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## Editorial.

### CONSCIOUSNESS AS AN ORGAN OF KNOWLEDGE.

Through the medium of the five senses we become acquainted with the physical world. Were we born without these senses, seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting, this world would be a perfect blank to us. The world would still be a real world, but it would not be real to us. We would know nothing about it. In matters of philosophy we accept the system of realism instead of idealism. We believe that this world to which our senses introduce us would still be a real world if all men were born into it without sensuous perception. But this external world is not the only world to which we stand related. There is a great spirit world around us, just as real to spiritual sense as the physical world is real to the physical senses. And our medium of access to this spiritual world is consciousness. It is this that makes our acquaintance with God possible; yea, it makes it a fact, when we comply with the conditions. If we wilfully close the avenues of sense to the world about us, we shut out the world from us, and if we wilfully close our spiritual sense against God and his law, then we shut God out of our hearts, and his law out of our minds. We can not approach and apprehend God through our sensuous perceptions; neither can we adequately apprehend him through our mental processes. Man by searching can not find out God. We learn of him and his will concerning us through consciousness. The Scriptures tell us the conditions necessary to this conscious realization. Repentance and faith lead to this end, then God reveals to us the fact that we are pardoned, accepted and adopted into his family. Christ is formed within us the hope of glory, and we are made partakers of the divine nature. This knowledge is revealed unto us by the Holy Ghost who is given unto us. This knowledge is perfect knowledge. It is an unmistakable experience. The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. We know that we are passed from death into life, from nature into grace, from darkness into light. Our consciousness, which quadrates with the teachings of God's Word, is the organ through which the Holy Spirit reveals to us this knowledge. Like Paul we can say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." Thus it is we know God, whom to know aright is life eternal. Hence the correctness of our old fundamental doctrine, the witness of the Spirit, the perfect assurance of salvation. Without this experience, our salvation from sin is still problematical. With it, all doubt of salvation is eliminated. We are saved, and God's Spirit so testifies to the fact.

### TAKING CARE OF FRAGMENTS.

The man who is now conducting a great mercantile establishment in this city, came to it a good many years ago as a peddler, with his few belongings on his back. But he began to take care of the nickels and the dimes. In the course of time he had a good business

of his own, and to-day he is a merchant prince. He took care of the fragments, and they made the great business. After Christ had performed the miracle and fed the thousands, he ordered the disciples to gather up the fragments that nothing be wasted. Once, when Thomas Carlyle was crossing the street, he stopped and picked up something out of the mud, and with his hand he brushed the dirt off of it and put it down on the sidewalk. His friend asked him what it was he had found. "Nothing," he said, "but a crust of bread. Yet I was taught by my mother never to waste; and bread, above all, is more precious than gold. I am sure that the little sparrows or a hungry dog will get nourishment from that bit of bread." His friend smiled at the simplicity of the great man; but there was something noble in his act. He was carrying out a principle that had been taught him—to waste nothing, whether it be time, money, or bread—and he was true to his training. That very principle made him one of the great students and writers of his age. People as a rule care nothing for the small things, but they are very mindful of the large ones. It is the minutes that make the hour; it is the drops of water that make the oceans; it is the grains of sand that make the deserts, and it is the small opportunities that make the great events. How many moments we let pass unimproved! How many opportunities every day we fail to grasp and turn to good account! How many small occasions for doing good to a fellowman we do not seize as the day goes by! Yet if we would heed and appropriate the apparently small things they would bring to us fortune, or scholarship, or a conscience void of offense toward God and man. But often, while we are looking for great matters to pass our way, we let the small ones go by unobserved, and then we wonder why it is we have not succeeded? Let us keep our eyes open to see every fleeting opportunity; and let us unstop our ears so that we can hear the soft footfall of the smallest opportunity that rushes past us in the busy bustle of life's eventful day.

