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Editorial.

LOCAL OPTION AND STATE POLITICS.

The politicians of the State are pretending to be much excited over their fears that local option is to be made an issue in the next State campaign for the office of Governor. We do not assume to represent the local option sentiment of Texas on this question, nevertheless our relation to it has been and is such that we are free to remark, that there is no ground for any such fear, so far as local option people are concerned. There is no organization of local option forces in Texas. Wherever there is a local option fight in any given county or precinct we do strive to unify our interests at that given point and we make every legitimate effort possible to deliver its votes against the bar-room, but beyond that there is no disposition to use local option sentiment in the interest of any clique or party. Local option people are simply citizens of the country, and in questions of politics each one is at liberty to follow his own convictions. We did try to organize a State Local Option Association for the purpose of giving aid to the workers in local option elections, but even this movement has gained no headway. But insofar as it has done anything, it has eschewed politics. As a matter of fact, we have put forth our utmost endeavor to keep local option out of politics and to leave it on its moral basis, where the Constitution and the laws of the State have placed it. We do not want it mixed up in party politics of any name or order. But during last year a few self-appointed guardians of the Democratic party, made up mostly of a lot of "hold-over Senators" and a few outside whiskey supporters, thrust it into the last State primaries despite our effort to keep it out. Their experience, we are happy to say, left them wiser and sadder men, and we indulged the hope that this would be the last of any such effort. But some of that same crowd are bobbing up and shaking local option in the face of the approaching campaign. If a candidate is announced for Governor, and we have several of them, these sorheaded antis, still stinging under their late defeat, begin to cry out: "Local option is his issue and he will split the party." Who is making it his or anybody's issue? No one but these meddlers with the people's rights. They are doing their best to bring local option into the campaign, get up a division if possible and then try to elect some man who is to be secretly known as the liquor man's candidate. This is at the bottom of their adroit agitation of this subject. They alone are originating it, and they are back of it. It is impossible for them to keep their hands off of it and their mouths out of it. They hate local option just like the devil hates holy water, and they are determined to try to make it responsible for their uncompromising effort to prejudice public sentiment against this or that man whom they wish to put down as the "prohibition candidate." It is

a part of their hidden and devilish scheme. If by their tactics they force local option as an issue into the campaign the responsibility will rest upon them and not upon local option leaders. And if they persists in throwing down the gauntlet they will alone be responsible for the result. Insofar as we know, all the worthy gentlemen now in the race announce themselves in favor of the question of local option as expressed in the Constitution and laws of the State, and there is no necessity for the matter mixing itself with party issues. The only interest that the Advocate has taken or will take in this matter is to treat local option as a moral issue left to each county to adopt or defeat with a majority of the votes of the people concerned. Beyond this we feel no interest in the question—unless these disgruntled whiskey politicians force it into other issues and relations. In view of the present trend of matters, as represented by the anti-local option sentiment, we deem the subject worthy of the above statement.

NEBULOUS METAPHYSICS AND MUDDY THEOLOGY.

The Arkansas Methodist recently contained a lengthy editorial on the subject, "Communication With the Unseen World." When we read the subject we presumed that the matter to be discussed was the "unseen" world, so often referred to by Paul, but on reading through its ponderous sentences we saw that the writer was referring to possible communications with "Mars" and other planets millions of miles away from us. From this point of view the editor drifts off from the region of magnifying glasses and astronomy into the vagaries of "psychic phenomena" and expresses his belief in mental telepathy. We quote him: "So far as the writer is concerned, he unhesitatingly avows his belief in the existence of psychic powers lying beyond the region of the senses and available under proper conditions for obtaining information not obtainable through the use of the senses. That is to say, he believes in telepathy and allied psychic influences." Having made this statement, he then proceeds to caution his readers against the excesses to which many people go who deal in these delicate matters. After finishing up his view of this phase of the question, in which he leaves us to infer that there may come a time when all these occult matters that now range themselves under the head of the miraculous and the supernatural will resolve themselves into the results of the operations of natural law. With this as a sort of a postulate, the writer takes up the Christian religion and proceeds to account for much of it on this same assumption. He even says, speaking of Christ's communion with the Father while in the flesh: "Nor is it necessary to assume that the method of his constant communion with the Father was a special method lying beyond the realm of nature." In other words, Christ understood mental telepathy and through that medium held communion with the Father! From the whole editorial we are left to infer that the

editor of the Arkansas Methodist is a disciple of Hudson and other workers in psychic phenomena. As a matter of speculation, these things are an interesting study, but they are very poor spiritual food for the average Methodist. They make up a jargon of mixed metaphysics and muddy theology! It will yet be a long time before the school men will be able to take these occult matters out of the realm of the purely speculative and tentative questions and give to them a permanent place in the realm of science. Until then the average mind will get but little out of them that is helpful or inspiring. But in the meantime we shall not be astonished if the Spiritualists do not class the editor-professor of the Arkansas Methodist among their votaries, for he says: "There is nothing at all monstrous in the belief that if our spiritual natures are freed from all moral pollution we might hold natural converse with those who are in heaven, not far away, it may be, but all about us, not so much in a place as in a condition, emancipated, free, sublimated, but more real than when they were living with us. The next advance of our humanity may be into this sphere." The Spiritualist claims that we are already in that "sphere," and it seems that our Arkansas editor is heading in that direction. Now we would not have noticed this ethereal editorial had it not been that this learned man so recently on the tripod undertook a while back to act the part of censor of what he called the "Metaphysics of the Texas Advocate."

THE STRENGTH OF THE TOBACCO HABIT.

We have no very peculiar views concerning the tobacco habit. Personally, we never learned it in any of its forms, and we are scarcely able to tell the taste of it. Neither are we given to excoiating those who do use it. We have a very decided opinion, however, that it would be far better for our young ministers to eschew the use of it. It is a habit which they can very well afford to lop off while they are young ministers. It does not add to their ideas of cleanliness and it involves a useless expense. Hundreds of our good mothers do not want their boys to use tobacco and try to teach them that it is wrong, but their teaching on this subject is neutralized by the open and daily example of the pastor. But the dominant reason why we advise young ministers and young men generally to abstain from the use of it is found in the fact that after the habit has fixed itself upon you through years of use and practice it is almost next to impossible to throw it off. There must be something, then, in tobacco very enslaving and pernicious when it can thus fasten itself upon a man and he has no power to rid himself of it. We were talking to a man the other day who had been addicted to the use of tobacco for years and years and his digestion had become impaired and his heart action was bad. He was advised to give it up. He was then in the midst of the struggle. He remarked: "It is like going up against a buzz saw, but I hope to succeed." He was suffering agony.

It had his system saturated; its power was fixed upon his brain; his desire was crying out for it; he was almost pitiable. The habit had him bound head and heart, hand and foot. It did not want to let him go, and he was in the toils of it. The fact is, when a man uses the weed for twenty years he is its slave and it is his master. He can not think without it; he can not sleep without it; he can not stay awake without it; he has no appetite without it, and his life is under its rule and authority. Anything which thus fastens itself upon a man and rules with such a rod of iron ought to be broken up and thrown off while you are young. When you get old you can not do it.

THE DRINKING MAN HAS A HARD TIME.

In the years gone by we gave but little attention to the habits of a man when the question of his employment came before us. Drinking was no bar to his getting and holding a position. He might drink more or less while at the work we wanted him to accomplish, but just so he was able to half way attend to his business his drinking gave us but little concern. We can well remember when this was the state of the case. But within the past few years the whole situation on this subject has changed. A habitual drinker can scarcely find employment anywhere. The railroads do not want him, the dry goods merchant won't have him, the banks turn him down, builders and contractors have no use for him, the insurance companies will not take him as a risk, the printing business turns away from him, and, in fact, there is no door for permanent employment open to him. Even the bar-rooms that have helped to make him a drunkard will not employ him as a bartender. He is a pitiable object. To this extent the question of morals and religion is not taken into the account. It resolves itself into the one question of his inability to perform acceptable service because of his drink habits. Whiskey utterly unfits him for competency in any line of work. There is positively no place for him in the commercial and industrial world. And if he has an independent business of his own, even that will slip away from him because of his drinking proclivities. Now if you will add to this condition the fact that whiskey unfits him for his duties to himself, his family, to society and to the Church of God, where is there left to him any ground upon which to stand in this world or in the world to come? Therefore there is no argument of any sort with which to defend him in his drink habits. He is unfit to live and he is not prepared to die. Men turn from him, and the devil laughs at him. He finally loathes himself. Why, then, will a man drink in the face of such a state of facts? At first he imagines that he can quit it whenever he gets ready, but he has not gotten ready; and here he is a poor, miserable wretch, practically stranded upon the shore of what might have been a useful and and happy life. But he is a drunkard! Nobody wants him.

The Power of Habit.

By Jno. H. Keen.

That inexorable law that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" is nowhere better illustrated or more clearly fulfilled than in the power of habit. Habits are a harvest. They are the reaping of earlier sowing. Sow well and you will never reap ill. Habits once formed are hard, yea, almost impossible, to change. Many men, in the excitement of young manhood and in the mad rush for the almighty dollar, neglect the higher and nobler elements which go to the edification of a well-rounded character. This neglect is not always caused by the contempt in which they hold these better qualities. Most men readily admit the superiority of noble principle over sordid greed. Their neglect is rather a form of procrastination. They expect to have these better elements. Yes, they even expect to strive hard after them. But they feel that these better things are of a moral nature, not limited to the restrictions of space and time, and will consequently always be accessible to them. The opportunity for acquiring fame, position or wealth, on the other hand, are relative and transient opportunities, and must be attended to at once. Their reasoning is more or less correct, but they have neglected one element in the premise. It is not the danger of change in the moral qualities that is to be feared. It is the danger of change in the individual. By his search after gold, the individual himself has become unpenetrable, except by a golden key. In his search for the perishable, he has himself become so unbound that the pure and noble can not take hold upon him. The fatal change has been wrought in him. How has this all come about? Not by any change of environment. Not because he has become wealthy and elevated his social circle. Simply because he has so habituated himself to such a life that any other life is practically beyond his aspiration. It is simply the reaping of a life of sowing tarts.

All this is not mere theory. Nothing is more scientific than is the explanation of the power of habit. Habit has a purely physical basis. The laws of nature itself are but the oft-repeated and ever-recurring processes which she has for these centuries undergone. Human nature, however, gives rise to greater variations in the processes of life. And yet, even in the sphere of human nature, habit is explicable as a simple physiological process. While the brain is protected from direct external impressions by a secure covering of bony substance, it receives impressions nevertheless. These impressions are received from the external world by the senses and conveyed by nerve paths to the brain centers. Each new impression makes a distinct rearrangement in the molecular structure of the brain. A similar impression will deepen the path already made. The result will be stronger action each time. Every repetition of excitation makes each resulting action more automatic. Finally, the impression is received, the nerve carries it to the brain, the brain communicates it to the muscles, and the action is done before consciousness becomes aware of what is going on. This is, briefly stated, the process of the formation of habit. A simple illustration is found in the rivulet which courses its way through a sandy land. Go to the stream. With the finger make small fissures in the banks. The water at first is loathe to change its course into a rough channel. But after being dammed up below and forced into the new channel it soon washes deep and smooth the new course, so that it flows as easily into that as it did in the old channel.

A clear conception of the power of habit in youth can not be overestimated. The brain is very impressionable then. Its pathways are easily made. Impressions made then are almost ineradicable. It is, therefore, very important to surround the youth with environments whose influences shall be wholesome to character formation. Not only so, but even to keep many things, which would contribute merely to pleasure, away from his reach. Certain things, which to the practical man seem useless and even absurd, have inestimable value in forming habits of endurance, of polity, and of self-sacrifice. By the age of twenty a man has made himself largely, especially in respect to his personal character. No man or woman should assume the parental responsibility without a most thorough knowledge of the importance of early effort in training the child. Many awake to see the folly of their neglect when it is too late. Parents often fear to send their children off to school lest the alien influences of new society will lead their children astray. Their fears are too often justified. But after a close observation of some six years, in which time I have

become personally acquainted with the habits of some two thousand young people between the ages of 17 and 25, I find that, nine times out of ten, the boy or girl who has been raised habitually right is in little danger. His correct habits fortify him against the evil with which he is surrounded.

Habit is not always evil in its influence. Habits are often the salvation of a man. They really constitute the bone and sinew of character. It is well enough to have good maxims. But these are not enough. Prof. James has developed this idea so fully and expressed it so fluently, that I quote him in full:

"No matter how good one's sentiments may be, if one have not taken advantage of every concrete opportunity to act, one's character may remain entirely unaffected for the better. With mere good intentions, hell is proverbially paved. And this is an obvious consequence of the principles we have laid down. A 'character,' as J. S. Mill says, 'is a completely fashioned will'; and a will in the sense he means it, is an aggregate of tendencies to act in a firm and prompt and definite way upon all the principal emergencies of life. A tendency to act only becomes effectively ingrained in us in proportion to the uninterrupted frequency with which the actions actually occur, and the brain 'grows' to their use. When a resolve or a fine glow of feeling is allowed to evaporate without bearing practical fruit, it is worse than a chance lost; it works so as positively to hinder future resolution and emotions from taking the normal path of discharge. There is no more contemptible type of human character than that of the nervous sentimentalist and dreamer, who spends his life in a weltering sea of sensibility and emotion, but who never does a concrete deed. Rousseau, inflaming all the mothers of France, by his eloquence, to follow nature and nurse their babies themselves, while he sends his own children to the foundling hospital, is the classical example of what I mean. But every one of us in his measure, whenever, after glowing for an abstractly formulated good, he practically ignores some actual case, among the squalid 'other particulars' of which that same good lurks disguised, treads straight on Rousseau's path. All goods are disguised by the vulgarity of their concomitants, in this work-a-day world. But woe to him who can only recognize them when he thinks them in their pure and abstract form! The habit of excessive novel reading and theatre going will produce true monsters in this line. The weeping of the Russian lady over the fictitious personages in the play, while her coachman is freezing to death on his seat outside, is the sort of thing that everywhere happens on a less glaring scale. Even the habit of excessive indulgence in music, for those who are neither performers themselves nor musically gifted enough to take it in a purely intellectual way, has probably a relaxing effect upon the character. One becomes filled with emotions which habitually pass without prompting to any deed, and so the inertly sentimental condition is kept up. The remedy would be, never to suffer one's self to have an emotion at a concert without expressing it afterwards in some active way. Let the expression be the least thing in the world—speaking genially to one's grandmother, or giving up one's seat in a horse car, if nothing more heroic offers—but let it not fail to take place."

Habits are not always particular in their nature. They are often of a general nature. You can have the habit of a pleasant atmosphere about you. Or you may flinch at putting forth effort until you become powerless for exertion. Then an intensely important and practical maxim is, "Keep the faculty of effort alive in you by a little gratuitous effort every day." One can associate with unclean, smutty-mouthed people, living in an atmosphere of uncleanness, until a fresh breath of pure air would almost knock him breathless. If a man or woman aspires to live a pure life, he or she must refuse absolutely to lend his or her encouragement either by presence or smile to anything aimed toward impurity. By resisting constantly and in its incipiency every suggestion of an unholy nature, the habit of a pure and wholly pure breathing will soon be formed; then any impure taint in the atmosphere can be readily detected, and as instantly avoided. How many of us live so low, have our ideal standards so debased, that we do not know we are impure! Really we consider ourselves respectable people; when, if everything in our lives, including the fondled thoughts of our minds and what we say when with "our class," we would be ostracised from society. We justify ourselves by the standard of the majority. But the majority

standard never holds in God's kingdom. In fact, we are warned to avoid the majority everywhere.

Right habits are then a bulwark, a "city of refuge" into which a man may enter and be safe from the temptations common to all. We often see men whom we have known from youth suddenly fall into some great temptation. We are surprised. We thought he was impregnable. Every time, if proper investigation is made, it will be found that there have been yieldings to smaller temptations all along. A man seldom does anything suddenly. It is the little foxes which spoil the vine.

Finally, there is nowhere that these awful facts are more important than in the Christian life. Christ said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." These in-and-out Christians are of no use to the kingdom. God wants men who are habitually ready for service. The man who is changing is uncertain. God never knows whether to trust him with any responsibility or not. But on the other hand, a man who, like Saul of Tarsus, has been raised by law, has well-fixed and mature habits, that kind of a man is in demand. God always goes out of the ordinary way to get him; he is not an ordinary man. Say what we will, we can not deny that all of God's chosen leaders have been men of intense natures, of strongly fixed habits; men who stood for something. The only way to become such men is to form in youth and young manhood such a bulwark of good practices that it becomes "second nature" to do right.

ARE THEY THE UNREGENERATE OR THE DEGENERATE?

The most common and altogether the most available excuse offered by those who stand aloof from duty and from God is the one presented in the timely and thoughtful article by our good editor in the Advocate of Feb. 12. That excuse runs about thus: "I have not had a change of heart, am not a member of the Church, and therefore am not under the same obligation as those who profess Christianity. In short, not having been saved by Christ, I am not as much indebted to him as those who have. Now when we remember that indebtedness to Christ is the basis of all religion, and that responsibility is in direct ratio to such indebtedness, we see at once the force of this plea. In fact, if we admit the premise—that said parties have never been saved by Christ—we can hardly avoid the conclusion they reach. The whole issue rests upon the question whether the vast crowd who constitute the ungodly have ever been generated unto spiritual life by Christ. Are they in fact the unregenerate, or, more correctly, are they not the degenerate?" But, says one, "What is the difference?" The difference is great, and quite material. The term unregenerate applies to those only, if any such there be, who have never had any of the Christ life imparted to them. The term, degenerate, to those who have had said life, but have departed from it, or have let it slip from them.

It appears to us that those who advocate the cause of truth, and would press home to the consciences of men the claims of the gospel of Christ place themselves and their cause at a great disadvantage when they admit, even indirectly, that the wicked have never been with God, have never been saved by Christ. The language of the "Word" to all such is "Return unto God." Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him and to our God, and he will abundantly pardon. Repentance and return are kindred terms, and neither are possible, unless there has been a former state of favor and association with God. No man can repent unless he has been once alive to God, and departed from him. In fact, there is nothing to repent of. I know it may be said that the wicked have been offered eternal life in Christ, and are responsible for not accepting and obtaining it. Yet it is evident that the failure to accept or to obtain a proffered gift or blessing is quite a different thing from the losing of such gift or blessing after it has been imparted and thereby possessed. A man who fails to use a fair opportunity to make a hundred or a thousand dollars may justly feel he is to blame, but the one who wilfully or carelessly loses a like amount, after he has it in hand, or under his control, is far more culpable than the first. The prodigal is said to have "wasted his substance." And the Savior teaches that the one who takes this world as his portion "loses his own soul." Both of these Scriptures teach that there is a loss or forfeiture of something possessed. The wicked, all of them, have had a change of heart, but unfortunately it has been in the wrong direction, and of the wrong type. It has been from good to bad instead of the reverse. True enough these need another change, a recovery from this

lapsed or prodigal state. And many of our best writers call this return to God regeneration or conversion, using the terms interchangeably. But I do not believe the Bible anywhere uses the term regeneration or any term equivalent to it in this connection. The term used, as we, as the idea conveyed, is that of conversion. If this term regeneration is applied to this recovery to God through faith and repentance, what shall we call the primary gracious state of all men? Shall we call it an unregenerate state? To do so is not only a confusion of terms, but also a confusion of ideas, and deadens the force of gospel truth by impairing its unity.

JOHN W. HALL.

THE WOMAN AT JACOB'S WELL ONCE MORE.

Since the appearance of my article in the Advocate of Feb. 16th several brethren have given adverse views through your columns, to which I do not propose to reply seriatim. I had hoped by the discussion of this subject some new light might be turned on the facts involved, but in this I have been disappointed. Some of these brethren have threshed old straw, and one was on all sides of the question and then in the middle, so that after reading his article I was compelled to ask, "Where are we at?" I recognized the fact in the outset that all the commentators were against my views, and some of them went so far, without any authority known to me, as to say, "She was a bad woman and had been divorced five times for her adulteries;" and at that time was living in adultery with the sixth man. I know it is sometimes difficult to divest ourselves of views we have absorbed from sources we regard as reliable, when often we have never given an impartial investigation of the subject for ourselves. Who said this woman "was divorced five times for her adulteries?" Neither the Bible nor history intimates such a thing. It is but the creation of a distorted imagination. Some seem to think if we say she was not a vile character we depreciate the power of the gospel to save the worst of sinners. But the divine power of the gospel to save the chief of sinners is never dependent upon exaggeration nor misrepresentation of facts.

