite influences, as productive of good and bad effects." Turning to Prov. 23:29-32 we find a positive prohibition of wine. In John 2:3-10 its use is sanctioned. This appears to involve a contradiction. But I submit that God's Word properly interpreted is not contradictory. To so interpret the Scriptures as to make the Bible sanction a moderate use of intoxicating wine as a beverage is to array Scripture against Scripture. A moderate use of intoxicating liquors tends to an excessive use. From the ranks of moderate drinkers the ranks of drunkenness are filled. But for moderate drinkers there would be no drunkards. Who can conceive for one moment that the Bible either directly or indirectly encourages so great an evil as drunkenness? So far is the Bible from encouraging anything that savors of evil that it teaches us to "abstain from all appearance of evil." Observation, experience and science agree that alcohol is poisonous to both body and brain. Intoxicating liquors (fermented wines, beer and spirits), owe their intoxicating properties to this poison alcohol; all these liquors being simply—besides a few unimportant ingredients—mixtures of an irritant narcotic poison, and water. Hence the Bible cannot recommend intoxicating wine without recommending poison. I am aware that it is assumed that all wine is fermented, and consequently will intoxicate—that there can be no wine without fermentation. A careful investigation of this subject forces the conclusion that the Bible speaks of two kinds of wine—fermented and unfermented. It allows the use of unfermented, and prohibits the use of fermented. In support of this proposition I submit the following reasons: The word wine as used in the Bible is a generic term, and its specific meaning must be determined by the context. To attest the truth of this proposition I invite attention to wine used as a symbol. It is made to represent the wrath of God, and the miseries of the lost. Mark the following language: "For thus saith the Lord God of Israel unto me; Take the wine of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it."—Jer. 25:15. In Ps. 75:8 we have the following strong statement, "For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same; but the dregs thereof all the wicked of the world shall wring them out, and drink them." Once more: "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb."—Rev. 14:10. In these texts wine is the symbol of God's wrath and man's wretchedness and misery. Now turning to Isa. 55:1 we find the same word symbolizing the blessings of the gospel: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." The same thing cannot be made to symbolize two things which stand antithetically to each other as damnation and salvation. Rev. J. W. Snodgrass puts it thus: "The same thing used in the same way and under the same purpose cannot have the contrary results of good and evil ascribed to it." Reader, did it ever occur to you that the Bible makes the abundant use of wine both good and bad? It was bad to those who tarried long at it in Prov. 23:29; it was good to those who tarried long at it at the wedding in Cana and drank great quantities. I therefore challenge the assumption that these opposite and contradictory properties and results are to be accounted for by a discrimination between an excessive and a temperate use of wine that could intoxicate. We are forced to conclude, therefore, that to make the Bible logically consistent through-

out and free from contradictions we must admit that wine is a generic term. This is irrefragable presumptive evidence in proof of the proposition. But we have positive proof. Dr. F. Lees, F. S. A., says, "Yayin is the generic term of wine, including the pure blood of the grape; preserved juice, and the juice after being fermented and dragged as well. Fuerst (who is the very best. Hebrew lexicographer) gives the meaning of the root word yayin, from which the noun yayin is derived, 'to tread out the grapes,' and yayin that which is trodden out. So far from yayin necessarily meaning fermented wine, Fuerst says that in Jer. 49:10 yayin signifies bunches of grapes. This is sustained by the verbiage, 'but ye gather ye wine.' Dr. Young, author of the Concordance, agrees with him, giving the meaning of yayin simply as grape juice, that which is trodden out. Dr. Adam Clarke, in commenting on Gen. 49:11, says: 'From this we find that wine anciently was the expressed juice of the grape without fermentation. This was anciently the yayin of Hebrews, the oinos of the Greeks, and the mustum of the Latins. Moreover, the newly expressed juice of the grape is called in English must; by the Romans it was called mustum, and by the Greeks gleukos. In certain modern dictionaries, encyclopedias and lexicons, sweet or unfermented juice of the grape is given as the meaning of must, or new wine. To-wit, Lyttleton, Worcester, Webster, Wight, Hilpert, Donagan, Liddell and Scott and others. Beyond all controversy the proposition is sustained that the Bible speaks of more than one kind of wine. In the Hebrew and Greek Bible a dozen words with their special meaning are all hidden under the English terms, 'wine and strong drink,' and some of these words clearly and undeniably denote unfermented and intoxicating wine. Among these words are tirosh, khamer, sekhar and others of the Old Testament. Let us examine one of these words. We will take tirosh. This word occurs thirty-eight times, and is rendered wine twenty-six, and new wine eleven times, and once sweet wine. In thirty-seven of these instances it is described as a blessing, as in Isa. 65:8, and is never associated with danger and sin except in possibly one instance. Gesenius in his Hebrew Lexicon defines this word must, new wine. Dr. Lees says: "Tirosh is a collective term for the fruit of the vine in its natural state from the cluster to the richer blessings within it of the full ripe grape ready for grateful consumption. It does not signify wine at all." To this agrees Dr. N. Keer, M. D., F. F. S., who says: "A tirosh is spoken of as being gathered (Deu. 11:14), and as being trodden (Mic. 6:15), and as being found in the cluster (Isa. 65:8); it seems only reasonable to infer that it denotes a solid fruit, not a liquid wine. Having proven the various meanings of the word wine as it appears in the Bible, taken in connection with the facts brought forward, we feel confident that our position can not be successfully controverted. I shall follow up this subject and examine the teachings of the New Testament respecting this question. Fort Worth, Texas.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND REFORMATORY.

I promised a great many of my friends on the Sanger and Valley View charge, where the Advocate has a large circulation, to write for the paper. It has been almost three months since I reached here. I drove through the country 175 miles from Sanger and filled my first appointment the first Sunday after the North Texas Conference closed on Monday at Bonham. I am greatly indebted to Sister Couter, who took us into her boarding house until I could repair a small house to live in, and her son, F. A. Thomson, for favors in getting our household goods from the depot. Many thanks to Bro. Favors, of Valley View, for \$6 as a New Year's present, through H. K. Jones. Brother S. J. Parks, of this place, furnished us turnips and mustard from his irrigated garden until the big freeze. Brother Elbridge showed many favors in papering our house. This is our pounding. But what about the Reformatory? It is not a new work with me. I had the honor of being the first Chaplain of the institution. This was fourteen years ago. I was pastor of our Church here. At that time the State had not made any appropriation for a Chaplain, or for literature. Some who read this will remember my appeal through the Advocate for literature. Some of the books sent me are still in the library. The Northwest Texas Conference Sunday-school Board bought Sunday-school literature for us. It was twelve years ago, through the influence of Galeten Kirby, of Willis Point, at that time Vice-President of the Senate and who officially visited us, the

first appropriation was made of \$200 for the Chaplain and \$100 for literature. The present superintendent, Capt. Tankersly, got an appropriation of \$300 for the Chaplain, and \$200 for literature. There is an effort to get the present Legislature to pay the Chaplain for full time and furnish him a house on the State land. This is very much needed. The State has separated these boys who are convicted for felonies not over five years from the hardened criminals in the penitentiary for the purpose of reformation. No one can be sent here who is over sixteen years of age. He is expected to be turned loose by the time, or just before, he is twenty-one, that he may not lose his franchise. They have been sent here as young as eight years of age. The motive which prompted the Legislature of 1889 to project this institution was a worthy one. Capt. Ben E. McCullough, who was its first superintendent, and at the time of his appointment was assistant superintendent of the penitentiary, saw the need of such an institution. As many of the members of the Legislature could not see as he did he took what he could get with the hope that in the future they would have all that is actually needed. The present superintendent, who has the work well in hand, is very anxious to make it a semi-mechanical Reformatory. He has a plan by which it can be done, if the Legislature will adopt it. This is the place for the incorrigible youth of which so much has been said in the secular papers. The boys do all the work with a hired engineer, cook, tailor, farmer and shoemaker, and cultivate 700 acres of land. The State only owns 640, a part of which is in cultivation. But the present administration has rented land near by. They are not allowed to idle their time away. They are in school when not at work. There are a few boys here from good families. They are caught in bad company. The large majority are as susceptible of religious impressions as other boys of their age and similar circumstances who are not here. I am so anxious I put in one hour each night in the week and Sunday with them. As I meet them Sunday after Sunday my interest increases. The letters I get from parents are enough to keep my heart tender. Let all who read this pray for the unfortunate boys of our great State.

G. F. BOYD, Chaplain.

THE WOMAN AT JACOB'S WELL.

Under the above caption we read with interest from the pen of Rev. W. H. Hughes in the Advocate of Feb. 16. It has always been my opinion that this woman is unduly censured. It can not be proven by the record that she was a vile character; neither should she be paraded as a personification of guilt. But Bro. H. takes the opposite extreme, making her a "good" woman, "the most influential in her community," and has Christ meeting her by divine appointment. Nor is this all; he makes her "honest and truthful." All of which may be true; but we'll examine.

The fact that she had had five husbands, and he whom she now had not being her husband, does not prove her good or bad. If she had lost her five husbands by death, or had been divorced on account of her adulteries; and if the present "husband" had been one advanced, or one with whom she was living unlawfully, the same remarks of our Lord would have been applicable. Further, let me assert that a woman of Samaria could have lived a life of open shame without so much as being heard of by a Galilean Jew. Bro. H. thinks it remarkably strange that Christ administered no word of reproof. But he must remember that if the woman were guilty, Christ's reference to her private life, though cautiously touched, was a stinging reproof indeed. Besides this, Jesus said more to the woman than is here recorded; for when she met her townspeople, she said: "Come, see a man that told me all things that ever I did." Now, as recorded, Christ tells her a very little, yet she says he told her "all things." If she is to be trusted as "honest and truthful," as the brother tells us, there must be much of that wonderful conversation unrecorded. It is therefore not safe to say that our Savior did not rebuke her sins.

Quoting further: "If this woman's life had been so hardened by crime and shame, is it at all likely she would have so readily and gladly embraced an opportunity to learn the way of life more perfectly?" I can not believe with the lights before me that this woman's life was hardened by crime and shame. Yet the above quotation is a remarkable statement indeed. The door of mercy is not closed against those who were once criminal. Souls blackened by sin and crime have often, and do yet, gladly seek the word of reconciliation, and find peace through the knowledge of our Lord. In trying to prove too much it is to be feared our worthy scribe has proven

nothing. That the woman of Samaria was good, honest, truthful, and the most influential citizen of her community, is difficult to prove from the plain statements given us in John's gospel. Bro. H. reads into the expression of Jesus, "In that saidst thou truly," that this woman was honest and truthful. And from the fact of her townspeople following her to see Jesus, he concludes her to be the most influential person in the community in which she lived. These statements may be true. There seems nothing to the contrary. But whether the Scripture statements justify the comment is the question we shall notice.

As to the former, Jesus said to the woman: "Go call thy husband and come hither." The woman answered, "I have no husband." Jesus said unto her, "Thou saidst well, I have no husband; for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband; this hast thou said truly (R. V.) Thus Jesus gave the woman to understand that he knew her statement to be true. But just how any one could conclude from this last statement of our Lord that the woman was both honest and truthful, is more than I can understand. If the statement was given with the emphasis on the word, "this," Christ certainly meant to call in question her truthfulness. His undoubted meaning would be "For once you have told the truth." But for this exegesis I do not contend. This expression is not the key to the woman's character.

Now, as for the town being moved to follow the woman, there's nothing in it on which to establish the reputation of this "Samaritan." Leaving her pitcher at Jacob's well, she went into the city with an unusual proclamation. These people, like the Jews, were expecting the Messiah. The story of His coming was as familiar to them, and doubtless as much talked of as His "second coming" is to us. When, therefore, the announcement was by one already wrought upon by the wonderful message, it was echoed from lip to lip until very soon a throng was moving towards the resting place of the world's Redeemer. The "woman" may have been influential or she may have been evil; in either case such an announcement would have found eager listeners.

There is no objection to this meeting being of divine appointment, for all God's meetings are of divine appointment; but our brother surely does not intend to leave the impression that this "good" woman was the best person qualified to receive the water of life and dispense it to others.

The fact is, it was Christ's intention to reveal to these Samaritan people the true worship of the Father. And whether this woman was originally good or not, she needed the salvation of God. And having once passed through the Savior's hands, she became a power for good. The most sublime thought of this chapter is not concerning the character of the woman, nor yet the training of the twelve; but unto the Savior himself, who, having drawn the multitude, said: "Behold the fields are white unto harvest."

WALTER DOUGLASS.

NORTH CAROLINA LETTER.

You doubtless have a good number of Tar Heels in Texas, who may like to hear occasionally from their old home. We claimed you as a Tar Heel for a short time, but you failed to stick, and after the transfer of the Holston part of the State to us and the formation of the Western North Carolina Conference, you forsook us for the Lone Star State. Possibly a little of our conference history would not be unacceptable to that class of your readers and yourself as well as to others.

Although the first session of an Annual Conference of organized American Methodism was held in this State April 20, 1785, we had no North Carolina Conference until fifty-one years later. All our territory was embraced in the Virginia, South Carolina and Holston Conferences. In February, 1837, doubtless under an "enabling act" of the General Conference of 1836, the Virginia Conference "set off" all that part of our State that was within her bounds except the Murfreesboro District, lying near Norfolk, together with the Danville District, to the North Carolina Conference, that was then formed. At the first regular session of that conference, held at Greensboro, in January and February, 1838, we had 15,312 white members and 3,896 colored, divided into five small districts and forty-four pastoral charges. In 1850 and 1870 all our territory embraced in the South Carolina Conference was ceded to us, and in 1890 the Holston territory, beyond the Blue Ridge, and about half the Murfreesboro District, in the Virginia Conference, came to us, and we were divided into the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences. In 1858 the Danville District was transferred back to Virginia, and in 1894, the dream of our fathers, that all of our

State should be embraced in one or more North Carolina Conferences, was realized by the transfer to us from Virginia of the remaining part of the Murfreesboro District, so that now our State and conference lines are coincident except a Church now and then on the border, and the line running across the State between the two conferences.

At the last session of these conferences statistics showed that we now have twenty districts, 370 pastoral charges, 438 traveling preachers, and 148,230 local preachers and lay members. This shows a net increase in white members since February, 1838, of more than 100,000, not counting some 30,000 that came to us by transfer, and the score of thousands that have "removed by death, certificate and otherwise." Also an increase of 103,000 in Sunday-school scholars, while our contributions for missions have increased twenty-five fold.

Your old conference, Mr. Editor, the Western North Carolina, reported last November an increase of \$100,000 in value of church buildings the past year, and more than the full assessment paid for foreign and domestic missions, making us for the past two years rank next to "head" in the per cent. She paid on her assessment for foreign missions, the South Georgia alone showing above her. And you may be glad to know that she has for two years stood second in the number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled, the Virginia being the only conference ahead of her. In 1903 she reported next to the largest net increase in membership—3,249—the Indian Mission reporting 3,810; and at our last session there were twenty-one applicants for admission into the traveling connection—these facts indicating that we are not dead spiritually.

As an ex-North Carolinian and an earnest and aggressive temperance worker, you will, I am sure, be glad to know that we are making rapid progress in the temperance reform.

You doubtless remember the overwhelming defeat that came to the prohibition forces in the State campaign of 1881. That defeat so discouraged us that we made no general rally again until after the mass of ignorant colored voters were eliminated from our elections four or five years ago. But two years since, under the inspiration and leadership of our good Baptist Governor, our senior U. S. Senator, educated at our Trinity College, of the brilliant editor of our leading Baptist paper, and of the able and aggressive editor of our most widely circulated Democratic daily paper and an active Methodist worker, the State Legislature enacted a sweeping temperance measure, known as the Watts law. That law abolished all bar rooms and distilleries outside incorporated towns. In addition, it forbids the operation of distilleries in any town except where a majority vote of the town authorizes it. It also gives each town and city the right to vote out bar rooms and establish a dispensary or have prohibition. Under the operation of this law there is now no distillery or bar room in our rural districts, and the following cities have, by a large majority, voted for prohibition, viz: Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Galesboro, Newbern and Statesville, Raleigh, Wilson, Monroe and others are trying the dispensary. High Point and Concord, two of the most prosperous manufacturing towns of the State, with some 8,000 or 10,000 population each, have never had any bar rooms; at least, not for a score of years or more. Fayetteville, under direct legislative enactment, had prohibition before. Asheville, Salisbury, Winston, Reidsville and Wilmington, with a few of the smaller towns, are still trying bar rooms.

The Legislature, now in session, has just passed a bill supplemental to the Watts law, forbidding the running of a distillery in a town of a smaller population than 1,000, even by a vote of the town, thus putting out of business some of the largest distilleries in the State, unless they move to larger towns or go into another State. This greatly relieves some small towns, where the distilleries were the chief thing, largely dominating public sentiment and making an almost intolerable state of things.

Of course, we hear a great deal about "blind tigers." So we do of murders, theft, fraud, gambling, etc., notwithstanding the laws forbidding and punishing these crimes. Yet no one proposes to repeal these laws.

I was glad to hear Bishop Hoss' clarion call to immediate prayer and work for the revival which our Church so much needs. May they hear and heed that call. And may our gracious heavenly Father, who is so abundantly blessing Wales and some parts of our own country, hear their cry and send His rich blessing, not only on Texas, but on all our land!

With cordial greetings to the Methodists of your great State, and with best wishes for you and your valuable paper, I remain, fraternally yours,
JNO. R. BROOKS.
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"HALLOWED BE THY NAME."

When we have learned to say "Our Father," in all its precious meaning, the whole of the Master's prayer assumes a new significance. Each petition now takes a personal aspect, not only the ones for daily bread, forgiveness, and help, but those which seek the Father's glory and the coming of his kingdom. We are no longer asking for something far off and indefinite, which does not touch our lives, but we are seeking the honor of a Father's name and the extension of our Father's rule, and pledging in our prayer that we will give the honor, reverence, support, and love which we pray shall be rendered by others.

"Hallowed"—holy, revered. It is a prayer for precisely what the second commandment lays down as duty, only in more spiritual form. Then it was commanded. Now it is desired and sought. Then it was the King of kings, the Lord of hosts, Jehovah, the great God, who was to be revered and worshiped in awe and fear. Now it is the Father in heaven who, though great and infinite, is to be honored in love. The whole motive is changed, and with it the whole spirit of prayer. We may honor one who is great and good, and who has proved his right to honor, and we may bring him our

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petition for help, but it is with a different feeling from the sacred reverence which comes with love. The new relationship that Christ revealed of God to man makes each thing that concerns the Father whom we love our special and our sacred trust, to be guarded with jealous care.

"Hallowed by Thy name"—as we breathe the words in prayer we give a solemn pledge that we will keep it holy, and give honor before the world to all that is connected with that holy name. The world looks for it, as it has a right to, and expects those who profess to be God's children to show him in word and act the reverence which is due—reverence for him and for all that he makes sacred. But the prayer is more; it is not only a pledge of personal reverence and honor, but of effort to promote both reverence and honor in the world. It is impossible for us to sit still and be silent if those we love, or a cause we love, is attacked or insulted, or if any mark of honor which is their due is omitted. There is no hesitancy, then, about avowing our friendship or resenting the slight. What we do so readily when earthly parents and earthly friends are involved ought to be the natural thing for us to do when our heavenly Father and his interests are lightly spoken of. But how is it? Christians are often silent when their Lord and their religion are made the sport of evil men, silent, too, when the things that make for righteousness, and even when the things which God has given to be the bulwarks of faith, are undermined; going with the current instead of standing steadfastly for right.

"Hallowed by Thy name." How can God's name be hallowed if reverence is not cultivated. The cultivation must begin in the home. It must start with teaching the children reverence and love for all that is holy—for the Bible and prayer, for the Church and the Sunday-school and all that is connected with the worship of God—reverence, too, for the Sabbath, as a day apart, sacred to the purposes for which it has been given. It cannot be expected that the world will render greater honor than is given in the Christian home and by professing Christians. When the Bible is just like any other book, and Sunday just like any other day, except that the ordinary work of the week is laid aside and, when it is convenient, a service of the Church is attended, reverence falls low, and those whose lives such influence is shaping fail of even that measure of regard for holy things. We must live as we pray, or prayer becomes a mockery. We must hallow the name of God in our homes and in our lives, if we would have it hallowed by others, and day by day, in conscientious endeavor, strive to make it honored in all the world, and to check the influences that tend to its dishonoring, daring to speak for Christ, daring to avow our faith and principles. "Hallowed be Thy name!" So let us pray. So let us live.—Lutheran Observer.

HELPETH OUR INFIRMITIES.

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

of devotion; we lack that calm faith which can leave its burden at the mercy-seat and be at rest.

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

CLOSE TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

The peace, the purity, and the power of every child of God depend very much upon his or her living very nigh to our heavenly Father. It is well for us not only to sing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," but also to pray, "Nearer, O God, to Me." We are apt to think of him as dwelling in an infinite distance from us—as a Father up in heaven, and not as a Father close by us. His actual nearness should be both a solemn caution and a sweet comfort. Not a thought in our inmost heart is concealed from him, not a secret sin we commit that is not as visible to his all-searching eye as the noonday sun. This ought to have a prodigious restraining power upon us.

What a comfort it is that God is so close to us that he is always within speaking distance! A Christian's prayer is not a message dispatched to a far-away throne; it is his intimate converse with One near at hand. Childlike faith reverently and lovingly talks with God, breathes confession of sin into his open ear, tells him its secrets, and unbosoms the whole soul to him. In perplexity and trouble we want a helper near at hand. Abraham Lincoln once said: "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day." What our heroic President often felt amid his distressing perplexities we have often felt in life's dark hours. The chief-feeling is waked up in us, and we want an Almighty Father close by us that we can talk to and lean upon. The persecuted apostle in Caesar's judgment hall, with guards in iron mail on every side, realized this cheering truth when he said, "No man stood with me, but all men forsook me; notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me." The sincere prayer of the true Christian is a breathing of the heart's desire into an ear that is close at hand. I don't believe that ear is ever deaf to the humble, honest prayer of faith. Every proper desire from the heart of God's child obtains recognition and a proper answer in the heart of God himself. The pull of our prayer may not seem to move the everlasting throne, but—like the pull on a line from the bow of a boat—it may draw us into fuller harmony with his wise and holy will. When our desires chime with the will of God we are sure to receive some blessing.