### DALLAS GONE INTO THE THEATER BUSINESS.

It will be remembered that some months ago the people of Dallas voted bonds to purchase the Fair Grounds. It was done with a provision that the stockholders retain the right to use the grounds once a year for fair purposes, and the rest of the time they are to be a public park, kept up at the expense of the city. We believed at the time that this project would be turned in some way against the best moral interests of the people, and so stated. Horse racing and pool gambling are now to be maintained during the annual fair and Sunday excursions will continue to be the order of the day. But this is not all; the City Council has now voted to rent the auditorium for theatrical purposes and to receive a per cent of the proceeds for the privilege thus secured. And all the people are to be taxed to maintain an institution of this character. With this arrangement all the Church people who own taxable property in the city are to be made partners

in this theater business. That is, for the sake of a little revenue the city park is to be turned over to cheap John performances during the week, and it is only a question of time when the Sabbath will be dragged into the business under the guise of "sacred concerts." The city has no right to tax its citizens in order to keep up an institution concerning the character of which many of them have scruples. If people want to attend theatrical performances run by stock companies or by private individuals, that is the business of such people themselves. But when the city, whose corporation represents the whole people, wants to go into the business and make all of us bear the burden of taxation to that end, then it is another question. We are, therefore, very sorry that the city, by vote of its council and for financial reasons, has forced us into the theatrical business. It is very distasteful to hundreds of our people.

### THE INFLUENCE OF GOOD LITERATURE.

This is an age when people generally are giving attention to reading. They do not always read books, though many of them do; but they read papers and periodicals. In the towns along the railways, the daily papers reach them, and the news stands teem with weeklies and monthlies. In the country districts the semi-weeklies and the tri-weeklies find their way, until it is almost impossible to find a home among the people where some sort of literature is not taken. There are thousands of cheap books and pamphlets, many of them not elevating in character; but the people have access to them. Not a great while ago we were in a humble home far away from the centers of population, and we noticed but one book in the house, and it was a cheap, trashy novel without one moral excellence to commend it, and along with it was a sensational story paper. How many homes of this sort there are in Texas we are not prepared to say; but doubtless there are plenty of them. Boys and girls read too much of this sort of trash. The way to counteract this evil is to put good books, good papers and good monthlies in the homes of our people. We have them, and at reasonable prices. The influence of such literature on the lives and character of young and formative life can not be overestimated. When placed in the home and in the hands of childhood they become a silent and perpetual force in the thought and conversation of the home. To keep up with the current events of the day, to come into touch with the good men and women who are leaders in the world's progress, and to absorb the teachings of those who write for the best papers and periodicals of the times, will inspire boyhood and girlhood and suggest avenues of enterprise that will often result in the adoption of vocations that will make useful and eminent men and women out of our children. Many boys and girls have been lead to shape their lives and characters because of what they have read in good books and periodicals. Father, mother, be sure to put a few good books and a good paper or two in the hands of your children, and you will never regret the little

investment. It will be seed put into good soil, and a harvest will follow.

