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BISHOP VINCENT AT GEORGETOWN.

We had the great pleasure of finding Bishop John H. Vincent on the train the other evening as we left Dallas for Georgetown to attend the commencement services at Southwestern University. He was on his way to the same point, as he was booked for the sermon on that occasion. We had not seen him for a number of years, but easily recognized him. He is now looking like an old man, though his bodily strength and mental vigor are in good repair. In person he is tall, erect and sinewy; his eye is clear, his countenance bright and his voice round and musical. He has a large head, mostly bald, but fringed with a border of iron-gray hair. He is a most courtly and affable gentleman, and in conversation almost without an equal. Growing years have not reduced his interest in the progress of the Church and the moral weal of the country. He evinced a deep interest in Texas and in the status and progress of our Church in this great Commonwealth. Particularly is he interested in the work of our young people. For a great many years Bishop Vincent has been closely identified with the young life of the Church in general, and he has done more than any other one man in America to forward the interests of work among young men and young women, as well as the boys and the girls. For years he had charge of the Sunday-school affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He originated and set on foot the great chautauqua movement which is now one of the leading institutions of the country. He also suggested to his Church the Epworth League idea and put into form and from them we received and adopted it. After this active work he was elected a Bishop in his Church, and until their last General Conference he was one of their most active General Superintendents. But since then he has been on the retired list, yet he does more work than some Bishops in the active work. His great brain and deep heart are too full to remain inactive. Those having our Summer School of Theology in hand at Georgetown invited him to take a place on the program, which he cheerfully did, and the University people also engaged him to preach their commencement sermon last Sunday. A great audience filled our stone church building to hear the Bishop's discourse. People from all over the State were present. It was an inspiring occasion. The music was the best we have heard. The hallelujah chorus was unsurpassed. The Bishop's text was Jno. 21:22—"Follow thou me." We here give an occasional passage picked up at random as the discourse proceeded: "Christ did not come to reveal all things. He really concealed more than he revealed. This is also true with the Bible generally. It is neither a dictionary nor a cyclopaedia. It is not even arranged logically. It is a rugged mountain, and what we get out of it we have to dig for. There are many things which we would love to know upon which the Bible is silent—the intermediate state, immortality, heaven. Not much said about them here. The poets tell us all about heaven, but the Bible does not. When it comes to gratifying our curiosity

the Bible is a very unsatisfactory book. It is not a universal history; it makes no pretensions to a system of spiritual philosophy, neither is it a text-book on science. But it is a revelation of human duty. It tells us in no uncertain sounds what we are to do and how to do it in order to become good and true men and women. It tells us God's mind concerning us and of our relation to humanity. It gives us the facts of the Trinity and of immortality, but it does not give us the philosophy of these facts. It merely furnishes us with enough of fact to give to our faith a substantial basis. The Bible speaks with authority. It is dogmatic. Like the headlight in the engine that only lights up the narrow track along which it runs in the dark hours of the night, so the Bible illumines the path of human duty. The headlight is not there to illumine the scenery of the country through which the train passes, but merely to make the track plain and to keep the engine from running into barriers. Thus it is that the Bible is not intended to reveal everything to us that we would like to know; but it does make plain to us the only way that leads to a perfect moral and spiritual life. And its ultimate aim is to bring us to a knowledge of Christ. To know Him is life eternal. Hence the text, 'Follow thou me.' These are but a few detached thoughts of the sermon. It was clear, comprehensive, original, pithy and thought-provoking. It left much for the hearer to think out in the days to come. It lasted only forty minutes in delivery, but in subject matter it was deep, broad, high and long. It was a rare treat to the vast audience who heard it.

WHISKEY AND BAD COMPANIONS.

Four weeks ago, about midday, a poor, unfortunate human being was hanged in this city by the neck until he was dead. The courts convicted him of the murder of an innocent man for purposes of robbery, and the Sheriff of the county launched him into eternity. During the last days of his life he paced the floor of his death cell and said repeatedly: "Whiskey and bad companions brought me to this awful end." He was a drinker and ran with drinking men; and one night last winter he and a negro drove up to the store of an old Jew, commanded him to throw up his hands, and in the twinkling of an eye they shot the life out of him in the presence of his wife and children, robbed the cash drawer and fled. But the law apprehended them, tried them, convicted them, sentenced them to death, and the white man expiated his part of the crime as above mentioned. The negro is under death sentence and awaiting his doom. Whiskey did it! They filled themselves with it and the crime followed. What an awful lesson to boys and young men! Yet there are hundreds of them in Texas who will take no warning from this sad fate of the young man. He fills a felon's grave because he drank and ran with bad company. How strange that others are following in his footsteps in this city. They spend their nights hanging around bar-rooms, running with devilish company and getting into habits of

immorality and crime. They may not come to the sort of end and die at the hands of the law as did Holly Vann, but they are becoming a menace to society and a terror to law-abiding citizens. The crimes of the saloon! Who can reckon them in order, were he to try? They have stained the fair name of Texas with the blood of unnumbered victims; they have desolated thousands of our homes; they have broken the hearts of fathers and mothers; they have made orphans of innocent children; they have filled our jails and penitentiaries with an army of men, and they have filled hell with the souls of debauched humanity. The sort of company they educate and turn loose upon society will damn the boyhood and ruin the young manhood of any community. Yet there are people who advocate the open bar-room! With its black mouth vomiting blood and slaughter they will say it is a good thing for society. Down with the liquor shop! Banish it from the walks of men! On with the battle!

THE POWER OF PERSONAL CONFIDENCE.

Take Paul for example. He says: "I know whom I have believed." There is not the semblance of a doubt as to his personal confidence and the person in whom he places it. He has given his confidence a thorough test and he is satisfied with it. "And am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." He had committed his life, his character, his soul and his hope of eternal salvation. Years had passed since he made the unreserved commitment of these into the hand of him who had said, "Lo, I am with you always," and he was satisfied with the result. His experience had taught him that not one iota of the promise had failed. So he was even more than willing to trust Him to the end. It was the power of personal confidence. It fixed his purpose, his conviction, his determination and his hope. He could afford, therefore, to speak dogmatically on the subject. "I know whom I have believed." What a triumphant affirmation! Is such a personal confidence possible to us? Most assuredly. We have the same Christ. He is as much to us as he was to Paul. We have the same need to trust him. But are we trusting him like Paul did? Well, we believe that there are many people even to-day who have a confiding and an unalterable faith in Christ. And the power of their personal confidence in him is the secret of their consecration and work. But thousands of so-called Christians are practically strangers to the firmness and joy of this personal confidence. They know but little of its wondrous power. Were the tests that came to Paul to come to them they would be utterly lacking in their effort to withstand the pressure. Their victory would be doubtful, to say the most for it. Without the power of this personal confidence we are weak in faith, shallow in spiritual grace, obscure in hope and impotent in practical life. It takes this power to nerve us for the ordeals of life and support us amid its trials. When we are able to say, "I know whom I

have believed," we are ready for every good word and work. Let us then seek to know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal, and the power that was given unto Him will also be conferred upon us.

CHRIST LOVED MEN.

It was love that prompted Christ to come into this world to save men and women from sin. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." When he came he was born of the common people. No palace housed him, no luxury ministered to him, and no wealth pampered his boyhood. The foxes had holes and the birds had nests, but Christ had not where to lay his head; that is, no place to which he had an earthly title. The very circumstances of his birth, his bringing up, his contact with mankind in all experiences, acquainted him with the poverty, the want, the need, the deprivation and the struggle of ordinary humanity. He was one of the common people, and when he grew to manhood and sought to preach to them, "the common people heard him gladly." He voiced their heartaches, their longings, their suppressed aspirations. He was in direct sympathy with them, for he was one of them, and he knew them thoroughly. Their afflictions and their sorrows appealed to him. His heart always responded to them. In other words, he loved them.

And it has usually followed, in the history of the Church, that God has chosen the most of his ministers from among the common people. But very few of them have ever come out of the palaces of luxury. They have come from the common levels of life where people toil and sweat and suffer. There is wisdom in this plan. No man can be a successful minister of the gospel who has not touched all the rough corners of life, who has not tasted its griefs, who has not borne its burdens, who has not felt its oppressions, who has not entered into its struggles, and who has not been bruised by its blows. A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind. It is in this sort of school that we learn to know and love mankind. We love them for their intrinsic worth, their aspirations, their possibilities, and their readiness to respond to the better calls of conscience and duty. This sort of education prepares us to minister to all the conditions and grades and circumstances of men. We must love men in order to preach to them a saving gospel.

After all, the efficiency of a preached gospel not only depends upon the message delivered, but also upon the sympathy of the preacher for and with those to whom he preaches and among whom he labors. You can read a sermon into a phonograph, and touch the instrument off and it will reproduce it faithfully; but it will have but little effect of a saving nature upon those who hear it. But when it comes fresh out of the heart of a living man who loves and feels a keen interest in those who hear him, the effect is electric. It has love back of it, and love is the live wire that delivers it with power and demonstration. Christ loved men, and we must love men before we can successfully save them through the gospel.

THE WHY OF MISSIONS.

One of the main reasons why we should send the gospel to the regions beyond lies in the fact that the Christian religion towers so far above all religions, cults, faiths and superstitions known to the world that there is simply no comparison. The Christian religion is not comparable with any religion or anything else, and I shall not put it in comparison; but I am willing to present it in the way of a contrast, as Solomon did in Prov. 3:14, 15. "For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gains thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." The word wisdom was, no doubt, used by the wise man for genuine religion. In the way of comparison he tried gold, silver and precious stones; then he allows one to let his mind take its boldest sweep and pile up all things to be desired. Still he finds when it comes to comparison that all things make a poor showing. Now if the people could see so much of the glory and splendor of the true religion, the Christian religion, three thousand years ago, when only a few streaks of the morning (before the break of day) as it were could be seen, I would be putting myself in a very unenviable light to write about comparison in the twentieth century when the glorious Sun of Righteousness is mounting the eastern sky. Our Lord enthroned the Christian religion where it belongs in his memorable sermon on the mount, when he said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." First, always in time, in thought, in importance above all. If all the professed Christians in this world would carry out these directions in their lives we would so impress the people as to the superiority of the Christian religion that we would in a few decades take the world for God.

By way of contrast I will notice briefly some things taught by these inferior religions. Buddhism was originated by Gautama, who was born 624 B. C. There is not much of anything in this creed. Gautama came to the conclusion that the best thing for any man to do was just to "go dead" and get back into forgetfulness, calling this the highest possible good and final reward of the just. What a contrast between that and Christianity!—Jesus Christ bringing life and immortality to light and the founder of Buddhism declaring that the greatest and best thing to do was to get into your grave and be no more.

Brahmanism is similar in many respects to Buddhism. According to this creed all living creatures are emanations from Brahm, and will, after certain transmigrations go back to him. This final absorption in Brahm is the Hindoo's salvation. How he needs to learn of the living Christ where there is true salvation! There are many good things in the Koran, the sacred book of Mohammedism, but the good things seem to be borrowed from the Bible. What a pity some good missionary did not meet up with Mohammed at the right time and expound unto him the way of the Lord more perfectly, then the Koran had not been written. Mohammed admits, however, that Christ was greater than himself; but he made his great mistake in not crowning him Lord of all. The five leading commands of Mohammedism are prayer, alms-giving, fasting, pilgrimage and war against those who do not accept the Mohammed creed. Mark you that in Mohammedism we find the very best of any religion outside of Christianity, yet one of its chief commands is to shed blood. Oh what a wide contrast between that and Christianity, whose founder said: "Put up thy sword." "I say unto you love your enemies." "Whatsoever things ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Truly the Christian religion towers so pre-eminently above all these that there is absolutely no place to bring in comparison. I have heard talk of honest doubters. I do not know that I ever saw one. There is a thirst in the human breast for God. No fountain has ever been discovered where this thirst has been truly satisfied save in Him who has said, "If any man thirst let him come to me and drink."

Where is the man who is informed as to what Christianity is and what its purpose is in the world who could possibly have any doubts as to what the result would be if all would accept Christianity and live up to its teaching? Then the nations could beat their swords into plowshares, hang the trumpet in the nail and learn war no more. Standing armies, big gunboats, criminal courts, jails, penitentiaries and the like would only be remembered in history as things connected with the barbarisms of the ages gone by. The scoffer, while enjoying all the blessing of a Christian civilization, pictures to himself a spurious Christianity, and stands up and scoffs; but if he was shut up somewhere and not a ray of gospel light could reach

him for a few months he would come back believing the gospel with a vim. Another mark of the pre-eminence of the Christian religion is seen in the fact that it has waged its way to the front with the sword of the Spirit and the scepter of love. Dr. Pentecost has expressed this thought in the following words: "The most splendid scene of all history was when Jesus Christ, the unpopular prophet of Nazareth, without Church or State, treasure or store, with the organized forces of the world against him, lifted up his eyes, looking down the vistas of time, across continents and seas, beheld the nations of the world and said to his little band of followers, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'"

The very fact that Christ would, under the prevailing circumstances, hopefully utter such a command is sufficient to prove the divinity of our Lord.

A third mark of pre-eminence is that while the various forms of paganism keep their dupes in the dark, genuine Christianity turns on the light. Just go about over the world with your eyes open and behold the lighthouses about the way where the white horse and his rider have gone, and on every side you will behold the marked superiority of the Christian religion. Universities, hospitals, asylums and orphans' homes are found in Christian lands. You will find asylums for the blind in London, Berlin, Hamburg, Paris, Naples and Stockholm, but not in pagan lands. These things grow out of the twofold idea of the gospel embodied in the words of our Lord, "Heal the sick and cast out devils."

Lifting up the distressed and offering all the world eternal life! What a mission! What a wondrous work is this!

C. G. SHUTT.

(To be Continued.)

DR. FORRESTER MISREPRESENTS HIS PEDOBAPTIST BRETHERN.

E. J. Forrester, D. D., furnishes the doctrinal lessons for the Advance Quarterly of the Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board. While it is proper and right to have doctrinal lessons taught in the Sunday-schools—and we would expect in a Baptist quarterly to see distinctively Baptist doctrines taught—yet we would expect in a Sunday-school quarterly, when allusion was made to Pedobaptists, that correct statements would be made about them. All Christian writers and speakers ought to be candid and speak that they know to be true, and especially when teaching the young. There is no more important lesson to be taught in our Sunday-schools and from our pulpits than a strict regard to truth and a correct representation of other people when we speak about them, but Dr. Forrester has not done this in reference to his Pedobaptist brethren. In the quarterly for the first quarter of this year, in his doctrinal lesson, he gives the Baptist doctrine on three fundamental doctrines, to-wit: The authority of the Bible, Responsibility of the individual, and With the Spirituality of Religion. Under the second head he includes religious liberty. On all three of these points he misrepresents the Pedobaptists. (We are not counting the Roman Catholics, whom all Protestants oppose.) First, on the authority of the Bible, he asks, "Why is the authority of the Bible supreme? Because it is the word of God. Why do we say this is a Baptist doctrine? Because Pedobaptists do not consistently stand for it. How is that shown? Because they have religious practices not in accord with the Bible. What are some of those practices? Sprinkling for immersion as baptism, infant baptism and episcopacy in Church government. Do they not justify these things by the Bible? Not always, but attempt to justify them on grounds outside of the Bible." As the Episcopal Methodist Churches are the largest Protestant Pedobaptist Churches in the United States, and the only ones that have the episcopal form of government that amount to much in numerical strength, so this statement is made about the Methodist Church. And this statement, as it includes the Methodist Church, is not correct. What is the statement that for our teaching of sprinkling and infant baptism and episcopacy in Church government we do not always justify our practice by the Bible, but attempt to justify them on grounds outside of the Bible? This is a misrepresentation of the Methodist Church. Does Dr. Forrester know the grounds on which the Methodists justify their practice of affusion in baptism and infant baptism and Church government? If he does, his conscience must have smitten him when he wrote the above. If he does not know, he is not a competent guide. For a man ought to know of the things he asserts. Did he ever read the fifth article of faith of the Methodist Church? I suppose he never did. It reads: "The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation, so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith or be

taught requisite to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scriptures we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church." This is the teaching of the Methodists as to the authority of the Bible. It states expressly that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith or be thought requisite to salvation. On page 18 of the Discipline we read: "All of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written word, which is the only rule and the sufficient rule both of our faith and practice." Here it is plainly stated that the Bible is the sufficient rule of our faith and practice. It being the sufficient rule, we do not need anything else. It says the Bible is the only rule of our faith and practice. We have no other rule. See what goes with Dr. Forrester's statement that the Pedobaptists (principally the Methodists) justify their religious practices on grounds outside of the Bible. Putting it in the mildest form, the Doctor is just simply mistaken, and thereby teaches his people things that are not true. An eminent Baptist divine and educator in North Arkansas once, in the presence of the writer, speaking against infant baptism, said: "No one pretends to have any authority from the Bible for the practice." I remarked to a neighbor of his: "Dr. K. is said to be a learned man and a good man; that being so, how could he make such a statement? If he is a learned man he ought to know better; if he is a good man he ought to act better." His answer was: "Dr. K. is a good man and he is a learned man, but he is so completely shut up in his old Baptist hull that he can't see anything outside of the Baptist Church." It is a mistake about the Methodists not taking the Bible as their guide in matters of faith and practice. They not only claim to take the Bible, as all other Protestant Churches do, but we have more of the Bible to sustain our doctrines and practices than any other church. Our whole doctrinal system and our Church practices and our Church government all conform more to the teachings of the Bible than any other Church does. We claim to take the Bible, and we take it; and we claim the right to understand it for ourselves. An intelligent and well-informed Methodist knows what the Bible teaches on all cardinal doctrines and Church practices, and he knows why he is a Methodist. He is one who worships God according to the method laid down in the Bible. So Dr. Forrester has misrepresented the Methodists as regards the authority of the Bible. In his doctrinal lesson he might truly say the Baptists take the Bible as authority as they understand the Bible. This we freely grant them. But who is to decide what the Bible teaches on controverted subjects. The Baptists are to decide for themselves. We grant them that privilege. But who is to decide what the Bible teaches for the Methodists? Oh, the Baptists want to decide that for us, too, and if we reject what they say about it—if we won't take their interpretation of it—they count us out altogether, and say we reject the Bible.

Oh, no, my friend, we take the Bible as our guide and read it and understand it for ourselves. It is only your opinion about what the Bible teaches that we do not take. We cannot substitute your opinion for the authority of the Bible. As Fawcett says: "How precious is the look divine, By inspiration given—Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine, To guide our souls to heaven; This lamp through all the tedious night, Of life shall guide our way, Till we behold the clearer light Of an eternal day."

J. C. CARTER.

DeLeon, Texas, May 19, 1905.

FROM THE ISLE OF PINES.

A few facts concerning the condition of this island may not be without interest to the readers of the Advocate, specially to those who have relatives or acquaintances here from the States, and so, if it is agreeable all around, I will give some items which I have picked up since coming here. This country, like all others, which have been under Spanish control for the last four hundred years has been held down spiritually, socially, morally, in ignorance and superstition until fully nine tenths of the fathers and mothers don't know the name of a letter in their own language, while more specially in the rural districts the children, from one to six or seven years of age, appear in undress uniform, and yet all hands all around seem as cheerful and happy as clams in deep water. Since the advent of Americans among them, some of the natives are beginning to reflect in limited degree some features of civilization.