Others treat this narrative as though the character of this woman was the primary subject involved, or the leading lesson taught, when in fact it was only an unimportant incident. If we will read the whole account of the visit to the well without prejudice we will discover that the character of this woman was not part of the ultimate lesson taught by our Lord. It is patent upon the face of the narrative that the reference by the Master to her past history was simply to convince her by his supernatural wisdom that he was as she called him—"a prophet"—and thereby prepare the way for the sublime lessons which followed. It certainly was no part of the design of Christ to send the character of this woman down through the ages as one of shame and infamy. Christ certainly spoke advisedly when he said, "She had had five husbands," not paramours. I have shown, and it will not be disputed, that it was a custom among the Jews to call affianced persons husband and wife before the nuptials were celebrated. If she was guilty of this, the grossest and most disgraceful of crimes, is it not remarkable that this is the only instance on record where Jesus was brought face to face with crime, and did not utter one word of disapproval? It will not be denied that Christ recognized her as an ignorant worshiper inquiring for more light on the subject of acceptable worship of Almighty God. Now if she was guilty of this disgraceful sin, can any one believe the Master would have left her unproved and uninstructed on such an important and vital moral question upon which all Christian civilization rests? Such an omission would subject any missionary in heathen lands to censure. Would it not have been a most opportune time to have instructed this poor ignorant inquirer for more light on this important subject? And yet not one word is recorded by way of condemnation. But what use have we for records, when men will let their imagination create assertions that the apostle did not intimate, or so reverse the facts as to contradict the record? To illustrate this point let me quote one of my critics. In reply to my statement that Christ indorsed her truthfulness, when He said: "In that saldest thou truly," the brother says: "But just how anyone 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.' Poor woman—Christ's statement that she had told the truth is taken as prima facie evidence that she was a common liar. Just 'for once she told the truth.' Well, all this is quite as logi-

cal and scriptural as the statement that she "had been divorced five times for her adulteries." The statement that "she had been divorced five times," and the assertion that Christ, by his endorsement of the truth of her statement, "certainly meant to call in question her truthfulness" are of the same complexion and are so much alike, they must be twins. I might quote much more equally as logical, but let the above suffice. Now, I dismiss this correspondence by saying it is a great mistake for a Bible student to suffer himself to switch off on some unimportant point and loose sight of the great lessons intended to be taught. Why linger on the former life of this woman which the record dismisses with two short verses, and in which no moral lesson is taught, and loose sight of thirty-eight verses containing among the sublimest lessons the Master ever taught? The record shows that this woman at the time she met the Savior was a worshiper, and wanted to know where to worship God aright, and was expecting Christ, for she said: "I know Messiah cometh which is called Christ; when He is come he will tell us all things." She accepted Him at the first opportunity and promptly obeyed Him and "left her waterpot and went her way into the city," and told her message which resulted in the salvation of many." More than believed at any one time during Christ's ministry. Let others believe as they please; with these facts before me, I am compelled to believe that this was a good woman and that she was one of the few in those days who was "waiting for the consolation of Israel."

W. H. HUGHES.

EVILS OF WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS.

I have found that no paper, religious or secular, equals the Texas Christian Advocate, and the fight it is making against the sale of whisky has won it thousands of new friends. There is one thing I especially wish to speak of—that is, the prevalence of card parties and punch in what is known as the highest society. In every society paper can be seen something like this: "There was a lovely affair at the home of Miss Shallowit Tuesday evening," and after stating what kind of dresses each lady wore, you will find this statement: "Progressive euchre, whist and high five were the popular games indulged in. Miss Worldly winning the prize, a beautiful medalion. Misses Dolly Dancer and Winnie Waltz gracefully presided at the punch bowl." For shame! What is the difference between such as this and gambling for money as a prize and drinking whisky from a bar glass or bottle instead of a twenty-five dollar punch bowl? What kind of men, suppose ye, would John and Charles Wesley have been had their mother allowed such things to take place? What can we prohibitionists do when the fashionable punch bowl is doing more harm than the brass-bound bar, for instead of a great brutal besotted man to hand out liquor the punch bowl has a pretty, bright-eyed girl siren to allure the unsuspecting youth of the land on to utter destruction. Ah, some sad day the mothers of this land will bitterly regret allowing their daughters to stand in the place of a bar maid. When these visions of beauty come before the great bar of Jehovah they will discover that their hands will be crimson with the blood of the boys they have taught to drink strong drink. Another evil almost as bad as the punch bowl is what is known as "play parties," at which people—men and boys, women and girls, married and single—gather and dance to singing, also play a very foolish game called "snap." The writer does not know much about it, for she never attended a reception of this kind often enough, even in youth, to learn what it all was about, but any one who can read and will read the general rules of our Church will find "avoid the taking of such diversions as can not be used in the name of Jesus" and "the singing such songs, . . . which do not tend toward love to God." Now, my dear sisters and brethren, why don't you dance (you call it playing) to singing of "How Firm a Foundation or Glory to His Name" instead of the "Brass Wagon and Shoot the Buffalo?" I think it as much harm to give a "play party" as a "punch bowl dance," and I also consider it as much harm to attend a party and sit and look on as it is to take part in the proceedings.

Yours for God, GRACE LOGAN, Coahoma, Texas.

LITTLE WORDS.

"Yes, you did, too!"
"I did not!"
Thus the little quarrel started;
Thus by unkind little words
Two fond friends were parted.
"I am sorry;"
"So am I."
Thus the little quarrel ended;
Thus, by loving little words,
Two fond hearts were mended.
—Selected.

Devotional and Spiritual

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

DO SOME CHURCHES CARE ABOUT REVIVALS.

One of our exchanges raises the very pertinent question whether the Churches are really ready for a revival or not. It is a searching question to put in regard to any parish where frigid formality is characteristic of services, and where caste distinctions have crept in among the membership. Would such a Church recognize a revival when they saw it? Would they know what to do with it should it, by any accident, break out among them? Would they be able in any way to direct seekers after Christ and his religion in the right paths of repentance and consecration? Or, should any converts, by any supposition, show themselves, could they survive long where the atmosphere was not one of warmth or of cheer? Could such a Church organize and direct the activity of these converts, and put them to work in such spiritual, moral, and philanthropic activities as would draw out their best religious energies?

The nominal Christian, the man who has really back-slidden, but who has hardly confessed it to himself, is a man to be consoled with when he finds a revival making its appearance. He is, of all men, most uncomfortable, and hardly knows how to comport himself. If there be such in our Church to-day, immediate necessity lies upon them of doing the first works over again, and bringing themselves into sympathetic relation with Christ and evangelistic effort, so that they may co-operate warm-heartedly in the efforts to save others.

Over in Wales it is said that popular amusements and the social engagements, even literary programs, gave way spontaneously to the wave of religious enthusiasm; and it may be that in our own country the time is here when even innocent and pleasurable functions must be set aside for a time in order to concentrate all upon the one pressing necessity of the revival.

There must be a great returning to the searching of the Word of God, in order that he may speak to each soul out of his own revelation. If, in private life and in the family circle, the Bible has been neglected, there must be a conscientious return to its reading. Men must read it prayerfully and reverently to find for themselves words for their own souls and directions for evangelizing their brethren. It is doubtless true that there has been an awakening of interest in the Bible lately manifested, greater than any similar movement shown since the Protestant Reformation of the

sixteenth century. The recent convention of the Religious Education Association shows a wonderful and gratifying trend in this direction. The earnest and continued study of the Bible is one of the absolutely necessary preliminaries to the coming revival. And when it comes, if formal Christianity, wherever it exists, shall be broken down by the incoming of the flaming breath of God, we shall see Church officers conversing with their business acquaintances, and parents talking lovingly to their children about the Savior. Friend will speak with friend, and more will be accomplished in such fashion than any of us can now anticipate—more than by any methods, however ingenious, any Church leaders may devise.—Western Christian Advocate.

LISTENING.

Ole Bull, the great violinist, was one day standing at the end of a point of rocks that ran far out into the sea, playing upon his violin. When he was asked what he was doing, his answer was that he was listening to the music of the breaking waves that he might reproduce it on his violin.

To catch the grand bass of the waves he needed to listen as they broke upon the rocks. He was then able as a master of the violin to make his audience hear the surf beating on the shore and see the white-capped waves.

The men who live the noblest lives must listen for the voice that has in it the divine music and that speaks "as never man spake." Then alone will they be able to reproduce the harmony of a perfect life.

And this harmony, heard by the world, will lead it to the love of harmony, and clean away from all discord.—Rev. F. W. Murray, in Christian Endeavor World.

"If a man is full of the spirit of love, he will not be abusive; he will keep out of sight behind the cross of Christ; he will present the awful facts of eternity as though the abyss of eternity were already yawning at his feet; he will try to bring men to an instant decision; he will work very hard, preach very faithfully, but tenderly; he will lean heavily on the Savior; he will realize that the Savior is with him; he will not fail."

No woman is worth very much until she has been through a good deal of sadness, a great deal of wanting that which she cannot get. I hope you will go through that. But, dear, if you turn bitter under it, you had better not have lived, and certainly you had better die, for death is better than bitterness. But if you take the woe and the sadness which is inseparable from life, without bitterness, it strengthens and cleanses you. And you will certainly emerge from it a far finer creature than if you had never been through it. Emerge? Ah! it may last till the day of your death, but what then? What does that matter?—E. F. Benson, in "The Chalmers."

"HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD."

Mark those men whose life is hidden in God, so that of themselves they make no account. Thus can they delight themselves fully and freely in all that God is doing, apart from the thought of themselves; and to them, therefore, it is true that heaven and earth are theirs, and all things are theirs, and fulfill their will, because the will of God is their will. And their cup overfloweth with joy even here below, because in all things they have a joy and delight which is steadfast and full. While they walk with God, all is peace; for in him sorrow is not sorrow, and pain is not pain, but all is peace and rest; all that God willeth, to them is sweet and pleas-

ant. Nor is it only that to them the will of God is sweet; it is more than this; for to them he gives the fair sunshine of his comfort, and the blessed joy of heaven, even here below. So that they live already as it were in heaven.—Henry Suso.

"BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM."

I can imagine when Christ said to the little band around him, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel," Peter said: "Lord, do you really mean that we are to go back to Jerusalem, and preach the gospel to those men who murdered you?" "Yes," said Christ, "go, hunt up that man who spat in my face; tell him he may have a seat in my kingdom yet. Yes, Peter, go find that man who made that cruel crown of thorns and placed it on my brow, and tell him I will have a crown ready for him when he comes into my kingdom; and there will be no thorns in it. Hunt up that man who took a reed and brought it down over the cruel thorns, driving them into my brow, and tell him I will put a scepter into his hand, and he shall rule over the nations of the earth, if he will accept salvation. Search for the man which drove the spear into my side, and tell him there is a nearer way to my heart than that."—D. L. Moody.

What characters have we now? Do we exult in the thought of having them for eternal companions? If not, we would better aim at their transformation ere it be too late. The goodness of God in preserving us and multiplying our blessings should lead us to repentance. Ours should be lives of faith on the Son of God.—Exchange.

A Buoyant, vigorous, eventful life is always the most satisfactory and attractive. To be something and do something are highly laudable ambitions. No sensible person wishes to be a drone, a dullard, or a nonentity.—Exchange.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.

How easy it is to tear a piece of paper along the line in which it has originally been folded! How easy it is for a second temptation to overcome when the first has been yielded to! A sin that has once gained the victory over our moral nature has put a fold, as it were, in that nature, and destroyed its straightness and smoothness, so that when the same temptation comes a second time, it seeks the weak point which it had formerly made, and, along that line of least resistance, we are turned from our righteous principles and strong resolutions.—Hugh Macmillan.

The only way to beat a fog is to rise above it. You cannot blow it to pieces with artillery. You cannot dissipate it by searchlights. But you can leave it below you. Get into the higher regions; for there it never comes. From some lofty height in the great mountains of the world we have looked down on some vast sea of fog which filled all the prominent valleys; but where we stood, the sun was shining in his strength; and for leagues and leagues around us glittered a world of beauty as untouched of shadow as the walls of the New Jerusalem. He who dwells upon the height dwells in safety, because there alone he dwells in light.—Interior.

SOCIAL WORSHIP.

What is united prayer but the gravitation of the souls of men toward the Eternal? What is religious song but the swell of a great tide that lifts the worshiper to the throne of Deity? What is pious meditation on the truths proclaimed in the sanctuary but the pinions on which we soar away to the gates of heaven? Without such worship the soul's ideals are bound to be debased by commerce with the world.

When a young painter asked Sir Thomas Lawrence for advice in the pursuit of his profession, the artist charged him first of all to take down from the wall certain rude and coarse sketches which were hanging there. "You allow," he said, "that in your intercourse with your fellows evil communications corrupt good manners. It is so with pictures." It is so, likewise, with the intellectual and spiritual environment of the soul.—The Communicant.

"O my God, grant me" (so they are taught to pray in some monasteries in France), "grant me that today I may be of some use to some one." If God, for our good, sees fit to deny us all else, may he, as his best gift of all, grant us this—to be of some real, of some deep use to our fellow men, before we go hence and are no more seen.—Dean Farrar.

The Bible is not a sectarian book. A great many different sects receive the Bible as the divine message. These differ in some respects in their interpretation of some parts of it, but most of them agree as to the absolutely essential things it teaches. Leaving out of sight the fact that its chief function is to make known to men God's will as to their salvation, it remains that the Bible is the great teacher of good morals and gentle manners. It is a calamity for any one to grow up in this land without a knowledge of its teachings. Our nation must be made up of people of good character or it will disintegrate as the South American republics. The Bible should be read in every school of our land, as well as in all its homes and Churches.—Herald and Presbyterian.

ALONE WITH JESUS.

Alone with Jesus! What a sweet and holy spot! What a blessed refuge to which the soul may betake itself from the charges of Satan, the accusations of the world, and the sorrows of life! Sweet spot for the heart to unfold itself, to tell its hidden tale in the ear of infinite love, tenderness and compassion! Alone with Jesus!

How different a front would Christianity present to the world if the Lord's people were oftener there! What humility and gentleness and love would characterize all their dealings! What holiness stamped on every brow, that all might read! What few judgments passed on others; how many more on ourselves! What calmness and resignation and joyous submission to all the Lord's dealings!

Be much "alone with Jesus!" Then will the passage of glory be one of sunshine, whether it be through the portals of the grave or through the clouds of heaven.—F. Whitfield.

Have you ever had your day suddenly turn sunshiny because of a cheerful word? Have you ever wondered if this could be the same world, because some one had been unexpectedly kind to you? You can make to-day the same for somebody. It is only a question of a little imagination, a little time and trouble. Think now, "What can I do to-day to make some one happy?"—Maltbie D. Babcock.

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Secular News Items.

President Roosevelt will break camp on May 8, a week earlier than he had intended, and will start for Washington at once. The only stop he will make will be at Denver and Chicago, where the dates of his reception have been changed to meet the new arrangement. Secretary Loeb announced that affairs in Washington made it necessary that the President curtail his visit. The Venezuelan situation, it is believed, resulted in the order to start home on May 8.

Count Okuma, leader of the Progressive party, and former Foreign Minister of Japan, addressing the committee of the Progressive party appointed to succor the wounded, estimated the number of wounded and sick as a result of the war at 299,000 to 300,000, and the number of killed or who had died of disease, at 50,000. The Count warned the people to be prepared for a lengthy war and expressed the hope that a continuance of the trouble would not affect the National sentiment. Nothing, he said, should shake the resolution to continue the war. He criticized the National diplomacy, expressing the opinion that efficient and timely diplomatic skill would have prevented the Russian squadron from coming to the Far East. The Count also expressed the belief that the occasion for great battles has disappeared. It was possible to support the army throughout the remainder of the war with the \$77,500,000 derived from war taxes, and the speaker urged a continuance of National economy. Count Okuma ascribed the state of Japan to a constitutional Government and compulsory education. After the war, National patriotism should direct political improvement in education, morals, literature and all that pertains to enlightenment and civilization.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Chicago has announced gifts to five colleges. The amounts range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The donations are for colleges in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and West Virginia.

New York, April 27.—The Japanese Nation, at the suggestion of the emperor, has given to Dr. Jokichi Takamine of this city three Japanese buildings brought to this country especially for the World's Fair at St. Louis last year. The gift, which is said to represent an outlay of \$50,000 is in recognition of Dr. Takamine's services to the Imperial Japanese commission at the fair and later for services in connection with the medical department of the Japanese army.

Negotiations between the United States and China for a treaty restricting the immigration of Chinese to this country have practically been abandoned. It has been found impossible by the representatives of the two governments to reach a common ground of agreement as to many of the terms of the proposed treaty.

A dispatch from Berlin says that the Imperial Government, preparatory to excluding the United States from the privileges of the new reciprocity treaties signed recently with seven European States, has formally notified the American Government that the tariff agreement between Germany and the United States of July, 1900, will terminate March 1, 1906, the day the new treaties go into effect, but that Germany stands ready to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

It is admitted at the State Department that pourparlers have been in progress for the past three months between the American Embassy at Berlin and the German Foreign Office, respecting the effect upon the existing reciprocity agreement between America and Germany of the operation of the new trade treaty concluded between Germany on one side and Belgium, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Roumania and Russia, Switzerland and Servia on the other, but so far Ambassador Tower has not notified the department that the German Government has decided to terminate the existing arrangement. The effect of a formal declaration of that kind would be serious, it is feared, and Mr. Tower is now engaged in one of the most difficult and complex tasks which he has yet been called upon to discharge. If the arrangement is denounced and no substitute is found, then it may be

that the United States and Germany will soon become involved in a tariff war, which would certainly prove disastrous to one or both of the principals, in view of the vast amount of trade between the two countries, which would be affected.

The lieutenant-governor of the Punjab estimates that the loss of life there by the recent earthquake did not exceed 15,000, but says that within the affected area, with a population of 250,000 nearly every building had collapsed or been rendered uninhabitable.

A dispatch from San Francisco says: Luther Burbank of Santa Rosa has succeeded in producing another wonderful creation which will come under the head of potato experiments and known as the "potato fruit." Briefly summarized, the evolution is a matter of planting the tuber and gathering from the potato vine a luscious white fruit, one that is delightfully palatable and makes excellent preserves. Mr. Burbank has named the potato fruit "pomato." When compared with the tomato, pomato is smaller in size and the meat is white instead of red. It is highly flavored. In other words, its flavor is that of fruit rather than vegetable. Mr. Burbank speaks of the creation of pomato as resulting from turning the plant into life in opposite directions. "Instead of cultivating tubers, we will now cultivate the fruit, and tubers are a secondary consideration," he says, "the fruit on the vine being the main object." Mr. Burbank now has some 10,000 varieties of potatoes with which he is experimenting, most of them hybrid seedlings of his own creation.

That the population of New York City will have reached 6,760,000 twenty years hence and that the city will be driven to draw a water supply from Lake Erie or the Adirondacks region, is the opinion of the joint committee on city affairs and forests of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, which has been investigating and made its report to the full board. The committee found that, in 1925, the water power of the Catskill region will be entirely exhausted if the population of the city continues to increase at the present rate.

United States minister Herbert W. Bowen at Caracas has been recalled. Mr. Bowen has been summoned to Washington for explanation regarding the charges which have been made against Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, who was his predecessor as minister to Caracas.

The Chicago Federation of Labor has announced its plan for bringing on the greatest strike in history. It is proposed to call out every union employe in Chicago, in whatever capacity employed, and put them at work as pickets, if necessary, to win the cause of the teamsters. The fight which threatens to become international and eventually end with the arrival of the Federal troops, is unique in that it started from the garment workers' demands for a renewal of the scale and the closed shop, last November. The proprietors refused to grant the closed shop and a strike was ordered. It made poor progress and would have dropped out of sight but for frequent assault and cases of brutality upon non-union workers. Finally the garment workers demanded that the Federation of Labor take up their falling cause. It was agreed that the strike must be won to save the federation from disintegration. The Teamsters' Union, with no grievance of any character and contracts running for three years, were chosen as the instrument to win the strike. There are 250,000 union employes in Chicago, and every one will be called out, according to the plans. At present only the garment workers and teamsters are on a strike. This involves the principal wholesale and retail houses, all the express companies, and all the delivery wagons.

Dr. J. Hamilton of the marine quarantine service at Laredo says a city can be cleared of mosquitoes if the inhabitants will all co-operate with the authorities in doing it. Screen all cisterns, barrels or other water reservoirs with 18-inch mesh wire, drain water holes or cover with oil and clean away all old tin cans and other debris where mosquitoes hide and the thing is accomplished. Laredo is clear of them.

The night of April 28 Laredo was swept by the worst tornado in its history. The loss of life has been estimated at between twenty and twenty-five persons and the damage to property was great. The storm only lasted an hour, subsiding as suddenly as it had made its appearance.

Baron Mayor Des Planches, Ambassador to the United States from Italy, is touring the State of Texas. He is preparing a report on Italian immigration to Texas.

With the great strike rapidly spreading, Chicago is now facing a food and fuel shortage. Efforts of the strikers seem concentrated in cutting off all supplies. Tons of fresh food products are rotting in cars and warehouses, unable to move.

The Producers' Pipe Line and Refinery Company with \$20,000,000 capital stock, and with headquarters at Oklahoma City, has chartered for the purpose of constructing a pipe line from the Kansas oil fields southward through the Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas fields to Galveston, Texas, for carrying oil for export. The plan includes the erection of several refineries in the fields through which the pipe line will pass. The plan is to fight the Standard Oil Company.

The lower house of the Michigan Legislature passed unanimously the anti-trust bill. It is said to be the most sweeping anti-trust measure ever passed in this country. It defines and declares illegal all corporations which aim at the monopoly of any business, trade, avocation or profession, and nullifies any agreement binding individuals not to engage in a certain occupation.

April 27 was a red letter day in the history of Denison. The steamboat, Annie P., arrived there from Shreveport, thus opening navigation on the upper Red River. The celebration was marked with cheering and firing of cannon. Speeches were made and the picnic was enjoyed by over 20,000 people brought in by special trains, carriages and on foot.

The Cretan chamber of deputies has unanimously declared in favor of throwing off the Turkish yoke and union with Greece. If this is done, however, Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria threatens to declare that country a kingdom, without waiting for the assent of the powers.

Herman Wilhelm Troebner, King of the Schnorrers, as a band of professional beggars is known, has been arrested in New York. Officers of the Charity Organization Society allege that Troebner has cleaned up tens of thousands of dollars in the last four or five years, and that the full list of persons from whom his unique method procured money would read like a social register of New York. Troebner has lived at expensive hotels and for years has maintained a home in Hoboken for his wife and child. He is said to have lost large sums in gambling, both here and in the West.

Rumors again connect the Erie and Great Central railroad interests with plans for acquiring the Louisville & Nashville and other Southern connections, forming a great trunk system, and rival of the Vanderbilt lines.

Hon. James R. Curl, Secretary of State, died at his home in Austin, April 26. For several years he had been the victim of tuberculosis. Mr. Curl was very popular as a man and as an official, and the cheerfulness and patience exhibited during his long period of suffering has been remarkable.