### LIQUOR MEN AND BREWERS AS REFORMERS.

The wholesale liquor dealers and brewers are becoming alarmed. County after county in Texas is voting out barrooms, until now about one hundred and fifty-five counties have voted for local option, and all this number are now under local option, except a few where the courts have interfered. The State is gradually though surely slipping away from the liquor dealers and the brewers. As a result, they have actually organized themselves into a Wholesale Liquor Dealers' and Brewers' Association. They have their attorney, their secretary, and their detectives; and they are engaged, in different cities of the State, getting information against saloon men who violate the Sunday law, and against gamblers who operate in connection with saloons; and they are filing this information with the Grand Jury, and securing indictments against these offenders against the laws of the State. These facts have come out in the proceedings of the County Court at Waco, during the past two or more weeks. Eighty-one indictments were on the docket. Many of them were convicted; a goodly number plead guilty to the charges, and other cases went over till the next term. We were present a good deal of the time, and heard much of the evidence. It was a revelation. The lawyers for the defense denounced and abused the wholesale liquor dealers and the brewers in the severest manner possible, and held them up as the chief of all sinners; but their clients were usually convicted. But this is certainly a new role for the liquor dealers and the brewers. It is the first time in all their history when they ever went forth as a law and order league to reform their own business by prosecuting their own agents and patrons. It is an anomalous condition of things. Their work is one of tremendous proportions. They have had these saloon men and gamblers for fifty years in Texas, and they have graduated them in the arts of law-breaking, falsehood and debauchery; and now, to turn round and reform them by prosecuting them, convicting them and putting them in jail and on the road, is a task of no small magnitude. But they are in that very business, and we hope they may have at least some measure of success. They are the people to do this work, for if any set of men in Texas know the extent of the meanness and diabolism of the saloon business, and the degrading evils of the gambling dens run in connection with the saloon, it ought to be the wholesale liquor dealers and the brewers in Texas. We are glad that they are now hot after them, even if their motive is to save, if possible, their business from the merciless ravages of local option. While they are engaged in trying to make the saloons keep the law, let the people continue to press the local option battle to the gates; and with this State Association hammering the saloon violations through the courts, and the people bombarding them with local option, may be we will reach results by and by. On with the battle!



# Devotional and Spiritual

## DEPTH AND FULLNESS OF THE BIBLE.

The Bible is like a deep well of water, from which men draw and drink and carry away as much as they wish day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, and when centuries have passed away the water is just as abundant, fresh and pure as it was at the beginning. The well is supplied with water from some invisible reservoir, which appears to be inexhaustible. So the Bible furnishes truth—fresh, sweet, life-giving truth—to millions of men and women generation after generation, and the fountain shows no sign of failure.

Here ministers get texts for their sermons, and here they find the substance of the message they bring to the people who come to hear them preach. Tens of thousands of ministers have been drawing on this fountain for thousands of years, and handing out refreshing draughts to thirsty souls Sabbath after Sabbath, and the supply is as abundant, clear, and pure as it was at the beginning. Men are not tired of it. More people go to hear the Bible expounded every Sabbath in this generation than ever before. They find more to comfort, instruct, strengthen, and help them to-day than men ever found in the Bible before. The message is not stale, although it is very old.

There is a message in this book for everyone. Here is something for the learned. They find something here worthy of their study and interesting to their trained minds. Here is a message for the unlearned. They find truth here which they are able to understand and use. Here is a message adapted to the poor, and another for the

rich. The same great message suits the rich and poor alike. The Bible brings good tidings for the holiest saint and for the wickedest sinner. It speaks to the heart of the aged pilgrim and of the little child at the same time. Here is something for the afflicted and something for the prosperous and happy; "Ho, everyone that thirsteth; come ye to the waters." "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

The more we read the book the more we find that had before escaped our thought. It is not like a gold mine which is soon worked out. We have all heard of the rich mines of California. But one may ride through the mountains where a few years ago there were rich mines yielding wonderful quantities of splendid ore. Little cities grew up in those mining regions and the whole camp was full of life. But now the cities have disappeared, the inhabitants have moved away, the old flames are idle, the mines are worked out. A little gold may still be found there, but not enough to pay for working. Not so the Bible. Go again and again to the same passage and you will find something there you never found before. If you should read it over a hundred times and study it every day for a year you would not find out all there is in it. If the world should continue to exist for a million years, and intelligent men should study the Bible all that time, they would not exhaust its resources. When you shall have drained the ocean dry by dipping out a cupful each day, you may begin to think of the possibility of exhausting the resources of the Bible.

Three skeptics were once engaged in a discussion of the comparative merits of great books, when the question was propounded: "If you were to be shut up in prison with only one book, which one would you choose for the companion of your imprisonment?" One said he would choose Shakespeare, and gave good reasons. Another named some other great English book. But the third said he would select the Bible, and gave as his reason this, "It is no end of a book."—Exchange.