Leaving Roman Catholicism out (which my observation and experience here demand) there was not and never had been any religious or Church organization on the Isle of Pines up to the 12th day of September, 1904. Dating

back as I do to the 23d day of August, 1824, in the old Green Mountain State of Vermont, and having joined the Methodist Church at 18 and having stayed with it every day and hour since, it should not be a surprise if I should love, yes love, Methodism better than any other ism, and as there was no church home for me here, I regarded it as permissible for me to make an effort to secure such an organization for the Isle of Pines. Accordingly I wrote our Publishing House at Nashville, suggesting the conditions here, and stating what I wanted, and asked advice how to proceed. My letter was sent to Bishop Candler and was forwarded to Dr. Carter, superintendent Cuba Mission M. E. Church, South, at Havana. Dr. Carter came to this island on the 8th of September, 1904, preached to us twice in English and once to the Cubans in Spanish. In the evening of the 12th day of September, 1904, we held a called conference of a few friends to talk over the situation, which resulted in the appointment by Dr. Carter of an exhorter, class-leader and superintendent of organization. Thus a nucleus for an organized Church for the Isle of Pines, to be perfected some day, some how. We had absolutely nothing but the ground under our feet and the sky over our heads upon which to predicate future work, but something had to be done and we proceeded to do something.

Rev. E. W. Frazee of the M. E. Church in Michigan had made arrangements to spend the winter in the Isle of Pines to rest up during his vacation. By arrangement with Dr. Carter he volunteered to preach to us occasionally during his "rest up;" accordingly he preached at Santa Fe, Santa Rosalie, Nueva Gerona and at Columbia, preaching two or three times every Sunday. His most excellent wife takes care of the Sunday-school at Santa Fe, a good Presbyterian brother the school at Nueva Gerona, and this scribe at Columbia. All these schools are prospering under the general supervision of our worthy pastor, Bro. Frazee. There are several points in this bit of history that I may mention later on.

J. A. RAMSDELL.

TITHING, OR THE LORD'S TENTH.

By Mrs. D. C. Kennedy, Celeste.

In the age of coming back to Christ does it not seem eminently appropriate that in the revival of many old traditions the one of tithing, or the Lord's tenth, should receive the profound attention of our Church? The numerous articles found in our weekly and monthly publications, as well as the pamphlets and leaflets bearing on the subject, warrant the assertion that never before in modern times has so much thought been directed to the enlightenment of the masses regarding Christian stewardship. The subject of tithing is broadening in interest; its advocates are increasing; more and more of God's people are being awakened to a sense of duty—yea, privilege—in regard to proportionate giving. In urging this as the Scriptural way of giving, some of our Home Mission women say: "I don't tithe, but I know I give a great deal more." Why not adopt this plan? The tenth is a debt we owe to God. Have we been honest with him?—Lev. 27:32: "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." I am sure this is a great safeguard, and what is more, a matter of simple obedience to his divine command to set aside a regular, definite proportion of our income for his direct service. Let us look carefully into the question involved—the subject of systematic and proportionate giving—and see where we stand to-day as God's stewards. Read the last message of the prophet Malachi; note how often he told the people of their shortcomings; hear them repeating each time in his own words, "Wherein have we done these things?" Are we not saying this same thing to-day? Again we hear him say: "Ye have gone away from God's ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you," saith the Lord of Hosts—Mal. 3:7. Here is the condition and the promise. For we must remember every promise is based upon a condition, and until that condition is met we ask amiss when we claim it.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."—Mal. 3:8. "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."—Mal. 3:9. Not will be or shall be cursed, but are cursed, until his ordinances are kept and we return to him. Read Deuteronomy, twenty-eighth chapter. Note the blessings God has promised for obedience; also the curses for not hearkening and following his commandments. "The gold and silver are mine, saith the Lord of Hosts."—Hosea 2:9. "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."—Ps. 50:10. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."—Ps. 24:1. "Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens, the Lord thy God's; the earth

also, with all that therein is."—Deut. 10:14. "The tenth is mine, holy unto the Lord."—Lev. 27:30. The gold and silver, every beast, all the cattle, the land, all that grows upon it, the tenth that grows, the tenth of all possessions he says is his. We are so prone to think it is solely by our own exertions that we get possessions, yet he tells us, "It is thy God that giveth thee power to get wealth."—Ps. 2:7. The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich; he bringeth low and lifteth up. Abraham said: "And blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies to thy hands, and he gave tithes of all."—Gen. 14:20. And Jacob said: "And this stone, which I have set for a pillow, shall be God's house, and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."—Gen. 28:22. And as soon as the commandment came abroad the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of the corn, wine and oil, honey and all the increase of the field, and the tithes of all things brought they in abundantly. And concerning the children of Israel and Judah that dwell in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithes of oxen and sheep and tithes of holy things, which were consecrated unto the Lord thy God and laid them by heaps.—II Chron 5:6. And all the tithes of the land, whether of seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord. This tithe and freewill offering was, and is, God's financial plan, always recognizing the need of the treasury, and this need has never been lessened down to the present day. The tenth was required, demanded. It was a debt due to God, and not until this was paid could the offering be given, for the offering is a gift—a thank offering from a willing heart. We have learned here that when God's laws and ordinances were obeyed the people prospered; when neglected, adversity came upon them. In tones of compassion they were urged repeatedly to return to God's ordinances, to bring in the tithes in order that he may bless thee in all the works of thy hand which thou doest.—Num. 18:26. The Levites themselves were to tithe the tithes and give also their tenth to the Lord. To prove that this law has not been annulled or set aside, but carried over to the time of our Lord, we have the Master's own words, repeated by both Matthew and Luke. Matt. 23:23: "Woe unto you scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye pay tithes of mint, anise, cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law—judgment, mercy and faith. These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." Luke 11:42: "Woe unto you, Pharisees, for ye tithe the mint and rue and all manner of herbs and pass over judgment and the love of God. These ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone." I Cor. 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come." It is the universal testimony of all who have faithfully followed God's plan that God does bless and care for them in temporal affairs, as well as spiritual; that he keeps his promises to-day as truly as in the days of the prophets. This is but one specimen of many from the Old Testament. Prov. 3:9-10: "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy press shall burst out with wine." Here the giving of tithes is made the condition of an abundant outpouring of the spirit. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." We have now seen God's ownership; God's plan of work; God's financial plan; his demands and promises. Now, have we met all these, have we followed his plans or have we devised plans of our own to fill his treasury and to carry on his work? We should give this subject our prayerful thought, and, after having learned God's plan, we should practice it, and may our lives be such that others may see the beauty and enjoy the blessedness of obedience. Let's raise the standard to God's plan—no longer dishonor him—and the result will be a higher spiritual life. We have quenched the Spirit; still he is pleading with us to return to his ordinances and keep his commandments, that he may pour out his blessings upon us.

SEWING SO.

She was a tiny maiden;
She sat upon the floor,
And said: "I'm going to do a thing
I never did before!"

She took a little thimble,
She took a little thread;
She put it through the needle's eye—
"I'm going to sew," she said.

She pricked her little fingers;
She cried, "O, dear me! O!
But never mind, I'll sew and sew
Until I can sew so."

—Little Rhymes.

Devotional and Spiritual

UNRETURNING OPPORTUNITIES.

"A thousand years a poor man watched
Before the gate of Paradise,
But while one little nap he snatched,
It oped and shut. Ah! Was he wise?"
—Tilley.

In an old Greek city there was a curious statue which long since disappeared, but a story about it has come down to us. It is in the form of a dialogue:

"What is thy name, O Statue?"
"I am called Opportunity."

"Who made thee?"
"Lysippus."

"Why art thou standing on thy toes?"

"To show that I stay but a moment."

"Why hast thou wings on thy feet?"

"To show how quickly I pass by."

"But why is thy hair so long on thy forehead?"

"That men may seize me when they meet me."

"Why, then, is thy head so bald behind?"

"To show that when I have once passed I cannot be caught."

To every man there comes a time for action, for privilege, for decision. Neglected, it is gone forever.

This is the meaning of Dr. Alexander's hymn:

"There is a time, we know not when,
A point, we know not where,
That makes the destiny of men
To glory or despair."

Whittier felt it in Maud Muller:

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these, it might have been."

A similar thought in Stoddard's exquisite stanza:

"Something beautiful has vanished,
And we sigh for it in vain;
We seek it everywhere,
On the earth and in the air,
But it never comes again."

The same suggestion in the familiar lines of Shakespeare:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries."

Opportunity! Not to-morrow, but to-day. Now or never. The accepted time may come only once. It will not do to look, like Felix, for a more convenient season, which we may never see. This is true in politics as well as in religion, for nations as well as individuals. Strike while the iron is hot. When Louis Napoleon provoked the war of 1870, Prussia's trained battalions soon conquered a triumphant peace. It was Von Moltke's opportunity. When Wednell Phillips at Faneuil Hall in 1837 denounced the murder of Lovejoy, and became an apostle of freedom, it was his opportunity. When Ingersoll nominated Blaine at Cincinnati in 1876, and began his career of matchless oratory, it was his opportunity. When Bryan, in a magnetic speech at the Chicago convention in 1896, secured the nomination for the Presidency, it was his opportunity. These men were ready for the emergency.

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the Jews, when George III despised the petitions of the colonies, when Rehobam refused to lighten the burdens of the people, when Maximilian remained in Mexico after the departure of the French army—these men lost their opportunity.

Dr. Johnson stood in the rain at Litchfield market to atone for disobedience to his father, and Charles Lamb wished to recall his mother so that he might ask for forgiveness on bended knees. O, these buried intentions, these eternal regrets!

Do you remember Campbell's poem? Lord Ullin pursues his fleeing daughter and her lover to the shore of a stormy lake, which they are crossing, and calls them come back, and all will be forgiven:

"'Twas vain; the loud waves lashed the shore,
Return or aid preventing.
The waters wild went o'er his child,
And he was left lamenting."

The late Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, made many brilliant speeches which are already forgotten, but his sparkling sonnet on "Opportunity" will be treasured among the gems of the language.

"Master of human destinies am I;
Fame, love, and fortune on my footsteps wait.

Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate
Deserts and seas remote, and, passing by
Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late,
I knock unbidden once at every gate!
If sleeping, wake; if feasting, rise before
I turn away. It is the hour of fate.
And they who follow me reach every state
Mortals desire, and conquer every foe
Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate,
Condemned to failure, penury, and woe,
Seek me in vain and uselessly implore.
I answer not, and I return no more."
—Lutheran Observer.

TWO PREACHERS.

Two preachers went to the post-office to get their mail, and one of them had been writing a sermon and continued to think on the subject as he walked down the street. He decided to change the language on the last page and elaborate more fully an argument in the middle of the sermon. He got his letters from the office, went home, made the changes he intended, and was uttering unconsciously he had done anything wrong. But he had angered a sensitive man, offended two middle-aged ladies, and forever insulted a young mother who was out with her three-months-old baby. He had passed all without seeing them, for he was lost in himself and was utterly oblivious to all others.

The other preacher was writing a sermon also, but when he left his study he left his thoughts with his pen and manuscript. He passed down the street a few minutes after the other. He met the sensitive man, and said: "Why how do you do, brother? I'm real glad to see you. How is your wife? Fine day!" and then passed on. Next he met one of the ladies and stopped to shake hands with her, and as the other one came up he said: "Well, I am in luck to-day in meeting so many friends, and here comes Mrs. So-and-so with her baby." As the young mother came up with her heart's treasure, he said to the baby: "Oh, you little darling," and to the mother, "You have a beautiful baby." He went to the post-office, got his mail and went home without any idea that he had done anything unusual. But he had made four people feel glad. He had drawn to himself the good feeling and kind thoughts of four hearts, and they all went to hear him preach the next Sunday morning, for people love to be noticed; every human heart loves to be appreciated, for God has made that a part

of our nature. Nothing kills the good feelings in the heart of a child quicker than neglect and indifference from his minister, especially if he has been taught to respect and reverence the minister as the man of God. And we are all children in our hearts, for the heart cannot grow old, and that ties us to eternal youth.

Both these men were perfectly natural; both were good preachers and Christian gentlemen; each one had acted according to his nature; but one was fortunately constituted in being naturally sociable and the other had a very unfortunate defect and a very small congregation, for "a man that hath friends, must show himself friendly." (Prov. 28: 24).—Methodist Protestant.

THE MOTHER'S REWARD.

A mother in the household is called to a service of self-sacrifice. She has given of her life in the birth of her children. While they are young she gives constantly of her time, thought and strength to their needs. She bears patiently their complaints and even injuries. As they grow older she carries a heart burden for them and never ceases to be solicitous for their welfare. There is no love so pure and devoted as the disciplined love of a mother. Many women dislike motherhood on account of its confinement and self-sacrifices. It has, however, its peculiar blessing and reward. A mother has a blessing of God in herself. She is made perfect in moral and spiritual beauty by her self-sacrificing service. She might have become naturally a vain, hard, proud queen of society, but has gained humility, patience, gentleness and other graces that make her a saint. Why do all children rise up to praise their mothers as the best women in the world? Motherhood has clothed her with peculiar grace. No one can receive, or expect to receive, such reverential and devoted love as a mother. All her brooding, watchful, self-denying love comes back to her and her memory is precious. There is peculiar tenderness in the esteem and love of children as they begin to realize and appreciate what a mother has done in life for them. Her love is rewarded in kind, in good measure, pressed down and running over.—The Watchman.

"GOOD TO BE HERE."

Peter has been severely criticised for breaking in upon the heavenly vision on the mount, and begging the privilege of building tabernacles for Jesus, for Moses, and for Elias. We know that Peter was an impulsive man and often spake unadvisedly. One of the evangelists plainly declares that Peter did not know what he was saying on that occasion. We can easily believe that he was so overwhelmed with the transporting scene that he became bewildered and confused, but let us not blame him. When he said, "It is good to be here," he spake a truth from his heart, a truth deeper and richer than he knew. Who would not have joined him in the petition to be permitted to detain Moses and Elias and abide with Jesus in the holy mount?—Selected.

A PRAYER FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Lord, evermore give us the bread of life, which cometh down from heaven. Thou hast created this hunger and thou wilt satisfy it. Every good gift is thine; and thou givest unto thy children that which will make them still more thine, because under its nutriment they will grow up into divine strength and beauty. We labor for the meat which perisheth; we would labor more for the bread which endureth unto everlasting life. May we be not partially alive, but through and through, body, soul, and spirit, having no slumbering or drowsy facul-

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THE POWER OF HOPE.

No man or woman is ever used by God to build up his kingdom who has lost hope. Wherever I have found a worker in God's vineyard who has lost hope, I have found a man or woman not very useful. It is very important to have hope in the Church; and it is the work of the Holy Ghost to impart hope. Let him come into some of the Churches where there have not been any conversions for a few years, and let him convert a score of people, and see how hopeful the Church becomes at once. He imparts hope. A man filled with the Spirit of God will be very hopeful. He will be looking out into the future, and he knows that it is all bright, because the God of all grace is able to do great things.—Dwight L. Moody.

KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD.

One who is in the love of God may lose it. A son may cease to love his father. A man may cease to love his wife. He may be led away by evil companions, or become completely absorbed in the pursuit of pleasure, of business, or the study of science until he forgets his obligations to others. His love may decline more and more, until he shall drift unconsciously away and lose all consciousness of the mystic tie that once bound him to a kindred spirit. So a Christian may think so much of other things that he will drift away from God. In the book of Revelation our Lord is represented as addressing one of the Churches in Asia, and after saying some complimentary things he adds, as if in great sorrow: "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Every Christian remembers his first love. How sweet, how warm, how heavenly it was! That hour when from above he first received the pledge of love can never be forgotten.

"The gladness of that happy day,
O may it ever, ever stay."

But it does not always stay. Too many men and women fail of the grace of God, and after a few years

they sing another song. And this is what they sing:

"Where is the blessedness I knew,
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and His Word?"

"What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill."

They have left their first love. "Keep yourselves in the love of God." Be loyal, be true, be faithful to the end. Let no rival win your affections away from God for one moment. It is a good thing to be on good terms with a neighbor. It is exceedingly important to be on good terms with a father, a mother, a husband, or wife. But who shall say how important it is always to be on good terms with God? It were better to lose a right hand or a right eye. It were far better to lose life itself than lose the love of God. One who has lost the love of God may be in good health; he may prosper in business and win a great name in the world; but he is walking in darkness, and the path he treads leads downward to the blackness of darkness forever.

"Unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."—Exchange.

Never dare to say what ought to be done cannot be done.

The requests we make of God interpret our character.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

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Secular News Items.

Freight brokerage is a new industry which has grown up since the passage of the Elkins law, and which is said to threaten the rate situation over the entire country.

In America's oldest Republic you need take but few steps to be amid associations centuries, indeed, in age. So it is in the Holy City of the New World, although but recently did the traveler know that another beside Jerusalem existed.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals has affirmed the case of Ann Franklin et al. vs. Sarah F. Boone et al., from Hunt County, which gives Buckner's Orphans' Home half of the property left by J. R. Boone, deceased.

During the recent visit of the King of Spain to Paris as he accompanied President Loubet, drove away from a gala performance of the opera after midnight an anarchist threw a bomb in the direction of the royal carriage.

The President has commuted, to expire immediately, the five-year penitentiary sentence of S. J. Spotts, cashier of the First National Bank of Petty, Texas, who in 1904 pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling the funds of the bank.

President Roosevelt authorized the announcement that upon the retirement of Paul Morton from the Secretaryship of the Navy he would be succeeded by Chas. J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, Md. The appointment of Mr. Bonaparte had been determined upon by the President for some time.

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and he took decisive action without hesitation. The upbuilding of the navy is known to be a policy of Mr. Bonaparte and he will carry into effect the views of the President in strengthening the navy.

The following dispatch from Manila is dated June 1: Brig. Gen. Randall will sail for the United States on June 15. Brig. Gen. Carter, commander of the department of the Visayas, now engaged in the pacification of the natives on the east coast of the island of Samar, has sixteen companies of infantry and twelve scouts operating in the field, with four more companies of infantry under orders.

Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia, achieved a great victory last week when without a dissenting voice both branches of the City Council withdrew the ordinance authorizing the lease of the city gas works to the United Gas Improvement Company for a period of seventy-five years.

In the current issue of an insurance journal statistics are presented showing that during the year 1904 the sum of \$371,642,577 was paid by American life insurance companies. In this distribution New York shared \$34,505,701, Chicago \$9,876,486, Philadelphia \$9,725,873 and Boston \$6,927,555.

The steambot H. M. Carter ran into the pier of the railroad bridge across Red River at Alexandria, La., June 2, and sixteen lives were lost. H. M. Carter was Captain.

Five sets of jewels which are said to have once belonged to Queen Isabella of Spain will be sold in New York soon at auction. They are included in the collection of gems bequeathed to the Leland Stanford, Jr., University of California by Mrs. Stanford.