If we live near to our heavenly Father we should strive to realize his constant companionship. Wherever a devout soul meets God is a sacred spot, whether it be like Jacob's solitary pillow of stone or a Sabbath sanctuary. We ought to make the workshop, the counting room, the study, the kitchen, and the farmer's field sacred with God's presence. The nursery in which the pious mother trains her child is one of God's dwelling places, and I have seen many a sick chamber that was the vestibule of heaven. Happy the pastor who, returning to his study, finds both his Bible open and the mercy seat close beside him, with precious promises strewn thick about it. The nearer he gets to his Lord and Master in that study, the nearer will he get to the hearts of his people in his pastoral work and in his pulpit. The man of business who gets a little time with God in the morning, over his Bible or on his knees, will go to the tumult of the day all the stronger. To begin the day with prayer will keep it from raveling out into many a folly or sin. Stout old Luther used to say that he "could not get on without two hours a day in prayer and close fellowship with God."

The much-talked-about "higher life" is simply living close to God, on the Sabbath in his sanctuary, and through the week in our dwellings and places of business. It is keeping our citizenship in heaven, and our eyes above the blinding mists of worldliness, and our hearts in close touch with our divine Master. They that thus wait on God shall renew their strength; they shall mount as eagles. Their outlook is wide; their spiritual atmosphere is bracing; their fellowship with their Father and their Savior is sweet; they rehearse a great deal of heaven before they get there. Close to God here, they will find the gates of pearl opening to them all in good time, and they will go in to be "forever with the Lord."—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

BLESSED LOVE.

John, in his First Epistle, writes of love. Not of an affection which says, "Sweet Jesus," and then goes and does its own sweet will; but of a love whose highest expression is obedience. He teaches that the love which saves is the love which obeys. Read the book through at a sitting to find how he treats this theme.

Another thread runs through the Epistle. Loving obedience may enjoy a loving assurance. He who loves God to obedience may know that God loves him. How may he know it? Look through the book, and mark the word "know" wherever you find it. Study every verse in which it is found. If you will commit them to memory, you will often have occasion to bless the day you did it.

Evidently John sees a connection between love for God and love for one's neighbor. What is it? A man may love his neighbor without loving God, perhaps, but he cannot love God without loving his neighbor. Why? The book answers the question.—Selected.

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Secular News Items.

Hypnotism as a cure for rheumatism has been brought to the attention of University of Chicago medical professors by the discoveries and demonstrations of Otto W. Greenberg, a young medical student, who claims to be able to cure the most chronic case of the ailment by hypnotic power. Young Greenberg's theory was given a trial in a "physiology" class conducted by Prof. Anton J. Carlson. A helpless cripple from the home of the incurables was brought to the class room on a stretcher and thrown into the hypnotic state by Greenberg. When under the mental influence of the operator the man was told he was to have the use of his limbs. When he was released he was able to move his lower limbs, a feat which he had not accomplished for a long time before.

Judge Lochren, of the United States District Court at St. Paul, has reversed the decision of the Board of Appraisers at Minneapolis by deciding that frosted wheat imported from Canada must pay the regular tariff rate of 25 cents a bushel. The ruling of the Board of Appraisers was in accordance with a protest of importers, that as the frosted wheat is good neither for milling nor for seed, it should be rated as "unclassified," and made subject to an ad valorem duty of 16 per cent, instead of the regular duty of 25 cents a bushel. The Judge's decision is based on evidence that much of the frosted wheat is capable of germination, but a broader objection applies with force, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The prospects of M. Witte becoming the Bismarck of the situation is rapidly vanishing. Three months ago when Emperor Nicholas intrusted the elaboration of the reform manifesto of December 25 to his care the popular impression was that he would forge rapidly to the front and gather the reins into his hands. Instead, apparently, he has hopelessly entangled himself in a number of commissions, giving his enemies a chance to make good use of the fact that the situation has become worse instead of better since he appeared on the scene, to discredit him. M. Witte himself is said to realize that he made a fatal blunder by not holding completely aloof until the Emperor should be compelled to turn to him with an offer of practically dictatorial powers.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper, President of the University of Chicago, is said to be recovering from the operation performed on him several weeks ago. He is now in Lakewood, N. J., where he is taking the X-ray treatment.

Cerebro-spinal meningitis, which has been so prevalent in New York during the winter, has claimed 286 lives since January. Most of the victims were children.

District Attorney W. W. Moore was acquitted last week of the charge of accepting a bribe of \$12,500 to dismiss anti-trust suit against the Kirby Lumber Company.

A society of young men at Berlin has adopted an extraordinary plan of campaign to prevent women from wearing birds in their hats. Warning is given them in a pamphlet that if they persist in this vain and wicked fashion they will be stopped in the streets by members of the society and asked to remove the birds. If they refuse the request the enthusiastic crusaders will perform the office for them, using such force as may be necessary, and fines for this lawlessness will be cheerfully paid by the society.

Senator Morgan makes some serious charges with reference to the effort to take over San Domingo. He charges that William Nelson Cromwell, of New York, who was prominently connected with the sale of the Panama Canal property of the United States, was the prime mover in a scheme to influence the United States in the financial affairs of the Dominican government. He asserted that Mr. Cromwell was actuated by a desire to promote the interests of a syndicate he represented, which, it is alleged, holds a mass of claims against Latin-American republics, including a large part of the debts against the Dominican government.

A thousand immigrants will sail from London for Canada next month under charge of Colonel Lamb, of the Salvation Army. A Canadian government agent and a number of experienced Canadian Salvation Army officers will accompany the party and conduct a labor and advice bureau during the passage out.

The Interparliamentary Union for the Promotion of International Arbitration meets at Brussels next September. It is announced that three new proposals will be laid before it. The first is that the parliaments of Central and South American countries be invited to associate themselves with the union. The second, that a general arbitration treaty be framed whereby the jurisdiction of The Hague tribunals will be extended over spe-

cific kinds of disagreements between nations. The third, that an international congress be called to formulate and negotiate such a treaty.

Independence, Kan., March 18.—Oil producers of Kansas to the number of 3000 met in convention to-day to map out a plan of action against the Standard Oil Co. The organization effected early in the winter at Topeka to fight for legislation was to-day made permanent. Many speeches devoted to the business end of the project were delivered. Among the participants were several United States Senators and many prominent business men of Kansas. Governor Hoch was the center of attraction, and Miss Ida M. Tarbell was received enthusiastically. Others present were former Governor Burke, of North Dakota, and Frank S. Monnett, of Ohio.

It seems that suit has been begun by the Venezuelan government against the French Cable Co. to annul its concession and seize its property. The State Department officials know nothing of the merits of the case, but it is assumed that the action taken is similar to that in the case of the Bermudez Asphalt Co., where the Venezuelan government declared that company had forfeited its concession by failing to live up to its undertaking to exploit other resources of the country besides asphalt and to open certain rivers to navigation. The outcome of this case is looked forward to with some apprehension, for should the French government demand indemnity from Venezuela for its treatment of the cable company its action might still further complicate the attempt to effect a settlement of the pending issue between the State Department and Venezuela respecting the seizure of the properties of the Bermudez Asphalt Co.

James H. Peabody has won his contest for the office of governor of Colorado, from which he retired on January 10, after serving a term of two years, but his victory was achieved only after he had given his pledge to resign and surrender the chair to Lieut. Gov. Jesse F. McDonald. The vote in joint convention of the General Assembly, by which Gov. Alva Adams was ousted and Gov. J. H. Peabody installed, was 51 to 41. Alva Adams was inaugurated governor January 10, the canvass of the election returns by the General Assembly having shown a plurality of 5774 votes for him. Two days afterward James H. Peabody filed a contest for the office, which he recently surrendered. On January 21 the General Assembly, in joint conference, authorized a committee of twenty-seven members (eighteen Republicans and nine Democrats) to hear the evidence in the contest and to report conclusions. The committee's reports were submitted to the joint convention on March 3.

Mr. William J. Bryan lost his appeal before the Supreme Court of Connecticut in the now celebrated Bennett will case.

The new Cunard steamship Caronia is the largest vessel of that line—675 feet long and with a gross tonnage of 21,000. The ship can carry 3100 passengers, the steerage and third-class being fitted up to accommodate 1000 each. It is a curious illustration of the survival of superstition that the Cunard Company has found it advisable in the new steamer to have no state-room numbered 13 or 14.

The following letter was received last week by Secretary Shaw:

"Dear Sir—I am sending you here with inclosed \$12,000, which is to go to the use of the United States government. Years ago I defrauded the government of money, but have returned it all, and now am paying fourfold, in accordance with the teachings of Scripture. The way of the transgressor is hard, and no one but God knows how I have suffered the consequences, and I would seek to do a bountiful restoration. May God pardon me, while the United States government is benefited. A SINNER."

The amount, which was in currency, has been deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the conscience fund.

Norway and Sweden have been passing through a crisis, growing out of mutual jealousies over the dual nature of the kingdom. Impossible as it may seem, there has actually been talk of a clash of arms. The trouble has now been settled, temporarily at least, by the formation of a coalition ministry.

Nineteen persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the five-story tenement house at 105 Allen Street, New York City, March 11. More than forty persons were injured, and only a few of the sleeping inmates escaped unhurt. Several of those who perished were roasted to death in plain view of thousands in the street.

There is a bill pending in Congress that provides for the increase of the salary of the President to \$100,000 a year, and a pension of \$25,000 for life when he shall have finished his executive services.

An opinion by Justice Holmes, of the Supreme Court of the United States, decides in favor of the State of Texas

the controversy between Greer County, Oklahoma, and the State of Texas over lands granted by that State to the county for school purposes when the county was a part of Texas. The decision is based on the ground that Greer County, Oklahoma, is not the same person that Greer County, Texas, was, and that it, therefore, has no claim upon Texas school funds.

During the sessions of the Fifty-eighth Congress 26,503 bills were introduced, 19,209 in the House and 7294 in the Senate.

The Grant Family Association of the New York City branch held its seventh annual dinner recently. It was the 30th anniversary of the birth of Priscilla, wife of Matthew Grant, the first of the family in America.

Gov. James B. Frazier, of Tennessee, has been nominated for United States Senator by the Democratic caucus of the State Legislature. The poll was by acclamation, no other name being presented to the caucus. Governor Frazier will be succeeded in the gubernatorial chair by John L. Cox, of Sullivan County, the present president of the State Senate.

Dr. Walter S. Christopher, the well-known specialist in diseases of children, died in Chicago recently. Overwork and excessive smoking are said to have brought on the disease of the heart from which he died.

San Domingo's public debt aggregates nearly \$25,000,000.

Crestfallen and thoroughly subdued, Geronimo has returned to his home in the Fort Sill Reservation. Against the wishes of the Indian Commissioner, Geronimo was taken to Washington to take part in the inaugural parade. The committee insisted that he was needed as an attraction for the inaugural parade, and the commissioner consented. Upon his arrival, Commissioner Leupp informed Geronimo that he had been permitted to come to Washington as a reward for having behaved himself as a prisoner of war. A more docile Indian than Geronimo was never in a parade. Geronimo appeared at the White House before he left Wash-

ington and made an appeal for freedom to the Great Father. "I want the rope taken off my hands," said the old medicine man to the President, "that I may go in freedom to my home. We are tired of living so far away." Geronimo could only have a few minutes with the President. He asked for permission to come back in two months and talk the matter over with the President and Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He was informed that he could make his appeal in writing. Geronimo has been spoiled by the attentions of the curious public, and it is not probable that he will again be permitted to leave the reservation.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided by a unanimous voice that the States have a right to enact and enforce compulsory vaccination laws. People must submit to vaccination for the public good in the prevention of the spread of disease. The case went up from Massachusetts, where they have an anti-vaccination society. Their plea was personal liberty under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but the court did not sustain them.

Collier's Weekly quotes St. Francis Xavier as recording about the Japanese nearly 400 years ago: "This nation, with which we have to deal here, surpasses in goodness any of the nations ever discovered. They are of a kindly disposition, wonderfully desirous of honor, which is placed above everything else. They listen with great avidity to discourses about God and divine things."

Some idea of the poverty of Russia London Board of Trade in regard to London Board of Trade in regard to foreign goods. It appears from these that on the Russian railways the average daily pay of the employees is as follows: Construction department, 25 cents; locomotive and carriage department, 89 cents; traffic department, 53 cents. These figures are for the permanent staff, and the salaries of heads of departments are included, which materially raises the average.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

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Sam C. Vaughan: After 31 years of hard work as an itinerant preacher, last fall I took a superannuated relation, as my health had very much failed. As I look over the conference roll I see only four preachers in active work that were here when I joined this Conference in 1873, and has not been for several years. Only one of a large class that entered with me, Dr. Campbell. Having no work I came to Jones County where land is cheap and bought me a little home for the future. I think it awful for an old preacher or his family to be homeless and penniless; let others think as they may. It is best for them to live as do other folks. The second quarterly meeting of the Anson circuit has past. J. R. Morris is an up-to-date presiding elder; alert to every interest of the Church. He preached us two fine sermons of his own make. Pirtle is a fine pastor, zealous and religious, loves God and the people. We had the real pleasure of entertaining these brethren while here. I've been too real busy to feel the least lonesome here in the country. I rejoice in the success of the brethren in the field and forefront.

Winchell.

C. G. Shutt, March 13: Yesterday was the first time I have preached in our new church at this place, which has been recently completed. It is a handsome structure and does honor to this new western town. Ours is first in the town. Main auditorium 32x54, Gothic style. The W. H. M. Society has it nicely furnished at a cost of over \$100. The Sunday-school has just begun work and we organized our League yesterday in all its departments, with thirty members. The good people here rejoice over the victory for prohibition at Brady last week, as that place was too handy for the drinkers about town to send over there any day and get a fresh supply of whiskey.

Childers.

J. T. Bloodworth, March 15: We are now in the third quarter and feel better in some respects. Bro. J. G. Miller came and held our conference, em-

bracing the first Sunday in this month, and seemed rather pleased with the progress made on general lines during the second quarter. He complimented the stewards for their good work. We consider him a twentieth century presiding elder. During the occasion we had with us the editor of the best paper in the Southern Methodist Church, and he was none other than Dr. G. C. Rankin. His lecture and sermons had only one objectionable feature, and that was they were not long enough. He caught us and held us while in Childers. Dr. Rankin, the western gate stands open to you day and night. Come again and remain longer. We now have a revival on. Capt. Hale and seven of his Salvation Army workers are stirring our town as it has not been stirred before for years. They are a brigade touring the West and will remain in the Panhandle likely until fall. They are intelligent, common-sense people, and are the greatest singers. The effect of their music cannot be described. Quite a number have been converted, and the meeting will run yet ten or fifteen days likely. They are safe workers. If any of the Western pastors want their town aroused and for five miles around the people coming to Church, secure these workers. They work in conjunction with the Churches. They take their nightly collection according to their custom. No one evangelist can approximate them in stirring a town or Church. They make no compromise with sin and so effectively present the simple truth that quite often hard men are seen to weep. Last Sunday afternoon Main Street could not hold the people who had gone out to hear their music and sermons.

Sweetwater.

R. S. Heizer, March 20: The second Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past, and we have entered on the third quarter of the present conference year. Everything about our conference session was as pleasant as one could wish; the weather was pleasant, and seemed to lend its aid in making the occasion all it could be desired. Rev. J. R. Morris, our big-souled presiding elder, came Friday evening in order to be on time, and remained until Monday morning. He preached three most excellent sermons that will do us all good for time to come. We shall always look forward to his coming with pleasure. The pastor had but very little to report as the weather had been so very unfavorable for church work during the past quarter. However, there have been many changes round about the parsonage. The old yard and lot fences have been torn away, the sand banks scraped out, the yard leveled, and a neat new fence put around the premises. The work of the good women of our Home Mission Society has done this, and may the Lord reward them. As the year rolls on and we get better acquainted with our people we become more and more attached to them. Truly, Sweetwater has some most excellent folks and they are displaying their colors to the breeze. The time limit for the saloon will soon terminate and it is to be hoped that our town will get rid of the whisky traffic, which has been a curse and a disgrace to it so long. Now the next thing that we need and our souls are longing for is a great revival of religion. Let those who can pray, and believe that they shall receive the things that they ask for, send up to God one earnest petition for such a revival.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rockwall.

W. J. Holder, March 17: We are well advanced into our second year at this place, and the longer we stay the happier we are. We did not quite reach our goal last year, but by the help of the Lord and the co-operation of his people we shall do better this year. Soon after conference closed the pounding came in great style and quantity. Then Bro. Abe and Sister Mulkey came and held a ten days' meeting for us, which resulted in 25 conversions and 7 additions to our Church and several to the other Churches of the town. Since conference we have received in all 23 members, and my people have put a new lighting plant into the church at a cost of \$80. The good women are also talking of repapering and repainting the church and making some needed repairs on the parsonage. The faithful little band at Happy Home are raising money to build a church on our lot in that community. The bad weather has interfered with our work at Rowlett and Pleasant Valley very much, keeping us away from several appointments, but we expect to make up for lost time when better conditions prevail. Our motto this year is "A great revival at each appointment and all claims in full."

Lake Creek Circuit.

J. W. Blackburn, March 16: Our first Quarterly Conference for the Lake Creek Circuit was held at

Enloe March 4th and 5th. Bro. C. B. Fladger, our presiding elder, arrived in due time and remained with us until Monday morning. He does not belong to that tribe of presiding elders who after holding a Quarterly Conference on Saturday make a break for larger towns. His services in the chair and pulpit were characterized by appropriateness, clearness and intense earnestness, that left an abiding impression for good. The stewards of the charge wrought well; one class reported nearly one-half of their assessment. The Woman's Home Mission Society reported \$125 raised and expended on the parsonage. We have organized two Epworth Leagues, which have started off with great promise. Our urgent need is a more thorough consecration and a revival at all points on the charge. Yes, a revival, not like the whirlwind, an element in which flowers cannot grow, but that complete dedication which says I take God to be my Father, Christ to be my Savior, the Holy Spirit to be my comforter, the Bible to be my guide, the people of God to be my people, and in being and doing I am the Lord's property.

Fate.

S. L. Ball: Though we have been greatly hindered by bad weather and muddy roads, yet we are moving nicely along in our work. We have but two Sunday-schools, and we have raised them to missionary schools, and that without a dissenting voice. This indicates friendliness to our great missionary work. We hope to train our young people to love God and all men. At Fate we have organized an Epworth League with 47 members, with Bro. H. F. Peek President. A League had been organized here before, but had been dead for several months. We hope it may live and grow and be useful this time. There seems to be a right spirit and good interest. We have also organized a Teachers' Study Circle with six or seven persons. We hope this work will be a seed-sowing for a fine harvest. I have secured sixteen new subscribers for the Advocate, which I think will bless every home into which it comes.

Belcher.

R. E. Porter, March 21: I suppose we are moving along fairly well on the Belcher charge; have moved to Nocona, and live in a rented house. We have sold the Belcher parsonage, and the Quarterly Conference voted to locate the parsonage at Nocona. However we have not bought or commenced to build a house yet; hope that we may be able to do something about it soon. The preacher's salary was raised \$50 over last year. We have been pounded three times by the Belcher, White Pridy and Ringgold classes; they brought us 100 pounds of flour, three hams of meat, sugar, coffee and canned goods in abundance, also corn for "Old Gray." We have had good services since the cold weather was over; large crowds greeted us at Spanish Fort last Sunday, morning and evening. We have a real nice new church at that place, built last year by Bro. Buck and the people down there. We have some good, faithful people on this charge. A nice Woman's Home Mission Society at Ringgold, and four Sunday-schools; but what we need most is a genuine revival of religion at every appointment on this charge. My daily prayer is that this may be, and that we may yet have the best year that Belcher charge has had. Our people do not take the Advocate as they ought, but I don't think it's my fault, because I have done some pretty hard work on this line, but have gotten but few subscribers so far. I feel sure that if any religious Methodist in this State will take the Advocate, and read it, they will want it coming all the time. Bro. J. P. Lowry has a good hold on his people at Nocona.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Chappell Hill.

J. C. Carr, March 18: The second Quarterly Conference for this charge was held March 13 by our much loved presiding elder, C. F. Smith. The stewards reported \$150 for the support of the ministry. Bro. Smith preached two most excellent sermons, much to the delight of those who heard them. He grows in favor with my people. The longer they know him the better they like him. We are making some advances here along most all lines. Congregations somewhat larger than last year. Sunday-school doing fine work under the efficient management of the young superintendent, E. L. Ford. Epworth League doing some real good work. Pastor's salary raised \$100 over last year. We have in cash and good subscription \$740 with which to finish our church. Prof. J. E. Willis, President of Chappell Hill Female College, and his excellent corps of teachers, are doing fine work. They are good help in the Church. The

Sunday-school and the Epworth League. Bro. J. E. Green held a meeting for us just after conference, in which much good was done. There were several conversions and eight accessions to the Church.

Groesbeck.

W. W. Moss, March 20: We opened our new church yesterday under very auspicious circumstances. Dr. Monk, of Ft. Worth, came to us and preached two eloquent and forceful sermons. At the morning hour he was greeted by an immense audience, crowding to its utmost capacity our beautiful auditorium and overflowing into the large Sunday-school room until there was scarcely room for another. After the sermon, at my request, he asked for a collection of \$750, which finally over-reached that amount, and will provide for our present necessities.