### FOR TROUBLED HEARTS.

A saintly man, Dr. Cuyler, now nearing the golden gates, spends the strength of his latter days writing messages of comfort for troubled hearts. The following words are tinged with the sunset's glow:

"We often make sad mistakes as to what is best for us. We often hide our richest blessings under a pall and decorate with garlands our temptations, or the sources of our spiritual sorrows and shame. The poor old patriarch Job was shrouded in gloom when he wailed out, 'All these things are against me.' Joseph is gone; Simeon is gone; and they have carried away also Benjamin, who bore in his boyish face the photograph of the beautiful Rachel. He calls his lot a sad one. But the returning caravan is almost in sight which brings to him the full sacks from Egypt's granaries and the joyful invitation to go and see his long-lost Joseph as premier of Pharaoh's kingdom. His dark hour is just before the day-dawn. What he regarded as a sorrow has grown into the greatest mercy of his life. There may have been wet eyes up in that prayer-room in Jerusalem, where the little band met after their Master had left them. They were sowing in tears, to reap with joy before the next day's sun went down. Never despair of a good cause. Never despair of a great heaven-directed reform, even when the powers of hell are striving to strangle it. Never despair of a child. The one that fills you with the most solicitude and occasions

your most fervent prayers may yet gladden your life with joys beyond your brightest hopes. Never despair of a soul so long as you can plead with God for that soul or strive to bring it into the view of Christ.—The Presbyterian.

### THE DIVINE CREDIT.

The divine credit is good, even if God does not settle all his bills on Saturday night. Human nature is impatient alike at the delays of God's judgments, and at the lingering of his rewards. Men complain like the foolish servants in the parable, saying, "My Lord delayeth his coming." They sigh, and say that there may be a God, but that the ways of the world are very hard on one's faith. These need some prophet's voice ringing in their ears: "Be still, and know that I am God." They need the confidence of Abraham's prayer: "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" What if God's accounts do lie over for a day, or a year or a generation? We should do for God's settlements what the prophet Habakkuk tells us he did for the divine vision: "Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come; it will not delay." It was in that spirit and resting on that truth that the much injured queen of France said to Cardinal Richelieu: "My Lord Cardinal, God does not pay at the end of every week, but at the end he pays."—Congregationalist and Christian World.

### A THRILLING INCIDENT.

Recently a citizen of Pennsylvania, sixty-one years of age, a Welshman by birth, who had been a singer of prominence, was ill even unto death. Finding that he was soon to pass out of the world, he summoned a quartet of friends. As death approached, he was propped up and asked them in a whisper to sing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." As their voices filled the room he fell in with a full, rich bass, so clear and strong that it was heard in other parts of the house. He sang the entire hymn with the others and sank back upon the bed dead. Such gatherings up, as the vital spark is about to take its flight, of all the latent strength of the body, have occurred but infrequently. In this instance the force of habit and the strength-economizing, rhythmical movement in music oft-repeated, caused all that remained of nervous force to flow to the vocal cords and organs of respiration, and the strength that might have caused him to survive a few moments longer was exhausted.—New York Christian Advocate.

### OUR GOD IS ABLE TO DELIVER US.

God hath a thousand keys to open a thousand doors for the deliverance of his own when it has come to the greatest extremity. Let us be faithful and care for our own part, which is to do and suffer for him, and lay God's part on himself, and leave it there; duties are ours, events are the Lord's. When our faith goeth to meddle with events and to hold a court (if I may so speak) upon God's providence, and beginneth to say, "How wilt thou do this or that?" we lose ground, we have nothing to do there. It is our part to let the Almighty exercise his own office and steer his own helm.—Samuel Rutherford.