Although twenty-one indictments have been returned in the lottery cases at San Antonio and that number of men will face serious charges in the Federal Court at the December term, the investigation has not yet been completed.

In the presence of a distinguished assemblage, including all the members of the Cabinet except Secretary Hay, who is in Europe, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests, President Roosevelt June 1 pressed the telegraphic key which sounded the chimes in the Government building and started the machinery of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at Portland, Oregon.

Secretary of the Navy Paul Morton, whose intent to resign from the Cabinet was announced recently, will become President of the New York subway system at a salary equal to that of the President of the United States.

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sent of the Powers. The Foreign Minister will ask for the views of each of the Powers with the object of holding a conference on the subject.

A new variety of sweet potato having great economic value has been acclimated in the experimental gardens of Bordeaux. It is a native Dahomey and very prolific. The leaves of the plant can be used as a substitute for spinach, and the tubers, containing a higher percentage of sugar than beets, are fine-flavored and make exceptionally good food for live stock.

President Diaz has appointed Joaquin D'Casasus to be Ambassador of Mexico to the United States in succession to the late Manuel Aspiroz. Mr. Casasus is an eminent jurist, literateur and economist, as well as a classical scholar. He was Secretary General of the Pan-American Conference which met in the City of Mexico in 1901.

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President Castro read his message to Congress June 2. He said in part that the Venezuelan Government was in good relations with foreign countries in the degree that their respective representatives desired.

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An adjustment of the teamsters' strike by mediation seems as remote as it did two months ago. Peace negotiations begun last week which promised to bring about an amicable adjustment of the difficulty have been abandoned for the present at least, and the strike will be allowed to take its natural course, according to President Shea, of the teamsters' organization.

"For the first time in many years," says United States Consul General Holloway at Halifax, "it will be legal to drink a glass of beer or whiskey in a barroom in the city of Halifax. A liquor license bill for the city, proposed by the Halifax Aldermen, has been passed by the Legislature. It is a complete reversion of the provincial license law, and was bitterly opposed by the temperance people.

o'clock at night, except on Saturday, when the time is extended from 6 o'clock in the evening till 9 o'clock, and selling by the glass is made legal. The City Council guaranteed in effect that if these amendments were passed the law would be strictly enforced, including the prohibition of Sunday selling."

All party feeling has been obliterated in the face of the crisis between Norway and Sweden and the whole country is of one mind, but the people and the newspapers preserve a sober and unprovocative temper, and there is a complete absence of any warlike feeling. At the same time Norway's defenses are said to be in a far better state than they were during the crisis of 1895.

Loans of the same sort have never been taken more eagerly than have the Japanese loans. Japan has issued four domestic war loans in amounts and subscriptions as follows: First loan, \$50,000,000; subscribed, \$226,000,000; premium offered, \$16,700,000. Second loan, \$50,000,000; subscribed, \$161,000,000; premium offered, \$3,100,000. Third loan, \$40,000,000; subscribed, \$123,000,000; premium offered, \$936,000. Fourth loan, \$50,000,000; subscribed, \$250,000,000; premium offered, \$38,500,000.

Acting Secretary Loomis has been officially informed by Ambassador Meyer at St. Petersburg of the provisions of the proposed new law in Russia under which all American passports, including those of citizens of the Hebrew faith, will be recognized there. This information is confirmatory of the press dispatches of a week ago, which announced the approval by the Council of the Empire of the recommendation of the passport commission, which included universal recognition of foreign passports.

The Russian cruiser Dimitri Donski, which was sunk in the great battle between Togo and Rojestvensky, represented Russia at the naval parade in New York harbor in 1893. At that time there was a gathering of warships from every navy in the world to join in the celebration of the opening of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The caravels used by Columbus in his voyage of discovery were reproduced just as the original vessels existed and crossed the ocean over the same route Columbus sailed.

In commercial quarters and in those circles usually well informed on political affairs the recent visit of the German Emperor to Morocco is not regarded as in any sense meant as a hostile demonstration against a foreign power. It is pointed out that the German Emperor foresees this possible development and that his Moroccan policy is merely designed to place Germany at least on an equality with France in the future development of the country.

The President, in an interview with the Russian ambassador, struck a blow for peace in the far East. He expressed the earnest hope that Russia would forthwith conclude peace with Japan. Prolongation of the war, he declared,

will not result in a victory for the Russian arms and can only serve to increase Japanese victories and render more difficult the drafting of a treaty of peace which the Czar as well as the Mikado can sign. The President spoke, he said, as the friend of Russia no less than of Japan, and on behalf not only of the Washington Government, but in the interest of humanity.

The Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg, who was married to the Crown Prince of Germany last Tuesday, was greeted by thousands of people when she arrived at Berlin. Five hundred persons were either overcome by the heat or injured in the crowds.

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Not only that it is pure but that you are not deceived in the description of its contents and condition. Some flaked breakfast foods that have thus far failed, are now being advertised in close imitation of the Grape-Nuts at advertising, thinking in that way to finally make a success of the failure.

But false statements of the merits of human food will never on earth build up a business. These flaked foods are not pre-digested. They are not fully cooked and the starch in them is starch still and has not been turned to sugar as claimed.

Chemical analysis tells the truth and the analysis of the famous chemists of the world show Grape-Nuts the only prepared breakfast food in which the starch part of the wheat and barley has been transformed into sugar and therefore ready for immediate digestion. Why is this true? All the thin rolled flake foods are made by soaking the grains of wheat or oats in water, then rolling, drying and packing. These operations do not cook or pre-digest the starch.

Contrasted with this pretense, observe the care, method and skill in making Grape-Nuts.

The barley is soaked about one hundred hours, then it is slowly warmed for some days and sprouted, the diastase being developed and part of the starch turned to sugar, (and later on all of it), then the grains are baked and the sprouts stripped off. Then comes grinding, sifting and mixing with the creamy colored flour made from white and macaroni wheat. This mixture must be skillfully made in right proportions. This blended flour contains just the ingredients demanded by nature to rebuild the soft gray substance in the nerve centres and brain, but how to make the food easy to digest, that was the question.

It certainly would not do to mix in drugs, for there is a certain failure sure to come to the person depending on drugs to digest food. They may do for a temporary expedient, but pure food and digestible food is the only final resort and safe way. So to change the remaining starch part and prepare the other elements in this blended flour it is made up into massive loaves like bread, the inside being dark cream color and quite sticky to the touch. These loaves are sliced and again go through long cooking at certain temperatures. Then the rock-hard slices are each one carefully inspected and ground ready for packing and use, having gone through 10 or 12 hours in the different operations.

When finished, each little granule will show a sparkling substance on its surface. A magnifying glass will bring it out clearer and develop little pieces of pure dextrose sugar, not put on "or poured over" (as the head of a large Sanitarium once stated in his paper, thus exposing his appalling ignorance of food processes) but this sugar exudes from the interior of each as the starch is slowly turned to sugar in the process of manufacture. This kind of sugar is exactly like what is found in the human intestines, provided the starch of the grains, potatoes, bread, rice, cake, etc., etc., has been perfectly digested. But many are weak in that form of digestion and yet need the starches, so Grape-Nuts supplies them pre-digested and ready to go quickly into the blood.

Visitors are shown freely through the works and can follow the steps of making Grape-Nuts from the grain to the finished product. The proportions of different kinds of flour, and the temperatures are not disclosed and it seems impossible for others to steal these secrets of the makers. But purity, cleanliness and skill are shown in every corner of the immense pure food factories. People who care for results from choicely selected food, those who want the food to rebuild the soft gray substance in brain and nerves that give the go, the vigor, the life, will understand why the imitators who try to copy the announcements about Grape-Nuts have failed in the past.

There's a reason for Grape-Nuts and a profound one.

The Home Circle

GOD'S LIGHT.

The light that glids the mountain crest
At early morn and even;
The light of all God's blessings best
To us poor mortals given.

It is this light, with heat its source,
Which animates our nature
And fills our hearts with rapturous love
To God the great Creator.

This light reveals the rainbow's hue
And penetrates every flower;
Makes diamonds out of heaven's dew
To sparkle in the bower.

This light descends the darkened shaft
And makes the ruby shine
And adds the hardy, toiling craft
The richer gems to find.

This light illumines the printed page
By inspiration given,
And points the soul of youth and age
To endless light in heaven.

These falling orbs may never more
Earth's matchless beauty see,
But faith sees on the other shore
A greater light for me.

Each coming morn I wake to see
If God, in love and kindness,
Has sent some ray of light for me,
But find increasing blindness.

O precious sense, of five, the best!
Why not with me stay
Till this poor waiting soul shall rest
In realms of endless day?

For four-score years, less five, to me
Thou wast my guide and treasure;
O constant thou not remain and be
My greatest source of pleasure?

The voice of love falls on my ear
In accents sweet and tender,
But a veil before my face appears;
O tear that veil away.

If I am doomed in total blindness
Homeforth to grace my way,
O blessed Lord, in love and kindness,
Let reason hold her sway.

My anxious loved ones linger near
To render aid they try;
I cannot see the falling tear,
But hear each smothered sigh.

My mother's picture has a place
With others on the wall;
I fain would see each loving face,
Their virtues to recall.

God grant that those who still remain,
And those gone on before,
May one day meet in heaven again
To live forever more.

W. A. KENDALL.

WHY SHE WAS NOT POPULAR.

Mrs. Jack Dixon and her aunt, Mrs. Hudson, were sitting in the artistic library of the former. It was the last evening of Mrs. Hudson's long visit to her niece, and they had been trying to think of all the things they might possibly forget to talk over.

"There is one thing, aunt, I have wanted to ask you ever since the first week you came, but I made up my mind to wait till you had been here long enough to form an opinion on the subject. Now I want to ask you, and you must tell me what you think without any regard for my feelings. Ten years ago Jack and I were married, and I came here, a stranger to every one in this town. At first Jack's friends and acquaintances were very kind. They called to see me and showed me many attentions, but it did not last. I began to be very lonely, and more and more as the days went by I was left without friends. Then the loneliness became unbearable, and I begged Jack to move into this neighborhood, because I felt we could be nearer the people in our own circle. Against his own judgment he did it, but it has made no difference whatever. Now, you know our neighbors just below here at Elm Corner. Why, I can not help being envious of them. Day after day they are invited out to all sorts of functions. If they have a guest staying with them, all their friends very promptly show her all possible attention. If I pass their

An Asthma Cure at Last.

It gives us great pleasure to announce the discovery of a positive cure for Asthma, in the wonderful Kola Plant, a new botanic product found on the Congo river, West Africa. The cures wrought by it in the worst cases, are really marvelous. Sufferers of twenty to fifty years' standing have been at once restored to health by the Kola Plant Compound. Among others, many ministers of the Gospel testify to its wonderful powers.

Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, Ph. D., Centre Hall, Pa., perhaps one of the worst cases, was permanently cured after many years suffering. Rev. D. S. Hopkins, Wilson, Ind. Ter., writes May 25th, his wife was cured two years ago after eight years suffering. Rev. F. F. Wyatt, the noted Evangelist, Abilene, Texas, writes, was cured of Hay-Fever and Asthma after eight years suffering and had no return of the disease. Mr. L. H. Johnson, of Gainesville, Ga., Manager of the Gainesville Shoe Co., writes, the Kola Compound is a death blow to Asthma. It cured my daughter after all hope had gone and words are inadequate to express our gratitude to the Importers.

To prove to you beyond doubt its wonderful curative power, the Kola Importing Co., No. 1161 Broadway, New York, will send a large case of the Kola Compound free by mail to every reader of the Texas Christian Advocate who suffers from any form of Asthma. This is very fair, and we advise sufferers to send for a case. It costs you nothing and you should surely try it.

home in the evening, I always see their sitting room full of callers, while I come home to have my maid reply to my question whether any one has called in my absence, with a 'No, indeed, ma'am, nobody at all haint been here.' Now, if you, while you have been with me, have discovered what it is that makes me unpopular, I shall be grateful to you as long as I live if you will tell me what it is, for you can not know the worry and unhappiness this has given me."

Mrs. Hudson looked at the fair young woman—for she was still young and still fair—who sat at her knee just as she had so often done in the days of her girlhood. "My dear, I am sure I know, but, if I were to tell you, I feel sure you would be hurt with me. You remember, I know, how one time I tried to call your attention to a fault which had become a stumbling block to you, and it was many months before you really were sure that I had done it for your own happiness."

"No, but I am older now, and you may literally tear me to pieces and I shall not be hurt with you, however disgusted you may make me with myself."

"Well, my dear Helen, some one has said that we may all have whatever we want most in life, if we diligently set about to get it. Now, that does not mean that we may not have everything."

"But that is not true, Aunt Mary, of me. I do not want everything, but I do want friends."

"Yes, I know that, but the time has been when you have not wanted friends as much as you have wanted some other things. Now, I am going to preach you a little sermon, and you must not interrupt me no matter how long it grows. Do you remember how, whenever you have mentioned the disposition to show a courtesy to some one, there always followed it the longing to take the money that the dinner, the luncheon, the drive, the concert tickets or the flowers would have cost, for a new hat, a jacket, a chair, a rug or a new lamp? Do you remember the first month of my visit when you said, 'I'd love to entertain Mrs. Johnson's mother who is visiting her,' and then you said again, after thinking it all over, 'but I have had my heart set on that dozen of plates in Goodman's window, and I really think we need them?'"

"You have spoken of the Dawsons at Elm Corner. I can not believe that you do not know the secret of their popularity. They have won me completely, and, if you do not know why they have won their host of friends, I shall be glad to pay tribute to them even though it be to this small audience of one. Ever since I have been with you I have been noticing how they have seemed never to think of themselves. The one thought of their lives has seemed to be, 'What can we do for our friends and for our friends' friends?' Day after day I have seen their maid leave the house with daintily covered dishes of flowers, and as I have sat by the window or on the veranda, I have seen her take them to a friend in the neighborhood. I have not known during all the winter any one who has been the guest of a friend of theirs to whom they have not shown some attention. You know they have a very limited income, and yet they have always been able to entertain their friends at a luncheon or tea or even a dinner. They have taken other friends on many a lovely drive, while others have been invited to spend 'just an informal evening.' You know that whenever we have gone there, morning, afternoon or evening, they have always made us feel that they were delighted to see us. Then, too, you know how very simple and unpretentious the Dawson's home is; they never allow themselves to lavish their money on their own surroundings."

"But, Aunt Mary, I must interrupt you to say that I think it is lovely. Just think of the sitting room with all that dozen of splendid rocking-chairs and the big open fireplace."

"Would you give yours for it?"

"Oh, no, of course not; it doesn't represent my taste."

"No, I know it doesn't. But yours represents the taste they have if they were willing to spend their money on themselves. Don't you see, my dear, while you have been in your home making dainty curtains and pillows, and saving your money to beautify your surroundings and add to your wardrobe, you have seemed to think that when you had made of your home a thing of beauty, you would have your friends come to admire it and you in it. But don't you see that the habit of spending yourself for your house is growing upon you so rapidly that there is great danger that you may spend your life in this really selfish way? I would not have you show kindness to people in order to secure their friendship, but I would have you do it for nobler reasons and the

friends would surely be yours. You must admit that you, like every one else, have had the opportunity to decide whether your time and your gifts would be spent on yourself or on others, and, if you are honest with yourself, you will admit they have not been spent outside your own home. You know I would not discourage a reasonable amount of time spent there, for no one realizes the importance of an attractive, happy home more than I do; but it is this thing of giving up yourself, your time, your very life to it, that I think is narrow and unworthy your truer self."

"Well aunt, you have certainly given me a regular discourse, and I am sure it has not fallen entirely on stony ground. I see just what you mean, and from this day on I vow to count that day lost in which I do not think of and do something for some one outside my home."

"I am sure, Helen, if you keep that vow, you will be a very happy woman. You remember it is one of the Careys who wrote,

We get back our mete as we measure.

Do not keep thinking of what your friends owe you, but think often of what you owe them, and I am quite sure that, when I come again, you will have a different experience to tell. Think of every one else first, yourself last, and your problem will be solved."—Emily W. Bond, in The Christian Intelligencer.

A VISIT TO LONGFELLOW'S PORTLAND HOME.

"Next station Portland! Portland! Don't leave any of your packages or umbrellas in the cars," shouted the conductor, as the train moved into the depot one afternoon in summer, havin on board Magdalene and Lyndon Burnett, who were coming to spend their vacation in the beautiful city of Portland.

"Here we are!" exclaimed Lyndon, as they gathered up their various belongings, preparatory to leaving the car.

"And here is auntie!" shouted Magdalene, as she alighted to the platform. Aunt Carrie Gayford soon had both of her sister's children in her arms and was hurrying them into the carriage.

"I'm so glad to see you, auntie," said Magdalene, after they were on their way to Mrs. Gayford's home, "and I'm so glad to be in Portland, for I've heard lots about it."

"Yes," replied the aunt, "there are many interesting places about the city. There is one house I want to take you to. We are passing it now." And she pointed to a three-story brick dwelling. "What's that?" quired Lyndon, looking out the carriage window. "That's the Longfellow house," answered Mrs. Gayford.

"O, yes," he replied; "I want to go through it and see where my favorite poet lived."

"So do I," echoed Magdalene, "for I like Longfellow's works, and I like to hear all I can about him."

"Children always like Longfellow," replied Aunt Carrie. "You know he is called the 'children's poet.'" The next day Mrs. Gayford took her nephew and niece to the Longfellow house, one of the most interesting houses in the State. They were invited, first, into the parlor, where one of the attendants delightfully entertained them, telling all about the furnishings of the room and of the members of the family who were married or buried from it.

"This house," began the lady in charge, "is over a hundred years old. It was the first brick house erected in Portland, the bricks having been brought from England. It was built in 1785-1786 by General Peleg Wadsworth, the poet's grandfather."

"What an old piano!" said Magdalene, striking one of the keys.

"Yes," replied the lady, "it is the first piano ever bought in Portland." Then she went on to tell of all the old associations connected with the room and of the furnishings, which were the same as they were when the family dwelt there. The young people saw in this room a clawfoot-table, old mirror, a settee covered with old flower designs, an old student-lamp, in which fluid was burned. Their attention was next called to the old paintings upon the wall, the wooden shutters at the windows. General Wadsworth's old chair, and a cushion made from the pulpit-curtains put up in the First Parish Church, in 1825.

"If you have seen all in the parlor," suggested Aunt Carrie, "we will look into the old dining-room." So to this room they went.

"Is this mahogany?" questioned Lyndon, pointing to the table in the center of the room.

"It is," replied the guide in this room, "and here is the old hanging-lamp, too."

The party spent some time looking over the curiosities in this room, including andirons shaped like Revolutionary men, a bound volume of the

Portland Transcript, an ancient map of the city of Portland, and many other relics of the early days of the Wadsworth home.

Lyndon found his way into the hall, which extends the entire length of the house, and his eye caught sight of a leather bucket, marked "S. Longfellow, 1803."

"That belonged to the poet's father," informed Aunt Carrie, "and he always kept it hanging there in readiness for service in case of fire."