Governor Lanham has nominated, and the Senate confirmed, O. K. Shannon as Secretary of State, to succeed Hon. J. R. Curl, deceased. Mr. Shannon is about 32 years of age. He was educated at Add-Ran College at Thorp Springs, Texas, at the University of Kansas and the University of Pennsylvania. When he left school he located at Weatherford, Texas, and read law in the office of Governor Lanham.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. A., retired, and one of Virginia's foremost sons, died at the Providence Hospital in Washington, April 28, from an attack of apoplexy, which he suffered early that morning on a train while en route from Boston to Washington. A pathetic feature of the case is, although Gen. Lee was blessed with a family, consisting of a wife and five children, not one of them was with him at the time of his death. The General was 68 years of age. At Richmond, Va., where the body of General Lee was taken, full honors were paid to his memory by the municipality and the State. General Lee's wish was that his body might be interred at Hollywood and a site was selected there overlooking the James River.

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PERSONAL.

Rev. D. T. Holmes, a supernannate of the Northwest Texas Conference, has been confined to his bed about six weeks. There is little if any hope of his recovery. His doctors say that he has softening of the brain. The people of Hamilton are grieved as they think of his sad condition. He is about seventy-three years old. I will ask those who read this notice to pray for our dear Brother Holmes and his sorrowing family.
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 May 2.—John W. Stephens, sub. J. A. Walkup, sub. G. W. Kiley, sub. W. P. Garvin, sub. W. O. Shingart, change. A. S. W. Hillburn, sub. J. G. Pollard, sub. J. C. Stewart, sub.
 May 3.—C. D. West, sub. I. R. Twitty, sub. Jas. W. Albritton, sub. W. F. Mayne, change and sub. H. B. Day, sub. J. S. Tunnell, sub. L. L. Naugle, sub.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

April 27.—J. C. Mimms, sub. Thomas Gregory, sub. L. L. Naugle has attention. N. W. Turner, sub. J. E. Walker, sub. J. H. Walker, sub. W. W. Horner, sub. C. E. Lindsay, has attention G. J. Irvin sub. D. W. Gardner, sub. and trial sub. T. B. Hillburn, sub.
 April 28.—J. W. Albritton, matters for have attention. A. W. Hall, sub. A. P. Lipscomb, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub.
 April 29.—B. R. Wagner, sub. J. M.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Byers.

F. A. Crutchfield, April 27: We are now beginning our third quarter on this charge. While the severe weather of the past winter hindered our Church work to some extent, it is now showing signs of new life. The second Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at Riverland April 8 and 9. Dr. T. R. Pierce, our presiding elder, was with us. He preached three fine sermons, which will be an abiding blessing, and presided in his usual way. The finances were comparatively good, notwithstanding only two of the stewards were present. The Lord has greatly blessed us in a meeting at Riverland, which began on the second Sunday in this month and closed on Monday night after the third Sunday. Bro. T. P. Turner, of Alvord, came to us on Monday, the second day, and did the preaching. His sermons were strong and impressive and were exactly the kind for a good revival. They did a great deal of good during the revival and did good for years to come. Any one desiring help in a revival meeting would do well to engage Bro. Turner's services. On Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the barriers were swept away and between that service and the close of the meeting on the following Monday night, there were nineteen conversions and reclamations. Several penitents were in the altar Sunday morning. Some were converted during the service and one was converted after the service closed. On the last night of the meeting five boys who had not yet made a move came to the altar and were converted. There were eight conversions that night. One feature of the meeting was that Church members who were not enjoying the blessings of religion, as is their privilege, re-consecrated themselves to God. Another was that sinners were converted and backsliders were reclaimed not only during services, but in the meantime between services. Owing to the fact that the closing of the meeting was rather unexpected, there were not as many accessions to the Church as there would have been otherwise. We expect to receive them at our next appointment. The people on this charge have received me kindly and we are praying for a good year's work. We have some excellent people and

they have the interests of the Church at heart and we appreciate their work. Some of the good ladies of Benvenue are planning for a needed improvement on our church which will be made in the near future. When the weather is favorable we have good congregations. Our last appointment was at Jolly and though a rain came up just before the hour for service, there was a very good congregation. In view of the fact that it was Easter Sunday, special music had been prepared and some nice decorations had been arranged. The good ladies of the Benvenue community entertained the children on Friday evening in the interest of the Sunday-school. The occasion was an Easter egg hunt, which was enjoyed by all present. We have made a great many visits, held two Church Conferences, read the General Rules, made some steps toward getting our conference collections and are trying to keep the work well in hand.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Glen Rose.

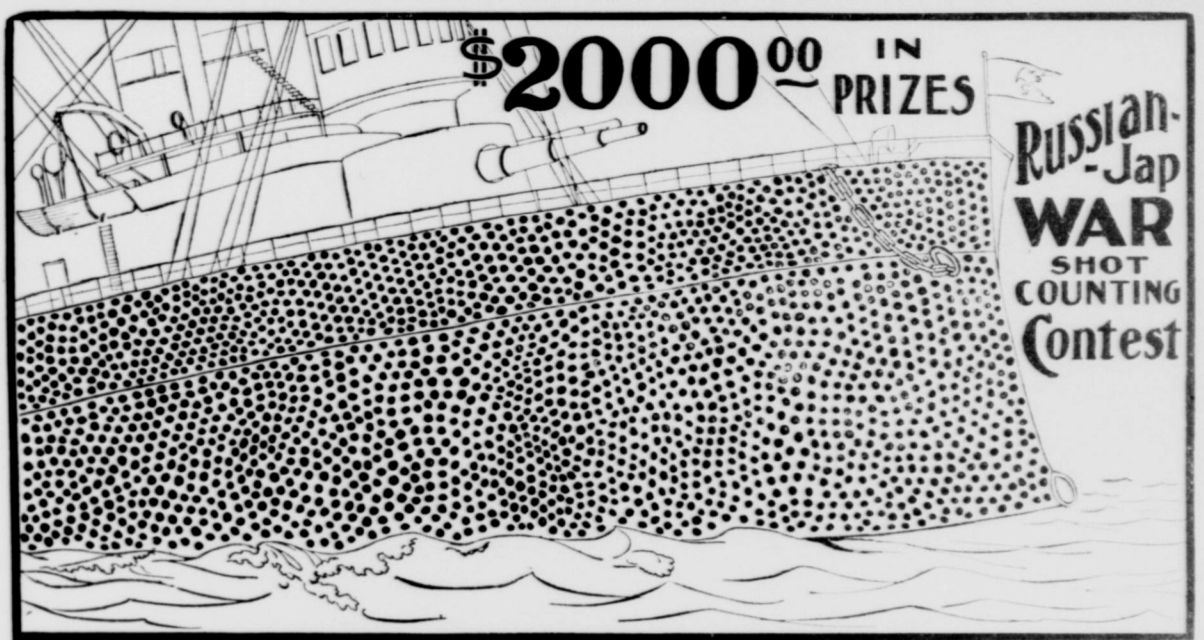
L. B. Tooley: I feel very much at home in Glen Rose. Have never served a more appreciative people on any charge. We have held one meeting at Glen Rose, resulting in thirteen conversions, nine accessions to the Church and a general awakening among the membership. Bro. Frank Neal, of Proctor, assisted in the meeting, doing some of the most earnest preaching possible, and failing in nothing to warn the ungodly of their coming doom. Our Sunday-school at this place, under the leadership of W. T. Blakeny, is full of vitality, having increased in membership and attendance more than 100 per cent in the past four months, and I think we will be able to say the same shortly concerning our Sunday-school at John's Chapel. Our people are missionary in the true sense of the word. Collections all secured with about 70 per cent in cash. Through the kindness of my official board, I have been granted thirty days' leave of absence, which time is to be spent at Mineral Wells, Texas, hoping a recovery from muscular rheumatism. Through the generosity of Bro. J. R. Milam, of this town, my expenses will be paid while there. I am truly glad to be the pastor of such a warm-hearted, liberal man.

Huckabay.

G. C. Ford, April 23: Our preacher, Rev. M. C. Dickson, has not paid us a visit since December, 1904, but the fact has not prohibited the visitation of a pardoning power. In connection to the best Sunday-school in our knowledge has been linked a weekly prayer meeting, through the work of which have been saved five precious souls. Ours is a new place known as Huckabay Mission Sunday-school, conducted at the new house called "Gormany Creek," six miles east of Huckabay. Our worthy superintendent, Jas. A. Ford, is a young brother and strictly in the right place. Bro. E. E. Faulkner is secretary. He was converted from influence brought to bear by the above named Sunday-school and is excellently filling his position in the school, making a bright light for his surrounding relatives and friends. There is quite a number who will join our Church when a preacher with the proper authority to receive them can be had. The interest of the Sunday school and prayer-meeting is still increasing; sixty-five per cent of the Sunday-school lessons are perfect, and last prayer-meeting night left five penitents at the altar with other manifestations of the good work in the unsaved part of the congregation, two being saved. A Church could be organized at this place with thirty members.

Santo Circuit.

A. D. Livingston, April 25: Embracing the mountains and valleys of part of Palo Pinto and other counties is Santo Circuit. It is composed of six churches, with five church buildings. On Sunday succeeding Annual Conference, I filled the regular appointment on this my new charge. Well, what! Are you doing anything? Making an attempt. We have taken in eight members by ritual, and have had no protracted meetings, either. We baptize by affusion and don't leave out the babies. We have received six by certificate. We have found out that it is not necessary to wait till protracted meetings to have conversions. Our second Quarterly Conference has just past. They paid us over one-fourth the assessment at this quarter. Did you ever hear the like? Our conference was held at the flourishing little town of Lipan, that has so many good people in and around it. Although the weather was bad our services were well attended. The service Sunday morning was delightful in the extreme. Our presiding elder, Bro. Boone, certainly preached; it seemed no trouble there. We involuntarily threw open our mouths and drank from the everlasting fountain. After taking a new subscription to the Advocate and par-



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TEXAS CONFERENCE. Lexington Mission.

H. T. Swartz, April 24: We began our meeting on the second Sunday in this month and continued ten days. Bro. J. C. Carr came to us on the following Monday and took charge of the meeting, did the preaching, and he certainly did it well. He won the love and confidence of our people and led many of them to the appreciation of a better life. Our presiding elder came on Saturday before the third Sunday, held our Quarterly Conference and preached to the delight and satisfaction of all. Meeting resulted in twelve accessions and the Church very much revived. We rejoice and take courage and pray that God will continue to bless our labors.

Bronson.

L. Christian April 26: We have just closed, I think, the best meeting at this place that has ever been held here, and it's the opinion of those who have lived here from the first settling of the place until now. Bronson is a new town on the Santa Fe Railroad. It has been considered a very tough place and is, but we are getting a better class of people in here now than has formerly been. Evangelist Burk did the preaching. He said some hard things about folks. Evidently some-

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The Home Circle

WHAT THE TOYS SAID.

The Hobby Horse said,
As he shook his head,
"It's a long way to go
O'er the white snow's foam
To the Little Boy's home;
But I hear the tin horns blow,
And must race away till I'm out o' breath
To the Little Boy who will ride me to death!"

And the Toy Drum said,
"I've a hardened head,
And away on my sticks I'll go
From this icy dome
To the Little Boy's home,
I can beat my way through the snow!
Away, away! till I'm out o' breath,
To the Little Boy who will beat me to death!"

And the Toy Doll said,
As her gold-crowned head
Shone over the wintry snow,
"To the Little Girl
Of the golden curls
In a fairy coach I'll go;
Far, far away, till I'm out o' breath,
To the Little Girl who will kiss me
To death!"

But the elephant said,
"If that way I'm led,
And they treat you all so bad,
I tell you now
That there'll be a row,
And they'll wish they never had!
For I'll pack them all in my trunk,
You see,
And lock it, and throw away the key!"
—Exchange.

A CAT OF MERCY AND HELP.

Speaking of cats, Mr. Andrew Lang brings forward this anecdote.
"If we take the case of cats, they say little, but they think a great deal; they conduct trains of reasoning. M. Gabriel Monod edits Les Chats, by the late Madam Mitchelet. Though I have not yet seen the book, I have read Arvede Barine's review, in the Journal des Debats. The book contains an anecdote told by Mrs. Frederic Harrison. An old lady cat felt that she was dying, before her kittens were weaned. She could hardly walk, but she disappeared one morning, carrying a kitten, and came back without it. Next day, quite exhausted, she did this with her other two kittens, and then died. She had carried each kitten to a separate cat, each of which was nourishing a family, and accepted the new fostering. Can anything be wiser or more touching? This poor old cat had memory, reflection, reason. Though wordless, she was as much a thinking creature as any man who makes his last will and testament. Other cats came, with kind inquiries, to visit a puss whose leg had been hurt in a rabbit trap. One of them, having paid her visit, went out, caught a rabbit, and brought it back to the sufferer. What sportsman could do more.—Exchange.

"THREE BALDHEADS."

Good rains had flooded the rice marshes of Neyur, the sun had followed the rain, and a rich harvest seemed sure. Guruswamy Mudaliyar, richest rice grower in Neyur, therefore took generous offerings to the house of the village astrologer, and sought from that wise man the lucky moment for putting the seed into the ground. On the appointed day the great white bullocks were yoked to the creaking two-wheeled cart, the big clay and wicker bins were opened, the carefully preserved rice seed was brought out, and from the gray-headed Guruswamy down to the plump, roly-poly, chocolate-colored youngest grandson, all the household took part in the cheerful bustle with much glee.

At last the bundles of seed were all on the cart. The oldest son of the house swung on to the driver's perch on the pole between the bullocks. A couple of resounding thwacks astonished those sober beasts into activity, and the journey to the rice marshes began joyously.

At that very moment three women turned into the lane, and Guruswamy's company quaked with fear and came to a sudden halt. The new comers were only three women, true! but all alike were clothed in shabby white calico, all were destitute of jewels, all had shaven heads. Three widows—serfs in the households of their dead husbands, judged accursed because their husbands had died—women of ill omen, unlucky, and bringers of ill luck! Who would dare to go to sow seed after meeting these? A storm of angry abuse and bitter curses followed the frightened women as they fled.

Then the rice growers looked at each other helplessly, the bullocks were turned round, the great cart was brought lumbering back to Guruswamy's door, and every bundle of seed was carried inside and stored away

again. Every man and woman in that homestead firmly believed that "bald-heads" would be destroyed by drought or blight. The sight of a widow was a sure sign of trouble and disaster!

Guruswamy himself pondered the matter with deep anxiety, and as soon as possible sought the local astrologer with more offerings in his hands. That wise man consoled with him, and, after much and profound search in his mysterious star-book, he named another day and hour when a certainly prosperous attempt might be made by the planters to get the rice into the ground.

Guruswamy marked the day and returned comforted to his dismayed household; and when that auspicious time came he set sentries at both ends of the lane so that no widow might again bring ill luck to the journey to the rice marshes.

This is no made-up story. The incident took place in a village where I have often stayed. It illustrates all too clearly the base and despised estate of an Indian widow. Let the men who honor women, and the women whose hearts have tender regard for all suffering sisters, think on this thing.—The Foreign Field.

THE CURE FOR DISCOURAGEMENT.

The great cure for discouragement is a persuasion of being right. We have really very little to do with mere circumstances; we are no masters of the weather, we can not control the atmosphere. The eternal consolation is in the fact that the heart is right and the suppliant means his prayer; all other changes are atmospheric, climatic, transitory, dampening enough, and discouraging enough in the meanwhile, but forgotten to-morrow. The devil has but a short chain, and he can not add one link to its length. This is eternal life, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. The clouds do not throw down the house; the house is founded upon a rock, think of the rock, not of the falling snow; think of the eternal fountain and not of the changing clouds. "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his."

Then the chief cure, the master remedy, the sovereign assurance, must be found in the example of Christ. He was much discouraged because of the way. "He marvelled because of their unbelief;" "he did not do mighty works there because of their unbelief." But when he was come high the city, he wept over it, and said: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen doth gather her young under her wings, and ye would not!" They went out against him with swords and staves as against a thief; but for the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, despising the shame. It is worth waiting a whole winter night to behold the brightness of the coming summer. A little rain, a high wind, a fall of snow, unexpected frost, a little bitterness in the cup—these things come and go, but we, being in Christ, seek a kingdom which can not be moved. If we are seeking nothing, then discouragements prevail—in the absence of definite purpose, distinct assault will have a tremendous effect upon us— but if our eye be single, and our whole body be full of light, and if our vision be set upon a given destiny, and that destiny be a city which hath foundation whose builder and maker is God, then apostles will shake off the viper into the fire, sleepers will throw back the garments in which they have been slumbering, and brave men will find in the end more than compensation for the way, and one glimpse of heaven will cast into eternal forgetfulness all the little troubles of earth.—Dr. Joseph Parker.

USE FOR GRUMBLERS.

Probably all things have their use in this world, and grumblers and fault-finders are no exception to the rule. It needs one or two dogs to take care of a flock of sheep. To be sure a whole flock of dogs would be of little value. They would produce neither lambs, wool, nor mutton; but one or two of them serve an excellent purpose. They guard the flock, they hunt up stragglers, they raise the alarm when dangers, real or fancied, are near, and so they really serve the shepherd's interests. So one or two growling, snarling grumblers about a Church aid wonderfully in keeping things in order. They may be unreasonable, they may in themselves seem unprofitable;—neither fleece nor milk can be expected from them; but their growls warn men away from danger, their snarling and muttering serves to keep people on the alert, and at a safe distance. Many a man has had great reason to thank God for the

slanders and lies that have been told about him, and which have stimulated him to constant watchfulness that he might prevent their ever coming true.

So, good friends, if you can't be sheep, be dogs, and keep up your yelping; it may keep sheep in the fold, if it does not keep the wolves out; and in the end we may see that all things have their use, and that all things work together for good to them that love God.—H. L. H., in Common People.

THE GOLDEN RULE IN LITTLE KINDNESSES.

"Thank you so much," said one friend gratefully to another, in acknowledgment of very trifling favors.

"Don't speak of them," was the reply. "They are such little bits of things."

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

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

"You understand exactly what I like," said one who had received from another a simple remembrance of growing plants, instead of a more lavish gift which would have been offered as a measure of love. But the giver knew how the sensitive receiver shrank from elaborate bestowals, and that if the receiver were to be the giver, she ought to give a trifle, too, in order to keep the golden rule.

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

TO WIN.

Bud Means, a character in "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," describes a notable characteristic of his dog to Ralph Hartsook, the schoolmaster, in the words, "Ef Bull once takes hold, hev'n and yarth won't make him let go." Hartsook encounters many difficulties in his school at "Flat Creek." But he is strengthened by remembering this characteristic of Bull's, and he masters the situation.

A manufacturer, sixty-five years of age, found himself face to face with a competition that had closed six high-priced machines in his factory. The wife and family urged him to sell the business while he could, before the public knew the situation. His answer was, "I won't run; I'll die fighting."

He bought some new machines, and put in two side lines in his business. These lines are to-day taxing his space to the full. He reached out for orders in Europe, where he had not thought of going before, and secured his first order—not at first effort, either—a continuous order that took two machines working three hundred and ten days to fill.

The family recognized the fact that "father" fights to win. He won't let go, and he is developing the character of a son now in business with him, and won't let go.

The won't-let-go people are to be found in, very many churches, and are the strength and hope of their communities. They secure victory where others meet defeat. It was a pastor of this type, known to the writer, who won a faithful attendance upon services a man who had absented himself from ordinances for nineteen years. The won't-let-go spirit is supremely needed in every phase of noble efforts.—Rev. F. W. Murray, in Christian Endeavor World.

STORY OF BEETHOVEN RETOLD

You know that Beethoven was born in a house in the Rheingasse (Rhine street), but at the time I made his acquaintance he was lodging over a humble little shop near the Romerplatz (Roman Square). He was then very poor—so poor that he went out only in the night time, on account of the dilapidated condition of his wardrobe. Still he had a piano, pens, paper, ink, and a few books, and not-

withstanding his privations, he sometimes enjoyed a moment's happiness. He was not yet deaf, and could enjoy at least the harmony of his own compositions, a consolation which was afterwards denied him.

One winter evening I entered his room, for I wished to take him out to walk, and afterwards to sup with me. I found him seated at the window in the moonlight, without fire or candles, his face hid in his hands, and his whole body shivering with cold, for it was a sharp frosty night. I roused him to accompany me, and exhorted him to shake off his sadness. He went out with me, but he was gloomy and despondent that evening, and rejected all my encouragements.

"I hate the world!" said he vehemently; "I hate myself! No one understands me, or troubles himself about me. I have genius, and I am treated like a pariah; I have a heart, and no one to love. I would that all were ended, and forever. I would that I were sleeping tranquilly at the bottom of yonder river. There are moments when it costs me a struggle to resist the temptation of casting myself into it."

And he pointed to the Rhine.—Frances A. Durivage.

THE SUNSHINE GIRL.

One day everything seemed to go wrong with Helen. To begin with, when she got up in the morning she put the left shoe on the right foot, then she tangled the shoe laces and broke one in her hurry.

She was late for breakfast, so her oatmeal was cold. And just as she was ready to go to Nannie Gray's to play for an hour it began to rain, and she had to take off her hat and jacket and stay at home.

"There never was such a day!" she cried. "Everything is wrong."
"I'll tell you how to make everything right," said her grandfather.
"How, grandfather?" asked Helen, who felt quite sure that he could do almost anything.

"Just be a sunshine girl—O grandfather, how can I? It's raining."

"The rain needn't make any difference with you," he replied.

"Well—I'll try—to be a sunshine girl!" Helen spoke doubtfully. "How do I begin?"

"First you learn the rule for sunshine. Get your slate and write it down."

Helen took her slate and pencil, and he told her to write:

"When things go wrong, smile, and find a better way."

Helen was smiling already; that came easy enough, for no one was ever very gloomy where her grandfather was.

"I can't go to play with Nannie," 'cause it's raining, but I can do something better right now," cried Helen, when she had finished writing. "I can begin a birthday present for grandmother, and you can take it home to her next week when you go."

"Of course I can; that just the thing for you to do."

"And do you s'pose she'd like a motto painted with pretty letters on Bristol board?" asked Helen.

"I s'pose she'd be delighted," replied her grandfather. "And if you paint it I'll have it framed."