### WORK FOR THE KINGDOM.

One of the extraordinary men of his day, and indeed of all time, was John Eliot, the first missionary to the American Indians. He was a man of culture, qualified to teach in any institution of learning, or to preach in any pulpit; but he deliberately chose to give himself to the work of teaching and training the children of the forest. He learned their language and translated the Scriptures for them, and was their teacher through many years. On

the very day of his death, in his eightieth year, he was found teaching an Indian child the alphabet. When some one remonstrated with him, and said he ought to rest from his labors, Eliot made the noble reply: "I have prayed to God to make me useful in my sphere, and he has heard my prayer; for now that I can no longer preach, he leaves me strength enough to teach this poor child his alphabet." The question is sometimes raised as to what a minister or missionary may properly engage in besides the work of preaching or teaching the Bible. It is not an easy question to answer, but we may be sure that anything we do for the sole end of God's glory, which includes man's highest good, is work for the kingdom of heaven, and will have its reward.

"Who sweeps a room as for God's laws,  
Makes that and the action fine."

—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

### PRAYER.

Go not, my friend, into the dangerous world, without prayer. You kneel down at night to pray, and drowsiness weighs down your eyelids; a hard day's work is a kind of excuse, and you shorten your prayer, and resign yourself softly to repose. The morning breaks, and it may be you rise late, and so your early devotions are not done, or are done with irregular haste. No watching unto prayer! And now is that reparable? We solemnly believe not. There has been that done which can not be undone. You have given up your prayer, and you will suffer for it. Temptation is before you, and you are not ready to meet it. There is a guilty feeling on the soul, and you linger at a distance from God. It is no marvel if that day in which you suffer drowsiness to interfere with prayer, be a day in which you shrink from duty. Moments of prayer intruded on by sloth can not be made up. We may get experience, but we can not get back the rich freshness and strength which were wrapped up in those moments.—Selected.

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FEBRUARY.

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The trees with their load of ice bend low, Like mortals 'neath a weight of snow; The homeless sparrow with instinct go To our ice-trimmed eaves, and nestle low.

The poor, dumb cattle, with restless tread, Seem afraid of the wind-swept roof o'er head, And call to their young with anxious look And huddle close in the warmest nook.

This hoary old king seems to want no rest, For at midnight he's doing his very best; He howls and shrieks as he flies down the lanes, And comes so near us he blows his breath on the panes.

The wee ones inside know naught of his power; They see only beauty, as they trace by the hour The wonderful things that were left on the glass, As the storm-king and courtiers were making their pass.

They see the lacy, the leafy, the lovely flower, And the feathery, fern-like, fragile bower, They find the elf and the fairy, All built of scroll work, so light and so airy.

They find soldiers, and swords, and trumpets, And Psyche and Cupid, the fabled love bearers; But of all the fanciful things they love most...

O merciful king! it seems you would stay Your pitiless, heartless reign for to-day, For death, awful death, came yesterday, And stole from a sweet home a loved one away!

You surely will not force the widow to go And lay her darling away in the snow; Ah, yes, they go by with the funeral tread To the cold, frozen city—the home of the dead!

What was that I saw just now so bright? Like a flash of glory from the world of light; 'Twas a stray sunbeam God has sent To tell us the storm-king's fury is spent.

There's a rift in the clouds, and I see the blue, Like a glimpse of God's goodness peeping through, To remind us poor pilgrims of the promise true, "Lo, always I will be with you."

Good-bye, old king; your reign's at an end; Among all your subjects you have not a friend, Unless it's the wee ones, who remember with pride The beautiful tracings on the windows outside.

MRS. A. R. NASH.

BRO. SMITH AND THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

In the Advocate of March 16th Bro. J. T. Smith calls attention to discrepancies which appear in the statistical tables of membership in the Texas Conference minutes. This problem seems always with us and progress towards a satisfactory solution is slow.

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lacked fifty-eight of the number given in the minutes. Take Mt. Pleasant Station. Statistical table showed a membership of 391. By using all diligence I found 132 names, some of which ought to have been removed.

A study of these cases will reveal to Bro. Smith how and where the discrepancies he complains of occur. To revert to Mt. Pleasant, my report from that charge in 1903 showed a total membership of 153. This, compared with the report of the previous year, indicates a loss of 148, whereas there was really a net gain of twenty-one.

I have never gone to a charge to which the above criticism did not in some measure apply, and perhaps I have never left one in which I was not in some degree liable to the same criticism, and I intend no sort of reflection on any one.