Just across the hallway the party entered the family kitchen, in which it must have been convenient for the cook to perform her duty, considering the number of utensils displayed there. The fireplace and ovens occupied one side of the room, from which suspended the crane. Among other things noticed were iron kettles, skewers, a baker, a Dutch oven, an iron bread kettle, and an apple-roaster.

The family sitting-room was at one time used as a law office, where Stephen Longfellow studied law. This room contained the poet's favorite chair, which stood by the window.

"I'm anxious to see where the children played," remarked Magdalene. "I heard about that room."

"You shall," replied the lady, leading the way up stairs.

"O, what an old flag!" exclaimed Lyndon, as he caught sight of the Stars and Stripes, all covered with stains of warfare.

"This flag," explained Aunt Carrie, "once waved on the United States brig Enterprise, in her action with brig Boxer, of Portland. It is the second oldest American flag in existence."

"Did Longfellow have to climb three flights of stairs when he went to bed?" quired Magdalene, as they were mounting to the third floor.

"Yes," replied the attendant, "he climbed these stairs when but eight years of age, and when on a visit to this old home of his at seventy-four years of age, he again went up the same flight to his former room."

"What a smart old man!" exclaimed Lyndon, thoughtfully.

"Here is the room he loved so well," the lady said, showing them into Longfellow's chamber. "This is where he wrote 'The Lighthouse,'" she continued. "He could see the Portland light from his window."

"You can't see it now," said Aunt Carrie, "as there are so many high buildings obscuring the view."

This room contained the same high headstead used by the poet, also a small black leather trunk, which he used on his first visit abroad.

On the same floor the visitors were shown to the boys' room, containing the old trundle-bed, a desk of the old-time school, and many trinkets that had been of interest to the Longfellow boys. The children were very much amused over the pencil writings on the windows.

While Magdalene and Lyndon were exploring the wonders of this room, Aunt Carrie visited the guest-chamber and the mother's rooms. Here are preserved, under glass, many old-fashioned dresses, bonnets, veils, fancy work, and infants' garments, all still in a fine condition.

Aunt Carrie was in no haste to leave, and as her nephew and niece were so interested in the home of their favorite poet, she allowed them to remain for the afternoon.

"You are very kind, auntie," said Magdalene, "for taking us to this home, and when we repeat any of Longfellow's poems in school I shall always think of this pleasant afternoon."

And as they walked to the street, Lyndon repeated:

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,"

and determined that he would try to so live as to be at least of some use to the world.—Western Advocate.

IRREVERENCE OF SPEECH.

Mother is busy and little Mary wants her dolly "fixed," when she is rudely pushed aside and mother says, very petulantly, "Mary, I wish to the Lord you would go away and let me alone!" The child obeys; the day wears away, and the little white-robed cherub is tucked in her cradle-bed and mother teaches her to say, "I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep." No doubt Mary wonders if it is the same Lord she heard of in the morning who is to watch over her slumbers. Jimmie inquires father's displeasure, and he says with emphasis, "Jimmie, I declare to God, I'll whip you if you do that again." In the same family something unusual transpires, and 15-year-old Tom exclaims, "My Lord from heaven!" Father and mother are both present, but Tom is not reproved—because they set the example. Shame on such Church members! Persons professing godliness, God-likeness, yet using the holy name of Jehovah in such a common way, and teaching it to their children. The Bible says: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Again, many of our Church people

have fallen into the habit of extravagant expressions, which are very unbecoming, and, like the above, "hinder the gospel of Christ." For instance: "Baby fell out of the buggy, and I was just scared to death!" Yet, she was alive to relate the terrible accident. Once more: "Papa brought Willie a new drum, and he just had a fit over it." If any one else had intimated that her darling boy was an epileptic she would have been indignant. I have just mentioned a few of what I consider growing evils which are indulged in by many good but thoughtless people, and I thought an article from your facile pen might cause them to call a halt. I never heard such language when I was a child, and it pains me that the children and youth of the present day should be brought up under such influences, especially in so-called Christian homes.

OUR CHIEF CONCERN.

We think we have many important concerns, but have really but one. If that is attended to all others will be done; if that is wanting, all the rest, however successful they may seem to be, will go to ruin. Why then should we divide our hearts and our occupations? O thou sole business of life, henceforth thou shalt have my undivided attention. Cheered by the presence of God, I will do at the moment, without anxiety, according to the strength which He shall give me, the work that His providence assigns me. I will leave the rest; it is not my affair.—Fenelon.

In a case that was being tried before Sir James Alan Parker, a little girl of ten was a witness. As is usual before taking the evidence of children, the Judge wished to be quite sure that the girl realized the necessity of speaking the truth. Having answered satisfactorily his questions about the Commandments and the Lord's Prayer and the Catechism, he said in a kindly tone that he had only one more question to ask: "Just tell me, little girl, what do you do before going to bed?" The child was silent. Thinking she had not understood him, the Judge repeated his question, encouraging her not to be afraid to speak out. At last, amidst silence that was complete and almost painful she said, as if taking his lordship into her confidence: "I take off my clothes and put on my night dress!"

WHAT A CRIME

To Talk Against Coffee.

To an ambitious student an ailment that interferes with school and study is very hard to bear.

A bright young girl in Detroit who had been poisoned by coffee, is now pursuing her studies in perfect health. Probably the coffee champions feel she should have continued to suffer and kept on with the coffee, but now and then there are self-willed creatures who insist on getting well by leaving off coffee, deserting the "topers ranks" and joining the Postum army.

"From early childhood till a year ago I was in the habit of drinking three or four cups of coffee every day.

"As I grew older, the bad effects began to show themselves, although I had no idea that it was coffee that was doing the mischief. I became very nervous, and suffered so much from severe headaches that I lost much valuable time from my school and studies. The doctor could give me no relief—he probably did not suspect the coffee any more than I did.

"One day I went to visit a friend, and the coffee they had on their table tasted so good that I asked what kind it was, and they told me it was Postum Food Coffee. My friend said that her mother had been a nervous wreck from drinking the old kind of coffee, but had been restored to health by quitting it and drinking Postum. The whole family were enthusiastic about Postum and advised me to try it.

"I am glad they did; for it has given me back my health. At first we did not boil it enough and did not like it, but we soon learned how to make it, and now we all prefer it to the old kind. I have discovered that to stir a beaten egg in the warm milk we use instead of cream gives a most delicious flavor to Postum Food Coffee.

"From the first day I began to use Postum Coffee (I quit the old kind altogether) my health began to improve. My headaches ceased on the third day and have never returned, my nervousness has completely disappeared, my brain seems invigorated and strengthened, and I am now able to study from 4 to 5 hours daily, outside of school, and feel no bad effects from it.

"My aunt was sick for five years from coffee poisoning. It was hard work to get her to give up the beverage, but when she did and began to use Postum Food Coffee, she got well almost at once, and is now enjoying fine health." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ten days' trial proves "There's a reason."

THE ROLL OF HONOR FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER

Any boy or girl under seventeen years of age may enter this contest, and those who make 80 per cent will be entitled to a place on the Advocate Roll of Honor, and their names will be published in the Advocate three weeks from the date of the issue containing the list of questions they answer.

There are fifty of these questions—ten for each week for five weeks—and the boys and girls who make the required per cent for four of the five 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.**

UNITED STATES HISTORY. Second Paper.

1. (a) Give in few words the cause and result of the Pequot War.
- (b) Give in fewest words cause and result of King Philip's war.
2. What is the meaning of the word Pennsylvania, and for whom was that State named?
3. (a) Who was Wolfe?
- (b) Who was Montcalm?
4. Who was Paul Revere, and what deed made him famous?
5. (a) Whom do Americans call "The Father of his country?"
- (b) What office did he hold in the Revolutionary War?
6. (a) Between what two countries was the Revolutionary War fought?
- (b) How long did it last?
- (c) Which side was victorious in the end?
7. (a) Which of the following men sympathized with the Americans and which with the British: Burgoyne? Cornwallis? Washington? Arnold? Paul Revere? John Paul Jones?
- (b) Which one was a traitor?
8. When and where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
9. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
10. In what year was the final treaty of peace with England ratified by the United States?

My Dear Boys and Girls: On account of the rains and washouts we have had no mail in Haskell for several days, so it may be that some of you will be disappointed at not seeing your names on the roll. However, when the mail does come in, if the postmarks on your letters show that you mailed them in time, I will still examine the letters, and send with next week's roll the names of those who this week made the required per cent, but whose letters were delayed.

Question No. 3 (b) of this third paper should have read, "Name all the 'Presidents' (instead of Governors) 'of the Republic.'" Some of you noticed the mistake and answered accordingly; but as the mistake was mine or the printers, I did not mark this error against any of you. I hope you will enter with as much earnestness into the work on United States History. Hoping to hear from you each week, yours friend,
MRS. ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM, Haskell, Texas.

Roll of Honor for Third Paper in Texas as History Contest.

- *Jewel St. Clair, Sulphur Bluff, Texas.
- Lillie McAnally, Duffau, Texas.
- Annie V. Ward, Sulphur Springs, Tex.
- Hubert Sone, Prosper, Texas.
- Della Young, Lovelace, Texas.
- Julia Prichett, Whitewright, Texas.
- Reuben B. Morris, Linden, Texas.
- *Henry D. Hill, Henderson, Texas.
- Ruby Hatfield, Oakville, Texas.
- Icicle Durrett, Wolfe City, Texas.
- Mamie Harrison, Georgetown, Texas.
- Robert Greaves, Cumby, Texas.
- Olive Reese, Joaquin, Texas.
- John Lemond, Olga, Texas.
- Prebble Walker, Sharp, Texas.
- Ruby R. Rhodes, Duncanville, Texas.
- Eula Cain, Grandview, Texas.
- *Verah Moody, Vernon, Texas.
- *Leatha McKay, Arp, Texas.
- Malcolm Tapscott, Noble, Texas.
- Ruby Lee Mitchell, Greenville, Texas.
- Lillian Makamson, Leona, Texas.
- Ollie Cole, Canton, Texas.
- Beatrice Stanger, Ben Wheeler, Texas.
- *Virgie Beard, Mt. Selma, Texas.
- Carrie Bell Vickers, Ganado, Texas.
- Camella Rogers, Leona, Texas.
- Eugene Naugle, Prosper, Texas.
- Herbert Blackburne, Blossom, Texas.
- Hiram Gregg, Lometa, Texas.
- Sue Stanford, Waco, Texas.
- Exa Hargrove, Sulphur Bluff, Texas.
- Lena Simpson, Edna, Texas.
- Beatrice Brown, Carter, Texas.
- Clitus Reeder, Buckholts, Texas.
- *Retilla Watson, Rusk, Texas.
- Meirose Roberts, Brownwood, Texas.
- Mattie Dale, White House, Texas.
- Lillian Morrison, Farmersville, Texas.
- Blanche Fowler, Llano, Texas.
- Mattie Hall, Goldthwaite, Texas.
- Linda Washington, Dell Valle, Texas.
- Leora Cox, Ponder, Texas.

Susie Gardner, Sulphur Bluff, Texas.
Robt. H. Montgomery, Hext, Texas.
Edna Gilbert, Oakhurst, Texas.
Lester Braddock, South Bend, Texas.
Essie Gibson, Terrell, Texas.
Chas. L. DuBose, Yancey, Texas.
Mabel Baldwin, Haskell, Texas.
*100 per cent.

A DAY IN THE MAMMOTH CAVE.

The Mammoth Cave is one of the wonders of the world. Other marvels of nature's handiwork in the United States, such as Niagara Falls, Yellowstone Park, the Big Trees of California and the Natural Bridge of Virginia, all pale into insignificance before the mysteries of this stupendous cavern, which bears within its depths two broad rivers whose black waters have never seen the light of day.

This cave is in Edmondson County, Kentucky, which is near the center of that great State, and about half way between the cities of Louisville, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn. To reach it one travels through the beautiful blue-grass region that is noted in song and story all over the world. The country drops lower and lower continually as one leaves either of these cities and nears the locality in which the cave is situated. At Glasgow Junction one leaves the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and takes a local train that handles nothing but passengers to and from the cave, which plunges further and further down into the valleys until one finally reaches the Mammoth Cave Hotel. This is a beautiful spot covered with green sward and shaded by immense forest trees. The hotel is the only house in the valley and with its wide Southern porticoes, broad halls and shaded, old-fashioned windows, presents an inviting aspect. This building was evolved from a log hut. First one room, then another, having been added as more and more visitors came to the spot, until it now comprises more than two hundred rooms.

That the cave was known and visited by the Indians is proven by the moccasins, arrow heads and pottery which are occasionally picked up there to this day. The first knowledge that the white man had of the vast cavern was gleaned from a hunter who was pursuing a bear which found refuge in this natural wonder.

The inhabitants of a new country, beset by savage beasts and still more savage aborigines, had neither the time nor the necessary paraphernalia for exploring the cave, and not until the war of 1812 was very much known of its magnitude. The cool atmosphere in its interior was proof to a visiting scientist that the soil was rich in nitre. All through this war it was successfully mined for saltpetre to use in the production of gun powder, and the vats still remain just as they were at the close of that engagement. There has hardly been a day since that time that exploring parties have not visited this stupendous feature of the earth, and yet no point

has been reached that would indicate that its limits were anywhere near. One proof that the rivers find no exit from its gloomy recesses is found in the fact that the fish with which they teem are eyeless. In the inky blackness in which they have lived for generations, visual organs were useless and nature gradually eliminated them. Another proof is that although systematic experiments have been made for years by dropping marked objects in the waters on the inside of the cave, not one of these objects has ever been found in the streams outside.

The entrance to the cave, as seen

is almost impossible to squeeze through. This is succeeded by "Tall Man's Misery," where the ceiling is so low that in many places one has to crawl through the opening. Shakespeare's Chamber we entered next, which derives its name from a large portrait of Shakespeare, carved by a Master hand, it seemed, in the vaulted ceiling fifty feet above our heads. The resemblance was perfect—pointed beard, Elizabethian ruff and all, and it was hard to believe that it had been produced by the action of the water on the solid rock until it was realized that it would be utterly impossible for

the bank, and a solemn and pious crew, we huddled together in the boats. Our course first led under low vaulted rocks. Our guides asked us to sing and in tremulous voices we responded with "Abide With Me." The effect was beautiful beyond compare and our voices and courage strengthened as we progressed in the voyage. We came out finally into Echo River, whose huge vaulted ceiling resounded with our every word. The echoes here are considered the finest in the world. The guide understood how to pitch a musical note so that the echo would come back from a dozen points in succession with marvelous clearness and beauty. Disembarking from the boats, where our fears had again been groundless, we found that a delightful dinner had been sent from the hotel and spread for us on Table Rock, two hundred and fifty feet below the surface of the earth. Rested and refreshed we started again on our explorations, finding something of interest at every step to engross our attention. Time passed all too quickly and as we neared the exit, the guides gathered us on a little knoll and extinguished the lights, so that we might experience the effect of real darkness. Instantly the whole blackness of centuries was concentrated into a velvety pall that seemed to swallow up and suffocate us. We screamed for the lights and in a moment had them again.

A short while after we turned a corner and there before us, gleaming green and hazy in the distance, was the blessed sunlight streaming in at the mouth of the cave. It seemed a beautiful picture and with one accord we rushed toward it and were soon in the open air, with the most eventful experience of our lives behind us—Ruth Carroll, in American Home Journal.

Perhaps at times you have a pain in the back, and so much misery that for three or four days life is a burden. You know when to expect these attacks, and you have a fearful dread of them. If you will go to your druggist and procure a package of Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills, and begin taking them according to directions, on the first approach of an attack, you will find such great relief that you will wonder how you ever got along without them. This is the experience of thousands. If it is not yours tell your druggist, and he will return your money. The most important feature is that Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills are harmless, containing no opium or other dangerous drugs. They stop pain by soothing the nerves.

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THE ANGUISH OF IMPATIENCE.

The chief security against the fruitless anguish of impatience must arise from frequent reflection on the wisdom



Looking out through the entrance to the Cave.

by the outsider, is merely a hole in the side of a hill which looks dark and grewsome under the overhanging boughs of trees that surround it. Our party numbered nearly fifty, and was a merry coterie of friends and acquaintances who had come down in a private car from Nashville. Laughter and pest had been our constant companions until in the early morning light the cave suit had been left in the bedroom of each tourist who expected to join in the expedition that day. Then we began to realize that an experience was before us whose memory would remain for a life time.

The costume for ladies consists merely of blouse and bloomers, or the ordinary gymnasium suit. The gentleman's costume was very much that affected by convicts, glorified by a large cross on the breast and back of a brilliant red or yellow material. This was placed on the garment to make the wearer more easily seen in the fitful torchlight in case he should stray away from the party.

Thus attired and accompanied by a number of guides equipped with ropes, lanterns and torches we proceeded to the cave. This array of paraphernalia sobered the gayest of the crowd and when he entered the black hole at the entrance it was with awed faces and bated breath. Our fears, however, were entirely without foundation, as the extreme precautions of the guides eliminated every particle of danger and no matter how risky the place seemed we had only to follow in perfect safety the beaten path trodden by thousands of feet every year.

A short winding passage leads to the entrance of the cave proper and here is placed a large iron gate kept perpetually locked for fear some unfortunate creature might wander in and be lost.

Once inside the iron gate the party formed into single file, a lady placed between two gentlemen, each man equipped with a lantern, and the exploration began.

First on a plateau we passed the stone huts which have been occupied from time to time by consumptives who believed that the atmosphere of the cave would cure them of that malady. It is indeed bracing, whether curative or not, for we walked fifteen miles that day and felt neither heat, cold nor fatigue. Scientists tell us that this is because of the nitre in solution in the air, which causes the temperature to remain at fifty-four degrees the year round.

The awesome magnificence of the interior had no effect upon the guides, who explained and pointed out each feature of the place and enlivened the audience by many anecdotes and hoary jokes. Our way led through "Fat Man's Misery," a passage so narrow between great masses of rock, that it

human being to carve it in that situation. Such wonders as that were to be seen on every hand, literally by the hundreds, and it is useless to attempt to enumerate, much less describe them. "The Devil's Smokehouse" was one of these and consisted of a large chamber in which as far as the eye could reach in every direction hung what seemed to be innumerable hams, shoulders and sides of bacon. These hung so low that you could touch some of them with your hands and the size, shape and color were perfect. If there had not been several acres of it one would have believed that it had



Exit of Corkscrew into Mammoth Cave.

been hung there and allowed to petrify. In the same way "The Bridal Altar," "The Arm Chair," "The Giant's Coffin," and "Martha Washington Statue," have been formed, and each is a wonder well worth making the journey to see.

Our fears, which had been laughed away by the jocular guides, returned in full force when we saw the boats drawn up and waiting for us on the black waters of the river Styx. There was one thing in the world that seemed more dreadful than embarking in them, and that was remaining alone on

and goodness of the God of nature, in whose hands are riches and poverty, honor and disgrace, pleasure and pain, and life and death. A settled conviction of the tendency of everything to our good, and of the possibility of turning miseries into happiness by receiving them rightly, will incline us to bless the name of the Lord, whether he gives or takes away.—Samuel Johnson.