And the motto that Helen chose was: "When things go wrong, smile, and find a better way."

After that, when things did not go right, Helen would smile and look for a better way, and she almost always found it, too.

It was such a simple rule, not a bit hard to remember, and because Helen thought about it and put it into practice she earned the name that grandfather gave her, and in time her mother and father and even big brother Harry called her "the Sunshine Girl."
—Bessie R. Hoover, in Sunday School Advocate.

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There are forty of these questions—ten for each week for four weeks—and the boys and girls who make the required per cent for three of the four weeks shall receive special mention at the close of the series.

I have not time to write each of you a personal letter, but I will read your letters carefully, and will, each week, send the honor roll to the Advocate.

What you may do in this contest: You may, before you begin to write, take a history and study the lesson.

What you must not do: You must not ask the assistance of teacher, parents or anyone else, in answering the questions, or in finding the answers in the history. You must search them out for yourselves.

You must not take any notes while studying, and must not refer to any book or paper, nor accept any assistance after you have commenced to write.

You must not forget to write on only one side of the paper, to give your address, and to copy and sign the following

Pledge: "I am under seventeen years of age, and I have answered these questions without the assistance of any one; I did not take any notes, and I did not refer to any book or paper after I commenced to write."

Your letters must reach me not later than ten days after the date of the paper containing the question.

Address MRS. ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM, Haskell, Texas.

TEXAS HISTORY.

First Paper—Era of Discoveries and Missions—Era of Filibusters—Era of Colonization.

Fill out the blanks and answers to the questions in the fewest words possible.

- 1. LaSalle was a native of He made (the number)..... voyages to the United States and took possession of..... (what part of the country) in the name of..... He then returned to..... and gained permission to settle a colony near..... LaSalle intended to land near the mouth of the..... river, but landed near..... instead. (a) Tell, in not more than six words, what became of LaSalle. (b) Tell, in fewest words, what became of his colony. (c) What was the principal religion of the country during the era of Discoveries and Missions? (Answer in two words.) (d) What was the vow of the Franciscan Monks? (e) Name two important missions and tell where each is located. (a) For whom was Louisiana named? (b) Why did France cede Louisiana to Spain? (Answer in not more than ten words.) (c) How many expeditions did he make? (d) What became of Nolan and his men? (e) Who was Nolan's successor? 6. When, from whom, and for what amount was Louisiana purchased by the United States? (a) Did Magee sympathize with the Royalists or the Republicans of Mexico? (b) Who assisted him? (c) What was the character of this assistance? (Answer in not more than five words.) (d) What are the two opinions as to the cause of the death of Magee? (Answer in two words.) 8. (a) In what battle were the Americans entrapped in an angle? (b) Against what nation did Lafitte wish to avenge himself by his piracy? (c) Explain in few words the cause of his hatred for that nation. (d) Explain in as few words as possible the Monroe Doctrine. 9. (a) Name the four principal colonists of Texas. (b) Tell where each colony settled (using from one to five words for each colony). 10. What is meant by Empressario? What is meant by Alcalde?

Haskell, Tex., April 18, 1905.

My Dear Boys and Girls:

I was glad to get your letters, and I wish I could place on the honor roll the name of every one who tried. Many of your letters were models of neatness, and showed careful study. 'Tis true, no one made 100 per cent, and only two made the proper disposition of Nos. 7, 8 and 9 of the sentences on the first paper. Finding so many stranded upon the same difficulty, I hardly knew what to do. I wanted to give you every opportunity, so I decided that as this was my first lesson, I would be a little lenient—just this once—especially since the same principle applied to all three of these sentences, and a failure on one meant a failure on all three.

Therefore, this time, in grading, I counted a violation of that principle only one error, instead of three.

If your name is on the honor roll, let it be an inspiration to you to make still greater efforts to speak and write correctly.

If you are disappointed at not finding your name on this first roll, do not be discouraged, but try again, and keep on trying, until you do get it there. Did you know there are very few things that patience and perseverance will not accomplish? And it may be, you will succeed with the next, or the next, or the next. Perhaps some of you who reached the honor roll on this first paper, may fall on the second, but you know it is better to try and fail than never to try at all.

Study the points on which you fail, and if you can not understand the corrections made in the list below, ask your teacher to explain.

Only one (Earl Moreland) on the roll had every sentence correct, and he failed to give some of the rules violated.

The Advocate calls our department a "corner," but I should like to see this corner grow until it would take a whole page each week to publish the names on the roll of honor. You know the Advocate promised to publish this roll, and if it continues to grow, the corner must grow also; for although the editor may be a very courageous man, I do not believe he

would risk an attack by a mob of boys and girls to whom he had broken this promise.

Now, my dear young people, study the Boys' and Girls' Corner, and when you have thoroughly learned a rule or principle, put it into practice; for you might memorize any text book on grammar, but it would be time wasted unless, when you have done so, you can apply the principles to your daily conversation and your written composition.

For each week in May we will have ten questions in Texas History, so you may begin now to prepare for them.

The June questions will be on U. S. History, and for July we will have miscellaneous questions. It may be that a part of one of the four July lessons will be questions about the Advocate—its management, aim, etc., as well as to tell something of its best articles (according to your opinion) this spring and summer.

Now, read our Corner and write me every week. Then I want you to read other pages also, for the Advocate is full of interesting and instructive matter for young minds, and if you will study it, you will be the better prepared to answer any questions concerning it. So I want you to learn all you can of our Church paper. With love for my boys and girls, MRS. ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM, Haskell, Texas.

REVISION OF FIRST PAPER.

Original.

- 1. John and me sits together. 2. Mother gave the nuts to sister and I. 3. Him and I brought the water. 4. It is me. 5. It was John who I saw. 6. It was she. 7. I did not know but what he was your brother. 8. I did not know but that he was your brother. 9. I did not know but he was your brother. 10. These molasses are delicious.

Corrected.

- 1. John and I sit together. 2. Mother gave the nuts to sister and me.

- 3. He and I brought the water. 4. It is I. 5. It was John whom I saw. 6. Correct. 7. I did not know but he was your brother. 8. I did not know but he was your brother. 9. Correct. 10. These molasses is delicious.

Roll of Honor for Grammar Questions in the Advocate April 6.

- Hattie Belle Holland, Athens, Tex. Lewis Sherrill, Haskell, Tex. Della Young, Lovelace, Tex. Flora E. Lowry, Hillsboro, Tex. Sue Stanford, Waco, Tex. Prebble Walker, Lilac, Tex. Ruby Langford, Bandera, Tex. Leatha McKay, Arp, Tex. R. H. Montgomery, Hext, Tex. Jno. Keener Montgomery, Hext, Tex. Ollie Spier, Salona, Tex. Lola Riggan, Camden, Ark. Kalph Deshong, Paris, Tex. Fay Caldwell, Paris, Tex. Louise Herndon, Paris, Tex. Roberta Grigsby, Paris, Tex. Edgar Cottingham, Bremond, Tex. Myrtle Cloud, Proffitt, Tex. Mamie Cloud, Proffitt, Tex. Tommie Hayes, Dallas, Tex. Odie Peacock, Runge, Tex. Lelia Jackson, Republic, Tex. Linda Washington, Del Valle, Tex. Mabel Baldwin, Haskell, Tex. Fannie Baldwin, Haskell, Tex. Tina Gable, Dawson, Tex. Maggie Cunningham, Haskell, Tex. Willie Moreland, Reinhart, Tex. *Earl Moreland, Reinhardt, Tex.

*Had every sentence correct.

My Dear Boys and Girls:

I send herewith the roll of honor for the second paper in grammar. I can not tell you how much pleasure it gives me for you to make the required per cent, and when you fail to make it, I am sure my disappointment must be as great as yours.

It is true that this week more than half of your failed to make the 80 per cent, but you must not be discouraged—you are not alone—but study well the points on which you failed, then carefully avoid making the same or similar errors in future, either in conversation or written composition, and the improvement in your own language will prove a rich reward for your labors.

The two contestants who forgot to put their names to their papers—one from Dallas, and the postmark of the other I could not make out—of course must be placed among the unfortunate ones. Then one of the contestants forgot the pledge, and you know we told you we could not enroll your name without this. Some of you fail to get your letters to me until after I have sent the list to the paper.

In this issue we begin our work in Texas history, and some of you may be more proficient in this study than in grammar, may reach the 100 mark in history. You see, by having subdivisions in each question, we have several chances of success, while in grammar we stood only one chance to each number. The next lesson will include the era of the Revolution. Be sure to be prepared for it.

Yes, we mean by "sixteen years and under" to include all who are not yet seventeen.

In future, please write "Boys and Girls Corner" on the lower left hand corner of the envelope inclosing your letters. I can then keep them to themselves and open at the proper time.

Hoping to hear from you soon, your friend, MRS. ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM.

SECOND PAPER.

Original.

- 1. Neither of the two boys are strong. 2. Either of the girls is willing to read. 3. I wish I had have known whom he was. 4. Everybody make mistakes. 5. If I had seen you I should have spoken. 6. I seen a coyote to-day. 7. I have saw him drunk before. 8. I taken the book from the table. 9. I have bore his abuse long enough. 10. That is the beautifulest house in town.

Corrected.

- 1. Neither of the two boys is strong. 2. Correct. 3. I wish I had known who he was. 4. Everybody makes mistakes. 5. Correct. 6. I saw a coyote to-day. 7. I have seen him drunk before. 8. I took the book from the table. 9. I have borne his abuse long enough. 10. That is the most beautiful house in town.

Roll of Honor for Second Paper in Grammar.

- Robert H. Montgomery, Hext, Tex. Keener Montgomery, Hext, Tex. *Edgar Cottingham, Bremond, Tex.

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But when their age was six or eight (It pains me this fact to relate), The parents' counsels (so they say) The boys neglected to obey.

"O, sit up straight!" the mother cried, When the round shoulders she espied, "You'll be humpbacked unless you do," The father said—"a thing you'll rue!"

But, no; the boys had their own way, Refusing counsel to obey, Until—too late to change, alas!— Each had a hump upon his back.

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PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION FOR 1905-6. (In Part.)

Table listing episcopal visitation plans: THIRD DISTRICT (Bishop C. B. Galloway), FIFTH DISTRICT (Bishop J. S. Key), SIXTH DISTRICT (Bishop W. A. Chandler), EIGHTH DISTRICT (Bishop E. E. Hoss), NINTH DISTRICT (Bishop A. Coke Smith).

BE PATIENT, BRETHREN.

We have on hand many excellent communications, and some of them ought to have appeared long before now. But our columns have been crowded, and we have had to lay those aside that will keep, and publish such as are perishable. Hence the delay. But all will get a hearing in due time. We are glad to have the brethren write. The more the better, but be patient. Let everybody write in prose. We have all the poetry that the paper can stand until some time next spring. We have among our readers poets and poetesses without number, and many of them want to practice on the Advocate. So we are deluged with poetry of all sorts, good, bad and indifferent. Some of it will appear, but much of it will not. And we never return poetry unless especially requested to do so. It would require a good deal of stamps and stationery. But we are doing our best by it all. Were it not for a capacious waste basket we hardly know what would become of us. Do you see the point?

A PLEASANT DAY IN CAMERON.

When the Texas Conference met in Cameron eleven years ago I was a member of the Conference and attended its session. But it so happened that I had never been back there until last Sunday. I left over the Santa Fe Saturday and spent the most of the day in the trip. It is 180 miles from Cameron to Dallas. The road runs through one of the finest sections of the State, and the country is in its beauty and glory. I have hardly seen such a profusion of wild flowers and such a variety. The prairies are perfectly gorgeous. And, notwithstanding the excess of rain, the farmers are in measurably good condition. The corn is looking well. Much of the cotton is planted. Wheat and oats have had too much rain, but a good dry spell will bring them out. The low places have suffered. But the grass is luxuriant, and so is the alfalfa. Cattle never looked better, and the prices are now encouraging. And there is not a licensed saloon between here and Cameron. And you have to go far beyond Cameron before you find one. Verily, local option is capturing this fair land!

I reached Cameron in the afternoon. Rev. C. J. Oxley met me at the depot. He installed me in the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hefley, ardent Methodist people. They live in one of the most beautiful homes and on one of the most beautiful sites in Texas. It is a dream of loveliness. There is nothing lacking to make it a well-nigh perfect home. What a delightful time we had! I used to be the pastor of Sister Hefley's mother, Mrs. Pannel, of Houston. I was made to feel at home. What a heritage the Methodist preacher has! He does not own much of this world's goods, but he has a title to the friendships of people to which money value cannot be attached. I never met those good people but once before; yet during my stay all that they had was placed at my disposal. And all the preachers that go that way have the same rights, not only in that one good home, but in all the good Methodist homes in that lovely little city. Cameron has a population of about 4000. It is situated in a sandy belt, though there is black land near by. Corn, cotton, wheat, fruits and alfalfa abound. The best land is along the river bottoms. But for three years the river has frequently overflowed and destroyed the crops adjacent. They hoped to escape this season, but the downpour of recent rainfalls has dissipated these hopes. Sunday all those beautiful bottoms were under water. This means a heavy loss to a large number of otherwise prosperous people. The county is a dry county—that is, it is free from barrooms. The law is working well; but the antis are contemplating another election. That they will be overwhelmed is practically a foregone conclusion. But the pros are not going to take any chances. They will go into the fight to win.

Sunday morning we had a fine congregation, notwithstanding the weather. The Church is a thing of beauty. It is a solid brick, was built during the pastorate of Rev. James Kilgore. His plans for collecting the money were unique. He never took any public collections. No man knew what his neighbor contributed. The pastor went quietly about to the people individually, and the result is one of the handsomest Church structures in the Conference. Its architecture is artistic and substantial. It is elegantly furnished. It has every convenient arrangement. One can hardly suggest an improvement. It occupies the old lot, which is a fine location. There is room on it for a parsonage. The old structure will be taken down at an early day and a new one will take its place. Then the Cameron people will have one of the completest plants imaginable. They are very fond of Brother Oxley and his family. He is doing excellent service. He is full of life, energy and enterprise. Things move about him. We had a good service. At night we had a great mass-meeting of all the Church people and citizens generally in the Auditorium, and it was in the interest of local option. I

spoke to them more than an hour. There was much interest. Cameron is a delightful community. My visit to them was very enjoyable to me. We have a splendid type of Methodism there. They take the Advocate, and it seemed that I knew them all.

G. C. R.

AMONG THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Last week was a season of District Conferences, especially in North Texas. The McKinney District met in McKinney and we were privileged to look in upon it for a few hours. Rev. I. W. Clark was in the chair and the proceedings were moving smoothly. We heard a few of the reports, and they looked encouraging. Rev. R. W. Thompson ("Uncle Dick") was there to look after the Orphanage. He preached a melting sermon, made us all cry, and then he invited the audience to come forward and express their sympathy in substantial ways for the little ones at Waco. They all went up and made the money jingle for several minutes. The Advocate was given the right of way, and the brethren paid earnest heed to a few remarks on that subject. The brethren up that way are supporters of the paper. Several school men were present and addressed the conference. The McKinney District is in good condition.

We ran up and took in the Bonham District at Trenton. Dr. John H. McLean was in the chair, and he had a good attendance of the brethren, clerical and lay. One whole afternoon was turned over to the visitors, and they addressed the gathering on the schools, the Orphanage and the Advocate. There was nothing else done that afternoon but to speak and to listen to speeches. The brethren listened patiently to us all. At night Brother Pugsley, of Ladonia, preached a beautiful and a well prepared sermon, after which Dr. McLean, aided by several of the preachers, administered the Holy Communion. It was a delightful service. Brother Vaughan received an offering for the Orphanage. We did not get to hear any of the reports, but all the preachers looked cheerful and in good spirits. Dr. McLean is doing some of the most earnest work of his long and devoted life, and he has the details of his district firmly in hand. He is one of the leaders of our Texas Methodism. He showed to us all every courtesy. He also followed the editor in some very apt and pointed remarks on the hindrances to local option. We have asked him to furnish them to us for the Advocate. They will make very interesting and timely reading.

From there we ran down to Lone Oak and spent a few hours at the Greenville District Conference. Rev. J. M. Peterson had the reins in hand, and the conference was well under way. We heard enough of the proceedings to see that the district is in good care. The preachers and the laymen were in goodly numbers. At noon Rev. W. L. Clifton, the nestor of the conference, preached a very remarkable sermon. It was remarkable for its deep thought, its evangelical spirits, its unctuous delivery and its effect upon the audience. We have not heard just such a sermon in many a day. It was an event in the lifetime of those who heard it. Following it, a fine offering was received by Brother Vaughan for the Orphanage. Several of us were given ample time to represent our several interests. The Advocate is in good favor in all these conferences. Brothers Archer, of McKinney; Atchley, of Trenton, and Morrow, of Lone Oak, brought us under renewed obligations for many kindnesses. Their charges are all in fine state and they showed the greatest hospitality to all the delegates and visitors. We would love to say more of these gatherings, but time and space forbid. We also intended to take in the Gainesville Conference at Krum, but an engagement in South Texas prevented.

Last week, Bishop A. Coke Smith was reported to be not so well as he had been, being confined to his bed. It has been suggested that special prayer be offered for his recovery.

THE LAREDO STORM.

A fearful storm passed over the city of Laredo last Friday night and wrought fearful disaster. Some fifteen or twenty persons were killed outright and perhaps as many as 100 were injured. The dead and the injured are nearly or quite all Mexicans. The property destroyed is immense. Private dwellings, business places, public buildings and churches nearly all suffered more or less. The Seminary of the Woman's Foreign Board, located in the suburbs of the city, is damaged. Two of its buildings are virtually wrecked, much of the furniture injured, and fencing and out-houses and shrubbery within the inclosure shared the damage. It is conservatively estimated that it will take at the least calculation \$50,000 to repair the loss. No doubt but that steps will be taken by the good women of the Church and the membership of the Church at large to replace the destroyed property. Texas will not be found wanting in this duty. Mrs. S. S. Park, an account of whose death occurs in this issue, had died in one of the wrecked buildings just one hour before the storm struck it. The undertakers were embalming her body when the crash came. How would it do to erect another building on the spot and call it the Park Memorial? How does the suggestion strike our Texas women? All Texas Methodism would help in a movement of this sort. It would be a fitting way in which to perpetuate the memory of the good woman whom our people all love for her work's sake. In another place Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, who went immediately to the scene, gives a graphic account of the results as he saw them. The whole State feels moved toward Laredo in this her time of dire disaster.

DEATH OF MRS. S. S. PARK.

Mrs. S. S. Park, a long time worker in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Texas Conference, died last Friday at Laredo. She was over eighty years of age, and had lived in Texas nearly all her life. Her home has been in Galveston the most of her life, but after the great storm, when her family suffered severely in loss of life, she has been living the most of the time in Laredo. Her remains were transferred to Galveston and laid to rest last Sunday afternoon, while many friends were present to take part in the solemn services. Sister Park served her day and generation faithfully, and she is now at the end of her life journey and safe at home. She was truly a good and devout woman, and her friends are numbered by the thousands. We extend to her family and relatives our sincerest sympathy.

DEATH OF THE HON. C. L. POTTER.

When the Hon. C. L. Potter, of Gainesville, died last week the Methodist Church in that city lost one of its most valuable members, the city one of its best men, and the State one of its leading citizens. We enjoyed the pleasure of his personal acquaintance and his death is a grief to this writer. He was a noble specimen of manhood viewed from every standpoint. His life was clean, his character beautiful, and his private and public record above all reproach. He was also a man of fine ability and grace every position to which he was called with credit to himself and with honor to the people. The passing of such a man is a loss to our common humanity, but he leaves a heritage of virtue, integrity and manliness that will ever abide.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

The next session of the Summer School of Theology will begin June 6th, and all the preparations for a most successful term are now maturing. All the previous terms have been fine. But the present one promises even better things than any one that has gone before. Some of the very best, ablest men in the country are on the program. Among them are Bishop Vincent, Rev. Shailer Matthews, D. D., of the Chicago University; Rev. Jas.

H. Stevenson, D. D., of the Vanderbilt University; our own Dr. Hamill, and others from a distance. Then some of the ablest men in our own State will be with us to take part in the work. The expense of attending the institute is reduced to a minimum. The tuition, which includes everything, is only \$5 for the term, and board can be secured at from \$1 to \$6 for the entire ten days. This brings it within the reach of all our preachers. The course of study is complete, and we know of no gathering where so much mental and religious nourishment can be gotten in so short a time and for so little money. It will afford an outing while at the same time it will give all these immense advantages. Its fellowship will be worth much also to the brethren. Nearly 200 have already registered, and a great many more will do so between now and the opening. To go to Georgetown, get the advantage of these lectures, and the teaching of the courses to the undergraduates and to enjoy the fellowship of that goodly company, cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. We urge all our brethren, young and old, to make it a point to be at Georgetown when the Summer Institute opens its first exercises. It will give to us a mental stimulus that will freshen our intellectual work for a whole year. We need the contact of such minds as will communicate with us at the Summer School.

TWO CORRECTIONS.

1. In our write-up of the Hempstead tragedy we made but one mistake. That was concerning the death of Congressman Pinckney's brother, whom some negroes killed nearly two years ago. The papers all stated that he fired into a negro Church without provocation, and that they returned the fire, and he was killed. We are assured that this is a mistake, and we are glad to correct it. It is said by those who know that he was wantonly murdered by the negroes. In another place will be found a correct version of the matter by our pastor, who was and is now on the ground. The remainder of our account was impartially correct.

2. We took the account of the drowning of the little girl at Orphanage from the daily papers. They stated that she was wading in water and stepped over her depth and was drowned. Brother Vaughan tells us that the stream where she and other of the children were wading and playing was quite shallow; that no danger was apprehended, and the larger people were off some distance. It was nowhere deep enough to drown anyone. The girl was taken with what is supposed to have been cramps and fell in the water and disappeared some three feet to the bottom of the stream. The other children became panic stricken and fled. The grown people ran to the scene, made every effort to find the place where she went down, but the water was muddy and it was fully half an hour before they could stumble upon her body, and life was extinct. Every possible effort was made to revive her, but life was gone. The tragedy has cast a gloom over the Orphanage circle. Brother Vaughan is exceedingly careful with the children. He was with them that day, but having no idea of danger in such shallow water, was not near them at the time of the accident. Had the child not been attacked with cramps, or something of that nature, no accident could have possibly occurred. Smaller children than she were in the same stream with impunity.