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which we were entertained. The good people of Kountze left nothing undone to make our stay among them most pleasant and agreeable. The writer was entertained in the comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, who are both members of the Methodist Church.

Bro. Anderson is to be congratulated on having such a pleasant and agreeable people to serve. Kountze, three years ago, was an unimportant appointment on a large circuit paying fifty and sixty dollars; now she is a \$600 station.

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can the board do in such cases? He must in some way be taken care of. It is a question whether this money put in this home will not be lost, as it often is, because of his inability to pay remaining payments and live.

Birmingham, Ala., March 4, 1905. Rev. Louis S. Barton:

My Dear Sir: Yours of March 1st came promptly to hand. I am delighted to hear from you and to learn that the North Texas Conference has taken up the great work of providing homes for your conference claimants.

These brethren are taking hold of this matter in a way that is sure to succeed. May I not hear from some layman on this subject?

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DALLAS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Dallas District Conference met at First Church, in this city, last Tuesday, with Rev. J. L. Morris, presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. Ed. Barcus was elected Secretary, and will furnish the Advocate with a report of the proceedings a little later.

TWO CONSCIENTIOUS ATTORNEYS.

The County Attorney of McLennan County, Mr. O. H. Cross, and his assistant, Hon. Pat Noff, have shown themselves to be worthy of the trust committed to them in their faithful work of prosecuting Sunday saloon violators and gamblers.

A COUPLE OF DAYS IN AUSTIN.

As I had two engagements in the vicinity of Austin, Round Rock and Hutto, I filled them Thursday and Friday nights and spent the days in the city. I wanted to look upon the Legislature, I know all the members of both branches and they are fairly well acquainted with me.

There is an improvement over previous Legislatures. No whiskey or beer is shipped into the State buildings, and not many of them gamble—though there are several who are devoted to this business, if rumor is to be credited.

G. C. R.

AT HUTTO AND ROUND ROCK.

These two towns are in the Georgetown District and constitute one charge. Rev. J. G. Pollard is the pastor, and he lives in the former place. This is his first year and he is doing well. He is an energetic and enterprising preacher, and he keeps up with all departments of his work.

G. C. R.

AGAIN IN WACO.

The Criminal Court had me in Waco as a witness again last week. The Wholesale Liquor Dealers' and Brewers' Association are determined that the laws of the land shall be strictly observed by the saloons and gamblers!

the saloon crowd slipped up behind the witness and dealt him two tremendous blows over the head with a large stick. Had he been an ordinary man in size the blows would have killed him; but he is a tremendous man, and he recovered himself in a moment and grappled with the fellow.

G. C. R.

One night last week I preached to the congregation at Fifth Street Church, of which Rev. Jerome Duncean is the pastor. It was his regular prayer service and there was a good attendance. His people have made wonderful improvement in that faithful old Church.

A DAY IN NAVASOTA.

Last Sunday we were in Navasota with Rev. W. F. Davis and his people. The town is located on the Texas Central Road, about seventy miles this side of Houston. It has a population of between two and three thousand, and it is also reached by the I. & G. N. and the Santa Fe roads.

something like three hundred. We also have a good Sunday-school of a trifle less than one hundred, with Brother W. B. Wesson superintendent. He is a son of the late Rev. J. M. Wesson, one of the pioneer preachers of Texas and one of the most faithful men whose labors have helped to lay the foundation of Methodism in all that section.

G. C. R.

ANOTHER COUNTY DRY.

Haskell County voted on local option last Saturday and went dry by a large majority. It has heretofore been wet—very wet. It was out of Haskell a while back that the famous "hack" line for delivering liquor in Jones County was started; and when the man was convicted, the Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the verdict on the ground that the "hack was a common carrier."

A live pastor, speaking of the state of the Advocate subscription list on his charge, adds: "When every preacher learns what most of them already know, that the Advocate is not a burden, but a burden bearer, such a condition of affairs will no longer exist."