Why is an avaricious man like one with a short memory? Because he is always forgetting.

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Marshall, Hallville June 20
Beaumont, Port Arthur, 9 a. m. June 21
San Augustine, San Aug., 9 a. m. June 22
Cauvert, Reagan, 9 a. m. June 22
San Augustine, Center, 9 a. m. June 22
Austin, Bastrop, 8:30 a. m. June 22
Weatherford, Graham June 22
Paris, Clarksville June 27
Pittsburg, Naples, 8:30 a. m. June 27
Tyler, Mineola, 8 p. m. June 28
Dublin, Hico, 9 a. m. June 29
Huntsville, Huntsville, 9 a. m. July 4

TWO MORE COUNTIES VOTE ON LOCAL OPTION.

Last Friday Mason County voted on local option. It had tried local option and the people were satisfied with it, but the antis brought on another election—to their sorrow. They got a fearful defeat.

Gonzales County voted last Saturday. That has always been a wet county. The pros brought on the election and they were defeated by a large majority. There are a great many most excellent people living in Gonzales, but not enough to carry local option yet. Foreigners and negroes make up the bulk of the population, and until these people are better educated their votes largely go to the saloons. It takes white people and Americans to give local option to a county. We have a good class of this sort in Gonzales, but more of the other type. But even down there we will win one of these days. On with the battle!

GREGG COUNTY STILL DRY.

Gregg County went dry two years ago by about a hundred majority; but after the two year limit expired, the antis determined to put it back into the wet column. So a few weeks ago they brought on another election. The campaign was a hot one from start to finish. Last Thursday the election came off and the county went dry by over three hundred. This is hard on the antis, but it can not be helped. The people will not tolerate barrooms any more. Mrs. Zehner did splendid work in the campaign and her presence contributed largely to the splendid result. In getting on the train the night she left Longview, she was accidentally tripped, and in the fall her hand was painfully injured, and for a while her friends were apprehensive of the result; but we are glad to say that she has about recovered and is now in Camp County in another campaign brought on by the antis. She is a holy terror to the antis. Hurrah for Gregg! On with the battle!

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT.

We had the pleasure of taking in the most of the commencement exercises at Southwestern University the last of last week and the first of this. We reached the grounds on Saturday just in time to miss the literary address delivered by Rev. E. D. Mouzon, D. D. We were told by scores who heard it that it was one of the ablest and most eloquent deliverances of the sort heard at Southwestern for years. It was announced by the Regent at the close of the address that the distinguished speaker had just been honored by the university with the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity. At the afternoon exercises the contest for declamation was listened to by a large audience. The speaking was excellent and showed fine training. At night the public debate between the two literary societies came off and there was a packed house to hear the arguments. This is the event to the young people of the commencement. The societies were represented by two of the best speakers on each side. The members of the Alamo arranged themselves to the left in the gallery and those of the San Jacinto were just opposite on the other side. The faculty always turn the boys loose on these occasions. So, for about one hour before the speaking, they made the occasion lively with the college songs and yells. The subject discussed was: "Resolved, that Congress should require corporations to procure Federal license for Interstate Commerce." Evidently these young men had read extensively and prepared their speeches with a great care. They evinced culture, skill and gifts of oratory beyond anything we heard in the late Legislature, and we heard that body several times when they had important subjects under consideration. Such debates are only heard at Southwestern. Sunday morning the commencement sermon was preached by Bishop Vincent, and we notice that in another page of this issue. In the afternoon the young people of the university and of the town gathered and heard a fine address from Bishop Vincent on their relation to the "Holy Catholic Church." It was a splendid exposition of a great subject and it was a treat to all present. At night Rev. Ellis Smith, of Houston, an alumnus of the institution, delivered the sermon to the undergraduates. He is yet a young man, well educated and studious, and his sermon was well prepared, logically developed, full of wholesome truth and earnestly and eloquently delivered. It was strong, sound and meaty. A very large audience was present and good results followed. Monday was commencement day proper. It was graduating day. About thirty young men and young ladies were in the class. As they occupied the rostrum a fine congregation faced them. Prof. Cody had charge of the exercises. Regent Hyer and Bishop Vincent occupied chairs to the front. The first number on the program was a contest among six of the graduating class for the Curator's gold medal for oratory. We have never heard better orations. They were lofty in sentiment, far-reaching in scope, well nigh perfect in composition and splendidly delivered. The Committee of Judges had great difficulty in awarding the medal, such was the high character of the speeches. Then followed the valedictory. After this Regent Hyer awarded diplomas and conferred the several degrees. After making a few appropriate remarks the Regent introduced Bishop Vincent and requested him to address the class. This he did in a concise, eloquent and impressive manner. He knows how to talk to young people and his age gives to his words the tone of a patriarch and the forecast of a prophet. After the address the benediction was pronounced and one of the most successful years in the history of Southwestern University came to a close.

A great many of the preachers and laymen from the different conferences were present and enjoyed the occasion. Many expressions of pleasure and satisfaction were heard on all sides because of the delightful times afforded. Something over five hundred students attended the university. The Annex had to turn away applicants on account of lack of room. This will not occur in the future as they are now pushing to completion a splendid stone addition to the main building. Dr. Allen is making a fine success of this department. His pupils brought up their part of the program in good style during the commencement exercises. The Annex is well equipped with all the facilities for first-class work. The boys' dormitories were all filled and many boarded out among the families of the town. The discipline of the University has been up to a high standard and a better behaved set of students would be hard to find. During the year a fine revival brought nearly every one of them into the Church. A large number of young ministers is among the student body. Southwestern University is an honor to the Church and a credit to the State. Many of the leading citizens of Texas in all departments of life are students of this great institution. The work done there is of the highest quality and when a student carries away a diploma it represents merit of more than ordinary worth. The buildings look stately and impressive and the whole surrounding gives the idea of university life. Georgetown is the Athens of our Texas Methodism. Our people ought to put all their boys in this splendid school where their minds and hearts are cultivated and where fine character is developed. We have the teachers there to do the work and we miss a great opportunity for our boys when we fail to place them under their tuition. We hope next year to see six or seven hundred students in Southwestern University.

During the occasion of the commencement a Georgetown club presented the University a splendid oil painting of life size of Dr. Mood. It was appropriately received and placed on the walls of the library. As you stand and gaze upon it you feel like that great man is looking down upon you and almost speaking to you. We hope the day is not distant when the Alumni Association will erect in the semi-circle just in front of the University building an handsome statue of that noble man. He does not need it for he lives in the hearts of his students, but it would be a fitting tribute to have his form ever standing there as an inspiration to our young men. He deserves to be held in everlasting remembrance by the lovers of Christian education.

We left Georgetown before the work of the Curators had been completed, but we notice in the daily papers that they re-elected Dr. R. S. Hyer Regent and also added Dr. W. L. Nelms to the faculty and placed him in the chair of theology. We are delighted to see this forward movement.

POLYTECHNIC COMMENCEMENT.
The commencement sermon at Polytechnic was preached by Rev. J. L. Morris, of Dallas, last Sunday a week ago, and the commencement services followed that week. Regular programs were prepared for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; but Wednesday was commencement day proper. It was our privilege to be present on that day and take part in the services. A very large audience filled the college chapel, while about a dozen young men and young women made up the graduating class and occupied the rostrum. The musical feature was excellent and the young ladies acquitted themselves finely. Their vocal and instrumental renderings were very choice and evinced painstaking work. The essays, the readings and the speaking were of a high order, and the whole class acquitted themselves with credit to their teachers and to the institution. At the close of this part of the program, Rev. H. A. Boaz, the President, made a talk and awarded the prizes and conferred the several degrees. The writer then delivered the literary address, and this brought to a close the most prosperous and satisfactory year in the history of the institution. The whole proceeding indicated a prosperous condition.

Three years ago Brother Boaz took charge of Polytechnic at a time when the school was languishing. It has passed through a series of administrations, and had reached a point at which many of its best friends were at a loss to devise measures for its future. Then it was that they elected Brother Boaz to its presidency. He accepted the charge, feeling that the institution had the elements of success in its environment and needs. So he took hold of its fortunes with a will and a purpose. He not only revived the hopes of those who had remained faithful to its fortunes, but he enlisted new friends who were willing to take hold with others and bring the school out of its languishing state and put it upon its feet. He threw such vigor and enterprise into its work that students poured in the first year and its hopes revived. He succeeded in projecting a new stone building and finally secured enough funds to complete it. And there it stands on the hill and in front of the old building, a thing of beauty and a joy forever. He also inaugurated another enterprise in the form of a large brick dormitory and this is now completed. He also began a splendid addition to the old brick structure, and the foundation and first story of that is completed, and by the next opening the structure will be ready for occupancy. When this is done, then Polytechnic will have ample and commodious buildings for all boarding and teaching uses. During the school year just closed, the college has matriculated just about five hundred students. This is marvelous, and proves the efficiency of its management, the confidence of the public in its success, and the untiring energy and tact of its President, Rev. H. A. Boaz. He is demonstrating the fact that he knows his business as a first-class school man. Already the prospects for next year are bright. Nearly all those in the lower grades will return, and the number will be largely augmented by an influx of new students. It would not surprise us to see at least six hundred enrolled next year.

The location of the college is superb. It occupies a magnificent eminence two miles this side of Fort Worth, but the space between the city and the college is being rapidly built up with residences until the campus appears to be a portion of the city proper. Just at the foot of the eminence is the Texas and Pacific Railroad, and a trifle beyond this is the Interurban line between Dallas and Fort Worth. There is not an hour during the day and late into the night when trains are not seen rushing past. There is also a street car line operating between Fort Worth and the college. A fine population is developing around the college and it has the appearance of a good-sized town. From the campus, there is a splendid view for miles and miles in all directions. All this is in the heart of a fertile and populous section. No better country can be found in Texas. It has the people and the wealth, and Polytechnic College is destined to be one of the leading colleges in the State. It is rapidly taking its place among them already. A few more years and this institution, if its present growth and development continue, will be the pride of North and West Texas. The reason for this is, the college is needed in this great section both by the country and the Church. It has a strong hold upon the public mind and it is growing in popularity and prestige. We congratulate the college and its friends upon its progress thus far and its prospects for the future.

THE INTER-CHURCH CONFERENCE ON FEDERATION.
We are being asked the meaning of the Inter-Church Conference on Federation which is to meet in New York November 15-20, and to which our Bishops, in their recent Nashville meeting, appointed representatives from our Church. The reason we say anything about it is that our people do not seem to understand its import.

Well, we asked one of our Bishops the other day what there is in it, and he remarked that it was simply a formal recognition, upon their part, of a general Church movement, originating in the North, looking to a system of Church fraternity and an interchange of greetings and fellowship. Therefore we at once conclude that it means simply nothing of a practical nature. At first we thought that it was some sort of a meeting between representatives of the Northern and Southern Methodist Churches; but it is nothing of the sort. On the contrary it will be a general Church convocation, where a few of the representatives, who are willing to pay their own expenses of travel and entertainment, will come together and make a few speeches, smile on each other, and adjourn. They have no authority to do anything, and whatever action they take will bind nobody to any policy. The appointment of delegates from our section was a matter of mere form, and but few of them will take the trouble, or go to the expense, to be present. We see nothing to come from it of any special value to anybody, and but few, or none, down South ever heard of it till the Bishops made our quota of appointments. Nearly all Southern Methodist preachers will have something of more importance to look after about the middle of November than making a junketing expedition to New York at their own expense to listen to a few Northern men make speeches on the glory and beauty of general Church federation. Our conferences will be in full swing about that time, and these will be of real interest to us all. So this is all we know of the question of "Inter-Church Federation" and its conference next November in the city of New York.

HE TURNS SCHOOL BOY AND OFFERS US A DARE.
The Arkansas Methodist came to the surface long enough last week to peck its head up and say, "I dare you to publish what I said about you." 'Fshaw! We attach some importance to our space, and we have no room for mixed theology and muddy spiritualism. We feed our readers on wholesome food and not upon mental telepathy, hypnotism and the like. If the Arkansas Methodist will comb out its theological kinks, and say something worth reproducing, we will gladly give it a place in these columns; but until then we beg to be excused. The Texas Advocate is a Methodist paper. See the point?

BISHOP HOSS HAS DEPARTED.
In a short note from Bishop Hoss last week he bade us good-bye and said he was starting for South America. He wished to be remembered to all the brethren, and promised to furnish us some letters of travel concerning his trip and observations. We are sure these will be most interesting. We pray that the good Bishop may have a safe journey across the sea, a useful administration of the affairs of the Church in that land, and a safe and happy return to us next fall. The prayers of our people will go up to the good Father in his behalf, and when he returns he will find a happy greeting.

A COMPLIMENT TO SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
We have in the city of Dallas an organization of young men known as the One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Club, and their purpose is to build up and foster all the enterprises of the city. They are looking to the time when Dallas will have a thriving population of one hundred and fifty thousand people. We now have 82,000, and we are growing rapidly. These club members take especial delight in sending out literature and documents advertising the city and its advantages. Among other handsome specimens they have gotten up and are sending broadcast over the whole country a "souvenir of Southwestern University Medical School." It is a fine pamphlet with a splendid cut of the Medical College on the inside page of the out-

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side cover. It is an imposing representation of this institution. The following pages tell of this school, of its faculty and its advantages. There is also fine cuts of the main building and the Annex at Georgetown with such information as will give the reader a correct idea of our great institution. It also has a good picture of the great crowd gathered some time back at the cornerstone laying of the Medical Department. This is a splendid tribute to our educational work by the enterprising members of this large club. And they are mailing it out to all points of the compass. Wherever people in distant States read of the progress of Dallas they will see this beautiful presentation of our university work. In the name of all concerned the Advocate extends thanks to this enterprising club for this splendid tribute to Southwestern.

DEATH OF MRS. LIZZIE TAYLOR.

The death of Mrs. Lizzie Taylor in this city last week has cast a gloom over our Methodist circles. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Metcalf and the wife of Mr. Frank Taylor. She was prominent in the Church and first and foremost in its work. Her funeral services were conducted in Grace Church and it was one of the most largely attended services of the kind that we have witnessed in years in this city. She was the friend of everybody and all our people loved her. She was unselfish, sincere and perfectly frank in her nature. She was as nearly without guile as any one within our knowledge. She had the kindest of hearts, and she was always giving herself to some sort of helpful service to others. When her grave was filled, it was literally covered with the richest and most beautiful floral offerings imaginable, and they were the expressions of love and esteem in which she was held by her countless friends. Mrs. Taylor's health had not been good for several months, though she had not been confined to her room but for a short time. But her death came as a surprise to the most of us. Nevertheless, it found her ready for the summons. She leaves an aged father and mother and a bereaved husband to mourn the absence of their all, and friends without number in whose hearts her place will be hard to fill. But she did good and lived righteously all her days, and her closing hours were like the gold-tinted horizons of a cloudless sunset. She has gone from us, but we will meet her again where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor death.

We are in receipt of a beautifully gotten-up invitation to the marriage of Dr. George Gideon Bell and Miss Margaret Lillian Neilson, which happy event will occur at the home of the bride's parents at Ladonia June 20. Miss Neilson is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Neilson, who are well known in Methodist circles in North Texas. After the marriage the happy couple will make their residence in Tyler, Texas. We wish for them a prosperous and happy future.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. N. A. Weeks, of Kemp, made the Advocate a good visit last week.

Rev. W. C. Fleetwood, of Terrell, passed through the city the other day on his way to the Summer School at Georgetown and called to see us.

Rev. S. H. Morgan, of Lindale, passed through the city last week on his way to Georgetown, and he spent some pleasant moments in this office. He reports matters in good shape down his way.

We met scores of the brethren at Southwestern commencement, and enjoyed their communion greatly; but

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Work of painting in two weeks, writes M. L. Smith of Pa. (sent small card). Rev. Geo. P. Crawford writes, made \$100 first day, J. S. Mills, a farmer, writes, one really made \$100 day painting. Then Parker, school teacher 21 years, writes, "I made \$200 profit one day, \$235 another." Painting business really learned. We Teach You Free—No Experience Required. Everybody has wallpaper, wainscots, jewelry and metal goods to be placed. We operate with Gold, Silver, Nickel, Bronze, Brass, Tin, Copper. Heavy Plaster—board, plaster, No top or bottom. Our's all sizes. Everything guaranteed. LET US START YOU. Write for Catalog, Agency and Offer. F. Gray & Co., Painting Works, Cincinnati, O.

they are too numerous to mention by name. We will return there next Monday to deliver two or three lectures in the summer course, and hope to see still more of them and enjoy their fellowship.

Brother J. W. Keesling, of Sumner, called on us a few days ago. We knew him back in old Virginia when our preaching experience was quite limited. In fact we practiced on him and many others up that way learning how to preach. We are glad that he is out in this country, and we hope to see much of him.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Last year I had the resolutions of the Church Extension Board published in the Advocate soon after the Annual Conference adjourned, and but few of the brethren having business with us heeded them. Possibly the notice was not read because of the many extra duties consequent upon moving and beginning the year's work. It is not the purpose of the Board to hedge anyone away from us, but to the contrary, we desire to consider every application made in the bounds of our Conference. Therefore, the Secretary was instructed to give information through the Advocate that will help any brother to put his application before us in due form and in due time. Please remember to make out your application to the Conference Board by carefully filling blanks for this purpose. Don't use the blanks of the General Board.

This Board will not grant aid to places which have not done anything themselves. We require that the conditions of Page 452 in Discipline be met in every particular.

At its last meeting in Marshall, the Secretary was instructed to have the following resolutions published in the Texas Advocate:

"Whereas, so many of the brethren have failed to heed our request to have their applications in hands of the Secretary in time for proper examination and filing, but many wait until the session of the Annual Conference to put the application in the hands of the Secretary, therefore, be it resolved, that our Secretary is positively instructed not to bring before us for consideration any application which does not reach him thirty days before the session of the Annual Conference."

These instructions and the above resolutions will be strictly observed by the Board this year in its sessions at Pittsburg.

IRA M. BRYCE, Secretary.

WENT DRY AGAIN.

Gregg County remains in the dry column. Two years ago the pro majority was 99; now it is 317. Every precinct in the county went dry. The election was held on the last day of May. Pros. had to move out of houses that had been rented for saloons. The antis are confounded. They relied on the negroes, who were their only hope, but the strong negro precincts went dry. Mrs. Zehner's work was effective. For good reasons she loves us and we love her.

B. H. GREATHOUSE.

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NOTICE.

To the Preachers of Dublin District: You will please send me at once the number and names of your delegates to our District League and Sunday-school Conference so I can secure homes for you. Also as many of you as can not come by private conveyance will notify me promptly so I may arrange conveyance for you from Hico to Carlton. J. H. WATTS, P. C.

MAGAZINE NOTICES.

The June number of Scribner's Magazine contains articles by distinguished writers, including Henry van Dyke, Dr. George P. Fisher, President John Finley, and Mrs. Wharton; and an abundance of beautiful illustrations, notably the very humorous drawings by A. B. Frost, which lead the number (reproduced in tint) and also the illustration in color by F. C. Yohn to accompany "The Soldiers' Recessional," a highly imaginative Decoration Day poem by President Finley.