Rev. J. M. Smith, of Jacksonville Circuit, sends eight new subscribers and adds this remark: "This is the result of the eight sample copies I received this week." This is nearly always the result of the distribution of sample copies when they are followed by a personal canvass on the part of the pastor. When Bro. Smith receives sample copies he makes them count.

A private note from Rev. S. W. Turner, of the Gatesville District, contains the following items concerning his district: "We are having some great

meetings. A fine meeting just closed at Crawford under leadership of Rev. J. W. Bowden. Have been about 125 conversions in three meetings held to date."

Rev. J. T. Grisworld, P. E. of the Colorado District, testifies as follows: "I am making the Advocate a specialty in my district. Whenever we have the Advocate in this new

North Texas Conferences. Bishop Key will preside at the West, the Texas and the New Mexico gatherings. This is a good arrangement. It gives the two Texas Bishops to Texas.

Rev. R. J. Tooley, of Red Oak, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week.

Rev. W. J. Holder, of Rockwall; Rev. D. H. Aston and wife, of Roys-

view of the fact that the Sheriff saw proper on the day of the election to ask for and did secure the Rangers to aid him in keeping peace, and the good effect was the prompting cause of the petition. But to have them stationed here was offensive to some, who have so far failed to give a sensible reason. However, here is where the clash came. We had met together to discuss this petition together with the final meeting of the Temperance League. At the opening of the meeting the petition was presented and Mr. Brown, whom we had mentioned, offered objections and acted in a very disorderly manner; and in view of the fact that almost the entire body was in favor of the petition, a move was made to continue the work of the meeting and disregard Mr. Brown's talk from the fact that he was drinking and showed unmistakable signs of intoxication. At this point Brown jumped up again and took hold of R. E. Tompkins, who was speaking, and began to use profane and obscene language. Mr. Tompkins told him he could not do that, and Brown let him go and stepped back and drew a revolver and struck Tompkins on the head. I could give further particulars, but it is not necessary. The facts are that Brown was an anti at heart, but on account of family influence did not vote. The point that I would make clear is that it is not a strife between prohibitionists and the anti-prohibitionists, nor the strife between prohibitionists themselves. At this moment my attention is called to to-day's Houston Chronicle which leads the reader to believe that the Pinckney brothers were drunk. Such misrepresentations deserve no apology. There is no occasion for such, aside from the low purpose of throwing discredit upon the honorable dead and respectable living.

I wish to correct an error in an article in the Texas Advocate in respect to Tucker Pinckney's death, which occurred some months ago. The statement is to the effect that he was shot by negroes for shooting into their church, which is not the case. I am not called upon to give the particulars, but this is incorrect. I know the editor will only be glad to make the correction. REV. J. A. KENNEY, Pastor M. E. Church, South, Hempstead, Texas.

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NORTH TEXAS TRAINING SCHOOL.

About three years ago the enterprising citizens of Terrell decided to establish, in their city, a school of high grade known as the Terrell University Training School. For this purpose they put up and equipped a most excellent two-story brick building at a cost of about twenty thousand dollars. This is a modern building, well arranged for school work and occupying one of the prettiest sites in Terrell. In fact, it is almost an ideal location. It was built by a joint stock company, who last fall made a tender of this valuable property to the North Texas Conference if the conference would operate it as a school of high grade. The trustees of the conference regarded the proposition favorably and appointed O. S. Thomas, J. M. Peterson, Jno. M. Moore, Sidney Bass and R. L. Warren a committee to receive and put into operation said school if satisfactory terms could be arranged. The trustees of the Terrell University Training School have decided the building with three acres of land to the North Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South, and have turned over to us the stock, subscriptions and equipments of said school. This was

a most generous act of benevolence on the part of these trustees and stockholders and I am sure that the North Texas Conference most heartily appreciates and will leave nothing undone to make it one of the first training schools in the South. Rev. J. J. Morgan has been elected President and has enthusiastically begun the selection of his faculty, getting out his announcements and canvassing for pupils. We were very fortunate in securing Brother Morgan for the presidency. A finer Christian character can not be found. His equipment consists in a broad scholarship, having spent eight years in our universities in taking the degree of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity, as well as doing special work at Chicago University, an untiring energy, a thorough consecration, good business tact and an influence over boys and young men that is marvelous. With a well selected faculty of the very best talent obtainable he expects to make the school a great success. Besides the academic department, there will be the departments of music, art, commerce and elocution. It is not a college, but a training school, where our boys and girls will get the most thorough

preparation for admission into the leading universities of the land. The leading features of the school will be moral training, exact discipline and thorough drilling in every subject taught. The committee has leased from Mr. Toon the dormitory adjoining the school building with eight acres of land with the privilege of buying. This dormitory will be used for boys. Brother Morgan has shown his faith in the enterprise by purchasing three thousand dollars' worth of property from Mr. Toon, thus getting possession of all of the old school property. The young lady boarders who attend school will have the privilege of residing in the home with Brother Morgan and family. Mrs. Morgan is a daughter of our beloved I. G. John. She will act as matron. The people of Terrell, regardless of denomination, are enthusiastic over the school. Perhaps there is no more healthful place in North Texas and if parents wish to send their children to a first-class school they can do no better than to send them to the North Texas Training School, where they will get the very best advantages to be had. O. S. THOMAS, Chairman of Com.

country there we have a strong Methodist family. There are great opportunities for Methodism out here, and we want to use them."

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Bro. A. L. Latham and wife, of Cochran Chapel, did not forget us the other day while in the city.

Rev. I. W. Clark, of the McKinney Distict, was in the city this week and called pleasantly on the Advocate.

Rev. H. H. Goode, of Dexter, dropped in to see us recently. He looks like a man who is prospering along all lines.

Rev. E. S. Boyd and wife, of Greenville, were in the city this week and spent a few pleasant moments with us in this office.

Rev. J. J. Morgan, now of the Terrell Training School, called to see us this week. He and his work are in great evidence in this issue of the Advocate.

Bro. Louis Blaylock, publisher of the Advocate, left for Nashville this week to take in some of the May meetings. He will be gone for a week or two.

Bro. W. C. Everett, of the Branch House, left yesterday for Nashville. He will be over that way for several days. We now call him "Old Mosier," because the sleeping car porters gave him that familiar name on our late trip to Mexico. So "Old Mosier" is away, and we will tell it on him. The brethren will henceforth know what to call him.

Bishops Key and Hoss will be our Bishops next fall in New Mexico, Texas and the Indian Territory. Bishop Hoss will also go to Brazil this summer. When he returns he will hold the Indian Mission, the Northwest and the



REV. J. J. MORGAN, A. M., B. D., President North Texas Training School.

and Rev. S. L. Ball, of Fate, made the Advocate pleasant calls as they passed through the city to Kemp to attend the Terrell District Conference.

THE HEMPSTEAD TRAGEDY.

In reply to a number of inquiring friends and in justice to the good people who are bowed in grief and the law-abiding citizens of Waller County, whose hearts are not only sore, but sick as a result of the horrible tragedy that occurred here last Monday night, permit me to say through the papers that you represent that the reports of secular papers of the State are not only misleading, but they are treating us unjustly under the most heart-rending circumstances to which any people were ever subjected. The Dallas News leads its readers to believe

not present, but held the bias that suited it, and give emphasis to his statement and threw confusing doubt upon the statements of those present, and then in an editorial tries to throw suspicion upon the whole body of law-abiding citizens because the tragedy developed the fact that there were two of the number who carried concealed weapons while the contending parties were, as far as can be known, all armed, yet that editor feels himself prompted to say to the good people of this State that we are law-breakers, when two weapons were found in a crowd of possibly a hundred prohibitionists, while there was seen in the hands of the antis not less than five six-shooters, when their number were not more than a dozen.

The facts are the trouble grew out of a complication of difficulties for which the prohibition meeting was not in any way responsible, more than the measure they had met to discuss was of such a character that it reflected upon the Sheriff, whose election is contested, and has been continued on the most trivial excuse, and with other complications of a personal nature, which are the direct causes of the horrible tragedy, which came up in this way: The pros. had from the first meeting designated that Monday night as its last meeting under the name of the Prohibition League of Precinct No. 1. However, at the close of the election, in which the pros. won by a majority which has been variously stated ranging from 125 to 200, there developed a kindly feeling upon the part of the conservative antis, and they expressed a desire to see the law enforced inasmuch as they were satisfied that the election was fair and that they were thoroughly convinced that it was the will of the people of Waller County. Following this a petition was circulated, the principle of which was to ask the Governor to give the county the aid of a number of Rangers to help enforce the law. In that petition was a clause to which a very small number objected, as they pretend that it was an injustice to the Sheriff, while others regard it as only proper and right in

THE MEXICO SCHOOL FUND.

Since our last report we have received the following amounts for the school in Rev. Frank Onderdonk's district in Mexico:

A Friend, Shawnee, I. T.	\$ 50
A Friend, Dallas	50
A Friend, Ely	5 00
Mrs. E. Twitty, Gainesville	6 00
Friends, Nursery	5 08
Mrs. E. L. Shettles, Pittsburg	1 25
Mrs. I. K. Lewis, Pittsburg	1 25
Previously reported	\$19 58
Total	73 80
Total	\$93 38

Now you see we do not like much of having a round hundred dollars for this worthy purpose. Who will send us a contribution right away to finish it up? Let us hear from you, and next week we will finish the report.

G. C. RANKIN.

THE NEW HYMN BOOK.

On page 13 of this paper will be found an announcement and price list of the New Hymn Book. We expect to be ready to fill orders by September 1, and if past experience counts for anything, we will be swamped with orders long before that time. This leads us to say that all orders reaching us complete with full information about kind of books-wanted, whether round or shape notes, and clear shipping directions, will be numbered and filed and each filled in its turn when books begin to arrive. We will be compelled to stick to this rule, as all must be treated exactly alike, and no favoritism shown. First come, first served, and late comers must get in line and await their turn. Again, orders once filed cannot be increased. If more books are wanted a new order must be made, and it will be numbered and filed and take its turn with the others. Arrangements are being made that will enable us to fill orders from both Dallas and Nashville at the same time. Neither house will have any advantage over the other in this line. The prices given in the advertisement on another page cannot be varied from in any way. They were made by higher power than ourselves, and to insist on discounts or other advantages would be a waste of time. We could not do it if we wanted to. Address SMITH & LAMAR, Agents, Dallas, Texas, or Nashville, Tenn.



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Sunday-School Department

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

YOUNG MEN'S CLASSES.

Young men are not in Church or Sunday-school. Some one took a census and found that one out of twenty was in attendance upon the Sunday-school, though these young men, to use the words of Jefferson Davis, are the "seed corn" of Church and State.

Yet they can be reached and brought into the Sunday-school. Enough successful experiment has been made to assure us that young men need not be counted as aliens. The writer knows of young men's classes that draw like a magnet, and are the pride of Church and community to which they belong.

Young men are gregarious. They "flock together." The most natural thing in the world is for a young man to go where other young men are—to street corner, depot, base ball campus. If a movement of young men can be started toward Church and school, many more will be led along with it.

Young men, as a rule, do their own thinking. They come to the Sunday-school with "notions," especially as to the Bible and religion. They are suspicious, assertive, and disposed to challenge views of things. The wise teacher will allow for this condition.

The young man can be led to any place where he will find his elders in business, social, political and religious affairs. Young men's classes never abide in Sunday-schools where the young men have none to look up to older and wiser than themselves. Therefore the first indispensable in getting young men to come to Sunday-school is to fill pews with their fathers and mothers.

In forming a class, make out a list of young men who should attend your school. Call into counsel the pastor and some of the older members. Study the list. Get the help of young men and women in finding out all you can as to each young man. Study what influences can be brought to bear on each young man, and who would be the best person to secure his consent to join a young men's class.

Advertise the class from pulpit and platform, and in the secular papers. Throw about it from the beginning all the prestige you can command. Do not deal in sentiment. Let the young men of the community understand that your Church and school have a sincere interest in their moral and religious welfare, and that you intend by every rightful means to secure their attendance upon your young men's class.

Then use the "hook and line" diligently. Look up every young man on your list, or have him looked up. Urge it upon him personally, show him how it will be for his good. If one fails to win him, send another and another. But use tact and common sense, and do not fret him or yourself if you fail. Wait a time and try it again.

Every one who canvasses for the class should carry with him a plan of the class organization and a pledge of membership and attendance to be signed by those who join. Let the plan be presented with business definiteness.

Here are hints as to a plan of organization of a young men's class. Have a care to frame some plan, as the young man wants to know what he is joining:

- (a) Give the class an apt name.
(b) Define the objects of the class, social, educational, religious, etc.
(c) Define the membership, limiting it to single men under the age of—
(d) Define the officers of the class, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc., and how and when they are chosen.
(e) Define the class committees as "outlook," "social," "literary," "pastor's aid," etc., how these are chosen and for what duties. These committees may be made invaluable to the class.
(f) State in few words, as by-laws, the requirements as to attendance duty (not always expedient), contributions, mutual helpfulness, service for Church or school, whatever is safe and conservative as a beginning.
(g) Define any special features, as "class sociables," "receptions," "anniversaries," etc. These are helpful ways by which the class spirit may be fostered, and the young men benefited.
Club life has a charm for young men because it ministers to their social instincts. The Church or Sunday-school that expects to win the young man will need to recognize and provide for the social side of his life: not by "institutional" Christianity, if that means the importation of billiard table and gymnasium into the Church, but by putting about the young man whatever is clean and wholesome socially. A young men's class in Sunday-school is for Bible study and Christian training primarily, but it detracts nothing from the spiritual work if once in

while the young men are brought together in fine social fellowship.

The spiritual side is always the difficult and delicate one. Especially will this be found true in dealing with young men. Let no one imagine that we have placed undue emphasis upon the merely social and educational matters of a young men's class. These are only bypaths, designed to lead into the great spiritual work needed, especially for and by young men. It is only when the hearts of pastor, superintendent and teachers are heavy with the burden of the souls of these young men that such a class will withstand the enticements of the street, and come together week by week.

Lastly, there must be a genuine tenderness for bad young men, who are wasting life and opportunities in the saloons, the card room, the theater, and the dance hall. Most of the young men who come to this class—in sorrow be it spoken—will bring the stain of these vices upon them. Bad as they appear to be, and truly may be, the teacher of a young men's class, more than all other teachers, will need to follow the example of the great Teacher, who uncovered and condemned the sin, but with unflinching tenderness threw the mantle of his charity over the sinner. Faith in the final outcome of the bad young man is the chief cornerstone of the young men's class.

May 14.—Jesus prays for his followers.—Jno. 17:15-26. Golden Text: "I pray for them."—Jno. 17:9.

World Evangelist:

There is a close moral connection between this lesson and that of last week—the parable of the vine and the branches. In both, the underlying truth is the oneness of the believer and Christ. In that parable the truth of the oneness was considered in its relation to the believer's fruitfulness: in this lesson the emphasis is more on his perfect security, and his joy. It is important, therefore, that we see how the unity of Christ and the believer is the very groundwork of all that he asks in our behalf in this great prayer. "Thine they were, and thou gavest them me." Because of that he has given them everything he has, and asks for them everything God has. The Father gave him to have life in himself, and to give away, so he gave life to the disciples. God was his Father, so he made the disciples children, too. The Father gave him certain words, so he gave those words to the disciples. Now he asks that the disciples may be with him where he is, and that they may share all there is in heaven for him. And all this based on the great fact of identity. "All mine are thine, and thine are mine." "I in them, and thou in me."

This is the immense truth which marks off the saved of this dispensation from the saved of past ages, and of the ages to come. The Old Testament saint was a "friend of God" like Abraham, or a "Friend of the Bridegroom," like John the Baptist. The Tribulation saints will be "before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple." The millennial saints will be subjects of the King. But the Christian is, by the new birth, identified with the Father by nature (2 Peter 1:4); with the Son by oneness of life (1 John 5:12; Col. 3:4; John 14:19); and with the Holy Spirit by his indwelling (1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Cor. 6:17). It is the truth which the Reformation did not discern, and to a consciousness of which the Church is coming but slowly.

But, after all, important as it is, and central as it is to the possibility of such a prayer, the identity is not the heart of this lesson.

What that is, our Lord makes clear: "And these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves." Or, as Weymouth renders, "that they may have my gladness within them, filling their hearts." That is, the things which the Lord was saying were the things which filled him with gladness, and he spoke them in our hearing that we, knowing them, might be filled with the same gladness. Those things are: (1) an accomplished redemption. "I have finished the work thou gavest me to do." Our Lord in this prayer puts himself this side of the cross. All that was necessary for our perfect salvation he accomplished on Calvary. (2) A perfect manifestation. He not only revealed the Fatherhood of God as the true relation in which God stands toward every believer in himself crucified, but he perfectly revealed the Father. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." (3) He rejoiced in being the representative of the believer with God. The 13th of John is but an example of the ceaseless intercessory work of Christ in the believer's behalf. He had represented the Father in heaven to the sons on earth, now he was representing the sons on earth before the Father in heaven. (4) He rejoiced in the way he was providing for the perfect security of the disciples amid all the trials and temptations of life. He was depositing them for safe-

keeping with the Father. Our security rests on the Father's fidelity to a trust reposed in him by his Son. (5) He rejoiced in the sure sanctification of the believers. The word here means a gradual separation from all that is not of God—a setting apart. He so set himself apart, that we might also, through the truth, be set apart. (6) He rejoiced in that all believers were to be glorified.

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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STATE LEAGUE DUES.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Waxahachie (\$15.25), Bowie (1.00), Blanco (50), Corsicana (50), Shelbyville (1.50), Total (\$48.90).

We want to call attention to a letter which accompanied the remittance from Shelbyville this week. It was written by Mrs. W. C. Huntington, and is as follows: "I notice in the Advocate your call for State League dues. We have a small League at this place, and we have no money in our treasury, but I will send you one dollar, dues, as I think the League is a very fine institution for our young people. I am old, but I attend the meetings of our League." This action on the part of this good woman is very commendable, and should inspire others to contribute to this fund.

The April collections have been very satisfactory, but there yet remains many chapters whose dues are not paid. We will try to make the month of May even better than the one past; so let us have your remittances promptly. All moneys should be sent direct to me.

THEODORE BERING, Treas.

ON TO CORPUS!

There are two great meetings to claim the attention of Texas Leaguers this year, the International Convention at Denver and the State Encampment at Corpus Christi. Everyone who can afford the expense should attend both these gatherings. The wonderful scenery of Colorado and the many side trips incident to the convention are inducements not to be overlooked, while the character of the program and the inspiration to be had from great numbers all contribute to the intensity of one's desire to attend this biennial event. But there are many of our young people who are not going to be able, financially, to attend both the International and the State meetings, and to these we want to say, in the choice between the two, let the decision be in favor of the State meeting. There are many reasons why this is desirable. In the first place, we are just inaugurating the Chautauqua plan, and the future success of the movement depends largely upon the attendance and enthusiasm of the initial meeting. Every loyal Leaguer owes it to the cause to add the full strength of his influence to the State organization, and one's presence at the annual meeting, where counsel and wise direction may be given, will have the most benign effect upon the development and growth of the movement. The Corpus Christi meeting will mark the most critical period in our thirteen years of history, and we should all be there to see that nothing is left undone which might bring success. The question of loyalty, however, is not the only consideration. An outing of unusual scope is offered to the pleasure seeker, with environments far superior to anything we have ever had offered us in Texas before. For ten days one may camp out, surrounded by congenial friends and in absolute security from evil influences. The great auditorium will have been completed, numerous cottages will have been erected, a keeper will be in charge of the grounds day and night, boating, fishing, hunting, bathing and healthful recreation of every description will be conveniently available, not alone for one day, or two, but for ten whole days. Following the encampment session an excursion will be run

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NOTES.

The North Texas Conference Epworth League will hold its fourteenth annual session on August 16th, meeting this year at Corpus Christi.

The Texas Conference Epworth League will hold its thirteenth annual session on August 17, meeting also at Corpus Christi.

The Beeville District Epworth League will likewise hold its annual meeting at Corpus Christi, the date set being August 11.

Brother Marvin Nichols has accepted a place on the California State program, and in addition has three engagements elsewhere for the summer, including an address before our State League on the "Shut-in Movement."

The following Texans have been selected for places on the International program, in addition to Hon. R. W. Hall, whose name was mentioned in this connection last week, namely, Bishop Hoss, Rev. G. S. Sexton, Dr. W. F. Packard, President Sterling Fisher and Rev. John M. Barcus.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, of Norman, Oklahoma, in writing to say he would conduct an old time Methodist love feast at Corpus Christi during the Encampment session, adds these words of commendation: "I commend your movement. It is like Texas to do great things. I rejoice with exceeding great joy at your prospects of success."

The Texas State headquarters at Denver, for the International Convention, have been established at the First Baptist Church, 18th and Stout Streets. A prospectus giving in detail all information regarding the great meeting has just been issued by the committee, a copy of which may be had for the asking by writing to Secretary W. C. Williams, Denver.

At the head of the Epworth League department of the New Orleans Christian Advocate now appears the name of Henry G. Hawkins, editor, Brookhaven, Miss. We gather from his notes that May will be observed by his Leaguers as rally month, and we note that plans are being made to carry three sleeper loads of delegates to the International Convention.

We learn that 275 cars of cabbage have been shipped from Corpus Christi this season in addition to vast quantities of other vegetables. For the benefit of Brother Halsell we would state, however, that buttermilk is still plentiful and that the supply of vegetables will not be exhausted before the Encampment session.