To consummate this enterprise, I have had a long and hard pull against difficulties of which those brethren who preceded me to this charge know. While I am profoundly grateful for the blessings of Him who has enabled me to overcome the most formidable obstacles that ever confronted me in any kind of work I ever undertook in the name of the Church, I am not blind to the fact that much yet remains to be done, and though I entered upon it with the keenest relish and worked at it until my bones ached and my hands bled, I am free to confess that my appetite has been more than satisfied. "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bexar Circuit.

A. Y. Old, March 17: Have been in charge of this work four months. I think these have been the busiest months of my life; praying, visiting, preaching and studying. Finding the attendance upon the regular services not what it ought to be, I am going from house to house preaching and calling sinners up to the altar for prayer. In this way I am building up my Sunday congregations. Already things have come to pass—a Sunday-school of twenty pupils is waiting for literature, and this school in a remote neighborhood, a new Church society of several members will go into organization in a very short time in a field never before occupied by Methodism. I preached to them recently on a week night. The Lord blessed the Word, and seven adult people asked for prayers. There is not a cloud over us of any hue. Now, to you brethren who can write so largely of your poundings, "trust in the Lord and do good, so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Just let us see an occasional scar on the visage of sinfulness delivered by you with your godly weapons of warfare, then we will know that you are standing in your place—"around about the camp"—of duty, and something else besides the loaves and fishes can cause you to chirp out the mellifluous meters.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Marfa and Fort Davis.

W. Sherlock-Huggett: The Woman's Home Mission Society of this place has just shown what may be accomplished by energy and determination. At their meeting in the month of February this year they determined to see what could be done towards securing a parsonage. The matter had been the subject of consideration and conversation for some time previously, and all felt that the time for action had arrived. Arrangements were made for a canvass for subscriptions. This was undertaken by Sister W. F. Mitchell, who set about it at once in her characteristically earnest manner. Her success seems to some of us to have been almost phenomenal. A list of promises was obtained for upwards of \$500. As the District Court was to be in session during the month a dinner and supper were arranged for, and on the day set the hotel's kindly gave right of way for that day. An abundance of provisions was donated, and as a result there was a net result of \$75 added to the fund. A few other contributions brought the amount up to \$600. A friend offered to



lend the balance needed to make the purchase. A nice, comfortable four-roomed adobe, nearly new, having been built only two years previously, was for sale, and as it is in a convenient situation for the purpose and also considered to be a bargain, it was decided to make the purchase. So within a month the purchase money was raised by donation and the loan, the deeds made out, the transaction completed and Marfa charge has become possessed of a comfortable house for her preachers. The present pastor and wife feel very thankful that the good work has been accomplished and desire to express their gratitude to those good sisters who have labored so earnestly and to the friends who have given so generously for this purpose, and fervently pray that the blessing of our Father in heaven may rest upon all alike.

Marfa and Fort Davis.

W. S. Huggett: We are trying to make arrangements here for a camp-meeting to be held in the early part of August (4th to 16th). A good spot has been selected (Grape Canyon) near Fort Davis. It is situated in the Jeff Davis Mountains. Easily accessible from the G. H. and S. A. and the T. P. Railways. There will be good shade for tenting purposes. A fine and abundant supply of water and grass, while it will be within easy reach of Fort Davis, where any necessary supplies needed can be obtained. The mail will be delivered daily, and probably telephonic communication with Fort Davis. We trust that intending holiday makers will keep this in mind, and they will find if they decide to spend a part of their vacation in these delightful and healthy mountains that they will receive a most cordial welcome. We hope to be favored with visitors from Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso and the intervening towns, so that we may have a grand and gracious gathering. Any further information desired will be gladly furnished on application to the writer.

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Over the waste of the new-fallen snow;
Faces all bright, hearts ever light,
Chasing the truant—the jolly snow sprite.

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While to their music we gleefully sing;
Flung care away, laugh while we may;
Careless of clouds, be they golden or gray.

Tucked warm and snug in a buffalo rug,
Let the wind howl like a ghost in a jug;
Let the clouds grey hide the sun's ray—
We still have sunshiny spirits to-day.

And the bay span leading our van
Bow their necks proudly and forward our plan,
Moving so fleet, trees that we meet
Seem flying past us in armor of steel.

Stock ranch and farm, peacefully calm,
Pass us, ere watch dogs can give the alarm,
Buoyant and free, joyfully we
Skim now the prairie—a waveless white sea.

Merrily, O bounding, we go,
Over the waste of the new-fallen snow;
Faces all bright, hearts ever light,
Chasing that truant—the jolly snow sprite.

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LIGHT THROUGH THE CHINKS.

Hiram Hall looked comfortable enough tilted back in a splint chair on the shady side of his log cabin home one sunny Sunday afternoon in June.

He smoked his cob pipe while revenge fomented in his heart and his brain formulated procedure against Bill Dawson, his neighbor.

"Him and his ten shoats are trespassers in this here hollow," he was saying. "Every tater-hill in the new ground have been ruined by them critters. Throwin' clods and cuss words at sich interlopers aint no good. To try the virtue of my shotgun stands me in hand." And he looked out over the heavily wooded hills before him.

"Neither the trees nor his wife, who sat near him in the doorway, made answer to his threat. When his pipe went out he tapped it against the rung of his chair, then laid it on a clean rock at his side.

"Sleep, Marthy Jane?" he asked—so quiet was she. "No, Hiram," came from his amiable wife. "Pears you don't take nothin' to heart. Marthy Jane; not even Tom, who has went and took it into his head to marry that gal when he ought to be clearin' of that new-ground, burnin' stumps and bresh piles and wormin' the new fence."

"I take everything to heart, Hiram, but I keep just the good and turn the bad out, and it takes a mighty sight of coaxin' to git the good to stay, but mighty little persuadin' will hold the bad." Hiram looked solemn-like, and said: "Atwix the two, bad is wellnigh always trumps, I can tell ye." "Yes, Hiram, but fight the devil and he'll flee from you." "He comes in so many figners and shapes I don't know him till he's got me by the throat."

"By the heart Hiram. Lots of wild varmints in this branchy hollow, and afore you'd let one of them come into this cabin, you'd stand in the door all night with a wepon ready to strike. So it must be to guard the citadel of the soul, for—" "There you go agin," Marthy Jane, with your preacher talk. How is I to keep out my heart Bill Dawson and them ten shoats?"

"The sword of the spirit is a powerful wepon, Hiram, to clean out the heart."

"I'm arter a wepon to clean out my 'tater patch.' "Don't you member, Hiram, 'tother Sunday up in the Divide, the preacher said something about heapin' coals of fire on their heads?"

"I can't ketch 'em, Marthy Jane."

"Hiram, if you'd listen more, you'd learn more. And he said, too, something about turning wepons of war into plows."

"Yes, I member about hit, but since last April I washed I might turn my plow into a wepon of war."

Among the tall, dark trees on the hillside a narrow footpath led down to the hollow and up to the cabin door. The lithe, graceful form of Araminta the only daughter of these "mountain whites," Hiram Hall and his wife, followed its windings, coming nearer to the parents who loved much the pretty and dutiful daughter. When she reached the low rail fence of the yard she lingered to inhale and admire the sweet-scented herbs growing in the zig-zag line of the fence.

The kind mother said, in a far-off way, looking the while at the sunny-faced girl: "Hiram, do you ever see light through the chinks?" "Yes; fust thing that ontstes me of a mornin', a jump into my clothes, then a double-quick to the hopen."

"Ah, me," sighed the wife, just as Araminta came up with a handful of woodland flowers, "a man who sees light through the chinks only to guide him to a hopen."

Araminta loved to an unusual degree her uncouth father and good mother, and the most trivial happen-

ings that came up in her life were related with zest to these two.

On her approach the mother pushed a stool solicitously toward the fragile girl, saying, "Sit down, you look tired, but just as pretty and sweet as the posey you fetch."

Araminta threw her pink sun-bonnet aside, showing cheeks pink as the bonnet and auburn ringleted hair a court beauty might envy. Sitting on the stool she began telling of the two fine ladies from "that London school in Kaintuck," who were going to have Sunday-school every Sunday up in the Divide and were going to send a school teacher and have a book-learning school in a house instead of under the arbor. Right soon two preachers were to come and hold a meeting. "The rich woman from across the meadow," she continued with animation, "said she'd have lots of seats under the arbor for the meeting."

"Be them comin' preachers' Methodist or Baptist, Araminta?" asked Hiram.

"Maybe they be Methodist," returned Araminta, "for the ladies said they must have lots of room so as every man, woman and child in these hollows might come. They'll have a mourning bench, too, with strong singin' and mighty prayin', so they must be Methodist, which means spread out, and Baptist means close in, so they must be Methodist." Hiram looked thoughtful, but said nothing. Araminta had yet more to tell. "Dad, Tom was here with his gal and said when come Monday he'd be here to do the clearin' and fencin'."

Hiram was still thoughtful, speculating what good could come of the prospective meeting; then, looking up as if the problem was satisfactorily solved, said: "What I mostly want about that preacher business is for Bill Dawson to see the error of his shoats."

"Dad, I heard him tell Tom to-day that your fence wouldn't stop a crawling baby, and he hoped the preachers might cause you to see the error of crippling his onliest wilk cow." "Ugh! I've lived nigh on to half a hundred without preachers, and I haint none the worst for it."

"But, dad, if you had been more with them you'd 'a been better." "Haunt your dad good enough to suit you?" "Yes, good enough for me, but I want you to be good enough for Tom's gal."

Hiram made no reply, but took up his pipe from the rock, stretched himself, and walked down the branch to the hog-pen. The patient mother went into the cabin and stirred the ashes in the cavernous chimney. A fire was soon blazing and a pot of mush sputtering over it for supper.

In the course of two months a little school house up the hollow, through the efforts of God's best gift—save one—devout, Christian women, stood as a lyceum of great possibilities. Many lads and lassies among the "Mountain Whites" blessed the day that opened to them better things in life than an aimless, illiterate existence.

From out the walls of that monument (though only a log school-house) to man's humanity to man, might spring forth a Hoss, a Sullins, a Geo Stuart or a Rankin, to adorn our land with a noble Christianity. Beneath a homespun jacket a heart may throb with high aspirations and a longing to break the thralldom of narrow opportunities.

It was only a little while now till Christmas. Araminta came home from school full of enthusiasm, and while the three sat around the huge fireplace with a light fire burning—for it was now cool—and a bright blaze of pine knots, she told them of the Christmas festivity the school was to have.

"Dad, do you know what Christmas is?" she asked. "To be shore, chile; it's aig-nog, shootin' matches, pies and things." "I mean, what does it celebrate?" said Araminta, not the least put out. "The man who fust had sense to invent it," Hiram answered, without taking his eyes from the burning pine-knot. Patiently Araminta replied: "Teacher didn't have it that way, dad. It means something about Christ coming into the world. We are to have a Christmas tree in the school house, and a present on it for everybody in the hollow—which means good will toward all men."

"I'll hang no good will on it for Bill Dawson nor Tom's gal, nuther," said Hiram.

"Tom's gal goes to school," hurriedly spoke Araminta, "and they won't marry now till she gits more book-learning and Tom splits rails to fence the new-ground and cuts logs to build them a house. Teacher says she is the neatest girl in school, and learns awful fast." "Wush she had learnt to ketch some boy 'side mine. I'll give nothin' on that tree"—and he looked herole.

Hiram's wife was a meditative little body, always trying to help over furrows and smooth the way. The good book was her guide as far as possible

to one who could not read a line and only heard it expounded occasionally; then she found it hard to remember in a distinctive way, thereby getting good ideas awfully mixed.

"Hiram, the good book says, if they ask for your coat, give twain."

"I haint but one one, Marthy Jane. I never yit 'pended on preacher or teacher for sense in my head, or to kiver my back, or fill my belly." "Dad, you don't understand," Araminta said, a bit troubled, "but you'll know when you go to the tree what she means by giving to others. You'll go, won't you dad?" "Yes, chile; I'll do anything you ax me. You are the onliest little chick to comfort this cabin." "Yes, Hiram," spoke the meek wife, "our wee lamb—our only light through the chinks."

Araminta was pleased with these endearments, as a child might be, yet she lacked only one year of being out of her teens.

"Mam," she said, "light through the chinks" minds me how light is reaching my soul through beautiful lessons gathered in Sunday-school."

The footsteps of Spring were on the hills and in the hollows. Creamy-white spring beauties were coyly peeping from under dead leaves; dog wood trees were flaunting white banners against the green pines; the modest song sparrow and blue bird, first harbingers of spring, were trilling among bursting leaf buds.

One morning the teacher wrote "Resurrection" on the blackboard, and told her pupils of Easter, and how they would have an Easter service in the school-house. The glad tidings grew into wonder and mystery to her parents that evening as they sat as usual around the fire, while Araminta, with sparkling eyes and rosy cheeks, tried to make its meaning plain to them.

Hiram laughed when she finished her story, and said: "That's not like my Easter, with aigs dyed red and yaller, and pretty gals washin' their faces in Easter mornin' dew for good luck." "Hiram, old things have passed away, and we must look to the eend."

Singing birds and tender verdure beautifyin' Araminta's path to school staid not her footsteps from becoming languid and the walk fatiguing. Yet she was ever blithesome and happy, and never grew weary enierntaining her parents with the delights of her school life. More and more she became part of their being and the "hiccoughy cough" of their white and pink lilly gave them no concern.

When teacher and pulis met the day before Easter to decorate the diminutive school-house for Sunday, Araminta was not among them. This fact made Hiram Hall sadder than he had ever known. With bent head he walked the footpath—Araminta's path—to the school-house to report her illness.

Returning, he gathered in his awkward, horny hands, a few half-formed "Johnny-jump-ups," growing by the wayside.

His step was slow as he said to the flowers: "I never teched a blossom afore; 'minds me of Araminta."

When he reached the clear spring branch, gurgling on its way, he sat down on its moss-covered bank and dropped the tiny flowers into the stream, watching them float away, and thought, "So my little gal is floating across the river, away from us."

Unshed tears were in his eyes—the first since manhood. He felt his life incomplete, and again he talked. "Lit the Easter blossoms, I had ought to took them to Araminta. The grapevine is bloomin', and I never knowed it smelt sweet afore; and the ground-ivy is all about here full o' blue blossoms; I never knowed it bloomed afore. Birds are singin', too, and I never learn them afore."

A song came to his mind—a good song, sung by his mother almost forty years ago. A flickering smile came to Hiram's hard face, and listening look.

"How that song got into my oml heart chinked with devilment for up-ards of forty years, beats me. What did Araminta say about Easter? A 'Savior for all.' He was thinking what it meant and how much it meant and his heart grew tender."

"Yes, many and many a time this Stranger is with us, and talks to us and we know it not."

"Peace, wonderful peace, comin' down from the city above" filled his heart.

"I'm reconciled to Bill Dawson and Tom's gal, too," he said. Then, washing his face in the stream and smoothing down his tangled locks, wended his way to the cabin.

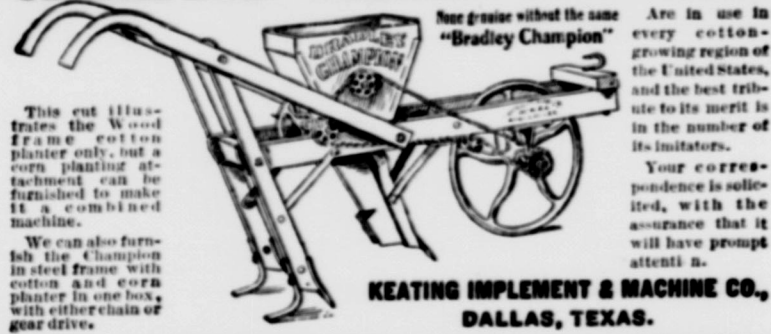
Araminta, in her own, clean, white bed, smiled when her father entered the door.

"Oh, my little gal," he began, "they are to fetch all the cedar and purty fivins and have Easter with you."

It made Araminta glad, yea, happy when the little company came that afternoon and festooned the garlands of evergreen around the cabin walls.

The flowers were to be arranged Sunday morning. Easter morning

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"So cloudless, clear and purely beautiful that God alone was to be seen in heaven." "The rich woman from across the meadow" was there early at the cabin door, with large, white lilies of the sweet odor strain. These were mingled with wild vines and gracefully twined from post to post of Araminta's bed.

The soft, white dress brought by the "rich lady" was one prepared for Araminta to "speak her piece" in. In it she was tenderly gowned, and to the white pillow on which she reclined were fastened an Easter lily and ferns from the spring. Araminta smiled her thanks and was happy.

It was an attentive and decorous crowd of mountaineers who attended Easter service that day at Hiram Hall's. Only a few were in the cabin the mass were under the spreading trees without. Beautiful songs were sung, interspersed with recitations suitable to the occasion.

Hiram made room for "Tom's gal" near Araminta. In a half-sitting posture, among white pillows and flowers, Araminta felt no pain or anguish of body. A light of joy and seraphic happiness beamed in her beautiful face.

"Mam, you may hold my hand," she said; "I'll sleep while they sing."

"I'd rather be the least of them Than are the Lord's alone, Than wear a royal diadem Or sit upon a throne."

Soft and low the words were sung lest "strong singing" might disturb the sleeper. A hush fell over the people; they moved quietly about and spoke no loud word, that the sleeper might sleep.

The hilltops over the way were holding in shimmering gold the glow of the low descending sun; across the hollow shadows were dark and seemed to walk as they elongated toward the burnished hills. A stream of sunlight came through the chinks and through the open door, and touched with glory the white couch from which the soul of Araminta had gone.

JOSEPHINE TULLOSS, Amarillo, Texas.

DO WE GET OUR DESERTS?

I should think meanly of my calling, even as a story teller, if I did not always begin to write with some clearly conceived idea of the impression I wished to make, and in the case of the book which has called forth the interesting controversy I set out, in the first instance, to say the lesson of life was Duty. That sublime word—unknown, so far as we can see, to the old patriarchal world—is perhaps the first lesson of Christianity. To live a right life without fear of punishment or hope of reward; to banish forever from our calculations any question of happiness as to an ultimate aim in life; to strive for the highest for its own sake first, and next for its value in developing the individual soul and working out the best interests of the world—this simple and homely message was the first thing in my mind, and I was so far conscious of it that I could not allow my story to take any shape that did not tend in that direction. But perhaps I had another idea always present to my mind, namely, that the effects of sin can not be wiped out merely by repentance.

Therefore, if I am asked the question, "Do we get our deserts?" I will boldly answer, "No, we don't, and we never shall, speaking of humanity as a whole, and taking account of the preponderating multitudes to whom life is only another world for misery."

But if I am asked, "Do we get what is best for us?" I say, "Yes, always and everywhere, taking our lives through and through, and having account not merely for our material, but also for our spiritual welfare."—Hall Caine.

SWEET CONTENT.

It seems a bold thing to say that, properly understood, there is no more ambitious and inspiring virtue than content in the Christian sense, none fuller of true passion in the highest meaning of that great but much-abused word. In this sense content is, indeed, something far higher than the virtue which Dekker apostrophized in the beautiful lines: "Art thou poor, yet hast thou golden slumbers, O sweet content?" In the Christian sense, content has often no golden slumbers; it

is not only not apathy, not sluggishness, not passiveness of mind, but in St. Paul's sense it is radically inconsistent with any dwindling tendencies.

In all and every case, the virtue of content does not consist in shrinking within the limits set you, but in going out of yourself, so to transform and transmute the conditions in which you find yourself as to make them feed some of the highest passions of the soul—gratitude, if the particular conditions specially call for gratitude; patience, and forbearance, and fortitude, if they call for them; in extinguishable zeal, persuasiveness and sympathy, if the external circumstances seem to cry out for the exercise of a strong moulding and transforming power to recast and renovate them. This is what the true content means—that hearty willingness alike for calamity, or joy, or weighty responsibility, which is inspired by the magic secret that in each condition alike there is some divine spring of help, some opportunity of so dealing that the actual conditions, however apparently calamitous, shall be better, there and then, than any alternative, however bright. This is certainly the sense in which St. Paul regarded content—as resourcefulness of the highest kind, involving a spiritual elasticity of the highest kind, a power to transform what often seemed like mere wounds and pangs, and fetters into new strength, and life, and freedom. Surely nothing less like a merely passive virtue can be imagined than the virtue of content as described by St. Paul: "For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."—Spectator.

A FEW "HOLDS."

Hold on to your tongue when you are just ready to speak harshly.

Hold on to your hand when you are about to do an unkind act.

Hold on to your foot when you are on the point of forsaking the right path.

Hold on to your temper when you are excited or angry, or others are angry with you.

Hold on to the truth; for it will serve you well, and do you good throughout eternity.

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God's Spirit mov'd upon the deep
When earth had yet no form.

Eternal silence now was dead.
And to Him all gave way.

Chaotic darkness now must fly
As bolts of light are hur'd.

For signs and seasons, days and years,
He set forth lamps of light.

He made the sun to rule the day,
The moon to rule the night.

"Let us make man," the Maker said,
"Let us make man in our own image."

What, then, the Nature's fabric break?
Our souls can never die.

Then let us walk in wisdom's way,
And wisely choose the good.

(REV.) S. STEPHEN MCKENNEY, Emory, Texas.

YOU AND YOUR HOG.

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The editor of the Advocate has been in Waco for several days as a witness in court, and he has only been permitted to run up to Dallas at intervals to look after the office work. His correspondence is unanswered for this reason. As soon as he gets back he will look after this matter. So be patient.

Our correspondents will have to abide their time, as our files are crowded. We are glad that this is the case, for we like to have plenty of matter on hand; but the brethren will have to be patient. They will be heard in due time. We hope they will keep on writing, provided they put it mostly in prose. We have an overplus in poetry, and the average reader has but little poetic taste—for the most of it that comes to this office.

THE OAK LAWN REVIVAL.

Rev. W. H. Brown, the evangelist, has been aiding Bro. Barcus for some days in a good meeting at Oak Lawn. Fine congregations have attended, the Church has been helped, and a number converted. Bro. Brown is a searching preacher, and when results follow his ministry they are genuine. We have had many good reports from the services.