This magazine has been always exceptionally fortunate in the letters which it has published from time to time, from the Thackeray Letters in the first year of its existence, down

to Madame Waddington's correspondence of recent years. In this number an unusually bright series of letters is published, which were written by Edward Everett's daughters when he was United States Minister in England from 1841 to 1845. These two young girls were most observing and had every social privilege.

The June number of the Review of Reviews: The special features of this number are: "The Career of Joseph Jefferson," by Joseph B. Gilder; "Modjeska, Dramatic Artist and Patriot," "Count Cassina, Typical Russian Diplomat," "Japan's Representative at Washington," "The Larger Problem Before Admiral Togo," by Adachi Kinoshuke; "What the People Read in Mexico," "Morocco and the French Intervention," by R. L. N. Johnston; "The Maneuvers of a War Fleet in Time of Peace," by G. Upton Harvey; "An Object-Lesson in Irrigation," by Clarence J. Blanchard; "Philadelphia's Civic Outlook," by Joseph M. Rogers; "The Atlantic Fisheries Question," by P. T. McGrath and Winthrop L. Marvin; "The American Academy in Rome," by F. D. Millet; "American Rhodes Scholars" at Oxford," by Paul Nixon; and "The Church-Union Movement in Canada," by the Rev. J. P. Gerrie. A special illustrated section of the magazine is devoted to the new fiction of the spring and summer. The editorial department, "The Progress of the World" covers the noteworthy events of the past month, at home and abroad.

The June number of the Atlantic Monthly is rich in its contents. It contains well prepared communications, a good selection of fiction, poems and art contributions. It is an excellent literary periodical and worth a place on the table of those who love good reading.

OFFICIAL ROUTE FOR EPWORTH LEAGUERS TO DENVER.

Official announcement is made by the State Chairman of Transportation that for the seventh International Epworth League Conference to be held at Denver July 5th to 9th, the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway ("The Denver Road") has been selected as the official route from Texas and that in connection with that line arrangements have been perfected for special service leaving Fort Worth at 9:55 a. m. July 4th, the schedule being such as to put delegates and friends in Denver early the following afternoon.

In addition to the always up-to-date regular service available via the route, which includes palace sleepers and cafe cars, the special arrangements also provide for the operation of first-class Pullman tourist sleepers through, in which entirely satisfactory sleeping accommodations will be available at but one-half the usual expense. In other words, upon a basis of two persons to a double berth, individual expenses for through sleeping car accommodations need not exceed \$1.25 from Fort Worth to Denver. As the passage rate will be but one fare plus \$2.50 for the round trip and tickets will be good for stop-overs, also good for 60 days for return, and as unusually low rate side trips will be available from Denver to the numerous adjacent resorts and points of attraction in and along the mountains, it is anticipated that Texas Leaguers will, as they most undoubtedly should, be on hand in large numbers.

As a strong effort is to be made toward securing the next International Conference for Texas, many pastors and other church workers will head delegations from their respective churches and communities in the interest of accomplishing the end referred to; hence it is a foregone conclusion that "Grand Old Texas" will be strongly and enthusiastically represented and that, among the many thousands who will be present from every section of the country, Texas and its claims will be made manifest and become justified through its delegations.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

June 1.—A. G. Scruggs, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. S. C. Riddle, sub. G. H. McAnally, sub. C. N. Morton, sub. Jas. W. Albritton, sub. C. D. Pipkin, sub. W. T. Jones, sub. J. B. Turrentine, sub. G. W. Davis, sub. J. T. Weems, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub.

June 2.—A. H. Hussey, sub. R. M. Morris, sub. J. P. Patterson, sub. has attention. F. C. Archer, sub. Frank Hughson, sub.

June 3.—E. R. Patterson, sub. C. E. Brown, sub. D. S. Burke, sub. J. L. Russell, sub.

June 5.—E. L. Sisk, sub. N. C. Little, sub and change. J. Sam Barcus, sub. E. Hightower, sub. S. C. Littlepage, sub.

June 6.—Jas. E. Crutchfield, change made. D. W. Gardner, sub. J. F. Sherwood, sub. Geo. S. Sexton, sub. W. H. Matthews, sub. O. F. Hatfield, sub. J. P. Mussett, sub.

June 7.—J. W. Tinsler, sub. J. W. Beckham, sub. Jas. W. Albritton, sub. L. E. Riddle, sub.

I want to correspond with a Methodist physician of some experience at least. Good place for first-class man. REV. L. E. RIDDLE, Spring Creek, Texas.

NOTICE.

The subscriptions taken last fall at the sessions of the Northwest and North Texas Conferences for a church at Hiroshima, Japan, are now due and the money is now needed. Subscribers who have not yet paid will please pay as promptly as possible. Subscribers will please pay to the Treasurer of your Conference Board of Church Extension or send direct to the undersigned at 705 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Kentucky. P. H. WHISNER, Cor. Sec.

A JOLLY CROWD

TO
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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Tyler District.

Some of the dear brethren are slow in sending names of delegates and local preachers to the District Conference, which convenes June 28. It seems to me that you could attend to this in a short time, and at the cost of only a postal card. If you know just who are coming, and will let me know, it will save me much labor and trouble. Pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the conference and town. I would like to know who are coming by private conveyance.

W. WOOTTON.

Mineola, Texas.

San Augustine District.

On account of the continued illness of Rev. C. T. Cummings, the District Conference has been changed from San Augustine to Center. Preachers and delegates, please take notice, the date the same, June 22-25.

C. A. TOWER, P. C.

Timpson, Texas.

Weatherford District.

Train leaves Fort Worth for Graham only at 4 p. m. If any ladies are coming, please write me; any children also. Bus here will give one fare for the round trip. Headquarters will be at the parsonage. Bro. Wagner will preach Tuesday night. Some one Wednesday night. Bro. Hall will give us his illustrated, "In His Steps," Monday night, June 26. Arrive early as possible.

E. V. COX.

Graham, Texas.

PARIS DISTRICT.

The District Epworth League Conference of Paris District will meet in Detroit June 16-18. In the absence of the pastor, Prof. Council, President of the League, will have charge of the entertainment of delegates and all should send their names to him. Detroit will give all a royal welcome.

A. WEBB.

Paris District.

The following are the committees for the Paris District Conference: License to Preach and Admission on Trial.—J. F. Pierce, J. A. Wyatt, J. B. Gober.

For Orders.—Atticus Webb, W. A. Thomas, W. J. Bloodworth.

J. B. Gober will preach on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, June 28, will be given to Sunday-school work.

E. H. CASEY, P. E.

NOTICE.

To the preachers and delegates of San Augustine District Conference, which is to convene at Center June 22: Dear Brethren—Inasmuch as the conference is changed from San Augustine to Center on account of the illness of Bro. Cummings, and the time is so near at hand, I therefore earnestly request each preacher and delegate to send me their names as soon as they read this and state if they will come by private conveyance. Let no one stay away because of the change, for Center can and will entertain every one that will come. Bring your wives and daughters, but be sure to write.

L. H. MCGEE, P. C., Center, Texas.

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To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular, or of the joints, sciatica, lumbago, backache, pains in the kidneys, or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, Box 157, Notre Dame, Ind.

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Boarder—(warmly)—Oh, I know every one of the tricks of your trade. Do you think I have lived in boarding houses twenty years for nothing? Landlady—(frigidly)—I shouldn't be at all surprised. —New Yorker.

Sunday-School Department

June 18.—Subject: "The Heavenly Home."—Rev. 22:1-11.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne."—Rev. 3:21.

From the World Evangel we take the following comments on the lesson:

I. The Vision of Bliss, vs. 1-5.

V. 1. "And He shewed me a pure river of water." "And connects this vision with that of chapter 21. He who presented to John this wondrous scene was a heavenly messenger who spake in the name and by the authority of Christ. How he shewed the vision we are not told, but we may be sure John saw it and had no doubt of its reality. "Pure river" probably should be omitted; but it expresses the idea of the water's character. The source of the river is at the throne of God and of the Lamb; its purity is described by the word "crystal," and this again as "clear or bright." Its nature is that of life, both imparting and sustaining life. Eternal life is often represented by water, as living water, as quenching all thirst of the soul, and as satisfying everlasting him who drinks.—John 4:13, 14; 7:37-39.

V. 2. "In the midst of the street of it." These words must be joined to verse one and a period at the close. Cf. R. V. "Street" is taken collectively, referring perhaps to the heavenly city. Chap. 21:21.

"And on either side of the river," i. e., on each bank of the river was the tree of life. This carries us back to Genesis and the garden of Eden. Gen. 2:9. No doubt it is a symbol; but under it is a great reality. By the fall our race was shut out from all approach to this tree; but here it comes back again in richer abundance than was seen at first. Genesis shows us Paradise lost, this vision foretells Paradise regained.

"Twelve manners of fruits." The words do not signify twelve different kinds of fruits, but new fruits, denoting the ever new enjoyments of the saved. Their life of bliss will be without interruption and ever fresh. "Twelve" means absolute perfection, as the heavenly city with its twelve gates and twelve foundations indicates. Chap. 21:12-14. When we add to this that the tree yields its fruit every month we see how various, continuous and abundant the heavenly provisions are.

"And the leaves of the tree," etc. This denotes the healing virtues of the tree of life; not that saved people are sick, but that in this blissful state there will be everlasting well-being and perfect immunity from everything that might distress or enfeeble. "The nations" does not mean heathen, but perhaps the multitudes of the redeemed gathered out of every people and tongue. They have free access to the tree of life, and therefore are saved people.

V. 3. "And there shall be no more curse." There will be no sin of any sort, nor imperfection, hence wrath and judgment will be unknown.

"But the throne of God and of the Lamb," which attests the immediate presence of the Lord of glory and consequently of holiness and purity ineffable.

"His servants shall serve him." These are all his creatures, angelic and human, who surround his throne and rejoice to do his bidding.

V. 4. "And they shall see his face." All are pure in heart, and therefore they see God. This is the beatific vision. "His name shall be in their forehead." Cf. Chap. 3:12.

V. 5. "And there shall be no night there." This denotes totally different conditions of life from what belongs to the earth. Here day and night must alternate; there darkness of any sort, physical or moral, is unknown. "Need no candle," i. e., no artificial light, nor natural, as that of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light. He is their source of knowledge, joy and bliss. "They shall reign for ever and ever." Their state of happiness is not for a period of time however long, but "Unto the ages of the ages," everlasting.

II. The Heavenly Messenger and John Vs. 6-9.

V. 6. "And he said unto me"—the angel revealer. "These sayings are faithful and true;" rather, "words," i. e., those spoken by the angel in the preceding verses. "Faithful," because spoken by the Lord who never changes and who has power to fulfill every word; "true," because real and exact as opposed to all that is imperfect in utterance or doubtful. "And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angels"—the solemn attestation of the messenger's authority and message.

V. 7. "Behold I come quickly." Three times is this announced in this last chapter of the Bible 7, 12, 20. It is the Lord who speaks by the mouth of his messenger. He says he is com-

ing soon; it may seem long to us, but in heaven's chronology it is short; one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day with him. "Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book." In Christ's presence, when he comes faithfulness to his word will be rewarded.

V. 8. "And I John saw these things and heard them." It is the writer of the book, and there is but one John who could thus speak, the apostle the son of Zebedee. "I fell down to worship." John was overwhelmed by the majesty of the messenger and the greatness of his message, and so he prostrated himself to do homage to him.

V. 9. ".....See thou do it not." A complete prohibition of the act. This certainly implies that the highest creatures of heaven, angels or saints, are not to be worshiped; to God alone all worship belongs. The reason given by the angel is far better brought out in the revised version: "I am a fellow servant with thee and with thy fellow servants the prophets, and with them that keep the sayings of this book."

III. Permanency of Moral Character. Vs. 10:11.

V. 10. ".....Seal not the sayings, etc. Daniel was commanded to seal up his book (12:4) because the time of the end was not then come, but John is directed to communicate all his visions to all men, because the time is at hand. Ever since John's day the end has been impending, for its date is absolutely unknown. Before the present generation dies the Lord may return with power and great glory and accomplish every prediction of the prophecy of this book. So the angel said the time is at hand.

V. 11. "He that is unjust (or unrighteous) let him be unjust still. Two classes of people are brought to view in this verse, viz: the unrighteous and the righteous, the filthy and the holy. By the unrighteous is meant those who are such in their souls and in their lives, not merely those who commit an unrighteous deed or speak an unrighteous word, but those whose character, whose habit of life is distinguished for unrighteousness. By the filthy are meant particularly the impure, the sensuous, the vile. The angel says, Let these two classes remain permanently in the moral characters in which the end of the age shall find them. It is not a prayer; it is the statement of a tremendous fact. What seems to be meant is this, that when the end comes upon men and they go into the endless life that lies beyond, specially when Christ shall come again, there will be no opportunity for reformation or character, but men will find themselves permanently fixed in the place they fitted themselves for. There will be no second probation. The unrighteous and the filthy, the righteous and the holy, will remain forever in their moral characters.

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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, Tex.)

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

CONTRACTS LET.

The contract for the erection of the large auditorium on the Assembly Grounds at Corpus Christi has been awarded to Mr. C. K. Smith, of Houston, and work is to commence not later than Jan. 15, possibly sooner, and is to be completed by July 25. The Committee on Buildings and Privileges spent several days in Corpus Christi last week, inspecting the grounds, which are in process of grading, and arranging the details for the complete equipment of the grounds. The contract for a restaurant building, 40x60 feet, was also let, this to be constructed at once. Plans are being completed this week for ten cottages, which will

be erected along with the other buildings. The committee has also awarded the contract for 100 tents with necessary equipment, and have made all detail preparation for the accommodation of 500 people on the League grounds. The Corpus Christi committee will arrange to entertain 1500 additional guests, and our people may feel assured that adequate accommodations may be had for the great encampment meeting.

STATE LEAGUE DUES.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Johnson City (\$50.40), Buda (\$50), Sulphur Bluff (\$1.00), Van Alstyne (\$1.00), Gatesville (\$1.00), Waco (\$2.00), Total (\$56.40).

THEO. BERING, JR., Treas.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPEL FUND.

You doubtless know that at the meeting of the North Texas Conference League, held in Gainesville last July, your representatives pledged for the North Texas Leagues \$1000 to be used in the construction of a League memorial chapel in the new Gospel Settlement Home in Dallas.

This Home is to be located in the very heart of the city, in its most needy portion, and is touching and will touch thousands of people not reached by any other agency.

This chapel is to be the very heart of the Home, the place where the gospel is preached and taught, and is to be named "The North Texas Epworth League Chapel." In order to raise this \$1000 the apportionment for your League will be 1 per cent of pastor's salary. But let each League, if possible, increase this amount, for the building is to be put up at a cost of \$11,000. The apportionment for the Dodd City League was \$7, but they have pledged \$25. Let many others follow this example.

The committee has been delayed in getting this definitely before you from many unavoidable causes, so let each one of us push the matter as rapidly as possible. We send you our second annual report, which will give you the needed information concerning the Home. Let us hear from you soon. Send all money to Mrs. L. B. Leslie, 370 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas.

REV. MARVIN NICHOLS, MRS. E. B. LESLIE, (Née Miss Louise Hartman) MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, Committee.

READY FOR DENVER.

After consulting with President Thomasson and other members of the Cabinet this week, we announce the following arrangement for the Denver Excursion: Our route will be from Fort Worth. The Fort Worth and Denver Railway and Colorado and Southern to Denver and return. Purchase your round trip tickets from home station via most convenient line to Fort Worth. The fare will be one fare plus \$2, with return limit of sixty days. Arrange to leave home in time to join the party not later than 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, July 4th, at Union Station, Fort Worth. We will move in special decorated train at 9:55 a. m., reaching Denver next afternoon, and train will carry first-class equipment, including both standard and tourist sleepers. The berth rate in standard will be from Fort Worth to Denver \$5, in tourist car \$2.50. This for double berth, which may be occupied by two persons. If you wish berth on this train, please advise me at once, and say whether standard or tourist is desired.

The Yellowstone Park, Portland and California party, under management of Frank Reedy, will occupy special sleeper from Fort Worth, going with regular League delegation, and leaves immediately after the conference at Denver for Yellowstone Park, Portland and California points. We have full supply of literature covering each of these trips, and will be glad to mail to you on application.

A. K. RAGSDALE, Chairman Transportation, Dallas, Texas.

BAPTIST COMMENT.

We have recently seen a cut of the plat of the Epworth League Encampment Grounds at Corpus Christi. These new grounds, upon which improvements are now being made, will be a marvel of beauty and convenience. The auditorium is situated in the center of the tract of land, while the lots are conveniently grouped around, each facing a broad street or avenue. This enterprise of our young Methodist friends is sure to succeed. We are not personally acquainted with Mr. Gus

W. Thomasson, the President and editor of the League Department in the Texas Christian Advocate, but observation tells us he is an energetic spirit, who makes things move. However, we claim personal friendship with two of Mr. Thomasson's Lieutenants, Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, of Galveston, Chairman of the Assembly Committee, and Mr. Allan K. Ragsdale, of Dallas, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, and we know these men are hustlers in work pertaining to the Master's cause. The Epworth League Assembly is already an assured success.—R. H. Coleman, in Baptist Standard.

NOTES.

We are now figuring on an attendance of 2000 at Corpus Christi, 500 of whom will be cared for on the Assembly grounds. Those who expect tent accommodations should make reservations at once by writing A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas.

Chairman Sexton and Secretary Bering accompanied us to Corpus Christi last week, and Bros. Webb and Mills joined the party later. Bro. Beall, our pastor there, has proved himself a master workman in superintending the grading of the grounds. The entire plot has been evenly surfaced and presents a beautiful appearance.

Chairman Sexton made a unique speech at the Board of Trade meeting on Tuesday afternoon in behalf of the Advocate, explaining to the members the vast amount of advertising being done, and suggesting to them to subscribe for the paper in order to keep in touch with what is being done. On motion the President of the Board of Trade appointed Bro. Beall as a committee of one to canvass the business men of the town. Several subscriptions were taken then and there. This action on the part of the Board of Trade is without precedent, so far as we know, and establishes a new record of indorsement of the Advocate and the League. G. W. T.

AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

is offered to the Leaguers and their friends this year, in that they not only have the great International Conference at Denver, but a rare opportunity

to visit Yellowstone National Park, the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Northern California, San Francisco and other points of interest in Central and Southern California, Ogden, Salt Lake City, and the wonderful mountains of Colorado. A select party is being organized under the management of experienced leaders to thoroughly enjoy all these places of wonder and interest at cost that is a marvel of cheapness. Adding to the pleasure of a congenial company and a private coach, the trip is an ideal one. If you wish to join the party, write at once for information to A. K. Ragsdale, Cotton Belt Ticket Office or Frank Reedy, 608 Juanita building, Dallas, Texas.