G. W. T.

THE SHINING LIGHT.

"Though but a candle thou dost have, Its trimmed and glowing ray is infinite."

If the truth in this little couplet was fully impressed on every Christian's mind how different would the lives of many of them be. Each has the candle. No one doubts that. The fact of possession then being settled, how about the light-giving qualities? Is the flame weak, sickly, flickering, burning in just such a manner as to say to others, "I'll just go out any minute?"

If your part of the work is done your candle will glow as a light shining in a dark place. Its flame will be brilliant and steady, shining out far over the waters of time into eternity, a live thing that will give of its own brightness to all who look thereon. Some are halting. They say, "I know we must let our light shine, but I don't know how to go about it."

heaven." There's the thing to be done and the way to do it. Good works are expected of every Christian, and if performed in a whole-hearted, forceful way, as if unto the Lord, the light is shining, and others are quickened to the performance of their duties by it. No perplexities or difficulties can excuse from this light-shining; the command is too plain, the way too straight. Often comes the thought that there is nothing at hand to do. No open road to good works open in my pathway. There's the mistake. You are not turning your light on strong enough. Flash it this way and that way in the darkened places at your very door. Search lights will find many good works to be done. You are the one to get after them. Then you will live a forceful life. Then you will develop the latent good that lying dormant is benefiting no one and at last may call down on your head the anathema, "Depart from me; I never knew you."

MARY R. LESESNE.

THE NEED OF DOCTRINAL PREACHING.

Rev. W. M. Hicks, of Bernville, Miss., a Baptist divine, has just concluded a series of sermons at this place on the doctrines of his Church. He was recommended to us as a scholar and a man of marked ability. And true to the recommendation he was profuse in his quotations of Sanscrit, Hebrew, Greek and Latin. He gave us the same arguments that others of his denomination have ever done. He showed, however, a lack of familiarity with the subject matter in hand, which might be attributed to the fact of his having so recently united with the Baptist from the Roman Catholic Church.

Brother Hicks is not a debater. He showed poor logical skill and gave no real evidence of scholarship. His attempts at exegesis were amusing, not to say pathetic. Some of his strong points (?) may be mentioned as follows: Thirty minutes were occupied trying to show that the clean water (Ez. 36:25) was mixed with blood and ashes. He wrestled with Greek idioms nearly an hour before he could make Jno. 4:2 say, "Jesus baptized none but disciples." But when this last conclusion was reached it made Jesus Christ a Baptist preacher. He told us how John the Baptist baptized all the Jews after that they had given an experience of grace, but forgot to show us how they fell from grace in condemning their Savior to be crucified.

To put it mildly, I was disappointed in the effort made. Having heard Baptist preaching all my life, I have witnessed the threshing of that same old straw from my boyhood's days. The Baptist people of this town are loyal to God, and we are working together for the salvation of our friends and the glory of Him who is the great Head of the Church. They are among the best friends I have; so they'll pardon me one word of advice. If their creed really needs bolstering in this part of God's heritage, I would humbly suggest the need of a stronger prop.

Brother Hicks is doubtless a Christian gentleman and sincere in his convictions, but he shows a lack of controversial ability. He is not a polemic and never can be. Such men hinder the very cause they would uphold. His efforts to bolster the creed he loves reminds one of the boy who killed his father's saddle horse with his first gun and excused himself by saying all boys must learn. He stated during one discourse that he was in possession of seventy-five New Testament lexicons; some of his hearers decided he had not mastered them all. Let me say in conclusion that we need the doctrines of our respective creeds preached sometimes. Very seldom do theological discussions prove a blessing. Never unless the disputants are representative men. To overcome a weak antagonist is not glorious. A young man, like Brother Hicks, who has so recently espoused the cause of Protestantism, can not be expected to speak with authority upon any of her great doctrines. He has energy, zeal and a ready flow of words, but seems to want that power of concentration so essential in discussing the great themes that differentiate the denominations of Protestantism.

If the Baptists of this town are Bible students and are acquainted with Church literature they will at once perceive that he has failed in what he attempted. Scholarship is not a painted show. Greek roots do not grow like turnip tops with a few hours' cultivation.

Our brother seems to possess some native ability and with time and patience may be able to meet theologians of a different school, but if his sermons at Mesquite, on the doctrines, are a fair sample of his ability, he is not yet prepared to meet the scholarship of the Church. An older preacher once told me to go ahead and do the best I could, but after growing older and wiser I'd revise and remodel nearly all my sermons. This may apply to others.

Brother Hicks may not change his Church relations any more, but will doubtless learn that there are yet others. WALTER DOUGLASS, Mesquite, Texas.

RETROSPECTION.

It is with pleasure and profit that I read and reread the Advocate, especially so the articles by those whom I have known from infancy. The articles by Bros. E. L. Armstrong and M. H. Neely called to mind many recollections of the past. It was never my good fortune to know Bro. Armstrong personally, but feel as if I had known him always, having heard my father speak so sweetly of him. When the Texas Conference met here last November I looked over the sea of faces, only to recognize Bros. J. S. Mathis, I. Alexander, John Adams and R. W. Thompson, of the older members of the old East Texas Conference, who were co-laborers with my father; the others or nearly all of them having crossed over the river to rest from their loved employ. I love to sit and recall the faces of those who have been my pastors, treasure with delight the words of cheer, advice and comfort spoken to me; recall the pleasant visits to our homes, for our home was always the preachers home, my father's office theirs when time permitted. The first pastor I recall was Dr. R. S. Finley, who was one of the grandest men I ever met. Then comes M. H. Neely, M. C. Blackburn, W. C. Haslip, S. J. Hawkins, John H. McLean, J. Clark Smith, all these when we lived in Jefferson. I shall never forget a sermon preached by Bro. Neely; it was from the 24th Psalm, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." It seems but yesterday, though nearly thirty years ago, I never hear the songs, "Hold the Fort" and "Go Bury the Sorrow," but it carries me back to a revival conducted by Sam P. Wright in the old red brick church in Jefferson. It seems to me I can hear the clap of his hands as those songs were sung. It was in this revival that I gave my heart to God. Oh, how sweet these memories! But I must not dwell here, for I must mention Bros. N. B. Phillips, E. F. Boone, J. R. Wages, last, but not least, R. W. Thompson. This brings us down to the year 1884. Here I must close for this time. As I retrospect and recall these men of God and their works the glorious revivals, the old-time songs, the love feasts and the clear cut experiences told by them and their people then, and compare with the work and times now, it makes me wonder whether are we drifting? Let us draw aside the curtain of time and glance back for a moment and see if in our mad haste to keep up with the progression of the times, if we have not allowed some of our fundamental usages to become obsolete. Let us hear more about these early days and the men who made it possible for us younger ones to have more advantages and comforts.

JOHN B. TULLIS, Marshall, Texas.

Loss of Appetite.

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SHOULD PREACHERS USE TOBACCO?

To study this subject carefully and prayerfully with all of its growing affects and influences on the minds of our boys, it is a grave and serious question. Tobacco was unknown among the civilized nations of the world until the discovery of America. Then the Indians, a heathen nation, would present to the English their pipes and tobacco as a token of their friendship; but now we claim to enjoy the highest standard of Christian civilization. Then let's prove it by abstaining from all such filthy heathenish habits. There are but two sides to any question—the one is good, the other is evil. So if there is no good in a thing there is always more or less evil. There is a little excuse for the

use of tobacco as there is for the use of profane language, for we evidently have no taste for it until we contract the habit of using it. Now is it right to spend money dedicated to the Lord and given to our ministers as the Lord's property for that filthy weed to gratify the carnal desires of the flesh, and thus weaken our mental and physical powers?

Perhaps some will ask why I thus address the preachers. It is because they are supposed to be the heads of the Church, our Christian leaders and should by all means set before their flock the highest and noblest examples, examples worthy of imitation. I hate for my preacher to do a thing in the presence of my boys that I condemn and teach them to renounce; but this sad experience has been mine. Now if I am too hard on the habit, and any brother has any defense to make, I am open for conviction.

T. A. BELL.

Story of a Great Indian Fighter



Captain W. F. Drannan is of French descent. He was born in mid-ocean and left an orphan at the tender age of 4 years. When but 15 years old he left his foster parents and walked from Nashville, Tenn., to St. Louis, Mo., a distance of over 500 miles, where he met the noted and famous trapper and Indian fighter, Kit Carson. He immediately adopted Kit as his protector, and off to the plains they went to hunt game and trap for a livelihood. Captain Drannan soon became an Indian fighter of fame and while but a mere youth he captured, killed and scalped five Indian warriors. For this daring feat he was promoted by Captain Elliott to the high honor of Chief of scouts, which title the captain defended with many laurels for 21 years. He conducted and defended the first train of emigrants across the plains of the wild and woolly west to the gold fields of California and rescued the two Gordon girls from the redskins and killed their captors. He also captured Captain Jack, the noted Modoc chief, which was one of his most daring and thrilling feats.

Captain Drannan was commissioned by the managers of the St. Louis World's Fair to gather up the various tribes of Indians, as he is perhaps more familiar with the customs of the wild Indians than any man now living. He writes of the wonderful effects of Dr. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure as follows: Lewiston, Idaho, April 29, 1903.

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ANNUAL MEETING W. F. M. S., TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Program.
 Wednesday, May 10.—4 o'clock p. m. preliminary meeting; 8 o'clock p. m. consecration service by Mrs. E. S. Shettles, and sacrament.
 Thursday, May 11.—Business sessions; 8 p. m. anniversary; address of welcome and response; reports of officers; addresses by missionaries.
 Friday, May 12.—Business sessions; 8 p. m. sermon.
 Saturday, May 13.—Business sessions.
 Sunday, May 14.—11 a. m. missionary sermon, by Rev. I. M. Bryce; 8 p. m. address by a missionary. Misses Hughes and Tarrant, of the China mission, will both be present and help to make the occasion pleasant and profitable. Come prepared to stay over Monday. Our hostesses say, "Please do not hurry through."
 Reduced rates have been secured, on the certificate plan. Let every delegate and visitor secure a certificate of having paid full fare going.
 MRS. S. PHILPOTT, Pres.
 Dew, Texas.

Program of the annual meeting, Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference, Midlothian, May 12-15, 1905.

Friday morning—9:00 o'clock, executive session; 9:30, invocation service, Mrs. A. B. Honeycutt; roll call and enrollment of delegates; announcement of committees; the quiet half hour.

Friday afternoon—2 o'clock, devotional exercises, Mrs. J. N. Eddins; report of Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Flora N. Hey; report of Conference Treasurer, Mrs. N. G. Rollins; report of Auditor; report of parsonage and loan funds, Mrs. J. N. Eddins; report of tithing superintendent, Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh; report of baby roll and Florine McEachern Brigade, Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth.

Friday evening—8:00 o'clock, devotional exercises, Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh; address of welcome; response; President's address; benediction. Social hour, 9 o'clock.

Sunday morning—9:00 o'clock, committee meetings; 9:30, devotional exercises, Mrs. J. C. Mims; report of supplies, Mrs. C. C. Armstrong; report of agent of Our Homes and King's Messenger, Mrs. W. H. Purcell; report of Reading Course, Mrs. F. B. Rudolph; report of press superintendent, Mrs. S. C. Follin; report of work by districts; the quiet half hour.

Saturday afternoon—2 o'clock, devotional exercises, Mrs. H. S. Abbott; reports of work, continued; paper, "Rescue Work;" report of Mission Home and Training School, Mrs. W. H. Johnson; report of deaconess work; general discussion.

Saturday evening—8:00 o'clock, devotional exercises, Mrs. N. G. Rollins; report of delegate to board meeting, Mrs. Flora N. Hey; report of work, continued; report of Committee on Extension of Work; report of Committee on Finance; report of Committee on Publication and Literature.

Sunday afternoon—3:00 o'clock, devotional exercises, Mrs. Flora N. Hey; paper, "Perils and Opportunities in Our Country," Mrs. H. S. Wilson; solo; review of our year's work, Mrs. Rollins; paper, "Our Responsibilities;" memorial address, Rev. Little; consecration service, conducted by Mrs. Bloodworth.

Sunday evening—8:00 o'clock, annual sermon, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh; collection.

Monday morning—9:00 o'clock, devotional exercises, Mrs. D. R. Blair; report of Committee on Memoirs; report of Parsonage Committee; report of Committee on Resolutions; election of officers; selection of place for next meeting; unfinished business.

Monday afternoon—2:00 o'clock, devotional exercises, Mrs. G. S. Hardy; workers' conference; the quiet half hour.

At the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning the annual commencement sermon of the public schools will be preached, to which all delegates and visitors are cordially invited.

Program of annual meeting of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of North Texas Conference, June 7-11, Paris, Texas:

Wednesday afternoon—4:00 o'clock, executive meeting.

Wednesday evening—8:00 o'clock, devotional service, led by pastor of Paris Church; address of welcome, response, by Mrs. J. G. Field, of Terrell; report of Treasurer Conference Society; report of Corresponding Secretary Conference Society; solo; President's annual address.

Thursday morning—9:00 o'clock, devotional service, led by President; enrollment of delegates; appointing

committees, etc.; report of District Secretaries; 11:30 o'clock, half hour devotional service, led by Miss Ruby Kendrick.

Thursday afternoon—2:30 o'clock, workers' conference, led by Mrs. Milton Ragsdale; the year's work at home, by Mrs. Henry Dorsey; the year's work abroad, by Mrs. A. R. Nash; vocal solo, by Miss May Spivey; "A Look Ahead;" "How Can We Make Our Meetings More Effective?" Mrs. J. C. Fry; "How Can We Enlarge Our Gifts?" Mrs. John Marshall; "How Can We Foster the Spirit of Prayer?" Miss Martha Tinnon; "How Can We Promote the Study of Missions?" Mrs. Scott Fulton; duet, "Watchman, Tell of the Night," sung by Mrs. Stiff and Heard.

Thursday evening—8:00 o'clock, devotional service, led by Mrs. F. E. Howell, Rec. Sec. of the Conference Society; vocal solo, by Mrs. C. L. Potter, of Gainesville; address by Associate Secretary of Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Mrs. A. C. Cobb.

Friday—9:00 a. m., scripture lesson, Mrs. M. A. Allen, of Terrell; unfinished business; devotional service, 11:30, led by Miss May Dye.

Friday afternoon—2:30, devotional service, Mrs. Abbie Allen; relation of the pastor to the foreign mission work, by Rev. Chas. Spragins, Secretary of Board of Missions of North Texas Conference; vocal solo, by Mrs. Ella Smith; "The Relation of Home Workers to Those in the Foreign Field," by Mrs. J. P. Campbell, missionary to Korea; song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Friday evening—8:00 o'clock, scripture lesson, Mrs. Campbell; service for young lady candidates for foreign missions.

Saturday—9:00 a. m., scripture lesson, Mrs. R. W. Thompson; report of committees; 11:30, devotional service, led by Miss Fladger.

Saturday afternoon—2:30, devotional service, led by Mrs. N. A. Searcy; unfinished business; selection of place of next annual meeting; election of officers.

Saturday evening—8:00 o'clock, devotional reports, followed by service juvenile reports, followed by service conducted by juvenile delegate.

Sunday morning—11:00 o'clock, sermon, by Dr. John Moore.

Sunday afternoon—3:30, annual love feast and rally, led by Misses Claiborne and Erwin.

Sunday evening—8:00 o'clock, scripture lesson, by Mrs. F. E. Howell; vocal solo, Mrs. C. L. Potter; address, by Mrs. J. P. Campbell, of Korea; benediction.

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN,
 Pres. Conf. Society.
 Plano, Texas.

NOTICE.

For the eleventh annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, to be held in Midlothian, May 12 to 15, inclusive, the rate of one and one-third fares has been given by the H. & T. C. and Santa Fe railroads, also all connecting lines, selling on May 12 and 13, limited to May 16 for return. The agent where you buy your ticket will give you any information you may desire. Hoping to have a large attendance of delegates and visitors, I am yours truly,

MRS. W. H. PURCELL,
 Chn. Trans. Committee.
 Cleburne, Texas.

We are glad and thankful to say to the Auxiliaries of the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference, that the condition of Mrs. J. H. Bowman, the honored and beloved President of the Conference Society, who has been critically ill, is now much improved. We know that united prayer from loving hearts will continue to ascend to God for her safe recovery and restoration to health and strength.

SELECTIONS.

Selections from the Monthly Bulletin, W. F. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference, for April:

"The Holy Spirit always refuses to let Christians enjoy their privileges alone. Wherever Pentecost dawns—in the individual, in the family, in the Church—there missions burst forth like a spring."

"The heart that loves, sets no time limit to its service, nor stays to measure its gifts; for Love must serve and Love must give."—Foreign Field.

An Awful Record.

There are one billion heathen in the world. They are dying at the rate of 100,000 a day!

At every breath we draw four souls perish, never having heard of Christ. Christians are giving at the rate of

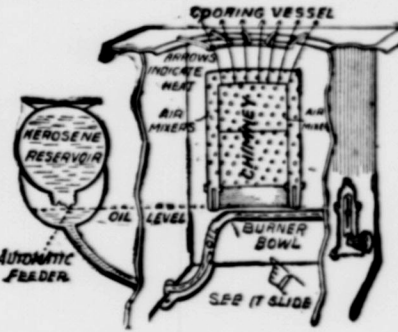
OIL-GAS The WONDERFUL NEW FUEL

Ohioan's Remarkable Invention—Claimed to be the cheapest, safest and best yet found. Invents a new Oil-Gas Stove that burns about 90 per cent air, 10 per cent oil-gas. A Miniature Gas Works in the Home.
 A God-Send to Women Folks—Every family can now have gas for cooking made from Kerosene Oil at a cost of only about 1-2 cent per hour.
 How delighted the ladies will be to save 1-3 to 1-2 on fuel bills—all the drudgery of carrying coal, wood, ashes, dirt, etc., and be able to enjoy cool kitchens this summer.

Most Wonderful Stove Ever Invented—Nothing else like it— Entirely different from the kind seen in stores. HOW OUR READERS CAN MAKE MONEY THIS SUMMER.

A genius of Cincinnati has invented a new scientific oil-gas generator that is proving a blessing to women folks, enabling them to cook with gas—relieving them of drudgery. Makes cooking and housework a delight and at the same time often saves 1-3 to 1-2 in cost of fuel. How often have many of our lady readers remarked that they would give anything to get rid of the drudgery of using the dirty coal and wood stoves—also the smoky oil wick stoves and their gasoline stoves which are so dangerous and liable to cause explosions or fire at any time. Well, that day has arrived and a fine substitute has been discovered and every family can now have gas fuel for cooking, baking and heating and not have their kitchen a hot, fiery furnace in summer, and be carrying coal and ashes—ruling their looks and health.

Thousands a Week.
 Upon calling at the factory we found that this invention has caused a remark-



able excitement all over the U. S.—that the factory is already rushed with thousands of orders and evidently the Company's representatives and agents are making big profits as they offer splendid inducements. As will be noticed from the engraving, this OIL-GAS GENERATOR is entirely different from any other stove—although its construction is very simple—may be easily and safely operated and is built on the latest scientific principles, having no valves, which is a marked improvement, as all valves are liable to leak, carbonize, clog up or overflow. By simply moving a knob the oil is automatically fed to a small, steel burner bowl or retort where it is instantly changed into gas, which is drawn upwards between two red hot perforated steel chimneys, thoroughly mixed with air and consumed, giving a bright blue flame—hottest gas fire, similar in color and heating power to natural gas.

This invention has been fully protected in the U. S. Patent Office and is known as the HARRISON VALVELESS WICKLESS AUTOMATIC OIL-GAS GENERATOR—the only one yet discovered that consumes the carbon and by-products of the oil. The extremely small amount of Kerosene Oil that is needed to produce so large a volume of gas make it one of the most economical fuels on earth and the reason for its great success of this generator is based on the well known fact of the enormous expansiveness of oil-gas when mixed with oxygen or common air.

Oil-Gas is proving so cheap that 1 lb. to 2 lb. a week should furnish fuel gas for cooking for a small family. Kerosene oil from which oil-gas is made may be purchased in every grocery—1 lb. cheap and a gallon of it will furnish a hot, blue flame gas fire in the burner for about 18 hours and as a stove is only used 3 or 4 hours a day in most families for cooking, the expense of operating would be but little. In addition to its cheapness is added the comfort, cleanliness—absence of soot, coal dirt, ashes, etc.—light the gas—a hot fire ready to cook. When turned, turn it off. Just think: a little kerosene oil—one match—light—a beautiful blue gas flame—hottest fire—always ready—quick meals—a gas stove in your home. It generates the gas only as needed—is not complicated, but simple—easily operated and another feature is its PERFECT SAFETY.

one-tenth of a cent a day. We give one cent a year for each heathen soul. Of every dollar given for Christian work, we spend ninety-eight cents on our home work and two cents on the heathen.

Out of every 100,000 Church members in America, only twenty-one go to the foreign field. In America there is one ordained minister, evangelist, or Christian worker to every forty-eight or fifty people.

In the foreign field each missionary is responsible for 100,000 souls! In China there is one ordained minister to every 1,000,000 people!—Selected.

A Reminder.

Let us not forget that our Easter collections are to be used in interest of Methvin Institute, Anadarko, Ind. Ter.

NOT DANGEROUS LIKE GASOLINE

And liable to explode and cause fire at any moment. This stove is so safe that you could drop a match in the oil tank and it would go out.

This Oil-Gas Stove does any kind of cooking that a coal or gas range will do—invaluable for the kitchen, laundry—summer cottage, washing, ironing, camping, etc. Splendid for canning fruit—with a portable oven placed over the burner splendid baking can be done.

Another Important Feature

Is the invention of a small Radiator Attachment which placed over the burner makes a desirable heating stove during the fall and winter so that the old cooking stove may be done away with entirely.

While at the factory in Cincinnati the writer was shown thousands of letters from customers who were using this wonderful oil-gas stove, showing that it is not an experiment but a positive success and giving splendid satisfaction, and as a few extracts may be interesting to our readers we reproduce them:

L. S. Norris, of Va., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Generators are wonderful sources of fuel—at least 50 to 75 per cent over wood and coal."