The British Weekly now estimates the number of converts in Wales at over 80,000. Evan Roberts, whose health was for a time impaired, is again engaged in continuous work. The revival wave continues to spread throughout England, and many wonderful services are reported from all over the country.

THE LOGIC OF IT.

BY BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD.

"Hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Read the opening verses of the fifth chapter of the Apostle's Epistle to the Romans, and you will see that his argument is this: The love of God "shed abroad" in your heart now is the guarantee of the realization of the greater things which are the objects of your hope as a believer.

This is the sunset view which I joyfully submit to my brethren in Texas through the columns of their Advocate. The best things are the surest. From grace to glory, and from glory to glory—that is the promise.

This promise is not too good to be true; it is just true enough to be certain in proportion as it is precious.

Seabreeze, Florida.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

At the adjournment of conference in the City of Mexico I went with Rev. Frank Onderdonk to Guadalajara, pronounced Wad-tha-la-hara, with the accent on the fourth syllable. He is presiding elder of that district, and it covers an immense territory. That city is four hundred miles west of the city of Mexico, and is reached on the Mexican Central Railway. This is one of the best equipped and accommodating roads in the Republic. Myself and Bro. W. C. Everett are under special obligations to this road for courtesies. Mr. Murdock, the General Passenger Agent, left nothing undone to make our trip over this line comfortable and delightful. If you ever make a trip to Mexico do not fail to take the Central and go to Guadalajara and other most interesting places along its line. The men who have charge of the trains are accommodating, attentive and very kind. The running stock is of the best, and the sleeping car accommodations are elegant in every particular, and the country which it traverses is one of the most historic and inspiring in the whole Republic. We can most heartily commend the Central to the traveling public.

One of the many places of great interest is Queretaro, made so particularly because of the fact that the Emperor Maximilian made his last stand here, was overthrown, captured and executed. It was May 15, 1867, when he was captured. June 19th he was shot at a place near the outskirts of the city, and the place is marked by a beautiful chapel. Two of his Generals were executed with him. As most of our readers perhaps know, his reign was brilliant, short and tragic. In the early sixties France had a trouble with Mexico on account of finances. As a result French soldiers entered the city June 9, 1863. The army of the patriots moved out. It was there and then resolved that Mexico should be restored to a monarchy. It was offered to Maximilian, an Austrian Prince. He accepted it, and went to the city June 12, 1864. He was crowned, along with his wife, Carlotta, and took charge. He put Mexico back where it was in 1821, and Spanish conditions obtained. By and by the people threw off his yoke, and under the leadership of Gen. Juarez, arose and smote his army and captured him as above indicated. Everything was done that was possible to save his life, but to no purpose. He was shot and finally his remains were taken back to Europe. Queretaro will ever be famous as the scene of this transaction. This is also the city where the treaty between the United States and Mexico was signed in 1848. From there on you pass through a winding valley walled in on either side by irregular mountains, many of which are high and imposing. Nearly all of them are extinct volcanoes. The valley is wide and fertile. At intervals of several miles there are immense lakes used for irrigation purposes. In the rainy seasons these lakes are replenished, and for miles the water is held in these dams, and the whole country gets the benefit of it, and abundant crops are the result. The lakes are

also fed from numerous springs. On one of them I saw what seemed to be millions of ducks. They were ducks, but perhaps not so many as there seemed to be. The lakes were literally alive with them. The Mexicans do not pay much attention to them, but Americans get much sport out of shooting them. The crops are various. They have no winter, so during our fall, winter and spring the cultivation goes on. In the rainy season, from June to October, they make their corn. The other seasons are given over to rice, wheat, rye, barley, tobacco, peas and most anything else that people want to cultivate. The Mexicans use oxen for farming. They do not put bows round their necks as we do to hold the yoke on them, but they place a round piece of timber, not as large as our yoke, on the head just back of the horns, and bind to the horns with ropes. They use a sort of forked stick for plowing. It is as antique as in the days of Abraham. Yet they make good crops. All along this railway the tropical fruits grow in abundance. I never saw such strawberries. They are large, beautifully formed and luscious. The oranges are the best I ever saw. Hundreds of orchards abound, and the green leaves filled with yellow fruit make a scene which appeals to the artist. The oranges are infinitely superior to such as we get in this country. They are sweet, juicy, and so ripe and delicious that to pull the skin off of them is to break into them. You can get them for half a cent apiece in our money, but one cent in theirs. Lemons, dates, figs and the like are plentiful.

We found Guadalajara to be a typical old Mexican city of one hundred and twenty-five thousand population. Bro. Onderdonk lives here. His good wife gave us a warm welcome. She says it is not often that Americans of our sort visit them. She is an elegant woman, has four beautiful little girls, and they are a happy family. Nothing was left undone to make our stay enjoyable. The Woman's Board has a good school here, with Mrs. Carney in charge. It has more than a hundred pupils, and we own the property. It is valuable and well located. Here is where Miss Norwood Wynn, of Dallas, teaches and does missionary work. She has a mission school under the direction of this main institution. The school as directed by Mrs. Carney has a number of excellent teachers, and it is doing well. We have one good Mexican congregation here, and it is one of the two that went off the mission list and now self-sustaining. But the city is a city of churches. They loom up on every square, and sometimes two or three to the square. It is through and through a Catholic city, and under the lowest form of Catholic religion in that country. We visited the Cathedral, as that is the central and dominating Church in the city. It is a repetition of the one in Mexico City, only worse if possible. It contains a few very fine paintings, one especially. It is the Assumption, by Murillo, and it is said that the Arch-bishop declined an offer for it of \$75,000 in gold. The low towers are wholly unlike those of any other church building in Mexico. They look a little more like steeples to American church buildings. In these structures the same ignorant and idolatrous worship of images was in progress everywhere seen in Mexico. It is really worse than paganism, because it is in the name of the Christian religion. But it is heathenism under a false name. Nothing else can be made of it. There is one thing here really commendable, and that is the Hospicio Hospital, owned and conducted by the State. It is an immense and handsome building of white stone, covering an entire square. It contains twenty-three courts with beautiful fountains and exquisite flowers. It is not a hospital in the popular sense, but an asylum for the poor of all ages, from the helpless babe to the old and infirm man and woman. It is said to be admirably managed. There are good street car lines, but mules are used instead of electricity. That will come later, for

it is owned by Americans. I saw a number of handsome stores, some of them native, others owned and run by Americans. The surrounding country is picturesque and magnificent. Great mountains tower in every direction. They are covered with a sort of shrub, which gives them the appearance of being bald and green. There are some splendid streams out in these mountains, and a waterfall called the Mexican Niagara. It is now utilized for factory and electric light purposes. For hundreds of miles Bro. Onderdonk traverses this country as presiding elder. He is often gone for more than a month at a time. He reaches away over on the Pacific Coast more than two hundred miles, and he makes most of these trips on a mule. We have small congregations scattered hither and thither among the small towns and country places, and they hear the gospel gladly. He enjoys the work, though it is perhaps the hardest field in Southern Methodism. He does this work and supports his family where living is high for \$1000 a year! He is a hero; and had he less physical strength he would break down in less than four years under the strain. But Bro. Onderdonk is a giant in strength, more than six feet tall, well proportioned and muscular, with a genial face and an amiable disposition, and he seems to know everybody he meets on the train, the streets and everywhere else. He is a Southwestern University product, and that great school has no better representative in any of the walks and callings of life. And Sister Onderdonk is a true helpmeet to him. If anybody thinks that missionaries have a sinecure he ought to go down into Mexico and see what those hard worked and poorly paid men are doing for Christ. They are not there for money. They are there in obedience to a divine call. They approach the merit of martyrs. They deserve well at the hand of the Church. If our people could visit them and see them and their fields of labor, witness their isolation, their struggle, their difficulty, their self-sacrifices, and all of it for the love of Christ and humanity, they would never withhold from them material help, prayers and Christian concern. They are giving their lives to bring those poor benighted people out of darkness into light. And though their progress is slow, nevertheless here and there throughout that Republic the glimmering rays of religious light are beginning to twinkle in the darkness. They have before them one of the most promising fields in the world, so far as foreign countries are concerned. If we had the money to put into church and school enterprises in Mexico where we now have openings, no telling the progress Methodism would make there within twenty years. We are doing marvelous things as it is. But means properly and abundantly used down there would accomplish miracles directly. It would multiply our agencies and facilities a thousandfold. Would to God that our leading Texas Methodists could make a trip through our sister Republic and see the spiritual and school needs of those people and their eagerness to get access to such privileges! G. C. R.

TWO MORE COUNTIES IN LINE.

Last Thursday Midland County voted on local option and went dry by a good majority. Four years ago it went dry, but two years later when we had no Terrell election law and no poll tax amendment votes enough were run in from the outside to vote it back wet by a small majority. So as above indicated, the county has put itself back in the dry column, and this time it will be apt to stay. That almost cleans up the liquor business between Fort Worth and El Paso on the T. and P. Road. Baird is about the only place where liquor is legally sold on that line, unless it is a little corner of a county close to Thurber.

Last Saturday Hardeman County voted and went dry by forty-five majority. Two years ago it voted and remained in the wet column by a small majority, but there was no Terrell

election law at that time. A great fight was made by the antis to hold Hardeman in line, but they failed. We felt sure when we were up there that local option would win. So it has. Good for Hardeman! Now there is no bar-room between Wichita Falls and Amarillo. Thus the good work goes on. Almost as fast as the people reach these wet counties they wheel into line. On with the battle!

NO DEPENDENCE TO BE PUT IN THE ANTIS.

About three months ago Navarro County went dry in a local option election by a large majority. So large was it that the antis importuned the County Judges to let them have three months in which to wind up their business in Corsicana, and then they would close up shop. Their prayer was foolishly granted. Now the three months are about up, and the antis announce they will go into the courts and ask that local option be held up by an injunction, or some other process, so that local option can be defeated. Whenever people in a dry county, or after they have won in an election, make any sort of agreement or compromise with the liquorites, they make a great mistake. They never stand by an agreement. Their word cannot be trusted. They will violate any promise, betray any confidence and tell any sort of falsehood in order to win. Now the Navarro people with their large majority against the saloons three months ago will have to go into the courts, dragged there by the antis, and fight for their rights. Local option people will learn by and by that no sort of agreement can be made with that gang. But the people of Navarro will win out, but their victory will be delayed. The Court of Criminal Appeals, a majority of the court, has of late made such strange and radical decisions against local option that the antis are emboldened to go to this tribunal and ask it to knock out eleven hundred majority against them in Navarro County. On with the battle!

A SERIO-COMIC SITUATION.

Last Thursday we were attached by an officer and ordered to appear at Waco as a witness for the State against a party whose name we could neither spell nor pronounce. We had other very pressing business to look after, but we had to throw it aside and get a train and go to Waco instanter. When we arrived we learned from the County Attorney that the Liquor Dealers' Association of Texas had gotten a detective from Dallas some weeks ago, put him to work in Waco to get information against gambling dens running in connection with saloons, and also to find out saloons that were selling liquor on Sunday and report the same to the Grand Jury for indictments. Mind you, it was the Liquor and Brewers' Association of the State that had this done! As a result, seventy-five or eighty gamblers and Sunday saloon men were indicted, and being tried. The State wanted some reliable man to testify as to the character of the Dallas detective for truth and veracity, and so happened that we knew the man well, and were prepared to give the testimony. While waiting in the corridors of the courthouse to be called from time to time to give evidence, we met the gambling fraternity of Waco and formed their acquaintance. Many of them seemed to be well behaved and intelligent men. You would never take many of them for gamblers from their appearance. They talked freely to us. One of them is the son of a preacher who died not many months ago in Texas. He was a fine old man and would turn over in his grave if he knew his boy was engaged in that sort of business. But the point we want to make is, those gamblers were hot under the collar. They felt aggrieved at the wholesale liquor dealers and the brewers for this trouble. They regard it as persecution; and explain it on the ground that these people are scared to death because of the progress of local option, and that they want to show to the press that they intend to break up all law-

March 23, 1905. lessness whiskey but they were How this is attorney fo detective al the associat intend to r and make i State. Wel and the bre ness and th niude of n fight is not the Liquor we have to But it is th on the witr quently, he asked us so them, "Wha Liquor Des you in the elation?" Party Proh as?" Now brewers or had heard t perhaps bri these attor such questi writer being way with tl ers' and Br he is at the movement! season. But poor gamb most every num penal earth ought the Sunday dens of the brewers and ers. Now li round and v counties the the brewers men. That can take v penalties as these gamb cases at W on this line REV. J. FR over with in attack of v increased v emits sever the Western attack show alarming na lucid momer his course s courtesy; l into his abn in unkind about Bisho is not respo tack of rabi plited, rathe still young. perience in his mistake. his own self nitaries mak propriety. V hoped that h the more e imagines th urging him t he was lack dity, and as into the fire himse'f sing course he is antics are Churches, w is resting on on himself. is the great two ecclesia swollen fanc age to exist ability, but t not yet daw horizon. We Churches! A sort of disci the dear bra we trust tha of his overph assume his t this is all w Rev. J. Fran Haws:.

lessness in connection with the whiskey business. And as a result they were jumping on the gamblers. How this is we do not know; but the attorney for the association and the detective already mentioned say that the association is in dead earnest and intend to reform the saloon business and make it keep the laws of the State. Well, the wholesale dealers and the brewers know the saloon business and they can appreciate the magnitude of their job. In any event, the fight is now between the gamblers and the Liquor Dealers' Association. All we have to say is, "Lay on Macduff." But it is their fight. When we went on the witness stand, as we did frequently, the attorneys for the defense asked us some funny questions. Among them, "What is your relation to the Liquor Dealers' Association?" "Are you in the employment of this association?" "Are you Chairman of the Party Prohibition movement in Texas?" Now think of it! If either the brewers or the party prohibitionists had heard these questions they would perhaps bring suit for damages against these attorneys for even intimating such questions! The idea of this writer being vitally connected in any way with the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' and Brewers' Association, or that he is at the head of party prohibition movement! That is the joke of the season. But the court popped it to the poor gamblers right and left. In almost every instance they got the maximum penalty. Well, if anybody on earth ought to be qualified to locate the Sunday saloons and the gambling dens of the country it ought to be the brewers and the wholesale liquor dealers. Now if the gamblers will turn round and vote for local option in said counties they would turn the tables on the brewers and the wholesale liquor men. That is about the only way they can take vengeance on them for the penalties assessed against them in these gambling cases and Sunday cases at Waco. Let them fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.

REV. J. FRANK SMITH AGAIN IN A TURMOIL.

Rev. J. Frank Smith is again boiling over with importance, and his previous attack of verbosity has taken on an increased virulence. He once more emits several columns of vagaries in the Western Presbyterian, and his second attack shows symptoms of a very alarming nature. True he recovered a lucid moment in which to apologize for his coarse slang, and lack of genteel courtesy; but he immediately lapses into his abnormal state and indulges in unkind things and insinuations about Bishop Hoss, though the Bishop is not responsible for the brother's attack of rabies. In this he is to be pitied, rather than blamed. He is still young, pompous and without experience in controversies, and hence his mistake. He is so inflamed with his own self-importance that even dignitaries make no appeal to his sense of propriety. When he grows older it is hoped that he will have acquired a little more common sense when he imagines that the great world is urging him to rush into print. As it is, he was lacking in this staple commodity, and as a result he flung himself into the fires of controversy and finds himself singed and scorched, and of course he is in pain and anguish. His antics are about as hard on the Churches, whose welfare he imagines is resting on his shoulders, as they are on himself. Fortunately, however, he is the great Atlas holding up these two ecclesiastic structures only in his swollen fancy! They could both manage to exist without his superimposing ability, but that unimportant fact has not yet dawned upon his intellectual horizon. We sympathize with the two Churches! A man's recovery from any sort of disease involves cost, and as the dear brother is paying the price, we trust that having relieved himself of his overplus of verbiage he will now assume his normal state of mind. So this is all we have to say in reply to Rev. J. Frank Smith's discordant He! Haws!!

CORNER-STONE LAYING AND GRADUATING EXERCISES OF S. W. U. MEDICAL COLLEGE, DALLAS, TEXAS, APRIL 2, 1905.

The closing of the present session of the Southwestern University Medical College, in this city, will be attended by unusual and highly significant exercises. The program, beginning on the 2d and extending through the 3d of April, promises to be an elaborate bill of fare. Sunday, at 11 a. m., in the First Methodist Church, Bishop Joseph S. Key, of Sherman, will preach the commencement sermon. Monday, at 3 p. m., on Hall Street, opposite St. Paul's Sanitarium, the cornerstone for the handsome new building will be laid with imposing ceremonies. Dr. John O. McReynolds, the dean, will be master of ceremonies. Bishop E. E. Hoss, Mayor Bryan T. Barry, Dr. R. S. Hyer and other distinguished speakers will deliver appropriate addresses. Bishop Hoss will lay the cornerstone, using a silver trowel with ivory handle, presented to him and used by him in laying the foundation stone of a new Wesleyan Chapel in Basingstoke, England. Special music will be furnished by the Southwestern University Glee Club. Following these exercises the same evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the graduating exercises of the medical school will be held in the First Methodist Church. Dr. Alonzo Monk, of Fort Worth, will deliver the baccalaureate address. Fourteen young doctors will receive diplomas. Dr. R. L. Terry will be class valedictorian.

A number of prizes, including the Dr. M. L. Graves medal, will be pre-

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. O. P. Thomas, of the Terrell District, was in to see us this week.

Rev. J. D. Odum ran up from Ferris this week and made a pleasant call on the Advocate.

Rev. J. B. Sears, of Palestine District, was in Dallas this week, and of course called in to see us.

Rev. L. S. Barton, of Terrell, was in to see us recently. He is looking well and has things pretty much his own way in his field.

Bro. Myatt, of the Indian Mission Conference, came to the city on business the other day and spent some time pleasantly with us in this office.

Rev. J. M. Peterson, of the Greenville District, ran down the other day and as is his custom delighted us with a brotherly visit. His work is in good shape.

Rev. J. G. Putman, of the Waco District, dropped in to see us last week. He brought up a good report of matters down his way, and is planning for a fine year.

Bro. A. G. Webb, of Baird, called on the Advocate this week. He is one of the staunch Methodists of that community, and we were glad to meet him in our office.

Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., made us a pleasant visit recently. Ennis is so close that he looks in once in a while on the homes of his two daughters in the city, Mrs. Henry Jackson and Mrs. Dr. Baird.

Rev. James Thomas, of the Little Rock Conference, and stationed at State Line on the Arkansas side of Texarkana, was in Dallas last week and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. He was one of the party to cross the sea with us on our trip to the Ecumenical Conference three years ago, and it was good to meet him again.

In a private note, which came too late for notice in last issue, Rev. C. E. Gallagher, of the Northwest Texas Conference, said that he was at Temple at a private hospital to have a delicate operation performed on Mrs. Gallagher. We trust that nothing serious will result, and we are sure that his brethren will remember Bro. Gallagher and his good wife in their affliction.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. James Atkins, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., will preach the annual commencement sermon for Millsaps College, Sunday, June 4.

At the Preachers' Institute, Fayette, Mo., June 14-22, Bishop Hoss will lecture on "The Minister's Duty to

sent. It is expected Miss Merle Bowen, Texas' own charming reader, and the Glee Club, and Mr. W. A. Hemphill will also contribute to make the program entertaining. The faculty and students of Southwestern University will attend, coming up on a special excursion train, which will remain in the city for the exercises of the night. Special invitations have been sent to our other Church schools, and curators and trustees of the Southwestern University. We are authorized also to invite most cordially the ministers and members of our Church and friends generally. The Medical Department is closing a prosperous session, and the prospect is bright for new buildings and equipments. The cause of Christianity, as connected to the Methodist Church in Texas, was never more vigorous and active than to-day.

The faculty of the Medical College, the alumni of the University in the city and our local pastors and Churches will be the host of the occasion. Dallas has already given substantial expression of its appreciation of the Medical Department of the University in her midst, and will heartily co-operate in making the cornerstone and graduating exercises an enjoyable occasion.

It is understood the railroads, on April 3 and 4, will have a special rate on account of the Texas Sunday-school Superintendents' Conference in Dallas.

Himself." Dr. Gross Alexander will give a series of lectures before that body.

The building erected in Corral Palso, Cuba, by the Epworth Leaguers of Alabama, has been completed and dedicated by Bishop Candler.

Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist, has notified the local committee of arrangements that he will open a series of meetings in Knoxville, May 21st.

Bishops Hendrix and Key, and Dr. Seth Ward, are engaged as speakers for the great Missionary Conference to be held in Little Rock, Ark., the latter part of this month.

Dr. McMurray in two years and four months of his pastorate at Centenary Church, St. Louis Conference, received 1,401 new members, just doubling the membership. There are now 1,995 members.

Fanny J. Crosby (Mrs. Van Alstyne), the author of some of the most deservedly popular hymns, attained the age of eighty-five on March 24. A movement is on foot to observe the anniversary in the Churches on the following Sunday, March 26.

Sunday, May 21 next, is the day chosen by the Presbyterians of Scotland for the celebration of the four-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the great Scottish reformer, John Knox. The exact date of Knox's birth is not known, so this one is arbitrarily chosen.

Dr. Murray Mitchell, who died at Edinburgh, Scotland, recently, at the age of ninety, was widely known in India, where he was a United Free Church missionary for many years. Last year he delivered the Duff Missionary Lectures, a notable feat for a nonagenarian.

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:

1. Do not mix the business of other papers with that of the Advocate.
2. All matter for publication should be addressed to the Texas Christian Advocate, and should be written on different sheets of paper from that intended for the business office.
3. Address all business letters to Blaylock Publishing Co.
4. Orders for books, etc., should be sent to Smith & Lamar, and no Texas Christian Advocate business should be sent to them. Every day brings a mixture of our mails.