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HE KNOWETH—HE LOVETH.

He knoweth—He whose mind conceived, Whose thought gave birth to all that is— He loveth all. He not deceived; The plan and handwork are His.

study for the next Sabbath, or, if the meeting be held monthly, for the four Sabbaths of the following month. In the latter case, the lessons of its four Sundays must pass in review before the meeting. Not less than forty minutes will be needed. The method is to take up the four lessons in order, devoting about ten minutes to each, setting forth their main points only, and to suggest lines of study to be followed out by the teachers. The condensation demanded by such a plan will prove a help to teachers. It sets them to work to discover the pith and essence of each lesson, and guides them in the right use of lesson material. The method of bringing out the points may be varied greatly. Teachers may be assigned in advance to present the entire outline of a lesson. Or the body of teachers may constitute a kind of faculty, each having his department. To one may be given the "textual difficulties;" to another, the "orientalisms;" to another, the "central spiritual truths;" to another, special "points for primary teaching;" to another, the "connecting links;" to another, the "differences in versions;" etc. Something should be laid upon each teacher to make ready, however small and brief it may be.

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.)

State Epworth League Cabinet.

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ENCAMPMENT, CORPUS CHRISTI, AUGUST 8-12, 1905.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI.

Some weeks ago the President of the State Epworth League addressed a communication to the cabinet officers of the Texas and the North Texas Conference Leagues, suggesting to them that, in view of the International Conference in July and the State Conference in August, it might be well to hold their meetings in connection with the State Encampment at Corpus Christi, thereby reducing the number of meetings, curtailing the expenses and giving the membership throughout the State a better opportunity of attending the two larger meetings. It was thought that all would be especially interested in the Corpus Christi meeting whether they should go to Denver or not, and the opportunity to utilize the State speakers on the conference programs was held out as one of the inducements to make the transfer from other sections to Corpus Christi. We are glad to say that the North Texas Conference League, through its board of cabinet officers, has adopted the recommendation of the State President and will meet at Corpus Christi during the encampment session. Likewise the Texas Conference Epworth League, through its board of cabinet officers, has decided to meet at Corpus Christi. The action of these two bodies mean much for the success of the State meeting. Their whole energy will be centered in the State program, and the cabinet boards will now co-operate with the State officers in making the attendance as large as possible. A day or more of the State program will be assigned to each of these two conferences, and their own services will be carried out as usual. It is not intended that the conference organizations shall be abolished, but it is hoped that other conferences will take advantage

of the large gathering at Corpus Christi and organize themselves into League bodies. In this way the State work will be promoted and developed and the greatest possible good will result to the Epworth League movement throughout the entire State of Texas.

THE BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The following basis of membership was established at the 1904 session of the State Epworth League, to-wit: "The membership of the conference shall consist of ten delegates from each presiding elder's district of the several Texas conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, elected by the District League Conference, or appointed by the presiding elder where no district League organization exists." It will be understood that the purpose of this provision is to secure representative members of the League from each district duly empowered to vote upon all questions affecting their interests. It is in no sense restrictive as to how many delegates may attend the State meeting, for all who desire may come. The voting power alone is regulated, and we think wisely. Those whose duty it is to name these delegates are requested to do so as early as possible and forward names for record. It would be well to name an equal number of alternates, and this is recommended. G. W. T.

NOTES.