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About April 15 the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway will commence distributing a beautiful illustrated folder, giving a list of these resorts, and a brief description of each; also a list of hotels and boarding houses, with rates, etc. Write for a copy before making your plans for the summer. Mailed free upon application to W. L. DANLEY, General Passenger Agent, N. C. & St. L. Ry., Nashville, Tenn.

ATTENTION!

Christian Endeavorers going to Baltimore Convention, July 5-10. The Transportation Committee has selected as the official route for the Texas delegation the Frisco System to St. Louis, thence Pennsylvania Railroad to Baltimore. The official party will leave Fort Worth 10:20 a. m. July 3, arriving Baltimore 3:55 p. m. July 5. It is earnestly requested that all those going notify the undersigned at once in order that sleeping car accommodations and other arrangements may be made.

JOHN R. REEVES, Manager Transportation, Box 15, Fort Worth, Texas.

Advertisement for Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup. Includes 'WORDS OF PRAISE' section with a testimonial from Elizabeth Sellars and 'Cures to Stay Cured' section with a testimonial from W. T. Scott. Includes an illustration of a woman's head.

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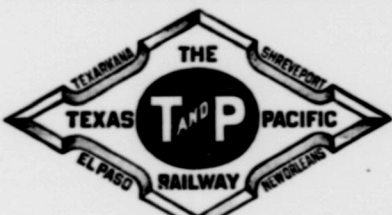


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Faith in God's own Son bridges o'er the dark stream, And the "vision as seen from Patmos' Isle" Tells us of a "city" where the lights ever gleam, And the people there all wear a bright smile.

So by these truths, and the consciousness within, "The Spirit bearing witness" to the things that be, I know there is a country free from all sin, Fair "mansions" awaiting for you and for me.

Since Jesus our Lord came forth from the tomb, Ascending on high and leading the way, I'll fear not the grave, nor dread its dark gloom, But die in the hope of a better day. T. H. YARBROUGH.

The chief thing to do here is to strive to make this world better, and to live for heaven.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."-Job. 19:25. T. H. Y.

GEORGIA LETTER.

The man must be purblind who does not see that in the revolt against the odious features of a rigid Calvinism the present trend of Christian thought is in the direction of ancient Socinianism. There is nothing now less abnoxious than the glorification of man as he is by nature, and, as a result, the repudiation of the old teachings concerning the depravity of the human heart and the need of regeneration. The old methods of meeting this error, as we regard it, adopted by the old-time Catholics, the Calvinists and even the Arminians of the type of Mr. Fletcher, will not answer now. We cannot be just and refuse to acknowledge that there is such a thing as "natural goodness"-that men who are agnostics, atheists even, and open sinners, are capable of the noblest acts of generosity, uprightness, truthfulness, tenderness and self-sacrifice. Dr. Channing and his School of Liberals in New England, revolting from the old teaching, which refused to recognize their real virtues, decided that as men were not totally degraded, they were not degraded at all. This position Dr. Chalmers, as an evangelical, of course repudiated, and he endeavored in other ways to harmonize the orthodox teaching about depravity with the facts which, in common with Dr. Channing, he realized as existing. He said, in substance, man did have human virtues, but he had no divine attachments, no love for God, and needed a new heart and a new love. Some years ago Dr. Bledsoe published his intensely anti-Calvinistic book, "The Theodicy."

As all know, it had a strong leaning toward philosophic Pelagianism. Many who went as far as the old Doctor went further, and were really Socinians. One of our presiding elders who had been transferred to us—a very lovable and gifted man of very pure life and correct ethics—carried with him "Taylor on Original Sin," a Socinian book, and circulated it among his preachers. He had been a preacher in several other conferences, and was in high favor with the Bishops. The result was wherever he went the seeds of Socinianism were widely scattered. Unfortunately the advocates for the old view took such extreme and indefensible positions that they had no influence over the younger thinkers. It was impossible for men like Bishop Candler to believe that the men he knew and loved, who were not avowed Christians, were totally bad. The question would arise, "Was there no good in any men except those who claimed to be religious? Were we defiled in every part?" He could not and did not deny sinwardness, but he could not go so far as to say that. The Rev. Mr. Mercien, a young man of New York, when confronted with this ever present question fifty years ago, boldly faced it, and discussed it, and said in his book that there was much "natural goodness," and that the article which said, "We are far gone from original righteousness and are of our own nature inclined to sin and that continually," was also true, and he endeavored to show how they could co-exist.

As Mr. Wesley, in his sermon on the "Almost Christian," endeavored to awaken the Church to the fact that formalism was not Christianity, so Mr. Mercien has labored hard to show that exalted as morality may be and worthy of commendation, as many moralists are, that morality is not religion.

Dr. Lipscomb got the book from Dr. McClintock. He gave it to Dr. Yarbrough and he gave it to Bishop Cand-

ler. The Bishop thought so much of it that he has had it reprinted.

A great Swiss preacher, Vinet, opens one of his sermons "On man deprived of all glory before God" with a protest against that pessimism or extreme Calvinism which denies that man has no glory before men. He admits, and gladly does so, that men who are not Christians are oftentimes men of highest qualities, and yet proves by the closest reasoning they have no glory before God. This is the avowed object of this little book. It is that sweetness of disposition, purity of conduct, uprightness, generosity, may exist and the heart may be at enmity to God. There is only an imaginary line between the view of Chalmers and Vinet and that of Mercien. When brought to its conclusion the judgment of each is that morality is not religion and goodness does not prove grace. We have about concluded that no man can be a heretic unless he is a knave, and that inane expression, "Heresy of life is the only heresy," is very popular now. So we have men who think they are Methodists and welcomed to Methodist pulpits to whom every doctrine of Methodism which is peculiar to it, and is evangelical, is offensive, and they are bold enough to say so in the book they print and in the sermons they preach. They are gifted men, and are found in all the conferences. They are clean men and are all the more popular because they hold these views. Conversion, as they hold it, is simply taking the vows and joining the Church; the great thing is to be good and do good to one's neighbors as far as it is convenient and agreeable. The proof of one's piety is in his benevolence and probity, not in his experience. The devil is gone. Men only need development. Goodness is inherent, and a good life is all. There is no Holy Spirit, except the universally diffused Spirit, which was in Homer as well as Paul.

This book is timely. It is needed. It gives, I think, too much to men. They are not as good by nature as he seems to think; but it exalts grace to its true place, and slips the garb from the loftiest morality. It is a book much needed and should be widely read. GEO. G. SMITH.

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THE MOTHER'S HYMN.

Lord, who ordainest for mankind
Benign and tender cares,
We thank thee for the ties that bind
The mother to the child she bears.

We thank thee for the hopes that rise
Within her heart as, day by day,
The dawning soul, from those young
eyes,
Looks, with a clearer, steadier ray.

And grateful for the blessing given,
With that dear infant on her knee,
She trains the eye to look to heaven,
The voice to lip a prayer to thee.

Such thanks the blessed Mary gave,
When, from her lap, the Holy Child,
Sent from on high to seek and save
The lost of earth, looked up and
smiled.

All-Gracious, grant to those that bear
A mother's charge the strength and
light
To lead the steps that own their care
In ways of Love and Truth and
Right. —Wm. Cullen Bryant.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF W. F. M. SOCIETY, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

After a most pleasant trip upon the "short line" leading into Henderson about twenty-five ladies greeted the President at the opening session. These were received by the good people of Henderson as beloved friends, so close do the ties of a mutual interest bring those interested together.

From the consecration service, concluding with the Lord's Supper, to the close of the Sabbath evening service, conducted by the missionaries, Misses Hughes and Tarrant, a devotional spirit marked every action. The study of God's Word and waiting upon him for guidance and blessing were prominent features of the annual meeting. While the work of all districts showed an advance, Houston District leads. The Secretary of Houston District, Miss Henrietta De Chaumes, reported \$576.35 from her district. The leading auxiliary is Shearn, of Houston. The contribution of this auxiliary for the year was \$270.60.

There are seventy-four auxiliaries in the conference. There was raised for all purposes \$2405.60, a decided increase over any previous year. The destruction of Laredo Seminary by the storm was felt a personal loss by each member. This school is the pride of Texas Conference.

A beautiful memorial service for Mrs. S. S. Park, who served the conference society as Corresponding Secretary for more than twenty years, was conducted by Mrs. John E. Green.

The work planned for the new year emphasized the juvenile department, the use of the reading course, organization of new auxiliaries and the holding of one or more missionary institutes in Texas by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

Among the officers we greet Mrs. Sallie Philpott as President, Mrs. C. A. Harper as Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Green as Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lane as Recording Secretary and Mrs. Stoddard as Treasurer. The roster of District Secretaries remains the same. Marlin will entertain the conference society next year.

The presence and helpful spirit of our missionaries added much to the interest of the occasion. Miss Tarrant, in the Chinese dress, with the many curios she brought, helped us to realize something of the conditions in far-away China. The thoughts of Miss Rogers, in China, and Miss Ivy, still at Searritt Training School, were surely with the conference society. This silver anniversary brought gladness to every heart and pointed the way to the golden fruition of all our hopes.

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A JOINT DISTRICT MEETING.

The joint meeting of the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Societies of the Weatherford District convened in Mineral Wells on the 19th and 20th of April.

Notwithstanding the heavy rains and stormy weather there was a good attendance from the representative societies of the district, and the interest manifested proved the desire for help on the part of the new and weaker societies, all of which goes to prove that



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there is an awakening to greater interest on the part of our women in the great cause of missions.

There is an increase in the demand for our literature, especially in the home field, and the interest in the Bible study grows with every meeting.

Another fact that we note is that the young women of the Church are becoming more active in the work. Two of our delegates were young ladies and we noticed with pleasure that some of the most important offices in the Mineral Wells auxiliary were filled by young women.

Our wide-awake connectional officers realize the power of the press and are urging our auxiliary press superintendents to greater effort.

The two-fold object of the press department is first, to secure a deeper interest through a better informed membership and, second, it promises through the columns of our secular papers an ever widening sphere of usefulness in the awakening and developing the intelligent interest of the public in the cause of missions.

Our District Secretary of the Home Mission Society, Mrs. J. B. Price, reported seventeen societies in good working order in the district, while our efficient Foreign Missionary Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Alexander, reports six.

That a missionary society can be successfully carried on in the country has been clearly demonstrated by the Bethel Auxiliary, three miles south of Weatherford. With a little band of members scattered over several miles of country they have hoped and worked and prayed, not giving way to circumstances, but overcoming them by an indomitable purpose and faith in God's promises, they have pulled their little society through, paid every dollar of their dues and conference fund, raised their extra dollar per member for Deaconess Home and had two representatives at District Conference.

This we are glad to place on record, hoping that it may encourage some other little band laboring under similar conditions.

Dr. Monk, of the First Church, Ft. Worth, was with us and preached on Wednesday night to an appreciative audience, a great sermon from a great man. Mrs. W. F. Barnum presented with much force the work being done by the Foreign Missionary Society.

The welcome given us and the hospitality shown by the ladies of Mineral Wells will ever be cherished as a sacred memory.

MRS. T. D. LEMONS,
Press Superintendent, Weatherford.

HOME MISSION NOTES, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

When the time came around for us to prepare and send in our notes for May sickness hindered. From day to day we waited, hoping to be able to perform this part of our regular duties, until the month was so far spent that we declined the attempt entirely. June draws near and still we find ourselves helpless before bodily ailments and much pain, nearly all the while confined to our room, and much of the time to our bed. So, as moments of rest and respite will allow, we shall try to gather together a few items relative to our home mission cause, local, conference and connectional, that we fall not utterly again this month.

It is again time for quarterly report, and with the press matter for June we send out these report cards to each auxiliary press reporter or person acting as such. We hope that instead of about one-half filling out these blanks, signing and mailing them, every reporter will promptly attend to this important part of her duties. This is our only method for ascertaining the true condition of each auxiliary.

In response to our appeal in behalf of Miss Davis in April's circular letter, six auxiliaries have reported to us as having responded with creditable donations. Doubtless others have done likewise, but failed to notify us. One auxiliary, Cedar Hill, felt their duty was to send relief to the foreign mission station at Laredo in its hour of trial and distress. Another, Ervay Street, Dallas, must need repair and furnish their room at the Mission Home, Dallas. Thus two auxiliaries felt their help was already claimed by others prior to our plea for Miss Davis.

Sulphur Springs District reports one new auxiliary at Pecan Gap, and Terrell District one at Seagoville. We are delighted to hear of these new auxiliaries and to receive so promptly the names of their press reporters. We have them down on our list and will gladly remember them each month with all possible helps along the line of press work. However, we do not

want to trespass upon the rights, privileges or duties of any District Secretary. We hope these new auxiliaries will find in their respective Secretaries every necessary nourishment for their healthy growth and development. The press reporter of Seagoville, Mrs. Young, writes us that through the kindness of the editor of their little town paper they are doing secular press work each week. Some of our older auxiliaries might profit by their example.

From the brief of the board meeting given in May issue of Our Homes we find no new work was undertaken, but rather the strengthening and fortifying of posts already established. As a visible result of increased godliness in the lives of our home mission womanhood, as revealed through their service to humanity, we find the past year marked by a fine growth in membership and large increase in collections and contributions to the various departments of our home mission work.

In the message of the President to the board meeting we consider her suggestions under the heads of "First," "Secondly" and "Thirdly" as both wise and timely. These are points that have all the way given annoyance to our auxiliary membership. Sincerely do we hope to find satisfactory and final adjustment of these questions in the forthcoming nineteenth annual report of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Another wise thought given to the late board meeting by Miss Bennett was that looking to a more desirable adjustment of the various children's societies of Methodism. Any one who has labored with children for something like twenty years, in the capacity of Juvenile Foreign Missionary Societies, Junior Epworth Leagues and Juvenile Home Mission Societies readily understands the difficulties necessarily encountered. The claims of all these upon the youth of our Church and the righteousness of each organization is unquestionable, but a perfect adjustment of the conditions and distinct organizations to children and young people is often perplexing and far from satisfactory both to "Lady Managers" and others concerned. We truly hope for amicable terms governing these three powerful forces of our present and future Methodism. And then when Miss Bennett sees this matter properly adjusted we hope her wisdom will be sufficient to suggest measures concerning another factor almost as vital to the general welfare of our marshaled forces as are those above mentioned.

A brief editorial in the columns of the May number of Our Homes informs us that Mrs. Ed F. Cook will no longer continue as General Superintendent of Press Work. Her work and worth the past year have given her a place in the heart of all home mission women, particularly the press work force, and we feel as we did one year ago when called to relinquish our claims upon Mrs. Luke Johnson (Mrs. Cook's predecessor), that we can not go forward without her guiding hand to direct our course. Nor is this all. The board meeting closed leaving the Superintendent of Press Work still to be supplied. If such provision has been made for this department we have not yet learned thereof. June is nigh and still no Bulletin. Hence we conclude we are still without a General Superintendent of Press Work.

In compliance with the judgment of Miss Bennett the board determined to place in the field of city mission work a woman to serve as general superintendent or organizer of all our city mission operations. A wise choice was made for this important work in the person of Miss Estelle Haskin, of Dallas. All who know Miss Haskin, particularly all Dallas who have had intimate association with her for more than two years in city mission work there—better known as settlement work—realize the fitness of the selection, for in all her movements she has proven herself a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed." The loss Dallas must necessarily experience by this new feature of the general work will be great gain to city mission work as a whole. Miss Mary Ogilvie, of Virginia, takes Miss Haskin's place in the Dallas work and will doubtless win her way into all hearts and prove herself a worthy successor.

We heartily endorse the (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the report of Committee on Literature and Press Work. Such measures will insure more satisfactory results to all concerned than we have hitherto known. Another important item of this report of special import to all Conference Superintendents of Press Work and to all auxiliary press reporters is that relative to conference home mission information prepared in circular form monthly by Conference Corresponding Secretaries and furnished by them to Conference Superintendents of Press Work in ample time to be sent out by them with the

monthly Bulletin and other press matter to auxiliary press reporters. We need such. Let us have it as soon as practicable.

The greatest burden just now of all true, loyal, well-informed home mission women is the great need of material out of which to make trained workers with which to meet the pleadings of so many of our Southern cities and other waste places of our fair land. Mothers of such material, are you gently closing your door in the face of God's collecting agency and saying, "Not mine, but let another's fair one be chosen?" Remember, God wants the best, just the very best of all your possessions!

Asheville, N. C., was the city chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. May this next place of board meeting be as greatly blessed thereby as was Montgomery, Ala., by their gathering there in April!

See Mal. 3:2, 10, 12.
MRS. FRANKLIN MOORE,
Supt. Press Work, W. H. M. Society,
North Texas Conference,
Celeste, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of Meridian met with the Sunday-school and Epworth League Conference in Meridian on May 11, 1905, with Mrs. S. H. Lumpkin, the President, in the chair. After the opening song the President read that beautiful 163d Psalm and Brother Turner lead us in prayer.

Mrs. Carpenter being absent, Bro. Tunnell discussed her subject, which was "The United States as a Mission Field." Bro. Tunnell seemed familiar with the subject and handled it in such a way as to make it interesting for all, showing clearly that our mission work is not all in foreign fields; but, look about us, there is work on every hand. "The harvest is white."

"The Deaconess and Her Work," by Mrs. Saunders, of Gatesville, was the next on program and was very interesting. She discussed that work thoroughly and in a pleasing way. Mrs. Saunders is one of those women who goes to the bottom of her work.

"Why Should the Aid Society Become Connectional?" by Mrs. Tidwell, of Meridian, was very interesting indeed. Mrs. Tidwell is one of our old reliable workers in the society here, a woman who lets her light shine.

Next comes the report of the different auxiliaries.

Gatesville is doing very good work indeed. McGregor doing nice work. Crawford not so alive, but organized. Valley Mills did not have a representative, but we learn they are getting along nicely. Copperas Cove not organized, but the pastor is working on them. Meridian well organized and doing fine work. Hamilton is not organized. Killen not represented, but are organized and aiding in the work. Clifton very good.

Taking the report as a whole, it is good, in some localities there is a very lively interest and this conference will aid in stimulating others.

The next on program was reports and papers on the work of the Foreign Missionary Society.

1. A report by Mrs. Hatchet, of Gatesville, "Facts from the Foreign Fields." In this report Mrs. Hatchet took up the work to be done, what has been done, the difficulties to overcome, and what are you going to do to aid in this great, grand and good work?

2. "Why We Have No Foreign Missionary Society in Our Churches," by Miss Tunnell, of Valley Mills. Miss Tunnell did honor to the subject and perhaps if some of our readers could have heard it there would be more societies organized and aiding in this so much needed work.

3. "Reasons for Having a Missionary Society in Our Churches," by Mrs. Garven, of McGregor. In this Mrs. Garven discussed the work needed to be done, showing plainly that by taking the work up systematically there could be so much more accomplished. "In union there is strength."

Next came the report from the District Secretary. Three societies with fifty-seven members. Gatesville, McGregor and Meridian all doing good work. There are four more societies ready to be organized.