Please bear in mind that the American Home Journal and the Home and State have no connection with the Advocate. The offices of each of the three publications are in different buildings, hence a request for a change of address, or sample copies, or any other matter, should be sent direct to the respective papers.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Notice to Methodists of Gatesville District, Northwest Texas Conference: There will be a State Sunday-school superintendents' rally at Dallas, April 4 and 6 inclusive. This will be a great occasion. Drs. Hamill and Atkins, assisted by many of the strongest men in our Church, will have this meeting in hand. Bishop Hoss, Dr. J. O. Wilson, of South Carolina; Dr. Alonzo Monk, of Ft. Worth; Superintendents J. R. Pepper, of Memphis, and J. B. Green, of Alabama, and other great specialists will have places on the program. Prof. W. A. Hemphill, a master of song, will have charge of the music. Let every superintendent and pastor in the district, who can possibly do so, attend this meeting. Every Sunday-school can afford to send its superintendent, and every charge its pastor. See to it at once, brethren. We need the inspiration and help of this great gathering. There will be a Sunday-school and League conference for the Gatesville District at Meridian, May 10 and 11. See to it that every Sunday-school and League in district has at least one representative, and as many more as possible. Entertainment will be provided. Let us make it an important occasion and a blessing and inspiration to the entire district. We shall expect every pastor, superintendent and League President from start to finish. Program will be mailed to pastors soon. Notify Rev. J. D. Hendrickson how many to expect from your charge.

S. W. TURNER, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Pastors of the Texas Conference:

I was in Tyler Monday and looked over our missionary account in the Treasurer's books. Our second quarter's drafts are overdue and our domestic missionaries need the money, but some \$600 more must be sent in before the drafts can be sent out. Notwithstanding the resolution fixing March 1st as the date by which our missionary collections were to be sent in, out of 187 charges thirty-one have responded. The total remittances on foreign missions reach the sum of \$817.50; on domestic missions, \$1024.70. If a few of the 156 charges that have not remitted anything would just make a small effort, as soon as this notice is read, the \$600 domestic money so badly needed just now would be in the hands of Bro. Jester at Tyler by Saturday night. In the Beaumont District four charges have remitted; in the Brenham three; in the San Augustine three; in the Calvert four; in the Palestine one; in the Tyler two; in the Marshall three; in the Pittsburg eight. Out of the thirty-one charges that have made remittances only three pay the pastor as much as \$1000. That means our best paid pastors are not as prompt in this matter as some who are less fortunate. I am not willing to believe that these pastors in our strongest places are less in sympathy with our missionary work, but they have been absorbed in other features of Church work. So I write this notice believing that if each delinquent pastor will devote just a few hours to this matter the present crisis will be passed. I do hope every pastor who can do so will make a remittance, even though it be a small one, not later than Saturday. JOS. B. SEARS, Conf. Miss. Sec. Texas Conf.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Preachers of the Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren: Our fifty-eight missionaries are in great need of their money. The second quarter's drafts were due the first of March, but could not be issued because the treasury had less than half enough money to pay them. Let us all do our best now that the weather is better, and send at once our money to Bro. Jester. J. T. SMITH, President Board.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,) ss.
Lucas County,)

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Wilhelmina Snow Treasurer, Portland Economic League

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Sunday-School Department

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

VIII. The Lesson Review.

Why should a Sunday-school lesson after it has been taught in class be reviewed before the school? There are several reasons for it.

It is the only means of testing whether Sunday-school scholars are really learning the Bible. It is the best way to fix securely in mind what has been taught. All secular teachers recognize and utilize this fact. It is needed to correct mistaken notions of the lesson into which scholars easily and often fall.

It stimulates lazy or careless teachers. If every lesson taught is to be reviewed by the superintendent before the entire school, it incites teachers to more thorough work. It secures better home study by the scholars, and better attention during the class work.

Properly conducted a review of the day's lesson from the desk puts every scholar "on his mettle," and spurs him on to do his best.

Who should review the lesson each Sabbath before the school?

Of course every lesson should be first reviewed by the teacher at the time that it is taught. Some teachers begin the hour's class work wisely by calling up the main points of the last Sunday's lesson; others review as they go. Some sort of review of every lesson by the teacher is imperative, as by no other means can the teacher test his own teaching and know that his class is learning.

But after the teacher's private work of review comes the general review of the lesson by the superintendent, or by some one appointed to review the school after every lesson. This general weekly lesson review is part of the superintendent's duty. It pertains to his office, and the only way that he can be excused from it is by putting some one in his stead who can conduct the review better than himself. It is better every way that the superintendent do the reviewing.

Some schools appoint an official "reviewer," whose duty it is made to review the school, giving himself wholly to it. This plan will perhaps secure better preparation for the review. In other schools officers and teachers serve alternately in reviewing the lesson. This gains in variety, but loses in efficiency. Sometimes the pastor by virtue of his office becomes the school's reviewer. As a "man of one book" he ought to be able to do this well.

Whoever may be the reviewer, or whatever the method, if it be a review in fact, it should be as invariable a feature of the day's session as the teaching of the lesson of joining in song or prayer.

What is the best all-round method of the lesson review?

Place the review at the close of the lesson, just before the benediction. Have all reports read and all business matters out of the way. Sing a song and rearrest the serious thought of the school, and let the review leave the last impression on mind and heart.

Take five minutes' time as a maximum. If the reviewer is well prepared and has a definite plan of review, this will be time enough. After five minutes most reviewers become tedious and break down.

Use the catechetical method of review. Take most of the five minutes to ask simple and easy questions, with in the understanding of the smaller scholars. Rigidly eschew all mere doctrinal and theological "catch" questions. Let the questions cover the main facts and teachings of the lesson, and lead up to the chief truth of the day. Address every question to some one individual by name. Train the school to keep silent, and let only the one designated by name answer the question. If he fails, call on another; but do not allow concert answers. Make the review an additional test, and you will arouse a spirit of study and attention that will assure your success.

Close the review with a moment's urgent word of application and exhortation.

How may the blackboard and the eye be used to assist the lesson review?

The weekly lesson review of the superintendent can be greatly assisted by the use of the blackboard. The blackboard illustrations should be of the simplest kind, a few words or a crudely drawn picture, if well pointed, sufficing.

A simple and pithy statement of the

To Whom It May Concern.

Notice is given that I have been appointed administrator of the estate of Glenn R. Wright, deceased, and all persons having claim against said estate are notified to present same as provided by law.
LOUIS BLAYLOCK, JR.,
Administrator.

chief spiritual thought of the lesson printed on the blackboard in letters large and plain, is helpful.

If pictures are wanted, and there is one in the school who can draw them, use the picture, provided it is a very simple one and precisely fitted to the lesson in hand. As a rule blackboard pictures do more harm than good.

If the school has no blackboard, the outline or picture on newspaper or cloth will answer. Such illustration is so simple, cheap, and helpful the wonder is that so few schools use it. The Sunday-school superintendent of the future will be more and more a blackboard man.

One caution as to blackboard work needed: Let it be large and simple, in the fewest words or simplest drawings possible. Much suggestive work of this kind in Sunday-school papers is overdone. Do not let the blackboard work for the day be seen until the moment that it is to be used.

Many schools are beginning to use, either monthly or quarterly, some form of written review. For quarterly review day there is nothing to equal in effectiveness a simple written review, as the writer from long experience can testify.

The written review is as practicable in the Sunday-school as in the secular school. It is the surest test of accu-

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.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

Our District Epworth League Conference will be held at Eagle Pass, April 28th. A splendid program is being prepared and arrangements are being made looking to a large gathering of young people from all over the



VIEW FROM BROADWAY, ON BLUFF—Looking Over a Portion of the Town Under the Bluff near Bay.

ate learning. It stimulates both teacher and class. It fosters home study. It compels better learning of the lesson. It stimulates interest in the home among the parents. It fixes in mind what is learned, and unifies the teaching of the school.

Any school, city or county, can use the written review. Several publishers furnish printed quarterly review questions, excellent and cheap. Further information will be gladly given on application to the office of the writer. In some cases the questions are carried home and answers written out, the scholar using any available help, but always doing his own wording and writing of the answers.

A better, though severer, way is to give out the questions on quarterly review day, and under the eye of superintendent and teachers let the scholars write without help the answers. Not a few Sunday-schools in the South have already begun the use of this latter method, and have found it greatly stimulating and profitable.

April 2.—Subject: "Jesus the Good Shepherd."—John 10:1-18.

Golden Text: "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."—John 10:11.

Time: October 29 A. D., and at the feast of the Tabernacles. The place was in Jerusalem and vicinity, and in the latter part of the third year of Christ's ministry.

The lesson presents Christ to us under the figure of a good shepherd. We are his sheep and he loves us as a shepherd loves his sheep. A hired shepherd works only for money, and his interest in the sheep does not go beyond a money consideration. But the good shepherd loves the sheep for their own sake, and he cares for all their wants and makes provisions for their needs. So Christ is the good shepherd. All who came before him pretending to be the Messiah were like thieves pretending to be shepherds. They came only to kill and destroy. But Christ came because he loved humanity and wanted to save and build up men. The false Christ had no permanent following. People did not know their voices. But Christ won a following and millions know his voice to-day and are willing to die for him. He is the door into the kingdom of righteousness, and to enter that door we must enter through him. He knows us by name and as such calls us into his loving confidence. With such a shepherd we cannot go astray.

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DENVER INFORMATION.

The Denver Convention Committee has originated a plan for the pleasure and entertainment of convention visitors that is the most novel and delightful of any ever formulated by a convention city. The Denver committee is organizing State clubs of Denver people who come from States further East and these clubs will greet the delegation from "the old home State," give them special rallies and special forms of entertainment. The visitor can find just who has come from his home State to Denver and the Coloradoan can find who of his friends have come to the convention. Denver is filled with folks who came from States further East and over 5,000 names were handed in the first week. The whole city has taken up the plan with enthusiasm, and the membership in these clubs is not limited in any way when the delegation from New York, or Maine, or Indiana, or Illinois arrives, it will be met by a delegation of former residents and there will be a revival of old associations, a renewal of old association memories and a friendly, hearty greeting by fellow citizens of the home State.
W. C. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING.

Through the kindness of Mr. Gus Thomasson, State E. L. President, of Texas, we received copies of the Texas Christian Advocate and Van Alstyne Leader. The latter contains a lengthy article concerning the permanent encampment site for holding the annual Epworth League Conference, which

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has been located at Corpus Christi. The Texas Leaguers are full of enthusiasm and are making the League work a success in their State.—League Editress Miss Daisie Williams, in St. Louis Advocate.

EPWORTH ENCAMPMENT.

The Epworth Leaguers of Texas, through their committee, have selected a site at Corpus Christi for their annual encampment and conference. The city of Corpus Christi donated fifteen acres to the League and made a gift of \$5,000 for improvements. Now, let all the Leaguers of the State join together to make this encampment a great success. The editor of the Quarterly expects to pitch his

dist church built in Texas, the old McMahon Chapel in San Augustine County, built in 1830. The timber is well preserved post-oak. Please let me hear from you at once. Your brother,
"C. A. TOWER."

WANTS TO BUILD AT CORPUS.

Rev. J. N. Hunter, pastor of our Church at Quinlan, writes a letter so similar to others which we are receiving that we think it well to publish it, with the substance of our reply, for the benefit of our people generally. Brother Hunter's letter is as follows: "For some time Mrs. Hunter and I have been planning for a summer

"Mesquite reports a membership of 41, with Chapter working and praying for results.

"Terrell reports a membership of 45. This is Chairman Barton's League of the Conference Board, and is in good condition.

"On account of bad weather the Broadway League, Gainesville, became a little disorganized, but is fast regaining its usual status.

"Dodd City reports 20 members. This League has pledged \$25 to the North Texas Chapel fund. The Juniors here have a membership of 15.

"Pottsboro reports 40 members, Chapter flourishing. The Juniors have a membership of 74 and are doing nicely under the management of Miss Maude Leeper.

"I have several letters from preachers saying they have no Leagues.—Brother Marvin Nichols expects to leave for the Holy Land right soon. We shall miss him.—Brother Park Hays, our Conference Second Vice-President, has been confined at his home for over two months on account of his crippled hip and leg. He is a noble fellow and suffers without murmuring."

NOTES.

Brother F. H. C. Elliott is very much gratified that Corpus Christi has been selected as the permanent home of the League.

Brother George H. Phair writes us from Lott, as follows: "We are without a League at this place, but I believe we can organize one in the near future."

Brother J. D. Dorsey writes us from San Antonio, as follows: "I write to let you know that the League at Sherman Street Church is and was a thing of the past when I came. We will organize. We endorse the State work and will do our part later."

Bishop Key, who organized the State League in 1892 and is lovingly known by our young people as the "Father of the Texas League," writes us in reply to an invitation to occupy a place on our summer program, as follows: "Yours received. Thanks for your good words. I shall be delighted to be with you at Corpus and if it is possible for me to do so I will. It is a beautiful situation. I have seen it. May you have a glorious year."

Bro. A. B. Davidson, pastor of our church at Prospect Hill, San Antonio, has been appointed by Presiding Elder Johnson to the office of President of the San Antonio District Epworth League. He sends us a notice of their annual meeting and adds: "We have three live Epworth Leagues in my church, a senior, a junior and an intermediate. The latter has a regular attendance of 40 to 50 every Sunday afternoon. The Senior League meets at 7 o'clock in the evening and has a fine attendance. The attendance upon the Junior League is about the same." It is easy for us to understand why this brother was selected as president of the district. He brings things to pass at home.

Presiding Elder I. W. Clark, of the McKinney District, is organizing a "Campaign Committee" among his Leaguers. This committee purposes to visit points in the district at the direction of the presiding elder with a view to strengthening the weak chapters of the League by special services and effecting an organization at every place where the League should be instituted. We understand that the pastors of the district are in hearty accord with the presiding elder's plan and are already arranging dates with him for the committee's visitation. We shall watch the result with much interest, since it seems to offer a solution to the problem of inactivity so common in many quarters.

We have a brotherly letter from League Editor Stevenson, of the Alabama Advocate, from which we quote with appreciation the following extract, viz: "I read with interest the account of your encampment enterprise. You Texas fellows with your magnificent plans and glorious achievements will win me away from Alabama yet, I am afraid. I am getting the Texas Advocate, but no other except my own. If I found them as interesting and helpful as yours, I should be glad to get them. I hope to attend the Denver Conference and should like to meet my League editor conferees. Suppose you take the matter in hand and call a meeting. It could be done easily enough after we get there."

The article to which Brother W. C. Everett refers in the following letter escaped our notice, but the plan seems to be a good one and we have no doubt our Texas people will be much interested in the gathering of the Southern delegates at Denver. The letter is self-explanatory and is as follows: "I notice in the St. Louis Advocate, last week I believe it was, a let-

ter from Rev. J. C. Rawlins, of Colorado Springs, in which he states that the Colorado Springs Southern Methodists are making extensive plans for a gathering of all Southern delegates who will be in Denver next summer. As you doubtless know, Colorado Springs is the gateway, and all will have to go and come via that point. When I was there last summer I suggested to our people there that they keep the matter in mind and work up an occasion, and if possible induce all our Southern people to stop there for a day or two. I infer from this letter that the plans are on foot as we discussed last August and I bespeak your co-operation in a movement of that kind. As a matter of interest to sight-seers, Colorado Springs does not want to be overlooked, and as a matter of encouragement to our people there and our work it will prove a blessing in many ways. I assume that you get the St. Louis Advocate and hope you will look up this article and refer to it in the Texas Christian Advocate."

While in St. Louis recently we had the pleasure of attending the preaching, prayer-meeting and League services of Centenary Church, of which Dr. W. F. McMurry is pastor. The Doctor uses the new order of worship, but we noticed that in reciting the Apostles' Creed the old version was used. We were told that the Church had grown wonderfully under the pastorate of Dr. McMurry, and we were not much surprised when we had the opportunity of observing the character of his work. He is a deeply religious man and puts much religion into his services. His prayer-meeting on Wednesday night was a love-feast in letter and in spirit. Fully five hundred people were in attendance, and several times the meeting almost reached the shouting point. Old and young alike, as fast as there was opportunity, arose and testified. Some of the testimonies were wonderfully touching. Interest was added to the occasion by the singing of one of the songs used by Mr. Torrey's singer in England at this time, and, being associated with the great revival, it came like a message from our brethren across the seas. At the Sunday night service Dr. McMurry administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to no less than four hundred people, all by himself. This was

an innovation in Methodist circles in St. Louis, the holding of such a service at the evening hour. The Doctor explained it as being for the special benefit of those members who were detained from the Sunday morning services. We had the great pleasure of meeting and shaking hands with Dr. Mathews at one of the Centenary services. This good old man rounded out his fortieth year in the ministry on the occasion of the service of which we speak, and Dr. McMurry paid the faithful veteran a high tribute during his sermon. Centenary Church has perhaps the largest Epworth Leagues in Southern Methodism. We were particularly impressed with the completeness of its organization. Committees after committees are utilized to carry on the work. We cannot speak of all, but we must speak of one. On Sunday afternoons the prayer-meeting committee divides itself into many circles, each circle visiting a jail, hospital or other place, and holding services. It was our lot to fall in with the circle which had Bro. McNemy, a former Texas boy, as its leader. One of the large hospitals was visited, where a song and prayer service was held on each of the several floors of the main building. The inmates seemed to enjoy the services very much, and some of them evinced a deeper interest and talked about their religious life. Altogether this service was helpful and inspiring. With young people trained as these, familiar with every department of Church work, no wonder that Centenary Church has a glorious future before it. All honor to Dr. McMurry and his faithful people!

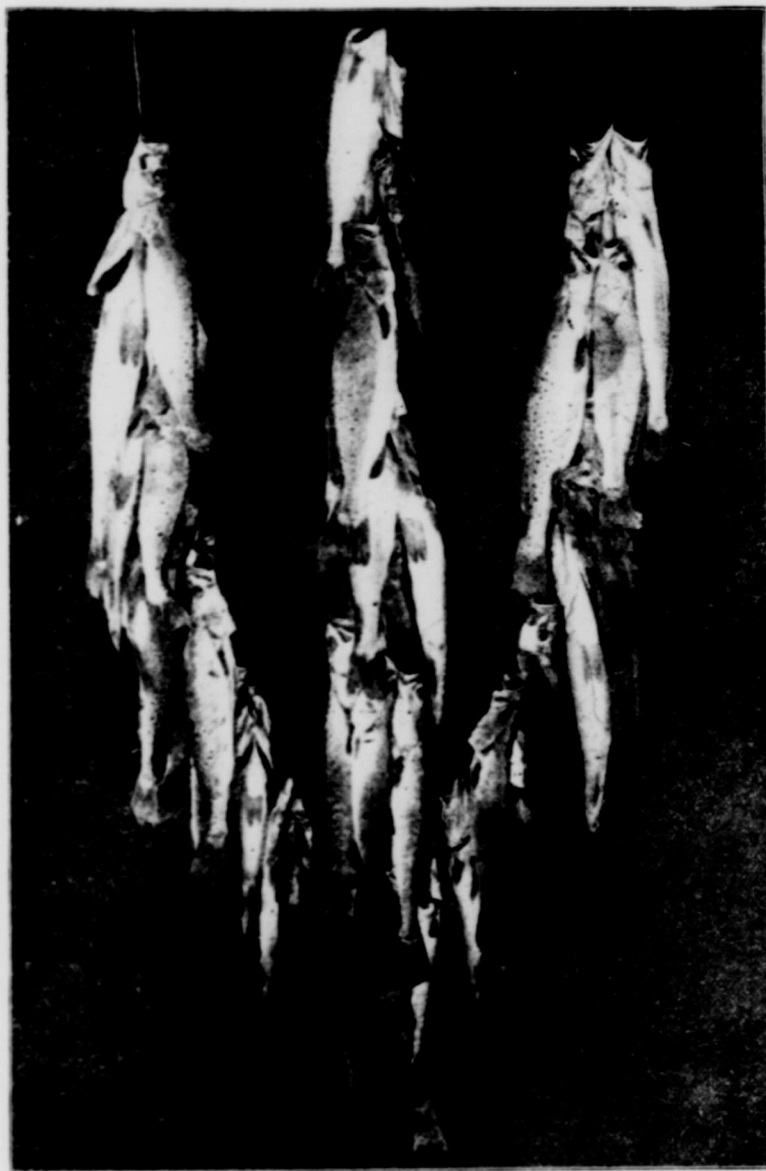
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A two hours' catch of speckled trout by a visitor, Mr. Cowles, who is spending some time here; fish caught in Corpus Christi bay from a skiff, anchored about a mile out in front of the city.

tent on the camping ground.—Editor Harrison in San Antonio Female Quarterly.

THE TEXAS ASSEMBLY.

A letter from President Gus W. Thomasson informs us that the State League Committee, appointed for that purpose, has selected Corpus Christi as the site for the proposed Texas League Assembly. Fifteen acres of ground, and holdings totaling a value of ten thousand dollars were donated by citizens and the railroads for this purpose. The success of the enterprise is assured. It will become, we predict, the very greatest religious resort on the Southern coast of the continent. We shall give at an early date an extended illustrated article on this splendid enterprise.—Editor DuBose in Epworth Era.

WILL PRESENT GAVEL.

A week or two ago we suggested that the encampment at Corpus Christi this summer would afford a favorable opportunity for some one to present the State League with a gavel, if a piece of timber with a Methodist history could be found from which to make the instrument. A number of offers have come to us in response to this suggestion, but none seemed quite so appropriate as the one from Bro. C. A. Tower, Presiding Elder of the San Augustine District, which was accepted. We appreciate more than we can say the interest the suggestion aroused and we are grateful for every offer which has been made, but as only one could be accepted we trust all will agree that a wise choice has been made.

Brother Tower's letter is quoted in full as follows:

"Timpson, Texas, March 10, 1905.

"Gus W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Texas.

"Dear Brother: If you will allow I will furnish the State League with a gavel from the sill of the first Metho-

home. I write to ask if there will be an opportunity for those who wish to visit the encampment annually to build on the grounds themselves, or will cottages be built for sale? Will tickets be sold on the railroads for the summer season?"