The Louisiana State League will meet at Crowley, May 10-14. The Missouri State League will meet at Pertle Springs, July 18-20. Bishop Hoss has engaged to write a special hymn for the dedication service at Corpus Christi. A communication from the Denver publicity committee was returned this week on account of its lack of legibility. President Dan Walker of the Texas Conference League writes: "It is very satisfactory with our cabinet to meet with the State League at Corpus Christi." The South Carolina Leagues are carrying at their mast-head this slogan: "One hundred new Leagues for South Carolina; \$1000 for Granberry College in Brazil." We acknowledge receipt of an invitation from the Dallas District Campaign Committee to join in special work at Josephine. Allan Ragsdale is the moving spirit in this work. State Second Vice-President C. R. Comfort, of Missouri, announces in the St. Louis Advocate that he will open a question box in the League department and invites queries on charity and help work. League Editor H. B. Anderson, of the Raleigh Advocate, says: "I greatly rejoice in your success. I wish you could spare to us in North Carolina half a dozen of your zealots." A certificate of deposit for the amount of the bonus pledged by the Corpus Christi people has been received by the chairman of the Assembly Committee. The money is deposited to the credit of the State Epworth League. Miss Leta Higginbotham read a splendid paper before the Frisco League recently on the subject of "Intemperance." She thinks Christians should be more pronounced in their sentiment against the liquor traffic; should work for temperance legislation and vote for prohibition. Presiding Elder Joe F. Webb writes: "We have postponed the time and place of the meeting of the Beeville District League Conference, from Beeville, April 8, to Corpus Christi, August 11, 3 p. m. We do this to increase the attendance on the assembly and to save our Leagues some expense." This action on the part of Brother Webb and his Leagues is most commendable. We take off our hat to them.

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Miss Norwood Wynn writes from Guadalajara, Mexico, as follows: "I am in need of sympathy of a very substantial character. I am in charge of a charity school where not only instruction is given free, but books, paper and all supplies must be furnished. I have a Mexican assistant and we occupy the vacant rooms in our church building. We are very much in need of desks and tables of some kind. We have about half enough blackboards; in fact, I could occupy a great deal of space enumerating our needs." Here is an opportunity for some of our Leagues to do a good work. We have written to know the amount of money necessary to purchase the things most needed, and in the meantime we shall be glad to have pledges from chapters which desire to contribute to this fund. Do not send any money to me, only state what you are willing to give. G. W. T.

FROM HENDERSON.

It gives me great pleasure to say that the Epworth League has been reorganized here. Our young people are taking great interest in the devotional meetings and each meeting is more enthusiastic than the last. The League has been organized here several times, and has been a failure, but we trust that with the help of God we will succeed now. C. C. TELLER, Sec. BEEVILLE DISTRICT. The Beeville District League Conference will meet at Corpus Christi August 11 at 3 p. m. instead of at Beeville April 8. GEO. T. JOHNSON, Pres. Gen. Pass. & Tkt. Agt., Dallas, Texas.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

West Point Circuit.

R. A. Waltrip: Truly the Lord was with us last Sunday at 11 a. m.; several conversions and two additions by profession of faith, and at 3 o'clock two more additions by profession of faith, and at night five additions by profession of faith, making nine additions last Sunday.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Watrous, New Mexico.

Ed Le Breton, March 21: We have just closed a meeting here, and the Lord gave us a sweeping victory. The second day of the meeting the Holy Spirit came and made preaching easy.

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

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

(Continued from page 5.)

and a fine service we had. After about 4 p. m. Bro. J. G. Miller arrived and the congregation already assembled, soon was into the business of the conference in his usual easy and pleasant way.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Saratoga.

J. M. Holt: March 27: We are away down here in Beaumont District on the Warren charge, with three sawmill towns, one oil field and three country appointments in our charge.

Carthage.

W. L. Pate, March 21: Our first Quarterly Conference was held March 13. Our presiding elder, C. A. Tower, was with us.

Bellville.

C. C. Childress, March 22: Our people have treated us most kindly. The ladies have placed new furniture in the parsonage, placed new matting on the floors, have furnished the parsonage with many other needed articles, among which is a telephone, that they keep paid up.

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- H. Major, sub. C. G. Shutt, sub has attention. J. J. Canafax, sub. Geo. H. Phair, sub. J. H. Westmoreland, sub.
March 27-J. H. Chambliss, sub. J. W. Harmon, sub. O. K. T. B. Hiburn, sub. J. T. Bludworth, sub. C. R. Wright, sub. J. P. Callaway, subs. E. A. Smith, sub. N. C. Little, subs.

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