Mr. H. Howe, of N. Y., writes: "I find the Harrison is the first and only perfect oil-gas stove I have ever seen—so simple anyone can safely use it. It is what I have wanted for years. Certainly, a blessing to human kind."

Mr. E. D. Arnold, of Nebr., writes: "That he saved \$4.25 a month for fuel by using the Harrison Oil-Gas Stove. That his gas range cost him \$5.50 per month and the Harrison only \$1.25 per month."

J. A. Shafer, of Pa., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Stove makes an intense heat from a small quantity of oil—entirely free from smoke or smell—great improvement over any other oil stove. Has a perfect arrangement for combustion—can scarcely be distinguished from a natural gas fire."

Mr. H. E. Thompson, of Ohio, writes: "I congratulate you on such a grand invention to aid the poor in this time of high fuel. The mechanism is so simple—easily operated—no danger. The color of the gas flame is a beautiful dark blue and so hot seems almost double as powerful as gasoline."

Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, writes: "Am delighted—Oil-Gas Stoves so much nicer and cheaper than others—no wood, coal, ashes, smoke, no pipe, no wick, can not explode."

Hon. Ira Eble, J. P., of Wis., writes: "Well pleased with the Harrison—far ahead of gasoline. No smoke or dirt—no



trouble. Is perfectly safe—no danger of explosion like gasoline."

Chas. L. Bendeke, of N. Y., writes: "It is a pleasure to be the owner of your wonderful Oil-Gas Stove—no coal yard, plumbing—ashes or dust. One match lights the stove and in 10 minutes breakfast is ready. No danger from an explosion—no smoke—no dirt—simply turn it off and expense ceases. For cheapness it has no equal."

Agents are doing fine—Making big money. WONDERFUL QUICK SELLER.

Geo. Robertson, of Me., writes: "Am delighted with Oil-Gas, so are my friends—took 12 orders in 3 days."

A. B. Slimp, of Texas, writes: "I want the agency—in a day and a half took over a dozen orders."

Edward Wilson, of Mo., writes: "The Harrison very satisfactory—Sold 5 stoves first day I had mine."

The Georgetown District meeting of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, held at Temple, March 29th, was a very profitable occasion. We think it will result in some new Foreign auxiliaries in our district.

"Try, Try Again."

Our Board was never more in need of funds than now. The loan of money for the Laura Haygood Memorial must be returned, as well as that for the Meneiro, at Juiz de Fora, Brazil. While many have done nobly during the bad winter weather, some have failed to meet their pledges. Such failure seriously affects appropriations, and the call from all parts of the foreign work, except one, is larger than last year.

Are all other organizations of our Church to advance and ours to show signs of failure?

J. H. Halman, of Tenn., writes: "Already have 29 orders."

This is certainly a good chance for our readers to make money this summer. Hundreds of other prominent people highly endorse and recommend oil-gas fuel and there certainly seems to be no doubt that it is a wonderful improvement over other stoves.

The writer personally saw these Oil-Gas Stoves in operation—in fact, uses one in his own home—is delighted with its working and after a thorough investigation can say to our readers that this Harrison Oil-Gas Stove made by the Cincinnati firm is the only perfect burner of its kind.

It is made in three sizes, 1, 2 or 3 generators to a stove. They are made of steel throughout—thoroughly tested before shipping—sent out complete—ready for use as soon as received—nicely finished with nickel trimmings and as there seems to be nothing about it to wear out, they should last for years. They seem to satisfy and delight every user and the makers fully guarantee them.



HOW TO GET ONE.

All our lady readers who want to enjoy the pleasures of a gas stove—the cheapest, cleanest and safest—save 1-3 to 1-2 on fuel bills and do their cooking, baking, ironing and canning fruit at small expense—should have one of these remarkable stoves.

Space prevents a more detailed description, but these oil-gas stoves will bear out the most exacting demand for durability and satisfactory properties.

If you will write to the only makers, The World Mfg. Co., 5451 World Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, and ask for their illustrated pamphlet describing this invention and also letters from hundreds of delighted users you will receive much valuable information.

The price of these Stoves is remarkably low—only \$20 up. And it is indeed difficult to imagine where that amount of money could be invested in anything else that would bring such saving in fuel bills, so much good health and satisfaction to our wives.

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A wonderful wave of excitement has swept over the country, for where shown these Oil-Gas Stoves have caused great excitement. Oil-Gas fuel is so economical and delightful that the sales of these Stoves last month were enormous and the factory is rushed with thousands of orders.

Many of our readers have spare time, or are out of employment and others are not making a great deal of money, and we advise them to write to the firm and secure an agency for this invention. Exhibit this stove before 8 or 10 people and you excite their curiosity and should be able to sell 5 or 8 and make \$100 to \$150 a day. Why should people live in penury or suffer hardships for the want of plenty of money when an opportunity of this sort is open?

We must meet this demand—delay means failure.

Can we not by some renewed effort or self-denial, meet our pledges?

Briefs.

Mrs. Cobb is now in Cuba, but will return in time to attend some conference societies, as well as visit Anadarko, the center of our work among the Indians, before the board meets.

A mission worker in India used a strong illustration when he said to some Hindus, "Suppose that a woman should dress a dog in men's clothes and tell people it is her husband, how would the husband like it? But you do worse; you dress up a stick or a stone and tell people it is God!" Such an appeal, right from the mission field, helps one to make the work real to the mind.

Young men in China who have some smattering of English are opening

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North Texas Female College and Conservatory of Music and Art.

Sherman, Texas.

Rev. J. B. Andrews, the well-known evangelist, and Mr. E. G. Phillips, evangelistic singer, are conducting a series of revival services at the Travis Street Methodist Church that are bringing about a spiritual awakening, not only in the church and schools, but the town at large. The seating capacity of the church being too limited, a tent was erected that will accommodate an audience of twenty-five hundred. In conversation with Mr. Phillips he remarked that the choir is the most efficient he ever had anywhere. About one hundred young ladies, several string instruments, piano and organ give forth a rich volume of sweet sound that is most elevating and inspiring. Quite a number of our girls indeed, practically all of them, have attended regularly; all are deeply impressed with the zeal and earnestness of the speaker and many are aroused to a consciousness of spiritual things as never before. There can come no greater boon to the girl—

"Standing with reluctant feet
Where the brook and river meet."

than some great soul awakening that fixes her mind and heart upon spiritual things before they take on too deeply impressions from below. It is not enough that we should stand aloof from the evil forces, but we must ally ourselves to the good and fight under the standard of the Master wearing His colors and obeying His orders.

The meeting will continue for a week or two and the Christian people of every name and creed are interested in the good seed sown.

Again the sound of the hammer is heard on every side of the Conservatory campus as the work of renovating the newly purchased "Nash" property goes forward. It is a beautiful campus with commodious buildings and when "done over," as Mrs. Key has planned, will be the handsomest Conservatory building in the South.

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

up what they call Anglo-Chinese schools in Shanghai and neighboring towns. One of these schools frankly advertises its limitations, "English taught as far as the letter G." The foolishness of the advertisement is in itself a proof of the ardor of the Chinese in that region to get hold of knowledge that comes from the West.

Persons who give to missions often like to give for particular work or station or missionary. Other persons are so interested in some particular class of work that though able to support substitutes in the field, they go themselves as missionaries for a term of years. Such workers are found in the lists of many missionary societies. The W. M. S. reports the appointment of such a lady to one of its India stations. She goes at her own charges. The example is worth following by those able to do it.

"Not Lost—But Gone Before."

It is with sad hearts that we note the death, on February 10th, of Mrs. T. H. Yum, of Chinese birth and education, she was a jewel which we called ours and for which we gave praise. This once heathen girl was educated at Clopton, and afterwards at McTyeire School, Shanghai. "In the land of the 'Morning Calm,' as the wife of Mr. Yum, Secretary of Education in Korea, this lovely Chinese woman, cultured, beautiful in person and character, took rank with the ladies of nobility in Korea, and both in

READ THIS:

Van Alstyne, Tex., March 25, 1903.—This is to certify that I have been cured of hemorrhage of the kidneys by the use of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery. I think it saved my life and I can fully recommend it to the public. Respectfully, J. T. ECHOLS.

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her official life and in her home showed the beauty of Christianity." Is not this one rare, sweet Christian, converted from heathendom, an example sufficient to answer forever the question, "Does it pay?"

China Missions.

At Zang Tsung-aung, West Soochow, Miss Mary Tarrant has a class of twenty boys who come to her on Saturday mornings for an extra hour in Bible study. It was at the request of the boys that this special study was given them in order that they might learn more of God's precious Word.

A little girl in the Shanghai district, eleven years of age when first brought to the notice of our missionaries, lost both her feet, and is now a helpless cripple, because of the barbarous custom of foot-binding.

Memory Quotation: "We are the children of the converts of foreign missionaries, and fairness means that we must do for others what men once did for us."—Maltbie Babcock.

MRS. JOSEPH MIMMS.

Press Supt. Conf. Society and Editor Bulletin.

An interesting meeting of the reading circle of the auxiliary W. F. M. Society, First Methodist Church, Dallas, was held last week with Mrs. N. A. Searcy, the District Secretary of Dallas District. A number of invited guests enjoyed the occasion with the members of the auxiliary. The program comprised a study of the lesson from Dux Christus, led by Miss Denman, a member of the auxiliary, and enlivened with two vocal duets, by Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Tongue, members of the auxiliary of Ervay Street Church, and two piano solos, rendered by the two little daughters of Mrs. DeWitt, and a selected reading by Mrs. Dawson, the latter two being members of the entertaining auxiliary.

At the close of the regular program, the hostess added a somewhat unique diversion for the entertainment and instruction as well, of those present. She brought forward a collection of foreign curios, arranged in the crown of a Japanese hat, and, after seating a number of the ladies in a line together, asked each one to close her eyes and take an article from the hat as she passed it around to them, and asking each one afterward to explain the nature of the article taken by her from the hat, the country from which it came, the purpose for which it was adapted, etc. The result was entertaining, several impromptu talks of the ladies who were thus called upon without previous preparation, proving quite instructive, as well as diverting. After this came dainty refreshments and a social time, enjoyed by all. The Reading Circle of the Auxiliary has now been in existence for a number of years, and has ever been a most helpful feature in the progress of the work of this auxiliary, which, as has been recently reported, was the first Auxiliary W. F. M. Society organized in the territory occupied by Southern Methodism west of the Mississippi River. This writer was elected President of this auxiliary when it was organized, and is now the President, there having been intervals, however, through all the years of its career of over a quarter of a century, when the office of President was filled by one and another of the faithful and capable members whose earnest efforts here conspired to keep this auxiliary among those ever in the forefront in the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference. We commend the monthly reading circle to our auxiliaries in Texas as a great help and means of growth in the work of the W. F. M. Society.—Editor Woman's Dept.

NOTES FROM THE W. H. M. SOCIETY OF VERNON DISTRICT, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

While there has not been a line from any of us in this district in quite a while, we have by no means been asleep. All the auxiliaries, as far as I know, are alive and in good working order. Our District Secretary, because of her removal from our country, resigned her office some weeks ago. But our President, Mrs. Honeycutt, has appointed in her place Mrs. R. S. Housells, of Childress, and all who know Mrs. Housells will prophesy a forward move in the Vernon District. She is making an effort to get the work in hand by our annual meeting. Esteline has a new society with a good membership and under the guiding hand of Sister Culbertson will accomplish much good. Paducah auxiliary has taken on new life, and the pastor says he is proud of it. It has done much towards making the parsonage comfortable and attractive. Matador is abounding in good works. The good women have put into their new parsonage matings, shades and furniture that would be a credit to a town of much larger size. Margaret is keeping up her record of making the best reports, according to membership.

Crowell still keeps the parsonage cozy and comfortable. Vernon, I hear, is whispering the idea of a brand-new, up to date parsonage. If they venture the enterprise it is a success already. Seymour, Munday, Spring Creek, Chillicothe, Quanah, Childress, Young Ladies, Wesley's Chapel and Wellington are all in fine condition, according to pastors' reports, but the biggest thing in all the Panhandle just now is Childress Adult Auxiliary. We now number eighty-six. Our attendance is fine and great interest is manifested. With Mrs. J. J. Pigott at its head, and an efficient corps of officers to co-operate, and a loyal membership to follow, we are sure of a successful year's work. We hope to be much in evidence at Midlothian at the annual meeting of last year, at Clarendon, abides yet, and we want to send such a delegation to Midlothian this year that we will get the benefits of the meeting. Oh, if all our auxiliaries could realize what a great blessing it is to come in touch with our conference work, none would fail to send at least one delegate to our annual meetings.

The writer attended the Home Mission Institute, at Dallas, and will join my voice with others who have written before, in saying it was a lasting benediction to all who were in attendance, and we are better prepared for our work, because we are better informed. How I wished for all our women to have the privilege of hear-

ing so many good things. It was good to be there.

Before I end this letter, let me say a word concerning the Baby Roll and McEachern Mite Box Brigade. This department is more interesting than ever before, because more people are interested in it. Especially has the brigade grown this year. So many of our Third Vice-Presidents are learning that a little effort in its behalf pays. Will all the Third Vice-Presidents of Northwest Texas Conference please send me their reports by May 9th, so as to enable me to make an accurate report at Midlothian? I shall appreciate it so much, if you will.

MRS. J. T. BLOODWORTH,
Third Vice-Pres. Conf. Society,
Childress, Texas.

How Some of Our Readers Can Make Money.


Having read of the success of some of your readers selling Dish-Washers, I have tried the work with wonderful success. I have not made less than \$9.00 any day for the last six months. The Mound City Dish-Washer gives good satisfaction and every family wants one. A lady can wash and dry the dishes without removing her gloves and can do the work in two minutes. I got my sample machine from the Mound City Dish-Washing Co., of St. Louis, Mo. I used it to take orders and sold 12 Dish-washers the first day. The Mound City Dish-Washer Co. will start you. Write them for particulars. Ladies can do as well as men. JOHN F. M.

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FAVRE.—Mamie Kennedy Favre, daughter of the Rev. W. L. and Mrs. Pamela Kennedy, wife of the Rev. F. O. Favre, was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., December 13, 1864, and died in Winfield, Texas, March 3, 1905. Such, in brief, is a statement of the advent and exit of one whose fuller history is written in the hearts of those who loved her and whose influence will abide to bless the world for many a day to come. Born in the home of a devout Presbyterian minister, reared amid the strengthening and refining influences of a Christian home, uniting early in life with the Presbyterian Church, carefully educated in girlhood, she grew into that most beautiful product of human nature and divine grace, a cultured Christian woman. In 1888 she was graduated from the Sam Houston Normal School, at Huntsville, Texas, and at once entered that great and useful army, the public school teachers of our State. As a teacher she was diligent, conscientious, successful. In 1891 she resigned her position in the schools of Gonzales, Texas, and on April 22, of the same year, she was united in marriage to the Rev. F. O. Favre, then pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Hempstead, Texas. Though reared in the Presbyterian Church, she at once joined the Church of her husband, and to the day of her death was a loyal and useful worker in that communion. For nearly fourteen years she was the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher, and passed through the varied experiences incident to that position. She presided in the parsonage, she taught in the Sunday-school, she worked among the young people, she carried on her own heart many of the burdens of her husband's work. Those were years of trial, years of faithful service, years full of Christian joy. How much of strength she inspired in those about her, how much of brightness and good cheer she imparted to the world in which she lived, only the recording angel can tell. The end came unexpectedly, literally in "the twinkling of an eye." On the evening of March 3d, while her husband was reading to her from the editorial columns of the Texas Christian Advocate, she suddenly passed away. Toils are ended. Sorrows are past. She rests in peace. A husband, two children, besides other relatives and a host of friends are bereaved by her death. May our Heavenly Father graciously comfort them all.

SETH WARD.

JOHNSON.—Nora Catherine Johnson, daughter of J. L. and Martha A. Johnson, was born July 27, 1888, and after much suffering with rheumatism died March 2, 1905. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, three years ago, and lived a consistent Christian to the day of her death. She tacked beautifully, and was willing and ready to go. She said she could see the angels. Thank the Lord for such testimony. She called the family by name, and asked them to meet her in heaven. Her grandpa preceded her to the good world nearly two months. She desired very much to see him one time more before he went away, but on account of her ailments was deprived of that privilege. But grandpa was at the beautiful gate to welcome her. She leaves father, mother and two brothers to mourn their loss. God bless them.

H. P. SHRADER.

Azie, Texas.

CLARK.—Clyde F., son of Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Mary Clark, was born Oct. 8, 1897, and died April 20, 1905, aged 7 years. Bro. Clark entered the ministry last fall. He was appointed to Cisco Circuit. On taking his wife and two little boys—one of whom is the subject of this sketch—he carried away from Hannibal community a great deal of sunshine, and on the 21st of April, 1905, he brought back a burden of sorrow in the form of the body of his deceased little boy. A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the church, thereby showing their sympathy and love. After a short sermon by the writer, with the solemn rites of our burial ceremony, we laid his body to rest in old Hannibal Cemetery until the last resurrection. God needed the boy for himself. He doeth all things well.

MATTHEW C. DICKSON, P. C.

ORTON.—Lewis W. Orton was born near Oregon, Mo., Oct. 9, 1854, and died at his home in Bellevue, Texas, March 9, 1905. He was married to Miss Ada Nichols July 12, 1899. He came to Texas in 1869 and settled in Clay County in 1871. For many years before his death he had been a Christian and faithful member of the M. E. Church, South. Most of his life was spent on the Texas frontier, where he was engaged in the cattle business and often thrown in the company of rough and wicked men, but through all these years he maintained his moral integrity and lived and died without a stain on his character. He was one of those men whom a person must know to appreciate fully, and the longer known the higher the estimate of his worth. When the end of his life drew near and he knew that he must go his prospects of heaven were bright. He said to his wife: "When Bro. Harris preached on 'The Eternal City' it was all Latin to me, but I understand now." He expressed regret that he had not been a better Christian, but said, "I have made everything square with God. While I would be glad to live for the sake of my family, I am perfectly resigned and dread not the beyond. I have all faith and want all of you to meet me in heaven. To the sorrowing ones left behind such a testimony is worth more than millions in gold. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Bro. Crutchfield, while the writer, who had known the deceased for many years, preached the sermon.

W. J. WALKER, Pastor C. P. Church.

Bellevue, Texas.

BYNUM.—Sister R. J. Bynum was born June 20, 1831, in Hynes County, Mississippi, and passed this life April 3, 1905, at the home of her daughter, Sister McFall, near Pleasanton, Texas. She moved with her widowed mother in childhood to Houston County, Texas. She was married to Steven Bynum in young womanhood, and moved with him to Wilson County, Texas. To this union were born four children, three sons and a daughter. Bro. Bynum preceded her to the glory world, who passed this life Nov. 17, 1879. The children survive her. Sister Bynum was converted when but a child, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a devoted Christian until she was called up on high. Yes, it is hard to part with mother, but she is safe in glory. She awaits you, children, and will meet you in heaven's gate. There will be no parting there, no more disappointment, no more sorrow, and mother will be your companion forever.

M. K. F. P. C.

Pleasanton, Texas.

HOOKS.—Miss Nannie Lindsey was born March 28, 1865. She joined the Methodist Church, South, when quite young, always loved it, and worked in it and for it. Hers was a quiet, consistent, Christian life. She was married to D. C. Hooks, of Edgewood, Texas, and after eleven years of married life, died at that place March 1, 1905. The widespread sympathy and solicitude manifested for her in the sickness which ended in her death, showed unmistakably the love and esteem in which she was held by friends and neighbors. She was of a quiet and gentle disposition, and always ready to make sacrifices for the good or happiness of others. She died as quietly as she had lived, trusting in the mercy and love of God, and hopefully anticipating the eternal blessedness of her heavenly home. Sister Hooks was President of the Woman's Home Mission Society at Edgewood at the time of her death. She did what her hands found to do faithfully and well. Her husband and the children to whom she was a second mother, have the sympathy of an entire community to which she was alike an ornament and a blessing.

HER PASTOR.

CROSBY.—Bro. Crosby was born in Monroe County, Alabama, March 14, 1836, and passed to his reward at his home near Oak Grove, March 30, 1905. He was married in 1856 to Miss Exsah A. Moore. In 1861 he went to the front for his country's sake, where he served as a faithful Orderly Sergeant of Company G, Thirty-sixth Alabama Regiment until peace was declared. Bro. Crosby moved to Texas in an early day and joined the M. E. Church at Lodi, near Oak Grove, the beginning of the Oak Grove Church. He was one of its first stewards and a good and efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years. Bro. Crosby was one of our best men, was always in his place and could be counted on by his pastor and the Church to do anything that he could do. He stood as a hero of the cross on all moral questions. You could count on him for God and the right. We mourn our loss. He leaves six boys and one precious girl. May his example as a father, soldier and a Christian be a silver cord to draw us all nearer to God.

W. VINSANT, P. C.

CHAPMAN.—Sweet little Elizabeth Marie, daughter of W. A. and Tassie Chapman, of Liberty Hill, Texas, was born into this life on Thanksgiving Day, 1902, and was transplanted into Eden's bower above January 28, 1905, spending only two years, one month and one day in this lesser life, and now she has entered upon the life greater and more expanded and more joyous and beautiful. She was a beautiful and an affectionate little child, and had splendid health until stricken with the disease—diphtheria—of which she died. Her beautiful flower-like life has not lost its fragrance nor radiance. Neither has the love and purer hope it inspired in her fond parents hearts faded. These have all been intensified and glorified, and even sanctified, and in memory—thank God for memory!—will shed a purer light and more benign influence. These loving parents have drunken deep of sorrow's cup, but in their Christian hearts the peace of Christ still abides.