In reply to the first inquiry, we would say that the grounds will be leased in single plots and occupants will build their own cottages. With regard to the second inquiry, we are informed by the railroad people that summer excursion rates will be put on with a maximum extension of 90 days. Detail information regarding these matters will be published as soon as the Assembly Committee has finished its formulations.

NORTH TEXAS ITEMS.

We are obliged to Brother Robert Wear, the newly appointed Secretary for newsy items regarding North Texas League matters. Despite the fact that the Conference work is new to him, this young man is making a most excellent Secretary. Among other things he is now engaged in compiling a register of the League chapters in his territory, the former records having been destroyed in the great conflagration at McKinney last year. We cull from his communications the following interesting paragraphs:

"Woodland reports a membership of 15.

"Bells reports 15 members and Wolfe City 18.

"Frisco has 65 Leaguers, all active and enthusiastic.

"Princeton reports 40 members; Chapter doing fairly well.

"Sulphur Bluff League reports 33 members with Chapter in good condition.

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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 committees were appointed:

- Assignment of Homes—President of each auxiliary.
- Printing Committee—Mesdames Deatrage, Jackson and Thurston.
- Local Committee—Miss Denman, Mrs. Milton Ragsdale.
- MRS. L. H. POTTS, Pres.
- MRS. O. C. CROSTHWAITE, Sec.

DALLAS HOME MISSION INSTITUTE.

First Day, March 30.—Morning Session.

Devotional, Bishop E. E. Hoss. Opening address, Mrs. L. H. Potts. Address, Dr. John M. Moore. Announcements. Bible study, Miss Tucker. Lunch.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional, Miss Belle H. Bennett. "Discussion of the Present Social Conditions and Needs of Our Country, What are Our Responsibilities and How May we Meet Them?" led by Mrs. L. P. Smith. (a), "Foreign Population and Its Influence," Mrs. George Sexton. (b), "The Negro and How he Affects Our Civilization," Miss Helm. (c), "The Mountaineer and His Possibilities," Miss Kelper. (d), "The Rural Districts," Mrs. Milton Ragsdale. (e), "Our Mining Population," Mrs. W. A. Hemphill. Prayer service.

Evening Session.

Sermon by Bishop E. E. Hoss.

Second Day, March 31.—Morning Session.

Devotional, Miss Helm. "The Problems of the City," Discussions led by Miss Bennett. (a), "Its Population," Mrs. H. E. Jackson. (b), "Its Industries," Miss Taylor. (c), "Its Social Evils," Miss Haskin. Bible study, Miss Tucker. Lunch.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional, Mrs. W. H. Johnson. "Christian Social Reform and How to Bring it About," Miss Haskin. "The City Mission Board As a Factor in the Solution of the City Problems," Mrs. L. H. Potts. "The Trained Worker As a Factor in the Solution of the City Problem," Miss Helm. Prayer service, Miss Tucker.

Evening Session.

Address, Miss Bennett.

Third Day, April 1.—Morning Session.

Devotional, Miss Taylor. "Parsonages and Supplies," Mrs. Archer. "Press and Literature and Circulating Libraries," Mrs. N. Hey. "Books," Bishop Hoss. Bible study, Miss Tucker. Lunch.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional, Mrs. Flowerree. "Rescue Work," Mrs. M. L. Stone. "Money and the Kingdom," Bishop Key. "Our Funds," Mrs. F. O. Walton, Scarritt.

"The Need of the Church for Trained and Consecrated Young Women," Miss Belle Bennett. Closing prayer service.

To the Auxiliaries of the Home Mission Society of North Texas Conference:

It is with profound sadness that we announce that our loved District Secretary, of Gainesville District, Mrs. Fred Hayden, has "fallen on sleep." Her service for the Master, so beautifully begun, held forth promise of gracious fruitage, but to us it seemed only begun. Life's incompleteness must ever be to us an unsolved problem until we look to God for the solution. "He seeth not as man seeth," and we put our trust in him.

We loved Mrs. Hayden, and we all wish to honor her, and I ask that April 10th be observed throughout our Conference Society as a day in which memorial services shall be held for her. Let us perpetuate her life by gathering inspiration from it to make our own stronger, more faithful, more fruitful. In sorrowing sympathy,

MRS. L. H. POTTS, Pres. Conf. Society.

P. S.—Since writing the foregoing,

the sad announcement comes of the death of Mrs. S. P. Varley, of Collinsville, who was the former Treasurer of our Conference Society, resigning some time since on account of ill health. We hereby request that the memory of this faithful and consecrated worker, who has gone to her blessed reward, be also honored in the memorial exercises to be held on April 10th.

MRS. L. H. POTTS.

The interesting notes from Mrs. Mimms, Press Superintendent of W. H. M. Society of Northwest Texas Conference, which appeared in this department last week, were credited to the North Texas Conference, instead of the conference to which they properly belonged. We are glad to get such notes, and only wish the example as set by Mrs. Franklin Moore, Press Superintendent W. H. M. Society of North Texas Conference, in recent issue, and later of Mrs. Mimms, as referred to above, might be followed by others of our Conference Societies.—Ed. Woman's Dept.

NOTICE—GEORGETOWN DISTRICT

The Woman's Home Mission and the Woman's Foreign Mission Societies will hold their district meeting in Temple the 29th and 30th of March. All auxiliaries are urged to send delegates. Write the names of delegates to Mrs. W. E. Willis, North 9th Street, Temple, Texas.

MRS. ARREN CALVIN BUCHANAN, W. H. M. S.

MRS. CALDWELL RYNLANDER, W. F. M. S., Dist. Secretaries.

(We regret that the foregoing did not reach us in time for last week's issue, but hope its publication, this week may be helpful to all especially interested.—Ed. Woman's Dept.)

FROM CLARENDON DISTRICT, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Just two and a half years have passed since the first Woman's Foreign Mission Society was organized in Clarendon District. At Clarendon and Amarillo, we have good societies. At Claude the society is small, but still exists. The three named are all that have reported this year, but I hope hereford will begin with the new year and reorganize and show up a good report soon. We have only one Young People's Society in the district, this is the Golden Links, of Clarendon. It is doing very good work. The "Rankin Cheerful Workers" have not reported since Sister Kilzer left. I hope they are not dead. Surely some good woman can be found who will take Sister Kilzer's place as manager for these young people in Channing. The greatest need in this district is good women who are willing to take the work in hand and help the children and young people. They will nearly always work if they have a leader. The leaflets and bulletins have been sent promptly. The Woman's Missionary Advocate is taken by most all the members. While our report is small, we do not feel discouraged. Foreign missions are always slow starting. There is nothing better for a Church than a good, live, active Foreign Missionary Society. "Missions means me," and when we give ourselves to the work, it widens the horizon of life and doubles our opportunities. Now is the best time to make a new beginning, to do more for Him this year and claim His promises. I hope every woman in Clarendon District will make this resolve.

In August, last year, the two Secretaries of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Clarendon District held a district meeting at Amarillo. We prepared a program for two days. We had papers on the different subjects pertaining to our work, and every one we asked responded cheerfully, and the program was carried out complete, except the last half hour, which was lost on account of a thunder storm. We had intended ending this most enjoyable meeting with a praise service, which we thought a very fitting conclusion. Dr. Burkhead preached a very fine sermon, which was enjoyed by all. The visitors and delegates felt strengthened, and many resolved to do more for the Master's cause the next year. Dalhart was chosen as the place for the next district meeting. Brothers Dodson and Hardy were present all the time, and were a help to the Secretaries in holding their first district meeting in Clarendon District. Amarillo ladies gave us a royal entertainment in their homes; each visitor thought she had the best. In the afternoon, the first day, from five to seven, a reception was given in honor of the visitors and delegates. This gave an opportunity to meet all the ladies of the Church and many other ladies of the town,

and a more enjoyable occasion I have seldom attended. May the blessings of the heavenly Father attend them.

MRS. J. T. COULTER, Dis. Sec.

H. M. S., CENTENARY AUXILIARY, PARIS, TEXAS.

We are alive and pushing forward. An election of officers, Feb. 27, for the ensuing year, resulted in the following: President, Mrs. J. H. Hancock; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Wood; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Saunders; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Neville Brooks; Secretary, Miss Lena Ewing; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Brown; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Humphries.

It is needless to say a word in praise of our new President, but with her at the throttle, we feel we will be safely carried through. Mrs. Holley, the retiring President, has just finished a good year's work; no more faithful, earnest, or consecrated woman has ever occupied the chair.

As we look over the past year, we have reasons to be thankful for the blessings and privileges that have come to us, and although we have not accomplished all that we have desired, we will take new courage and, by the help of the Lord, we will try to secure the largest results that will tell for time and eternity.

MRS. S. C. HUMPHRIES, Cor. Sec.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, MCKINNEY.

Following is the annual report of the Woman's Home Mission Society of McKinney, for year ending March 1, 1905. That this has been a year filled with much earnest effort on the part of the officers and members of the society, the following figures will attest, and we feel deeply gratified at the success of these efforts:

Treasurer's Report—Receipts: Cash on hand March 1 '04. \$227 81 Value supplies received. 135 15 Received for conventional purposes. 78 27 Received from cake sale. 10 05 Received from bazar. 99 55 Received from pews. 227 10 Received from cook book subscription. 2 00 Received from first Monday dinners. 277 60 Receipts from all sources. \$1,067 53

Disbursements: Connectional. \$111 72 Supplies sent off. 87 15 Supplies given locally. 34 10 Parsonage. 2 80 Pews. 750 25 Needy. 14 50 Incidentals. 19 19 Cash on hand March 1, '05. 47 42 Total. \$1,067 53

Corresponding Secretary's report: Number of members. 46 Number of meetings held. 39 Average attendance. 12 Subscribers to "Our Homes." 12 Baby mite boxes in use. 17 Number pledged to tithing. 11 Visits to sick and strangers. 273 Number of garments in good order distributed. 170 Number of needy assisted. 34

Four members have been added to the baby roll this year, as follows: William E. Griffin, Benjamin Franklin Houston, George F. Crozier, Dorothy Ann Bristol.

The little ones at the Waco Orphanage were remembered with a box of nice clothing valued at \$55.15.

In addition to the course of Bible study which occupies one meeting each month and has been so ably and interestingly conducted by Mrs. George Brown, we have also an earnest reading circle of fourteen members.

Our special work for the year has been seating the church, at a total cost of \$954.25; \$204 is yet to be paid. Of the total amount raised this year \$227 was contributed in cash by friends and members of the Church to our pew fund, and we desire here to express our grateful thanks for their generosity in thus aiding us; and also for the liberal patronage extended our First Monday dinners, our chief source of revenue.

One of the notable results of the observance of the week of prayer in October was a liberal thank offering, besides a great spiritual uplift of those that attended.

We would also mention the great beneficial results of the social feature of our society. Not only were we many times royally entertained in the homes of the membership in a very material way, but always felt that at every meeting we were drawn closer together by the ties of Christian fellowship.

In this connection we desire, as a society, to express our grateful recognition and warmest thanks to our recent pastor, Bro. W. A. Stuekey, for the earnest co-operation, hopeful encouragement and generous assistance given by him to our every enterprise. But for the loyalty, fidelity, enthusiasm and energy contributed by him to our endeavors, this story of our achievements would have been a shorter one.

MRS. J. A. ROGERS, Rec. Sec.

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FROM AMARILLO TEXAS.

Another year has passed, and on reviewing our year's work of the W. H. M. Society in Amarillo, I feel we have much for which to be thankful. From March 1, 1904, to March 1, 1905, we report the following:

Dues collected.	\$ 72.00
Baby mite-boxes.	4.22
Florine McEachen.	2.33
Deaconess Home.	30.00
Conference assessment.	32.00
Conference expense fund.	15.00
Clarendon College.	60.00
Scarritt Bible and Training School.	2.00
Expended on Parsonage.	77.05
Value of supplies given locally.	121.00
Expended for assistance of needy.	51.70
Delegates to conference.	6.90
Blackboard.	75
Total for year.	\$474.95

The following officers have been elected for the year: Pres. Mrs. Lewis Anthony; First Vice-President, Mrs. E. H. Eakle; Second Vice-President, Mrs. F. Franklin; Third Vice-President, Mrs. P. L. Person; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Cooper; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Webster; Treasurer, Mrs. N. H. Tudor; Press Superintendent, Mrs. Otis Trulove; Florine McEachen Mite-box Brigade, Mrs. Jno. W. Veale.

Our pastor, Bro. C. N. N. Ferguson, has kindly consented to superintend our Bible study course, and, under his leadership, we feel sure that we shall have a good year in the study of God's Word. During the cold winter (the worst in many years), we have had our meetings each Wednesday with just a few exceptions, and all things considered, the meetings have been very well attended. We are entering the new year full of hope for the future, realizing that "we must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." God grant that we of the Amarillo Auxiliary may have this as our motto, and should we be called to stand before our Righteous Judge, are the year closes, we may hear, "She hath done what she could."

MRS. P. L. PERSON.

FROM CUSHING, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

On the 16th of February it was our privilege to go to Cushing, a town beautifully located on the T. & N. O. between Nacogdoches and Jacksonville. The town is just two years old and has a good telephone exchange, a bank and various other enterprises, to say nothing of brick business houses and handsome residences. Passing through we expressed surprise at such rapid growth, and were told that the inhabitants number two thousand. Going there for the purpose of helping the pastor organize a Woman's Home Mission Society this news was very encouraging.

The next day, in company with our old friend and hostess, Mrs. T. R. Crawford, we visited the homes where sickness would prevent the ladies from attending our meeting, to talk over plans and intentions of the organization.

Although the streets were very muddy and the weather threatening at the appointed hour, thirteen ladies were at the church, and the pastor and myself broke the unlucky number, making fifteen. Seventeen women had sent their names for membership. Rev. L. B. Saxon is the pastor there, and he is a live preacher in a live town, and with his hearty co-operation and his faith in the work of consecrated Christian womanhood in the church, they are going to have a live W. H. M. Society that will make San Augustine District proud.

Bro. Saxon conducted the devotional service and we proceeded with the organization which resulted in the enrollment of thirty members and the

election of officers, which we believe was guided by the Holy Spirit. Mrs. T. R. Crawford is President, and she is possessed of the Christian graces needful as such. She is the daughter of Bro. E. L. Ragland, who has been known to older Methodists as one of the pioneer preachers, and who has long since gone to his reward. The early training in the life of his daughter has fitted her for such a work in the Church. We saw promise of usefulness in the faces of the officers, and the impression of the membership is, that it will be loyal and true.

In all, the visit to Cushing was a pleasure and the auxiliary there bids fair to do valiant service in the Master's cause.

MRS. W. E. WILSON, Sec. for San Augustine Dist.

FROM BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS.

The W. H. M. S. of West Bridgeport, formerly a branch of the Bridgeport Auxiliary, has recently assumed the responsibilities of an independent auxiliary. Officers elected in this organization are: Mrs. W. W. Barber, President; Miss Hetty May, First Vice-President; Mrs. Louis Zuspan, Second Vice-President; Mrs. H. F. Crews, Third Vice-President; Mrs. F. M. Roberts, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. H. John, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Jas. Burnes, Treasurer; Mrs. J. S. Barber, Agent Our Homes; Miss Hetty May, Press Reporter.

Our membership is small, but all, we believe, are willing workers when our duty is plain.

Our pastor, Bro. Davis, has just preached for us an excellent sermon on Missions, at the close of which prayers were offered for more and more and more sermons like it from all pastors everywhere. In our membership of ten there are four pledged tithers. We are thankful for this, but does 40 per cent, on an average, represent all the tithers of our entire membership? If so, there is still a wide field of important work for Miss Tucker, our new superintendent. O, that every home mission woman, every foreign mission woman; yes, every Church member, were strong believers in tithing! Imagine the results.

HETTY MAY.

FROM HONEY GROVE, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The W. H. M. Society met in business session Monday afternoon, March 6th, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. A. N. Norwood; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Graas; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Saffarans; Third Vice-President, Mrs. A. S. Galbraith; Secretary, Mrs. L. B. Black; Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Armstrong; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Cabern; Agent for Homes, Mrs. M. A. Taylor.

We hope to make this the banner year of our society. Pray for our success.

MRS. L. B. BLACK, Secretary.

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North Texas Female College and Conservatory of Music and Art.

Sherman, Texas.

The last recital offered quite a varied program and was largely attended. The club swinging by the young ladies of the gymnastic class was the first exhibition of their skill this session. Gymnastic exercises are always more or less interesting to the general public, as they carry with them the idea of health and vigor as well as beauty and symmetry of motion.

The music was furnished by members of Miss Rankin's class. Miss Rankin had her own music training in the college and carries the same enthusiasm, earnestness and intelligence into her teaching that was so characteristic of her as a pupil.

The enthusiasm of the Oratorio Society is unabated. They felt sure they could never study anything so pleasing as "The Death of Minnehaha," but now that they have gotten so deeply into "Elijah," all else is forgotten.

The recent touch of spring brought together the Botany class again, and already the members are beginning to search the fields and woods for the early buds.

The seniors are busy getting "copy" for their annual "The Key"—you are liable to be held up at any minute and made to have your picture taken.

Notwithstanding the session is drawing to a close, every week brings new pupils. Quite recently a new table had to be placed in the dining room, and some of the classes have grown so as to require a second dividing.

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Mr. Ed G. Phillips, the gospel singer, and his wife are now open to engagements in the State. Any pastor who wishes first rate help can do no better than secure them for assistance in meetings. Sister Phillips has just taken a special course at Moody's, and is splendid in personal work, as well as at the organ. She plays the pipe organ as well. Bro. Phillips is no stranger in Texas, for he has assisted in a number of meetings here. Write him at Siloam Springs, Ark. Write him at once if you wish his services.

LOUIS BARTON.

Terrell, Texas.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

My postoffice will hereafter be Waternally instead of Center Point.

H. T. HILL.

FORMAL OPENING OF NEW CHURCH.

We are going to have the opening of the new church Sunday, April 2. It is the wish of the pastor and members that all former pastors and presiding elders be with us, and we cordially invite them, with their families, to be present on that day. Bishop E. E. Hoss will preach the opening sermon.

E. L. SHETTLES, Pastor.

Pittsburg, Texas.

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SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

General Lecturers.

Bishop J. H. Vincent, D. D., LL. D., S. T. D.

Bishop Vincent is doubtless the most widely known of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For sixteen years he was the Sunday School Secretary and editor of the Sunday-school publications of that Church. He was one of the founders of the Chautauqua Assembly and for nearly thirty years has been the Chancellor of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. These positions brought him in contact with people of all Churches and no Churches and of all ages. So pre-eminent has been his relation to religious and educational matters he has been chosen preacher to Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Wellesley and other colleges and universities. His experience for over twenty years as a Bishop, much of the time being spent abroad, has doubtless added to his wonderful fund of knowledge and his equipment for instruction. Many who are already personally acquainted with this charming and extraordinary man, as well as the larger circle who have only known him through his books and work, will rejoice in this opportunity of seeing and hearing him. Bishop Vincent's list of subjects for six lectures are as follows:

1. "In the Sanctum Sanctorum."
2. "Before the People."
3. "Among the People."
4. "With the Children."
5. "And the Young Folks."
6. "A Gospel to Grown Up and Old Folks."

Shailer Mathews, D. D., Ph. D.

Since 1894 Dr. Mathews has held the chair of New Testament history and interpretation in Chicago University. Prior to that time he was professor of history and political economy in Colby University. Dr. Mathews is the author of several books of great merit. Of these books the one that has brought him most fame is his "The Social Teachings of Jesus." In addition to his regular work he is in great demand for such service as he has engaged him to perform. This is the third year—so charmed were the Missouri preachers with the man and his work—he has been called to the Preachers' Institute of the Missouri Conference. His work will be exegetical and his subject, "Acts of the Apostles," or "Studies in the History of Primitive Christianity."

We were given the choice of several subjects and we selected the above. Upon being notified of our choice Dr. Mathews kindly wrote offering to do any extra work he could, saying: "I want to make myself as useful to you as possible while with you." Out of an unusually rich list of subjects he sent us we selected the following for the "extra work" we will ask of him:

1. "Shall We Still Preach the Gospel?"
2. "The Place of Paul in Modern Thought."
3. "The Jesus of History and the Christ of Experience."

On hearing of his coming, Bishop Hoss said: "I anticipate greatest pleasure in hearing Mr. Mathews."

Of the other lecturers we will write soon.

W. L. NELMS.

TWO PREACHERS WANTED.

I need two preachers for charges that I want to organize in my district. They will not pay large salaries, but will give a living and an opportunity for some one who wants to give his life to this high calling. I would like two bright, capable young men who have some preaching and organizing ability. I might use one married man with a small family. Write at once and send references from pastor and presiding elder.

O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Beaumont District, Box 646, Beaumont, Texas.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The San Marcos District Conference will be held at Gonzales, Texas, beginning Friday, April 14, 1905, at 8:30 a. m. JOHN W. STOVALL, P. E. San Marcos, Texas.

TO THE PASTORS OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Missionaries employed by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions when at home for rest do much evangelistic work in many conferences. During the twenty-three years since the organization of our Conference Society we have not been so favored, until a year and a half ago when Miss Leonora Smith came to us for ten days' service. Now Miss Hughes, missionary to China for fifteen years, is closing an itinerary of several weeks, she being unable to give us the time needed. Mrs. Campbell, for eighteen years in Korea and China, passing through our territory, has consented to give lectures along her route. District Secretaries have been in correspondence with those of you not too remote relative to making engagements. Should

you find it practicable and convenient to receive her, you doubtless will be amply repaid. One lecture from a worker of long personal experience will be worth more in the collection of the conference assessments than many of your own sermons, be they gotten up ever so well.

We who are responsible for her coming consider her work worth while to the Church, though she does not organize. However, we hope in many instances after hearing her the women will desire an organization.

Will not West Texas Methodism join in praying that some one will give themselves to foreign fields as a result of the service to us of these gifted, consecrated women?

MRS. SAM'L SPEARS, Sec. W. F. M. So. W. Tex. Conf. Llano, Texas.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Preachers of the West Texas Conference:

Will not every preacher do his best to have his Sunday-school superintendent attend the Sunday-school Workers' Rally at Dallas, Texas April 4, 5 and 6? We believe it will pay any Sunday-school to pay the way of its superintendent to this great gathering. Dr. H. M. Hamill will conduct the meetings. B. H. PASSMORE, Chr'n.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

Let all the pastors of the Gainesville District send me at Ponder not later than April 10th the names of all who are expected to attend the District Conference at Krum. If any come by private conveyance, please let me know. Pray that our meeting, which will begin at Krum Friday night before the third Sunday, may be a success. MINOR BOUNDS.

Ponder, Texas.

Humors

Come to the surface in the spring as in no other season. It's a pity they don't run themselves all off that way; but in spite of pimples and other eruptions, they mostly remain in the system. That's bad.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

March 8—W. B. Wilson, subs. W. P. Edwards, sub. J. W. Blackburn, subs. J. A. Old, sub. J. M. Peterson, sub. G. W. White, sub. W. H. Vance, change made. E. M. Huff, sub. T. H. Morris, sub. E. A. Potts, sub. R. L. Killian, sub. J. H. Walker, change made. D. W. Gardner, sub. B. T. Hayes, sub. S. J. Drake, subs. L. A. Clark, subs. I. F. Pace, subs. J. T. Hooks, subs. W. A. Gilleland, sub. J. S. Huckabee, subs. S. S. McKenney, sub.

March 9—O. P. Thomas, sub has attention. J. F. Morelock, sub. M. S. Leveridge, subs. P. M. Riley, subs. E. L. Selliman, sub. D. L. Coale, subs. C. E. Lindsey, subs. Jas. M. Baker, sub. Jas. W. Allbritten, sub has attention. M. J. Allen, sub. T. B. Hillburn, subs. F. M. Winburne, sub. W. L. Harris, sub. J. C. Mimms, sub. O. F. Hatfield, sub. N. C. Little, o. k. E. C. Escoe, subs.

March 11—N. D. Wood, sub. W. W. Horner, subs. Eugene T. Bates, sub. R. W. Nation, sub. A. S. J. Haygood, sub. Z. B. Pirtle, sub.

March 13—C. G. Shutt, sub. L. W. Carleton, sub. H. M. Glass, sub. M. J. Allen, sub. W. D. Mountcastle, sub. Ross Williams, sub has attention. L. E. Riddle, sub. J. H. Stewart, has attention. J. E. Vinson, sub. J. C. Carter, sub. E. H. Lovejoy, sub. Allen Tooke, sub. Franklin Moore, sub.

March 14—M. W. Clark, sub. J. B.

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STANLEY.—Rev. J. T. Stanley was born in Athens, Ohio, Sept. 4, 1856, and died (of Bright's disease) in Kaufman, Texas, Feb. 3, 1905. His parents came to Texas and settled in Kaufman, Texas, when young Stanley was quite a child. October 4, 1878, he was happily married to Miss Kate Walker, of Panola County, Texas. From this union ten children were born—two boys and eight girls—all of whom (with a sorrow-stricken wife) survive him. When I came to Kaufman twenty-eight years ago as pastor I found Bro. Stanley there, a devoted and zealous Church worker. At the fourth Quarterly Conference on the Kaufman charge in 1878 he was licensed to preach, L. P. Lively, presiding elder. In 1879 he was received on trial into the North Texas Conference. After preaching with success and acceptability in the North Texas Conference for six or eight years he was transferred to the West Texas Conference. At the time of his death he was in the local ranks, living in the town of Kaufman, surrounded by a large circle of friends. Bro. Stanley was converted under the ministry of Rev. J. P. Rodgers, who was his brother-in-law. I have often heard him refer to that happy experience. He was far above the ordinary man in point of preaching ability. Hundreds through his ministry were brought to Christ. My association for years with Bro. Stanley was intimate, and my attachment to him was strong. The last protracted meeting he was ever in was one I held last September at Marrous Chapel. For five days he preached once a day, greatly to the delight of all who heard him. It seemed fortunate that his last days should be spent in Kaufman, the home of his childhood, where his aged mother still lives, and that all that is mortal of him should sleep in the cemetery where so many of his friends are buried. Let us pray that the good Lord may comfort and sustain his grief-stricken family.

O. P. THOMAS.

JONES.—Mrs. Lucy Jones was born Jan. 19, 1859, at Adamsville, Tenn. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when a child, and continued a consistent member of the same to the day of her death, which occurred Nov. 18, 1904, at Wichita Falls, Texas. She was married to Dr. A. A. Jones March 29, 1879. She was in feeble health for a number of years before her death, hence was unable to take a very active part in Church work, but her every day life was a living testimony of her fellowship with Christ. She let her light shine in her home, the result of which is seen in her children. Such a life was not lived in vain. The world needs more just such mothers. Just before dying she said: "I am only going to sleep to awake in heaven." Surely our people die well. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors." W. F. BRYAN.

HUTTON.—Wm. Clark Hutton was born in Washington County, Virginia, Oct. 22, 1832, and after a few days' illness died at his home at Harrisburg, Texas, Feb. 19, 1905. Bro. Hutton moved to Tennessee in his young manhood and married Mary Ann Ashley. This marriage was blessed with three children, all of whom are living. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Margaret Guinn April 19, 1864. This wife survives him and also three of their six children. Bro. Hutton was converted and joined the Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1871, and since that time he has remained a faithful and influential Christian. He moved from Tennessee to Alabama, and after remaining there for a few years came to Texas in 1885. In Texas he first settled in Johnson County, and from there came to Houston. He lived in and near the city until the day of his death. As a husband and a father he was affectionate and devoted. He loved his home. He loved his Church. Now he rests from his labors and has entered into the joy of his Lord. GEO. A. LeCLERE.

BALTHROP.—Julia Warren Balthrop (nee Spurlock) was born in Jackson, Tenn., Sept. 22, 1839. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in the summer of 1857; was married to W. R. Balthrop, of Dickson County, Tennessee, Sept. 18, 1857. They came to Texas in 1860 and settled near old Mt. Carmel, now Wolfe City, where she was a member for forty-five years. She died at her home in Wolfe City Feb. 11, 1905, after a year of suffering. She was a woman of strong character, and determined will, and of great convictions. She treated no subject lightly, but was wholly for or against a thing, yet was considerate and kind to those of different opinions. She was a Methodist whole soul, and demonstrated her conviction by faithful service and loyal living. She loved God and walked uprightly before him. She delighted in the services of the sanctuary, always feeling that she was in the presence of the Most High when in the Church service. She was a strong friend to her pastors, sheltered and fed them, and guarded their interest and character as her own. For them she would pray often, and she so much enjoyed having them in her home and praying around her ever erected family altar. Nearly all the old preachers of this North Texas country will remember her genial company and unbounded hospitality in her home. She never had any children, but helped my mother to raise a large family, having lived near us for twenty-five years. She was everybody's friend that tried to do right, and was sympathetic and kind to the erring. Through her godly life and labors she led many souls to Christ and helped as many weak, beginning Christians to a firmer faith in God. She was a faithful wife, a true friend, a loving Christian, a woman of the true type, full of faith and good works. She suffered her pain for twelve months like a martyr; then, soft as the breath of an angel, she passed away. Bro. J. E. Vinson, her pastor, preached her funeral; then we buried her in the old Mt. Carmel Cemetery Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12, 1905, at 3 o'clock. She leaves her husband, by whose side she walked for nearly fifty years, and many friends and kin. We'll meet Aunt Julia again in the sweet-by-and-bye. E. L. SPURLOCK.

KELLY.—Miss Mary Kelly was born at Cedar Springs, Texas, Nov. 13, 1884; was converted and united with the M. E. Church, South, at the tender age of 7 years. As her pastor during 1903-4 I found that sweet Christian character ever ready to do what she could for her Lord. Often I heard her sweet voice ring out in earnest petitions for the young of that community. Gifted with a brilliant mind and being very ambitious, she had acquired a good education, and was already numbered with the best young teachers in the county. Her parents, who are devoted Christians, were full of bright hopes for her future. Now they are crushed and almost broken-hearted over the death of their darling. They write me that their home will never be the same since she is no longer there. They miss so much her sweet presence and tender words of love and sympathy in the trials of daily life. The other children miss a dear sister, who was ever ready to help them with tender words of love and counsel. Dear parents, brothers and sisters, your darling is not dead, but sweetly resting, waiting and watching to welcome you to the heavenly shore. May we all be ready, as she was, when the Master calls. Her former pastor, D. W. GARDNER.

Kosse, Texas.

FRANKS.—Mrs. Elizabeth Franks was born Feb. 13, 1834, in Itawamba County, Mississippi, and died in Nacogdoches County, Texas, Feb. 27, 1905. She was married to Jake Franks in Alabama in 1849, and moved to Texas in 1867. Her husband died in 1875, since which time she has lived a widow. She was the mother of ten children, seven of whom have preceded her to the other world, leaving three—a son and two daughters—to mourn their loss. She died at the home of her son, J. F. Franks, who did all he could to make her last days pleasant, but she was feeble for a long time, and when the summons came and the tired hands were folded over the still heart we could but feel that the good old grandma was better off. Her son said to the writer when speaking about her the other day: "We hated to give her up, and we will miss her so much, but she had to leave us." Then his voice broke and we felt it were almost sacrilege to speak. We thought of our own dear mother in heaven these thirty-three long years, and we knew how to sympathize with him. Grandma Franks was a good woman, a member of the Church for many years, and we feel sure she is at rest. To her children we would say, "She is not dead, but gone before. Be faithful to God, and in the sweet-by-and-bye you may meet her to part no more forever.

J. B. TURRENTINE.

LOWREY.—Rev. I. P. Lowrey, a local elder in the M. E. Church, South, was born in Habersham County, Georgia, Jan. 2, 1817, and died at his home near Aquilla, in Hill County, Texas, Feb. 23, 1905, being 88 years old. He was born of English parentage, his great-grandfather, David Lowrey, having come to America prior to 1759 and settled in Hill County, Georgia, where the grandfather of I. P. Lowrey, Wm. Lowrey, was born in 1759. His grandfather fought the English the last year of the Revolution. His father was born in Franklin County, Georgia, in 1788, and fought in the war of 1812. Bro. Lowrey was married to Nancy Jane Vestal about 1842. There were ten children born to them. Of this union only three survive—Rev. J. W. Lowrey, A. L. Lowrey and Mrs. Jane Avritt. Bro. Lowrey moved to Dallas County, Texas, in 1859; to Smith County in 1869; to Hill County in 1869, where he has since resided. Bro. Lowrey professed religion and joined the Church in his youth. He was a Methodist of the old type. His religion entered into his whole life. Whether he ate or drank he did it all to the glory of God. He was an M. D. He therefore ministered to soul and body. For over seventy years he was devoted to every interest sacred to humanity. We prayed and rejoiced with him in his last afflictions. He was a good man. He died in great peace, and we laid him to rest in the old Lebanon Cemetery, surrounded with one of the largest crowds that ever gathered there. The Lord bless the bereaved ones. Earth hath no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. His pastor, R. V. GALLAWAY.

DARLINGTON.—On Monday, March 7th, our entire town, Manor, and the community was bereaved by the death of Miss Lucretia Darlington, daughter of J. B. and M. T. Darlington. Miss Lucretia was a sweet, beautiful Christian girl 23 years old, a favorite of the family. No girl had more admiring friends than Lucretia. Having been of Christian parentage, she embraced by faith the plan of salvation at the age of 14, and found peace in Christ as her own personal Savior, and was a ray of sunshine in her mother's home until the day of her death. She had a smile for all who met her. Her Christian life was one of complete victory. During all her illness and suffering she never complained. Her sun went down in a clear sky. The end was perfect peace, her soul resting in the everlasting Arms. She leaves two brothers and three sisters and her consecrated mother and a host of friends to mourn their loss. We laid her body to rest in the Manor Cemetery under a cover of flowers, to await the resurrection morn. This beautiful life has ended on earth and a higher and happier one commenced in heaven. Her pastor, J. W. HARMON.

PERRY.—Elsie D. Perry (nee Ottinger) was born July 5, 1882, and died near Cherokee, Texas, March 1, 1905, aged 22 years. She was the daughter of Luther and M. E. Ottinger. In childhood she was baptized, and in July, 1898, was received into the Church. Sister Perry's religious experience dates from her childhood. She never knew the time when she was not religious. The natural bent of her nature was toward piety. When there was any kind of service at the church she was in her place. When a pastor wanted help in Church work of any kind she could be relied on to do what she was asked to do. She received her education at Cherokee, where she graduated with honors. On Aug. 12, 1903, she was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Perry, of Robert Lee, Texas. It seemed sad that this happiness should be terminated so soon. The messenger found her ready. Death held no terrors for this pure woman. The end was triumphant. When passing out she waved her hand toward heaven, called her babe who had preceded her to heaven, and passed into rest. A beautiful velvet-covered casket holds the body, but her soul has gone up to God and glory. C. W. GODWIN.

MORGAN.—Mrs. Mary Morgan (nee Akins) was born in Union County, Georgia; came to McLennan County, Texas, eleven years ago; then moved to Taylor County, Texas, February, 1905, and died Feb. 27, 1905. She professed religion twenty-two years ago, and joined the M. E. Church, South. Her acquaintance was short in this community, but she spoke to one of her new neighbors a short while before her departure, and said, "I am ready to go. I only regret to leave my dear ones here in a strange land." She leaves a broken-hearted husband and six children to wait the time of the Lord when he will call all his children home. May God bless the family. Girls, live so as to meet your dear mother in glory. Boys, stand by your broken-hearted father in this time of need. The writer preached the funeral near Law, Texas.

W. L. A. SELF.

Tuscola, Texas.

THOMPSON.—Eliza A. Morris was born Jan. 29, 1818; married to A. J. Thompson March 23, 1870; converted and joined the Church under the ministry of Wiley A. Shook July, 1873, and died Jan. 8, 1905. Is survived by two sons, Frank and Robert, and her husband, of her immediate family. Sister Thompson was an excellent woman. She was religious. Her life was so dominated by her Holy Spirit that not even the taints of sham or affectation were in it. On the contrary, purity and humility were distinguishing features of her character. No one who knew her well will charge extravagance when I say her life was filled with the good and beautiful. To her husband she was a true, affectionate, thoughtful wife. His happiness was her pleasure. As a mother she was wise, loving, patient. Her noble sons are her praise. As a Christian, she was faithful to duty. She suffered long, and at times severely, but no complaint issued from her lips. When the end came she called her loved ones, calmly assured them all was well with her, bade them meet her in heaven, and passed away. Her loving service here is at an end, but her good life will long continue a help and blessing to all who knew her well. When called hence may her dear ones be well prepared to go as was wife and mother dear. D. F. FULLER.

MURFF.—Mrs. Emily Marion Murff (nee Chatham) was born in Georgia July 22, 1818, and moved with her parents to Alabama in 1828, where she was married to Wm. Murff on Jan. 21, 1836. She moved to Texas with her husband and family in 1850, and settled in Leon County, near Leona, where she lived to the day of her death, which occurred Feb. 18, 1905. She was the mother of eight children—five sons and three daughters. Her husband and five children preceded her to the better world. Sister Murff was a faithful member of the Methodist Church for sixty-five years. She was an invalid for five years before her death, but bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude and patience, and died in the triumph of a living faith. We laid her to rest in the Leona Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. W. H. BROOKS.

HASTEY.—The subject of this obituary, Bro. N. M. Haste, was born near Rome, Ga., March 18, 1834, and died at Sunset, Texas, Feb. 3, 1905. He was married to Miss Malissa Harvey Sept. 9, 1866, who preceded him to the celestial city. In early life he professed religion and joined the Southern Methodist Church, and for many years was an efficient steward in same. He was a pillar of his Church and a tried friend to his pastors. Truly may we say a good man has fallen. Six children mourn his departure, but they "sorrow not as those who have no hope." The Church and community sustain a very great loss in the death of this godly man, but having had great and arduous duties for many years he now rests from his labors, and his works will follow him. In his life and death were verified the words of the Psalmist, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." May God's sustaining grace be the heritage of his loved ones. G. E. HOLLEY.

KNOX.—Minnie Ruth, daughter of J. A. and A. C. Knox, was born in Hill County, Texas, May 14, 1885, and died in Kiowa, I. T., Feb. 27, 1905. She was dedicated to God in infancy by baptism and was brought up in the Church. At the age of 10 she made a public profession of faith in Christ and assumed for herself Church obligations. She lived a conscientious Christian to the day of her death. While on her deathbed she expressed herself as willing to die, that she was going to heaven. She said she saw her mother who had preceded her to the good land by seven years. Her older sister was converted while kneeling at her bed. She leaves a father, three brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss. She had developed such a beautiful character, none knew her but to love her. Her beautiful life should be an example to her brothers. To them we offer our tenderest sympathy and wish we could in some way be able to alleviate their sorrow, but will point them to Him, the Great Comforter. HER PAPA.

JOINES.—Charlie Joines, son of W. T. and M. A. Joines, was born in Lawrence County, Mo., March 25, 1863, and died at his home near Ross, Texas, February 16, 1905. He came with his parents to Texas in early childhood and has lived in this neighborhood for many years. He was a man liked by all who knew him. He was an affectionate husband, a kind father. He leaves a devoted wife and four children to mourn his departure. But the Lord saw fit to relieve his poor, suffering soul, for he suffered untold agony. It seems so hard to give him up. Only one year and seven months since our dear mother was laid to rest; and in so short a time we are called to take the last look at a dear brother. No one who has never had the trial of giving up a loved one knows what it is to bear. May the Lord's richest blessing rest upon his poor, aged father and family. A sister, E. K. S.

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KEATH.—Mrs. Gilphi J. Keath (nee Fowler) was born in Gibson County, Tennessee, Sept. 13, 1844. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1862 or 1863, and was married to J. H. Keath in Arkansas Sept. 14, 1865. With her husband and children she moved to Texas in 1895, and settled in Williamson County, where she died Dec. 24, 1904, being 60 years old. Sister Keath was the mother of seven children, five of whom survive to mourn their loss. For more than one-third of her life she was in bad health, and was very feeble. She was a loyal Methodist and a devoted, earnest, faithful Christian, ever ready to answer a call to service for her Master's sake, especially when that service was required for the entertainment of his ministers. Sick or well it was always her delight to entertain her pastor or other preachers. How delightful it must have been to her to have her first greetings in heaven—Christmas greetings. May the Lord of hosts abide with the afflicted family and friends. C. H. BROOKS.

MEANS.—Miss Nida Means, daughter of Blant and Rebecca Means, departed this life March 9, 1905, at Spur, Texas. We laid her body to rest in the cemetery to await the great call in the resurrection morning to "come forth." A great concourse of people were in attendance at her funeral. Miss Nida was born Oct. 27, 1889; joined the M. E. Church, South, four years ago. Her life was given to the instruction of the young; been in this work about five years. She had a host of friends. She was one woman loved by all who knew her. She leaves an aged father and mother and an only brother. There were only two children born to the home. Will say to the loved ones in their loneliness, "Always look up and press on; there is a brighter day, a day when we shall all meet again 'in heaven.'" R. O. BAILEY.

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The subject of this obituary is the twenty-nine year-old son of Rev. J. H. Hardin, born in 1828. At the E. Church, South, in his 18th class-leader, pacity almost was licensed in Texas in 1850. In 1851 he preached in College, and preparatory his wife occurred in the vicin rather a str days to see but was e course by h ministry an preparation. to preach, a trial in the and transfer Conference. Circuit—the Alister being who died th served in tl traactions of when he wa Texas Confere Conference for two yea cut, and or charge. In Conference Marvin pre was placed i District, an as presiding was twice a Conference—health began he was cons active work what he co ineffebled n years of ca and faithful Paris, he wa before his d and died at ing complet buried in tl Lamar Cou brother, Mr twice marri and his ir phan child the? memo all that a t could be to husband, es his decline. with the de Kenzie Coll ful, consec known. Su work that l pointments service as j benediction lege life, at companion useful preac his day and guile or rej mission, an done, good entered the ful wife and give every transition a all faithful of a blissful

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REV. JESSE H. WALKER.

The subject of this sketch was for twenty-nine years in the active ministry of the M. E. Church, South, and twenty-six years of this time a missionary to the Indians. He was the son of Rev. Archelaus Walker; born in Hardin County, Tennessee, Feb. 5, 1828. At the age of 13 joined the M. E. Church, but adhered to the M. E. Church, South, at the division in 1844. In his 18th year he was appointed class-leader, and served in this capacity almost continuously until he was licensed to preach. He moved to Texas in 1854, and settled in Tarrant County. Impressed with a call to preach, in 1856 he entered McKenzie College, and prosecuted his studies preparatory to the ministry. He and his wife occupied an humble cottage in the vicinity of the institution—rather a strange incident in those days to see a married man in school—but was constrained to this wise course by his high appreciation of the ministry and his conscious lack of preparation. In 1857 he was licensed to preach, and in 1858 was received on trial in the East Texas Conference, and transferred to the Indian Mission Conference and appointed to Kiamitia Circuit—the sainted Wilson L. McAlister being his presiding elder, and who died the following March. He served in this locality during the distractions of the Civil War until 1861, when he was transferred to the East Texas Conference—the Indian Mission Conference being disorganized—and for two years served the Boston Circuit, and one year the Honey Grove charge. In 1867 the Indian Mission Conference was reorganized, Bishop Marvin presiding, and Bro. Walker was placed in charge of the Chickasaw District, and served different districts as presiding elder for fifteen years. He was twice a delegate to the General Conference—in 1874 and 1878. His health began to decline in 1887, and he was constrained to desist from the active work of the ministry, but did what he could until incapacitated by enfeebled mind and body, and after years of care and anxiety to his true and faithful wife in their home in Paris, he was finally, for a few months before his death, the ward of the State and died at Austin Feb. 18, 1905, having completed his 77th year. He was buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lamar county, near his only surviving brother, Mr. J. W. Walker. He was twice married, but left no issue. He and his first wife raised several orphan children, who greatly revered their memory. His surviving wife was all that a true and loving companion could be to a worthy and deserving husband, especially in the sad days of his decline. The writer's acquaintance with the deceased began in 1856 at McKenzie College. A more pious, faithful, consecrated man he has seldom known. Such was his devotion to his work that he only missed three appointments in the fifteen years of his service as presiding elder. He was a benediction to the writer in his college life, and a delightful friend and companion in after years. He was a useful preacher, and served acceptably his day and generation, and without guile or reproach ended his earthly mission, and with the plaudits, "Well done, good and faithful servant," has entered the Master's joy. To the faithful wife and devoted brother we can give every assurance of his happy transition and congratulate them and all faithful ones upon the bright hope of a blissful reunion.