Z. V. LILES.

CASEY.—Sister Casey came to the end at her home near Chathfield, at a ripe old age, being sixty years old. Like David, the way was as "a bright, shining way that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Sister Casey was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, a true wife and a loving mother. She left a husband, children and a large host of friends to mourn their loss. She lived for those she loved, and her life was as bright as a sunbeam. She desired to stay with husband, children and friends; 'twas hard to break the tender cord that binds a mother, husband, children and friends together; 'tis hard to speak the word good-bye; but thy loving memory will be cherished till we meet again. She was laid to rest by loving and sorrowful hands at Chathfield, near her home, to await the sound of the trumpet and family reunion where we hope to meet again. Dear mother will be missed so much. A shadow o'er our lives is cast. We trust it will be a silver cord to draw us heavenward and nearer to God. We cannot call her back, but we know where to meet her—loving mother.

W. VINSANT, P. C.

ESTES.—Eunice Bean Estes was born October 28, 1902, and died April 11, 1905. She was the daughter of Brother Fred Estes. Brother and Sister Estes are greatly grieved of their sad loss. She had been in the home long enough to enthrone herself in the hearts of the parents and relatives. A great concourse of people follow her remains to the Childress cemetery where we laid her away to rest. May God bless the afflicted parents and relatives in this sad hour. Brother and Sister Estes have many friends here. J. T. BLOODWORTH.

JORDON.—Martha Rebecca Jordan was born Nov. 7, 1819, in Mississippi, and lived several years in Louisiana before moving to Texas. She died March 27, 1905, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Huddleston, at a ripe old age of 85 years. She joined the Missionary Baptist Church when 19 years old, and remained a faithful member sixty-five years. She passed away with great boldness in the faith. Yes, Grandmother Jordan is gone, but we will meet her again. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

M. L. WALLIS.

SELLERS.—Wm. Dewey Sellers, son of Willis and Minnie Sellers, was born July 21, 1903, and as the result of a burn died Feb. 14, 1905, living only a few hours after the accident. While his stay here was short, yet the sound of his footsteps was music, and his presence an inspiration. It was hard to give him up, yet it is a tie that binds us closer to our Father above. Parents, remember that while you cannot bring him back, yet you can go to him.

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REV. JOHN S. MATHIS.

Rev. John S. Mathis was born in Henderson County, Tennessee, Feb. 20, 1830, and departed this life in Pittsburg, Tex., March 4, 1905. He professed religion under the ministry of Rev. John Mahon and V. C. Wells, in Gibson County, Tennessee, August, 1846, and at the same time and place joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was licensed to preach at the Quarterly Conference of Trenton Circuit, Trenton District, Memphis Conference, Oct. 11, 1851. Rev. Finley Bynum, P. C., and Rev. J. W. McFarland, P. E. He came to Arkansas in 1852. For a few months he taught school, and that fall was admitted on trial into the Arkansas Conference. He was, in 1854, sent to the Ozark Circuit, with 24 appointments. In 1855 he traveled the Waldron Circuit with 18 appointments; in 1856 the Booneboro Circuit, with 16 appointments. At the close of this year he transferred to the East Texas Conference. He traveled the Boston Circuit in 1857; in 1858 and 1859, the Paris Circuit; in 1860-61 the Boston Circuit; in 1862, the Paris Circuit. On the 22nd of March, 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private soldier, in Whitfield's Legion of Texas Cavalry, and was very soon appointed chaplain. He served his county and Church in this office until the war closed. At, or about the close of the war, he returned to his old conference and resumed his work as an itinerant. In 1865, '66, '67 and '68, he traveled the Marshall Circuit; in 1869, '70, '71 and '72, he traveled the Starville Circuit; in 1873, '74, '75 and '76, the Henderson Circuit; in 1877, the Starville Circuit; in 1878, the Longview Circuit; in 1879, '80 and '81, Pinehill Circuit; in 1882, '83 and '84, Troup and Overton Circuit; in 1885, '86, '87 and '88, the Palestine station; in 1889, '90, Henderson station; in 1891, Rusk Station; in 1892 and '93, Marshall station; in 1894, '95 and '96, Crockett station; in 1897, Mount Pleasant station; in 1898-99, Pittsburg station; in 1901-02, Rusk station; in 1902-03, the Dainzerfeld station. These figures only tell of time, and these names of places. A life of fifty long and eventful years is bound up in them. Bro. Mathis was ordained deacon Oct. 2, 1855, at Fort Smith, Ark., by Bishop Pierce. He was ordained elder, Nov. 25, 1857, by Bishop Kavanaugh, at Rusk, Tex. In 1856, he was happily married to Miss Mary J. Caviness, of Scott County, Arkansas. In 1858 the death angel came to his happy home and his lovely young wife was taken from him, leaving a tender babe of eight months to his care. Clouds will come, no matter how bright the sunshine. On the 4th day of October, 1860, he was again married; this time to Miss Aurelia Jones. She lives to mourn his departure for the better world. She was a faithful, useful wife, and her praise is in the mouth of hundreds of people. He leaves two sons and two daughters. His children were raised well; they are all honored citizens and members of the Church.

Brother Mathis was a strong preacher; sinners were convicted under his preaching; they repented and were converted. At the close of his twenty-fifth year, he said to a friend, "I am safe in saying that one hundred and twenty-five souls have been converted each year." He never traveled a work up to that time without a glorious revival. He was a revivalist and a builder up of the Church. He knew his people by name, and called the children by their given names. He was a pastor. He asked nothing at the hands of the conference, only to be sent, and without a murmur he went. The writer was his intimate friend for forty-five years. His P. E. a number of years, his comrade on the battlefield, stood shoulder to shoulder with him in the pulpit and in the army, and without hesitation I say he was a Christian, a gentleman, and one of the noblest men I ever knew. Fifty years an active minister, going among all kinds of people, and never a word against him. He had no enemies. All of Pittsburg went to his funeral, and everybody mourned, but angels shouted. Our conference mourns, but thousands in the better world, where flowers never wither and where spring abides forever, are singing because their old pastor has come home. His crown was made, the stars were placed, and the Master said, it is enough, come up higher.

He was a sunny old man—the light that was in him made him happy, and those that were about him. A while before his death he said to his beloved P. E., Bro. J. T. Smith, "I have known you and Dick Thompson a long time, and I want him and you to conduct my funeral." His work is done; his reward is now being enjoyed. Good bye, dear brother, but some of us will soon meet you again. Wife and children, look up. He is waiting for you.

UNCLE DICK.

McBRIDE.—Edwin, son of Newt and Silla McBride, died at the family home near Stockdale, April 14, 1905, at the age of five years and four months. He was a bright, lovable child, and a fa-

vorite with all who knew him. He was affectionate and obedient to his parents, and though of such tender years, had learned to love the Savior of whom they had taught him. Little Edwin's last illness was brief. After only two days of suffering God took him to himself. The home seems very sad without him, but the grief-stricken father and mother rejoice that they have "treasure in heaven." Loving hands laid the little body to rest in the Pleasant Valley cemetery to await the resurrection at the last day. The separation is but for a moment. Let us so live that we may meet him in the home above where there is no parting. J. W. BLACK.

Stockdale, Texas.

GREENFIELD.—In memory of Mrs. Sallie Edwards Greenfield, wife of Jno. L. Greenfield, who died January 31, 1905. When the shadows of death were gathering around her, with what anxiety her friends and kindred hoped she might be spared. Hope, like a guiding star, brightened their spirits until the inevitable hour; and when at last the dark shadows settled forever on that kind, benignant brow; when the sustaining hope no longer lingered in the hearts of her loved ones, they sank broken-hearted into the dark abyss of sorrow. And he, the kind, gentle husband, was borne down beneath the heavy burden, which almost broke his heart. A devoted Christian and faithful Church member, she was deeply alive to her duty; and while her natural timidity and modesty may have often restrained her from outward show, she lived the simple, blameless life that surpasses all. And now to the stricken mourners, what a sweet consolation to know she lived a pure and Christ-like life, and that death only released her imprisoned spirit, which winged its way to heaven, that unseparated rest and joy and bliss. HARRY M. MYERS.

Dallas, Texas.

BRIDGES.—Cater Bridges, son of T. C. and Lella A. Bridges, was born November 12, 1891, and died at his home in Decatur, April 3, 1905. Cater was remarkable for his quiet disposition, thoughtful turn of mind, and goodness of heart. It was his delight to do the will of his parents. He loved his books and was studious. He was a member of the Sunday-school and Epworth League. He had been impressed with the duty of joining the Church and had so expressed himself to his father. His thoughts about life and his cares for its duties were such as might have been expected of one far in advance of his years. An all-wise Providence, who never errs, saw fit to take him to heaven, where the blighting winds of disease and death shall never blow. Death came unexpectedly and left the hearts of his fond parents torn and bleeding, yet in the midst of this sore bereavement they had sustaining grace to say, "The will of the Lord be done. It is well with us. It is well with the child." His teacher and classmates were present at the funeral service. Many were the tears that were shed while we sang, "God be with you till we meet again." May a loving Father sanctify this bereavement to the good of the parents and kindred, and may they meet their loved one in heaven.

J. M. SWEETON.

Decatur, Texas.

HARDY.—Brother M. N. Hardy was born in Kentucky December 30, 1826; died at his home near True, Texas, January 9, 1905; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, about 52 years ago. He was a consistent and devoted Christian ever after. He said he had been going to heaven ever since he was converted, that his trust had never been anywhere but in the Lord. He was married April 8, 1851, to Miss Frances Mary Wheat, also of Kentucky. To them were born eleven children, five boys and six girls, two of whom, with their mother, had preceded him to heaven. Sister Hardy died April 5, 1899. He came to Texas in November, 1872. Brother Hardy will be sadly missed by his Church and community. No matter how few attended church, he was sure to be of the number. He was always in his place. Zealous, liberal, intelligent, pious, the head of a large and devoted family, he was of great value to the Church. For many years he had been a devoted member of the Order of A. F. and A. M., and the brethren bear witness to his staunch and upright character. The end was a very fitting close to such a life. He died in great peace. His grief-stricken children know where to find him. May the family be reunited in the blessed beyond. "Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him."

J. M. McCARTER.

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I feel constrained to-day as I lay my blessed Bible down to read my ever welcome Advocate and find there the sad news of other loved ones now gone on to meet those whom we loved so much. I could almost hear the happy shout of joy on the other shore. I wish to remind our dear, precious school boys and girls of the eighty or ninety who once enjoyed many happy days in our home and at school at the Alexander Institute, Kilgore. Some have crossed over the river of death and some are now soul winners, preaching; others are heads of families, but not one will ever forget the precious truths impressed upon their hearts while there. No, dear ones, it only seems a short while to me. I am still the same and I love to read and tell the dear children of the precious message as much as ever we did in our old home with our dear boarders whom we learned to love so much. I write now to let you each one know I am still in health, trusting, watching, waiting when the roll is called; let us all be ready to meet our dear loved ones over there, over there! Dear ones, I hope you will remember this favorite Psalm (23) I love so much; it was my own dear mother's, her mother's and great-grandmother's, and now I wish to remember it to my dear children so you may pass it on, pass it on: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want; I shall not want rest. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; I shall not want drink. He leadeth me beside the still waters; I shall not want forgiveness. He restoreth my soul; I shall not want guidance. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake; I shall not want companionship. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. I shall not want comfort. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me; I shall not want food. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; I shall not want joy. Thou anointed my head with oil; I shall not want anything. My cup runneth over; I shall not want anything in this life. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; I shall not want anything in eternity, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. That is what David said he would find in the good Shepherd. Read John 10:14 (Christ's own words): I am the good shepherd; thou shalt not want rest. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Thou shalt not want drink. If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. Thou shalt not want forgiveness; the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. Thou shalt not want guidance; I am the way and the truth and the life. Thou shalt not want companionship; lo, I am with you alway. Thou shalt not want comfort; the Father shall give you another Comforter. Thou shalt not want food; I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall not hunger. Thou shalt not want joy; that my joy might remain in you. Thou shalt not want anything; if ye shall ask anything of my Father in my name, he will give it to you. Thou shalt not want anything in this life; seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Thou shalt not want anything in eternity; I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also.

Dear children, be faithful; work to-day, to-morrow may be too late. Please read Dan. 12:3. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." By-by, we shall meet beyond the river. MRS. JOSIAH REYNOLDS. Longview, Texas.

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DOMESTIC.

Apr. 1. Amt. collected to date.....	\$1013 45
" 4. J. T. Osborne, Cedar Creek.....	19 00
" 4. R. A. Rowland, Uvalde.....	35 00
" 6. A. L. Scarborough, San Saba.....	12 70
" 6. J. M. Lynn, Goliad.....	27 50
" 7. C. W. Perkins, Del Rio.....	32 50
" 10. W. H. Nelson, Fort Lavinia.....	3 00
" 11. J. W. Long, Buda.....	2 50
" 11. F. E. Buchanan, Seguin.....	15 00
" 13. H. M. Glass, Nursery.....	19 00
" 13. W. H. Werlein, Tenth St.....	80 00
" 13. V. G. Thomas, Staples.....	20 00
" 14. T. G. Woods, Cotulla.....	50 00
" 15. C. H. Booth, Bastrop.....	80 00
" 15. E. D. Mouzon, Travis Park.....	100 00
" 18. W. D. Wendel, Columbus.....	25 00
" 18. A. L. Scarborough, San Saba.....	7 00
" 19. O. F. Hatfield, El Campo.....	25 00
" 19. E. D. Mouzon, Travis Park.....	50 00
" 20. S. C. Dunn, Junction City.....	6 00
" 22. W. T. Jones, Lometa.....	5 00
" 22. W. D. Wendel, Columbus.....	5 00
" 22. W. A. Dunn, Kyle.....	11 00
" 26. Z. V. Liles, Liberty Hill.....	82 00
" 27. Theophilus Lee, Burnet.....	28 00
" 27. J. T. King, Kerrville.....	20 00
" 27. P. B. Summers, Mason.....	20 00
" 28. M. J. Allen, Willow City.....	10 00
" 28. R. S. Pierce, Laverna.....	6 50
" 29. F. E. Buchanan, Seguin.....	3 50
" 29. C. H. Booth, Bastrop.....	11 28
" 29. D. C. Ross, Water Valley.....	10 00
Total to April 30.....	\$187 13

FOREIGN.

Apr. 1. Amt. to date.....	\$ 197 65
" 4. E. G. Hocutt, Smithville.....	29 00
" 5. J. E. Wood, Del Rio.....	13 00
" 5. A. W. Wilson, Lockhart.....	50 00
" 13. W. D. Arnoek, Rockport.....	15 00
" 13. V. G. Thomas, Staples.....	10 00
" 15. C. H. Booth, Bastrop.....	50 00
" 21. L. H. Walker, Carizgo Spgs.....	22 00
" 28. M. J. Allen, Willow City.....	10 00
" 28. R. S. Pierce, Laverna.....	10 00
" 29. C. H. Booth, Bastrop.....	11 54
Total to April 30.....	\$394 19

Bro. I. K. Waller has paid both fore-
ign and domestic in full.
J. E. PRITCHETT, Treas.

DUBLIN DISTRICT.

The District League and Sunday-
school Conferences will convene at
Carlton, June 27 and 28. All League
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Kyle, 2nd Sun May.
Seguin, at Mill Creek, 3d Sun May.
Buda, at Lytton, 4th Sun May.
Waelder, 3d Sun June.
Gonzales, 4th Sun June.
Staples, 1st Sun July.
Luling, at Soda Springs, 2d Sun July.
Belmont, at Oak Forest, 3d Sun July.
Lockhart, 4th Sun July.
Pleasant Grove, at Martindale, 5th Sun
July.
Tilmon, 1st Sun Aug.
Dripping Springs, at D. S., 2d Sun Aug.
San Marcos, 3d Sun Aug.
Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Dublin District—Third Round.
Greens Creek, at Bunyon, June 10, 11.
Dublin sta, at Dublin, p. m. June 11, 12.
Charette, at Pleasant Hill, June 17, 18.
Iredell, at Iredell, June 24, 25.
Hico, at Hico, p. m. June 25, 26.
Granbury cir, at Paluxy, July 1, 2.
Granbury sta, at Granbury, p. m. July 2, 3.
Cisco cir, at Rich, July 8, 9.
Cisco sta, at Cisco, p. m. July 9, 10.
Eastland, at Pleasant Grove, July 11.
Carbon and Gorman, at G., July 14.
De Leon cir, July 15, 16.
De Leon sta, at De Leon, p. m. July 16, 17.
Fairly and Lanham, at Lanham, July 20.
Carlton, July 22, 23.
Huckabay, July 29, 30.
Stephenville, at S., Aug 1.
Bluff Dale, Aug 3.
Morgan Mill, Aug 5, 6.
Carbon mis, Aug 9.
Desdemona, at Aameda, Aug 12, 13.
Duffau, Aug 19, 20.
Glen Rose, at Glen Rose, Aug 26, 27.
A. E. Bailey, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round.
V. M. and Clifton, at P. Hill, June 3, 4.
Meridian, June 17, 18.
Crowford, at Osage, June 24, 25.
McGregor, July 1, 2.
Brookhaven, at The Grove, July 3, 4.
Pearl, at Bimblein, July 8, 9.
Hamilton, at Evergreen, July 10.
Copperas Cove, at C. Cove, July 15, 16.
Turnersville, at Harmony, July 22, 23.
Evant, at Evant, July 29, 30.
Jonesboro, at Sardis, Aug 5, 6.
Maxville, Aug 8.
K. and Nolville, at campground, Aug 10.
Oglesby, at Oglesby, Aug 12, 13.
Gatesville mis, at W. Ch, Aug 19, 20.
Gatesville sta, Aug 29, 31.
China Springs, Aug 26, 27.
S. W. Turner, P. E.

Calvert District—Third Round.
Kesse, at Alto, May 27, 28.
Bremond and Reagan, at R., June 3, 4.
Marlin sta, June 10, 11.
Hearne sta, June 17, 18.
Calvert sta, June 24, 25.
Fairfield mis, at S. Mills, July 1, 2.
Jewett, at Jewett, July 8, 9.
Fairfield and Dew, at F., July 15, 16.
Leon mis, at Nineveh, July 21.
Centerville, at Evans Ch, July 22, 23.
Rogers Prairie, at Gum Spngs, July 29, 30.
Franklin sta, Aug 5, 6.
Pettyway, at Boon Prairie, Aug 12, 13.
Rosebud sta, Aug 19, 20.
Travis, Aug 26, 27.
Durango, Aug 28, 29.
Lott and Chilton, Aug 27, 28.
Whelock, Sept 2, 3.
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aster at Laredo and, as is usually the
case, thinking there might be some
children homeless, I went as soon as
I could reach the place. The great
rains along the route detained me un-
til I never reached the city for forty-
eight hours after it occurred. I found
it had done as all other cyclones in
Texas—taken everything in its route
clear off of the earth. Fortunately the
main route of it was in the edge of
the city. But even then very few
houses—business houses and homes—
escaped some damage. Business
houses and residences were unroofed
and then for two hours the rain came
down in torrents, and you know the
effect. All the churches in the place
were damaged some; the Catholic
the greatest. Our church and parsonage
were injured—so much so they
could have no service last Sunday.
Bro. Elliott and his people held a
meeting at once to provide means to
repair them. They do not ask aid;
but I do for them. I think they are
the kind of people who ought to have
aid—those who are willing to help
themselves. Here is the condition:
Not a member of that Church but
who suffered loss on either his home
or business. They are doing all they
can to aid the suffering among them,
and I am sure the Methodists of Tex-
as ought to come to their aid. The
Home Mission Society was just start-
ing to build a new parsonage, and now
they find this demand upon them.
Why not the Home Mission Societies
of Texas send them aid? I am sure
they could not do a greater work. The
greatest loss to our Church was in
the Seminary. This was the first
building to suffer any loss. If you
could go and see how the students
made miraculous escapes, you would
see the hand of Providence clearly dis-
played in saving those who escaped.
It was just at the close of the school.
That morning fifty of the girls who
had gotten through departed for home.
And had they remained in their build-
ing, no one can see how they could
have escaped. The loss to the Seminary
is not less than \$50,000. But the
good women in charge are cheerful.
They have great confidence in their
town and their Church. Oh, they
seem to be so thankful that, although
their buildings, ground and equip-
ments were so torn and destroyed,
yet their lives were precious in the
sight of God. Will not our noble wom-
en of the Foreign Mission Societies
in Texas and everywhere send help?
Yes, yes; let them begin at once to
rebuild and be ready next year to do
better work than they have ever done.
The citizens of Laredo have assured
these good women of all the aid in
their power.
I. Z. T. MORRIS.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Houston District.
All those who expect to attend the
session of the Houston District Con-
ference, to be held at Alvin May 17-19,
will write me so I can provide enter-
tainment. Those who fail to so notify
me, I fear I can not accommodate if
they should come. A. METHVIN.

Dublin District.
Dublin District Conference meets at
Hico June 29-30. Conference opens
29th at 9:00 a. m. Committees as
follows:
Admission and License—W. H. Ter-
ry, H. M. Long, J. M. Lane.
Orders—M. A. Turner, O. P. Kiker,
J. E. Walker. E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

Pittsburg District.
The Pittsburg District Conference
will convene in Naples, Tuesday morn-
ing, June 27, at 8:30. Tuesday will be
taken up with reports of pastors. Wed-
nesday will be Sunday-school day,
Thursday missionary day, Friday mis-
cellaneous business, Committees:
License to Preach—J. B. Turrentine,
W. F. Hardy, J. M. Adams.
Admission on Trial—Stuart Nelson,
S. H. Morgan, S. N. Allen.
Deacon's Orders—E. L. Shettles, G.
V. Ridley, Jesse Willis.
Elder's Orders—C. B. Cross, A. A.
Kidd, F. O. Favre.
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Committee for License to Preach—
A. S. Whiteheart, G. E. Cameron and
D. W. Gardner.
For Admission—W. W. Watts, A. C.
Biggs and W. D. Gaskins.
For Orders—G. H. Phair, A. G.
Scruggs and W. H. Brooks.
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