JOHN H. McLEAN.

BURRIS.—Mrs. Laura Burris departed this life Feb. 21, 1905, at her home near Luling, Texas. She was laid to rest in the Sandies Chapel Cemetery to await the final resurrection of the just. She was married to Mr. Frank Burris. To this union five children were born; all living except one. Her eldest, a son, died in infancy, and we have no doubt when the mother reached the gates of heaven her baby met her and gave her a glad welcome home. She died as she had lived—a Christian. She was always patient and kind, a devoted wife and mother. No one knew her but to love her. To her grief-stricken husband, father and mother and loved ones, weep not, for we will soon meet her where parting is no more.

A FRIEND.

STROUD.—Erma Glenn, the little eleven-year-old daughter of W. O. Stroud, died at their home in Hubbard City, Texas, February 22, 1905. It was very hard to part with her. She was one of the best and sweetest children I ever saw, and for this reason we were loth to part with her. We never like to give up the beautiful buds out of the garden; we want to keep them with the hopes that when full blown they will be even more beautiful. But God always takes the good and beautiful. The Church was overflowing with people at her funeral. School dismissed for it, and her room of little ones, heart-broken, marched by the coffin from home to the church. The bereaved ones are sad, but their precious one is above. Just a little over a year ago her mother went to heaven. They now greet each other. One by one the faithful ones of the family will be taken and then a happier family in heaven shall be than ever earth knew.

C. BRUCE MEADOR.

TRIMBLE.—Rev. Alston B. Trimble was born in Murray County, Georgia, in 1853, and died at his home in Catoosa, I. T., Jan. 28, 1905. His father, Rev. Elisha Trimble, moved to Texas when A. B. was but 4 years old, first settling in Red River County, but moved to Iredell, Bosque County, Texas, some thirty-five years ago, where Alston was brought up from his boyhood. At the age of 9 years he was converted and united with the M. E. Church, South. In 1880 he was licensed to preach, and the following year was admitted on trial in the Northwest Texas Conference, and for a number of years he was a faithful pastor, serving some of the charges in the West that required a great deal of travel and hardships. We are not in possession of the information as to all of the appointments he filled, or how many years he was in the active work in this conference; but after several years he was granted a location, and he soon after moved to the Indian Territory. There he joined the M. E. Conference and traveled three years; then located and returned to the Church in which he had spent his ministerial life; but his health had so far given down that he remained in the local ranks, preaching when opportunity was offered, and his health would permit, until his condition became such that he was unable to go. Bro. Trimble was married to Miss Media Dudley in 1893, to which union three children were born—one girl and two boys. The little girl preceded him to the good world, and he leaves a companion, two sons and an aged sister to mourn the loss of one they dearly loved. Bro. Trimble's father was a useful local preacher for more than fifty years. J. H. Trimble and L. H. Trimble, both well known in the Northwest Texas Conference, were his brothers. Bro. A. B. was a good preacher and a good man, perhaps sometimes misunderstood by his brethren. In a letter from his companion we learned that he had been an intense sufferer for about eleven months, but bore it with Christian patience and perfect resignation to the will of God. A short time before he died, in answer to a question asked him by his wife, he said: "I would like to get well and be with you at least two more years and preach, but praise the Lord and my way"—and failed to finish the sentence, which was his last effort to talk. To the sorrowing wife, children and relatives let me say, "Look up, he is only gone on before, and will be there ready to greet you on the other shore."

W. V. JONES.

SHUMAN.—Sister Katherine Shuman (nee Lang) was born May 15, 1857, in Hardin County Ky.; was married to John Shuman September 25, 1880. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom are still living; the other one, a sweet-spirited Christian girl, died at the age of sixteen. Sister Shuman professed faith in Christ in 1854 and united with the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a truly consecrated member until February 21, 1905, when God in his wisdom united her with his Church in heaven. She had been in bad health for some time before her death, but God's grace was sufficient for her and she bore all with patience. She was of a very sympathetic nature, always ready to help the suffering when in her power. She leaves an aged companion, seven children, and several grand-children that are also religious, to mourn their loss. Of Sister Shuman it can truly be said "She rests from her labors and her works do follow her." We laid her body to rest in the Romney Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. May God comfort the bereaved ones and help them to meet her, is the prayer of her pastor.

H. B. CLARK.

RIDER.—Captain Henry Rider was born in Germany April 22, 1816; came to America and to Texas and settled in Panola County in 1851, and for more than half a century lived in one neighborhood. The date of his marriage is not known, but his wife died in 1877, leaving him with the care of ten children. In religious belief he was a Campbellite, but not living convenient to a Church of that faith, he joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1885. He was not demonstrative in his religious life, but was always ready to give a reason for the hope he possessed, and only a short time before his death he said to his son that all was well with his soul and that he would soon be at rest. Just ten years to a day before his death he fell on the ice, breaking one of his legs. He never fully recovered from this shock and on Friday, February 10, 1905, he fell asleep in Jesus. Loving hands laid his remains to rest in the cemetery of the Concord Church near Woods, there to await the general resurrection in the last day.

C. N. MORTON, P. C.

POWERS.—Mrs. Sallie Powers, daughter of Wm. Griffing and wife, was born December 29, 1828; was married to Rev. L. J. Powers August 29, 1857, and died near Hubbard City, February 13, 1905. She with her husband and three little children made a happy home in Dallas, Texas, where that dreaded disease, consumption, stole in and made earth forever sad. Her husband traveled with her for her health and when he saw it was in vain he rented a little cottage in the country near Hubbard City, where she died. No one ever bore affliction more patiently than she, and the faith that she laid hold of in conversion at eleven years of age, sustained her all her days, and was brightest when her affliction was greatest. Nearly all of her life was spent in the Methodist Church, a true and devoted member. I was to see her twice during her affliction and on the occasion baptized her two babies. She expressed herself always as fully prepared. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn for her, but they know where and how to find her.

C. BRUCE MEADOR.

HORNER.—Miss Maggie Clarman Horner, daughter of R. C. and Emma J. Horner, was born in Nashville, Howard County, Ark., November 17, 1855; came to Texas with her parents January, 1883, and died at her home in Tyler, Texas, March 6, 1905. The circumstances attending her death were peculiarly sad and distressing. She had attempted to extinguish a fire in the back yard, and her dress caught on fire and she was fatally burned before any one could get to her. She lived a little over a week after the fatal accident, but death came and released her from her intense suffering and pain. Clara embraced religion and united with the Church when fourteen years of age under the ministry of Rev. Caleb Smith, and remained a true, faithful, sweet-spirited Christian until called away to her beautiful home in the bright mansions above. She was Secretary of the Sunday-school at Sneed Church, a faithful worker in the Church, and was an active laborer in the Master's service. I do not think I have ever known a purer, sweeter Christian girl than she was. Although she suffered such excruciating pains, she bore her suffering with the greatest patience and heroic endurance I ever saw. While her wounds were being dressed she sang, in a clear, sweet voice, part of her favorite songs, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Happy Day," "Whiter Than Snow," and others, and did this, she said, to keep from complaining. With a broken heart and a burdened mind, so young, she was universally beloved; for her beautiful character, her bright, cheerful, sweet disposition and amiable qualities were such that to know her was to love her. She would have graduated in the high school in Tyler and received her diploma in June, if she had lived in good health till then. One day, while suffering intense pain, she looked up in her father's face and said: "O dear papa, won't you promise me that you will be a Christian, so we can all meet in heaven?" With a broken heart and a burdened mind, he knelt down by her bedside and said: "By the help of God, my daughter, I will." Then she said: "O I am so happy! Papa has promised to be a Christian." It seems so sad that a bright, sweet, young life, so capable of doing so much good in the world, should be taken away so early, just as she was blossoming into beautiful womanhood, but such is the will of God and we must submit to His will. Farewell, sweet Clara; thou art gone from us, but we will meet thee again in the land of peace and rest. May the grace of God sustain my dear brother and his bereaved family in this deep affliction, and may they all meet dear, sweet Clara in heaven, in my earnest and sincere prayer.

W. W. HORNER.

HAWKINS.—Webster Peyton Hawkins was born February 21, 1888, near Middleton, Texas. He was baptized in infancy and joined the M. E. Church, South, on a profession of faith in 1896. He died at Claude, Texas, February 28, 1905. Webster was the oldest son of Rev. M. E. Hawkins and wife and his premature death came as heavy stroke to them. He was just budding into manhood and his loved ones cherished so much for him in the future. Webster was a very companion to his father, unusually tender towards his mother, and much beloved by his brothers and sisters. He had been a student in Clarendon College and was doing nicely until about six weeks ago, at which time he began to complain, and day by day gradually grew worse until it was necessary to take him home. He lingered for four weeks or more without any very serious developments, until the morning of the 28th, when a fatal collapse came and he soon passed away. His funeral was preached by this scribe in the Church at Claude, from John 13:7, and some very enviable tributes paid to his memory by his classmates and friends. Tribute to the Claude Cemetery and we laid to rest all that was mortal of Webster to await the final resurrection at the last day.

JAS. M. SHERMAN.

SAMFORD.—Little Ira D., the five-months old child of Mr. W. W. and Mrs. Hattie Samford, was laid to rest January 6, 1905. While its departure was mourned by the loved ones, we trust that all can say "Thine will be done." It was a very tender blossom and bloomed only for a short time, but we comfort ourselves in the thought that it did not fall to the earth unnoticed, but our heavenly Father reached down his loving hand and transplanted it in the paradise of God. Oh! what a blessed thought it is that, though here on earth, some day we will be able to see its bright smiles and hear its glad laugh in a clime where no sorrow can ever come. Away with that Calvinistic doctrine that these precious little children who do so much to make this old world happy is sinful and corrupt. I would say to its parents, press on, for there is one more voice added to the heavenly choir that shall sing our Redeemer's praise throughout ages to come.

B. A. MYERS, P. C.

HADDIX.—Hannah E. Haddix (nee Almond) was born near Widdisbarre, Luzerne County, Penn., in 1838; was married at the age of nineteen to Mr. Elijah Haddix in Warsaw, Ind., April 2, 1857. From old world home she came to Texas, and in 1876 to Afton, Iowa, thence to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1883, where she lived until her death, October 23, 1904. She was the mother of eleven children—nine of whom survive her, two having died in infancy. She professed religion and joined the Church in her early life and lived a very quiet, sweet Christian life. So self-sacrificing, patient and kind, was loved by all who knew her. She was retiring in her disposition and in late years devoted her entire life to her children and her home. Her father and mother had many years gone on before. She had neither brother nor sister; so for years her entire devotion was centered on her family. Mother was not demonstrative in her worship, but her life was a living epistle and her admonitions to her children were always for God and the right. She often conducted the family worship in father's absence and the little prayer (now I lay me down to sleep) she taught me in my childhood will ever be cherished in my most sacred memory and even now I love to turn back pages of time and whisper that prayer to my heavenly Father. She was ill only two days. The writer, one sister and two brothers did not reach her bedside until she passed away. And who can tell how much we miss her; but the Lord saw fit to call her to her eternal reward. While earth is poorer, heaven is richer; and dear father, brothers and sisters, let us be prepared when the summons shall come to join dear mother in the haven of eternal rest. Her daughter.

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RAGLAND.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Sarah Ragland (nee Hamilton), was born in Jackson County, Ala., 1831; moved to Texas with her widowed mother's family in 1842, and settled in Morris County, six miles north from Daingerfield. She was married to J. T. Ragland about 1844. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church at the age of sixteen years, and has lived a consistent member until her death. She fell on sleep February 28, 1905. She was in the parsonage a few days before her death and said that she loved the Lord and felt that the Lord loved her. Mother is gone from this world, but we can meet her again. Look up, dear children, and grandchildren; she is beckoning to you, come home, dear ones, come home. S. N. ALLEN, P. C.

W. T. RENFRO.

HUFF.—Little Marion King Huff was born August 29, 1891; died March 2, 1905, aged six months and ten days. Oh, it is so hard to see our dear little ones die. Little Marion King just stayed long enough to entwine himself around our hearts like the tendrils of the vine, and to tear them asunder, oh, how the heart bleeds! But thank God, there is a place where we can meet again. Dear parents and little brothers and sisters, behold the little hands are beckoning for you to come to that bright world, where our dear Saviour said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

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PROGRAM.

Tuesday, April 4th.

7:30 p. m., song and prayer service; enrollment of members; 8 p. m., "The Superintendent and the Little Children," Mrs. Hamill; 8:30 p. m., "Problems of the Sunday-school Superintendent in Memphis," illustrated lecture, John R. Pepper, Memphis; 9:30 p. m., announcements and adjournment.

Wednesday, April 5th.

9 a. m., Bible study, devotional service, Bishop E. E. Hoss; 9:15 a. m., a Bible drill, Dr. Hamill; 9:30 a. m., "How to Organize and Grade a Sunday-school," led by Dr. Hamill; fifteen minutes of questions and discussion; 10:15 a. m., "How to Equip a Sunday-school, What Helps, Appliances," etc., led by Prof. Brown, Austin; fifteen minutes of questions and discussion; 11 a. m., "The Superintendent and the Primary Department," Mrs. Hamill; 11:30 a. m., "Use and Abuse of Decision Day," Bishop E. E. Hoss; 12 m., announcements and adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon.

2:30 p. m., Sunday-school music, as illustrated by H. L. Piner, Austin; 2:45 p. m., A Methodist drill, Dr. Hamill; 3 p. m., "How to Extend a Sunday-school, by Visitation, Cradle Roll, Home Department," etc., led by J. B. Green, Opelika, Ala.; fifteen minutes of questions and discussion; 3:45 p. m., "The Junior Department, Its Needs and Methods," Mrs. Hamill; 4:15 p. m., "How to Manage a Sunday-school, Each Officer and How he Should Do It," led by Dr. Hamill; fifteen minutes of questions and discussion; 5 p. m., announcements and adjournment.

Wednesday Evening.

5:30 p. m., social hour and lunch served by the ladies, followed by thirty minutes informal conference, led by Dr. Hamill; 7:30 p. m., "My Difficulties as Superintendent," led by H. L. Piner, Austin, Blind Institute; 8 p. m., missionary drill, Dr. Hamill; 8:15 p. m., "Systematic Bible Study," W. L. Nelms, D. D., Georgetown, Texas; 8:30 p. m., "The Sunday-school As an Educational Force," Dr. Jas. Atkins, Nashville, Tenn.; 9:30 p. m., announcements and adjournment.

Thursday, April 6th.

9 a. m., a Sunday-school love feast, after the old manner, led by J. O. Wilson, D. D., Greenwood, S. C.; 9:30 a. m., "How to Find and Train Teachers, by Teachers' Meeting, Supply Class, and Especially by the Study Circle," led by Dr. Hamill; fifteen minutes of questions and discussion; 11 a. m., "A Standard Sunday-school as Set Forth by the General Sunday-school Board," John R. Pepper; 11:30 a. m., "How to Reach and Hold the Big Boy and Big Girl," John R. Green, Opelika, Ala.; 12 m., announcements and adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon.

2:30 p. m., "Volunteer Recital of Bible Verses; 2:45 p. m., a Specimen Superintendent's Review of Next Sunday's Lesson," Dr. Hamill; 3 p. m., "How to Train a Sunday-school: 1. In Giving, 2. In Home Study, 3. In Church Attendance, 4. In Temperance," led by Mrs. Hamill, assisted by Prof. F. W. Chatfield, Abilene; D. H. Abernathy, Pittsburg; fifteen minutes of questions and discussion; 3:45, "The Pastor and the Superintendent, How Each May Help the Other," J. B. Green; 4:15 p. m., Special Sunday-school features, viz: the blackboard, the messenger corps, Sunday-school days, the library, Sunday-school music, honors, rewards, etc., led by Dr. Hamill; 4:45 p. m., fifteen minutes of questions and discussion, John R. Pepper; 5 p. m., announcements and adjournment; 5:30 to 7:30 p. m., social hour and lunch served by the ladies, followed by thirty minutes informal conference, led by Dr. Hamill.

Thursday Evening.

7:30 p. m., song and prayer service, John R. Nelson, Dallas; 7:45 p. m., a Bible map drill, Dr. Hamill; 8 p. m., Round Table Talks, Subject: "How to Make the Sunday-school Go;" one minute speeches; 8:30 p. m., "The Sunday-school As an Evangelistic Force," Dr. Hamill; 9:30 p. m., closing words and adjournment.

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WAR NEWS.

The remnants of the Russian army are still being pursued by the Japanese. The Japanese, realizing the mistake they made at Liao Yang, after their great victory at Mukden continued to press on northward, and have taken possession of Tie Pass and have driven the Russians on toward Harbin. It is said that Oyama intends to occupy Hargia by the tenth of April. St. Petersburg, March 17.—With the evacuation of Tie Pass Wednesday night the Russian Army abandoned the last stronghold in Southern Manchuria and definitely turned over that section to the Japanese for the cam-

paign of 1905. At least no other strategy is possible for Gen. Kuropatkin, in view of his scanty supplies of ammunition and stores, the shattered condition of his army and the wide enveloping movements which the Japanese have continued almost without a stop since the Russian defeat at Mukden. Nothing has been heard of the part which Gen. Kanamura's army is taking in these operations, but Gen. Nogi and Oku, operating in the low hills of the Tie Pass gorge, were themselves sufficient to turn the shattered Russian Army out of the fortifications, which had been prepared with a view to being held by the Russian Army after it had withdrawn from Mukden.

On March 17 it was officially announced at St. Petersburg that Gen. Linevitch has been appointed Commander in Chief of the Manchurian Army. Kuropatkin is said to be in wretched health and he asked to be relieved. He is now on his way home.

Military critics point out that Gen. Linevitch was not graduated from the Tyhe Schools of Cadets or the military academy, but began his service as a volunteer and a private. While a subordinate officer during the Russo-Turkish War, Linevitch first met Kuropatkin, then a Captain. The latter represents the prudent soldier, while Linevitch represents the man from the ranks.

Beaumont District—Second Round.
Curtwright Chapel, Feb 28, 29.
Jasper and Kirbyville, at J. Apr 1, 2.
Woodville, at Colmesneil, Apr 8, 9.
Liberty, at Raymond, Apr 15, 16.
Sabine Pass, at Deweyville, Apr 22, 23.
China and Sour Lake, at S. L. Apr 29, 30.
Orange, May 6, 7.
Borkeville, at Mill Creek, May 13, 14.
Livingston, at Goodrich, May 20, 21.
Corrigan, at Moscow, May 27, 28.
First Ch. Beaumont, June 4, 5.
North End Beaumont, June 11, 12.
Jasper ms, at Eyerly camp, June 19, 11.
Wallsville, at W., June 13, 14.
Call, at Watson Chapel, June 17, 18.
Port Arthur, June 24, 25.
Warren, at Warren, July 1, 2.
Kountze, July 8, 9.
Silsbee, at Silsbee Junction, July 9, 10.
I congratulate the preachers and the people on the good start made in the work of the year. When we take into consideration the very trying and unfavorable weather during much of the quarter, we have done well, but we can do better, and I am sure you all want to do the best. Let us all work together, each one doing his part, to make this a quarter of larger results. Pray earnestly and work faithfully for a mighty, sweeping revival in every charge, and may the Lord send it speedily. District Conference at Port Arthur, commencing Wednesday morning, June 21, at 9 o'clock. Open sermon Tuesday night by Rev. A. J. Anderson. I have appointed the following committees: License to Preach, Admission on Trial and Re-admission, Revs. V. A. Goodbody, A. J. Anderson, R. O. Bailey; Deacons' Orders, Rev. M. L. Lindsey, J. W. Threlwell and J. T. Kirkpatrick; Elder's Orders, Revs. C. M. Thompson, H. T. Cunningham, F. M. Boyles. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

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ANOTHER VICTORY.

I wired the Advocate Saturday night that we had victory, but was not able to give much information outside of that fact. The following is the count from each box: Quanah Precinct, 135 prohibition, 177 anti; majority, 42 anti. Chillicothe Precinct, 135 prohibition, 82 anti; majority, 53 prohibition. Acme Precinct, 29 prohibition, 21 anti; majority, 8 prohibition. Gypsum Precinct, 33 prohibition, 11 anti; majority, 22 prohibition. Evans Switch Precinct, 15 prohibition, 10 anti; majority, 5 prohibition. North Groesbeck Precinct, 10 prohibition, 3 anti; majority, 7 prohibition. Total votes, 357 prohibition, 294 anti; prohibition majority, 53.

Of course we are happy. We had a three hours' prayer-meeting at our church Friday afternoon and one hour Saturday morning before polls were opened. Our speakers did us good work. We are grateful to each. Walker Hall turned his battery loose on them Friday night and Granville Jones closed ("exhorted") for him. Everything ran smoothly. The antis are dying hard. One or two of their number are stooping to some small acts, but we trust they will quiet down and take their medicine. R. B. BONNER. Quanah, Texas.

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