In bringing this conference to a close the presiding elder, Bro. Turner, complimented the societies on what they had accomplished, admonished the pastors present to instill into their members the necessity of having these auxiliaries in the Churches, saying that a pastor who had these and such time-trying members as Sisters Tidwell, Lumpkin, Hatchet, Saunders, Garven and others to aid him could not but succeed for God.

MRS. O. R. MARSHALL,
Secretary W. H. M. Society,
Meridian, Texas.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT HOME MISSION MEETING.

The District Home Mission Society of the Methodist Church held its an-

nual session in Wolfe City beginning on Tuesday, May 16, and lasting through Thursday. The meeting was largely attended by delegates from about ten auxiliary societies.

The delegates were royally entertained by the good people of Wolfe City and are hearty in their praise of the hospitality shown them. Their entertainers left nothing undone that was possible for the comfort of their guests.

Tuesday night the exercises opened with a cordial address of welcome by Mrs. R. B. Parrott, of Wolfe City, to which Mrs. H. L. Carpenter very gracefully responded. Both addresses were couched in choice phrases and were well spoken.

Then came the sermon to the home mission women by Rev. J. L. Pierce, of Greenville. The sermon was scholarly and practical and held the attention of all as the gentleman always does.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning the business sessions of the Home Mission Society began. Mrs. E. W. Harris presided and appointed Mrs. H. L. Carpenter as Acting Secretary. Mrs. Harris led the meeting in a praise service, and then the reports were read from the auxiliary societies, which took up the time until the noon hour, and business was again resumed in the afternoon.

A number of interesting papers were read. Mrs. Hawk read one on "The Home Mission Society as a Factor in City Evangelization," which was a thoughtful and interesting paper.

A workers' conference was led by Mrs. C. A. Langford, which was a very helpful meeting.

Mrs. Geo. S. Perkins read a good paper on "Home Mission Schools."

Mrs. Rutland, of Commerce, read a fine paper on "Parsonages and Supplies."

Mrs. E. W. Harris then gave, not an address, as she said, but a message to the conference. This message was beautiful and instructive and was spoken in excellent style.

Mrs. T. P. Bethell read a leaflet entitled "Wanted, a Chance," which was touching and affecting and was well read.

Wednesday night Rev. J. M. Peterson preached one of his splendid sermons to a large audience. His sermons are always powerful and earnest, and this was no exception.

Thursday morning Mrs. Lottie Murtray read an excellent paper on "The Home Mission Society as a Spiritual Benefit."

Then Mrs. D. C. Kennedy, of Celeste, read what may be called the gem of the meeting, a paper on "Fitting." So fine was this paper that it was decided to have it published in the Christian Advocate, and also in leaflet form for distribution.

The meetings came to a close Thursday with a consecration meeting led by Rev. Blanton, of Fairlie.

This session has been very instructive and helpful and brought a blessing on all who attended, as well as on the good people of Wolfe City who entertained the conference.

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One of the most interesting features of the commencement exercises was the presentation of the Alumnae Association held in the College parlors Monday morning, May 25th. The attendance was unusually large and in addition to the members there were present the faculty and the graduating class.

The society was called to order in the absence of the President by the Second Vice-President, Mrs. L. W. Cole, of the class of 1882. Following the invocation by Bishop Key was a short but pleasing music and literary program. A very charming surprise to Mrs. Key was the presentation to her of a massive silver loving cup by the class of 1895. This elegant cup bore a most appropriate inscription engraved in simple style: "To Mrs. L. A. Kidd-Key, of the Class of 1895, North Texas Female College. A tribute to the friend of girls—one whose love and charity are as boundless as the universe." On another side was the quotation: "If we do meet again, why, we shall smile."

The presentation was made by Miss Willie Williams, of Greenville, the President of the class and valedictorian. Miss Williams referred very feelingly to the four years when the college had been her home both winter and summer, and Mrs. Key had been her wise counselor, kind friend, her gentle admonisher, patient and forbearing. This recollection, she said, forbade that she should address Mrs. Key in conventional terms as President of the College, but speak to her from her heart and present the loving cup to her personally as an earnest of the love and gratitude that had enshrined her in the heart of every member of the class of 1895. Mrs. Key responded with visible emotion in her usual sweet and gracious manner in the following words:

"I can not express to you my appreciation of this beautiful gift. Yet not its beauty or its intrinsic value appeals to me so much as the thought suggested by the loving cup. I agree with Dr. Hammond that love is the greatest thing in the world. A life without it is a garden of thorns, life with it is a garden of fragrant flowers. A heart without love is like an abandoned home-stead, silent and desolate, a heart full of love is like a palace filled with sunshine and music. Love transmutes, transfigures, transforms the real to a dream and clothes the palpable and familiar with the golden exhalations of the dawn. It is wonderful, wonderful! Deep as the sea, high as the heavens, yea the very throne of God rests on love. The vicissitudes of life have been many with me, many cups have been pressed to my lips—some of sorrow I have drained to the dregs; others of happiness, with beaded bubbles winking at the brim. I have drunk with joy; but it has been left to the class of 1895 to give me the cup of love. Young women of the class of 1895, standing as you are where the brook and river meet, a fair, noble young womanhood, you have all enlisted under the banner of Christ and I pray that you may ever follow your leader, letting neither adversity nor prosperity turn you aside from Him. When my labors here are ended and my hands are folded in rest and I have crossed over the river, I hope I may still live in the hearts of the young women that have passed in and out before me, and when we have all entered beyond the portals of the city celestial, may we again join our voices in singing a song of love with the redeemed in heaven."

An appropriate song of farewell, written by Mrs. E. L. Strother to the air of "Auld Lang Syne," was sung by the Alumnae, the loving cup was passed around and toasts, eloquent, beautiful and humorous, were responded to by representatives of each of the classes of the years past.

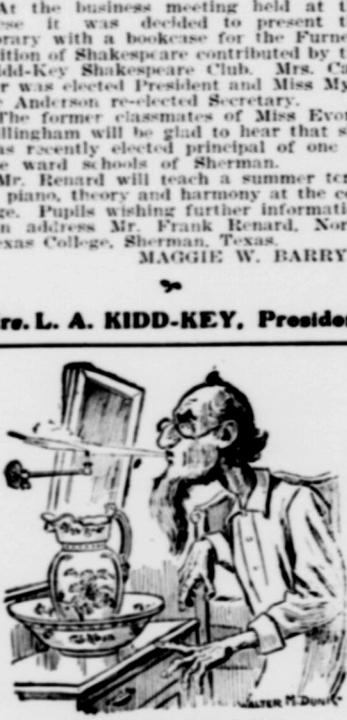
At the business meeting held at the close it was decided to present the library with a bookcase for the Furness edition of Shakespeare contributed by the Kidd-Key Shakespeare Club. Mrs. Carver was elected President and Miss Myrtle Anderson re-elected Secretary.

The former classmates of Miss Evorie Dillingham will be glad to hear that she was recently elected principal of one of the ward schools of Sherman.

Mr. Renard will teach a summer term of piano, theory and harmony at the college. Pupils wishing further information can address Mr. Frank Renard, North Texas College, Sherman, Texas.

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We had the great pleasure of having Dr. Rankin with us during a part of our commencement exercises at Clarendon College. The Doctor is very companionable, and full of information on all subjects that should engage our attention. It is a real tonic to be with him. Dr. Rankin is a man who takes an optimistic view of things and believes with the poet that through the ages one increasing purpose runs and that the thought of men are widened with the process of the suns. The Doctor is indeed "under the reign of the optimism of hope."

The commencement sermon of Clarendon College, preached by Dr. Rankin, was clear-cut, trenchant, incisive and full of handles and nails in sure places.

There was a deep vein of spirituality and old-time unction pervading the sermon from the beginning to the conclusion. In fact, the sermon was such as made you feel a kinship with the upper subtilities; and when the Doctor reached his conclusion, every eye was suffused with tears and every heart touched with better things. The influence of that sermon will abide.

We thank you, Doctor, for your inspirational sermon. Come again whenever you can, and drink in the exhilarating ozone of the Panhandle.

Bro. John Barcus was in good trim on Sunday night when he preached to the undergraduates of the college. His subject was "Nobodism," and one the boys and girls enjoyed very much indeed. The sermon had humor, pathos, and much good common sense in it. We feel under many obligations to our good Bro. Barcus for his timely message. Bro. Barcus and Dr. Rankin make a fine combination, and would fill by their ministrations, any audience with pleasure and delight.

The Hon. Tom Turner, of Amarillo, delivered the literary address, and he was fully equal to the hour and the occasion. He gave a graphic description of the Panhandle, calling it "a diamond on the bosom of nature," and "a garden without a bumble bee." Mr. Turner is a man of pleasing address and a captivating speaker.

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Clarendon College.

WALL SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT. Honey Grove, Texas.

The eighth session of Wall School came to an end Tuesday evening, May 30th, after brilliant commencement exercises.

On Saturday evening, the 27th, took place the gymnastic exhibition, pronounced by all who saw it a most enjoyable entertainment. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Roy Magee, of Dodd City, and the second prize to Mr. Robert Wall, Honey Grove.

Sunday morning, in the Methodist Church, Rev. C. A. Spragins, of White-wright, preached the Commencement sermon to a very large congregation. It was a strong and scholarly sermon. At night Rev. J. B. Riddle, pastor of the Baptist Church, preached a special sermon to the students.

Monday evening in the Chapel the Oratorical Contest for the F. W. Underwood medal took place. The contestants were Messrs. D. K. Fooshee, Paris, Texas; W. H. Greenwood, Honey Grove, Texas; John P. Houston, Ector, Texas; and Fletcher Threadgill, Frederiek, Ok. Mr. John P. Houston, subject, "The Southern Confederacy," was declared winner. Mr. N. B. Haney, Greenville, Texas, was awarded the G. A. Dailey Medal for the best English essay. His subject was: "The Evils of Foreign Immigration."

On Tuesday evening Dr. John M. Moore of Dallas delivered the annual literary address. His subject was "Education," and he impressed deeply on his hearers the value of a liberal education as a foundation for usefulness. Then followed the Declamation Contest for the R. J. Thomas Medal, the speakers being Messrs. Claude Allen, Telephone, Texas; Jesse Easterwood, Willis Point; Ernest Fichtner, El Paso; Paul Houston, Ector; John W. Keller, Kenowa, I. T.; Ralph Pierce, Honey Grove; Edgar Threadgill, Frederiek, Ok.; and Robert L. Whaley, Marshall, Texas. The medal was given to Mr. Whaley.

The Wall School Quartet and Glee Club added greatly to the success of the Commencement exercises, singing at the Methodist Church on Sunday, and giving several numbers on Monday evening and Tuesday evening. Miss Bellew, of Honey Grove, sang two numbers, which were liberally applauded.

POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Commencement at the college this year was pronounced by all the best and largest attended of any commencement in the history of the institution. Many of the parents and friends of the students were in attendance, and the citizens of the city showed more interest in the occasion than ever before.

The Commencement sermon by Dr. Morris, of Dallas, and the Baccalaureate address by Dr. G. C. Rankin of Dallas,

were both up to the high-water mark. Both speakers endeavored themselves to all the college friends, students and faculty.

Seven members of the senior class completed the course leading to the bachelor degree, and received diplomas accordingly. The personnel of the class is as follows: Samuel Braswell, F. M. Bransford, J. E. Henderson, W. C. Heron, E. W. Carerness, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss Manda Hawkins, Mr. Bransford won first honors, and Mr. Henderson second.

The annual debate on Tuesday evening was attended with the usual enthusiasm, and college spirit of the students and friends. The affirmative was represented by C. A. Bickley and B. L. Agerton, while the negative was by O. F. Sensabaugh, Jr., and C. C. McKinney. The speeches of the young men showed that they had made great preparation for the occasion, and of course, both sides felt confident of victory, but the judges though the negative side made the best argument, and so rendered their decision.

F. M. Bransford won the oratorical medal, Wallas Gregg won the preparatory scholarship medal, Miss May Spivy the medal in music, and Miss Edna Coffman the medal in the class of expression.


The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Tuesday with a good attendance. They looked carefully into all the departments of the college, and expressed gratification at the wonderful progress that is being made. The report of the president that about \$18,000 had been expended on new buildings and repairs, and that 509 bona fide students were in attendance.

Plans for the next year are being laid. Rev. J. D. Young, the new business manager, has arrived, and assumed charge of that work. He and Dr. Boaz will enter the field about the first of July for the purpose of presenting the claims of the Polytechnic College upon the young people of the State.

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as she did last, she will have more than seven hundred students.

The work on the addition to the young ladies' home has been resumed. It has been delayed for some time for want of brick. The contract calls for completion by the first of August. When complete it will accommodate 100 young ladies.

The summer school begins Monday; already a great number have enrolled as students, and before the summer session closes it is expected that about a hundred will take work—some special work, while others will take work looking toward degrees.

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A REQUEST.

To the Preachers of the Marshall District:

As I have been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Missions, I write to ask all the preachers of our district to make careful investigation and ascertain whether or not there is any missionary territory contiguous to their charges and be ready to give definite information on this matter at our District Conference. If you will do this it will facilitate our work very much. We are expecting a great spiritual uplift at our conference, and trust that the brethren will come in "the fullness of the blessings of the gospel of Christ." We are working and praying for a gracious revival here.

W. W. HORNER
Hallville, Texas.

SNOWED UNDER.

The anti of Gregg County called an election for June 1st and we snowed them under so deep that we feel confident the question is forever settled here. Two years ago our majority was 99, while this time it is 347 with a total vote of less than 1500. We consider this a very great victory. Mrs. Zehner was with us during the closing days of our campaign and you know what this means. "On with the battle!"

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DOBBS.—At 10 o'clock Sunday night, May 21, 1905, it pleased our Heavenly Father in his wise providence to take out of this world the soul of Sister Florrie A. Dobbs, and on Monday her numerous friends laid her body to rest to await the resurrection day. Sister Dobbs was the only daughter of Allen and Sarah E. Kuykendall. She was born in Columbus, Texas, Feb. 27, 1861. In her 21st year she was married to R. B. Dobbs, of Eagle Lake, Texas, Sept. 18, 1881, Rev. E. A. Stocking officiating. On Sept. 3, 1884, she presented herself and her only child at the altar of the Church for baptism, and at the same time she was only received as a member of the M. E. Church, South. In the death of this good woman her family, the Church and the community have sustained an irreparable loss. She was the light and life of her home, a devoted wife and loving mother, sparing no pains to give comfort and happiness to her loved ones. She will be missed here more than we can know, but the influences of her godly life will be treasured up and reflected in the lives of her worthy husband and two noble and many sons. "Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." In the Church, as in her family, there is no one to fill her place. She was ready to spend and be spent for Christ and his cause. She rendered efficient and indispensable assistance in every department of the work of the Church. She assisted the stewards in collecting the pastor's salary and did work of this kind after she was confined to her deathbed. She was a faithful member and officer in the Woman's Home Mission Society; but perhaps her most loved and best work was in the Sunday-school, where for years she managed and taught the infant class, and she devoted her time and energy to the instruction and training of these precious children, and it is to be hoped that the fruits of her labors will be shown and gathered up in their lives. She had been reared in this community and lived here all her life, and she leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. A good woman is gone, and our hearts are grieved, but our lives are richer from having had her with us. We sorrow not as those who have no hope, but cherish the prospect of meeting her in heaven. W. C. BRACEWELL, Pastor.

GRAY.—John Gray was born June 11, 1827, in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. He moved to Ohio when about eight years of age, and later to Pittsburgh, Pa. He then moved to Newcastle, Ind. At the breaking out of the Mexican War he joined Company A, First Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, going to Mexico City with Taylor's army. After the Mexican War he settled in Brownsville, Texas, and during the fifties was Mayor of the city. Here, on December 25, 1851, he married Miss Rosana M. Oliver, of Brownsville. In 1859 he moved to Indianola, Texas, living there until the breaking out of the Civil War. He served the Confederacy until the latter part of 1863, when he was released. He was a noble husband, a tender, true father and unfaltering in his devotion to Christ. He leaves to mourn his dear widow, five noble sons and one daughter. He has a brother in California and one in Oregon. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his dear loved ones. F. H. C. ELLIOTT.

JONES.—Little Jesse Washington Jones was born Nov. 25, 1898, and departed this life Feb. 6, 1905. He was dear to the hearts of father and mother. We do not know why he spent so short a time among us. We often wonder why God takes the jewel of our home. Weep not, father and mother, little Jesse was only budding on earth; but God saw fit to transplant him in the realms of eternal bliss to blossom around the great white throne of God. Oh! blessed thought, no sorrow or pain can ever enter. Jesse will wait on the banks of the river of life with the many, many others who will rise up with him to greet their parents and call them blessed. While in your hearts and home, dear father and mother, there is a vacant place that never can be filled, no doubt Jesse is standing at the beautiful gate waiting and watching for loved ones who are left behind. C. H. LEDGER, P. C.

SHOFNER.—From her earliest childhood the writer of this sketch has known Mrs. Shofner. Many and fond are the recollections associated with her in every phase of life. Hospitable and charitable to all, as a neighbor, she was peerless; as a friend, true; as a wife, devoted; as a mother, kind and patient, and as a Christian, consistent. "None knew her but to love her." Warm-hearted, self-denying and self-sacrificing, she won the friendship of every one who came within the sphere of her acquaintance, and the sorrow and sympathy manifested at her grave was as truly felt as it was impressive. Mrs. Jane Shofner was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, Feb. 3, 1823. Her family moved to Hardin County, Tennessee, in 1828; thence to Texas in 1838. They settled in San Augustine County, where she joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1843. She was married to Acton Shofner Feb. 29, 1845. Her maiden name was Matthews, and out of a large family of brothers and sisters only one is left, viz: Dr. W. Matthews, of Garden Valley, Smith County. They moved to Nacogdoches County in 1846, where she lived in Melrose vicinity until her death, April 3, 1905. Think how many stirring events have taken place in our country during the eighty-two years of her life! She leaves three sons and three daughters, an unbroken band, as her death is the first one in the family since her husband died in August, 1881. Such filial devotion is seldom known as that her children have always bestowed upon her. "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed" is truly applicable in her case. Out of twenty-seven grandchildren only one little lamb is missing from the fold—little Myrta Smith—and there are three great-grandchildren. On her eightieth birthday all her children dined with her. May her noble, useful life reach down many generations hence, is the wish of a true friend. F. L. S.

ROLLINS.—T. F. Rollins was born in Georgia Jan. 16, 1853. He was married to Miss Mary Grogan Nov. 1, 1876. To them were born three children, two daughters and one son. One of the former preceded them to another world. Bro. Rollins professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South at about 16 years of age, and lived a faithful life until death, which sad event occurred in DeKalb, Texas, April 28, 1905. In early married life Bro. Rollins was for some time superintendent of the Sunday-school. I had known him only two years and a few months. During most of the time Sister Rollins was an invalid, demanding his constant attention, which he cheerfully gave. She died last October, only leaving him a few months. Bro. Rollins had every attention that medical skill could do, having died at his son-in-law's, who is a skillful physician. He is gone, dear children. You know where to find your father and mother. The last work Bro. Rollins did was to put a roof on the parsonage. Will we ever see his like again? While at work on the parsonage he stayed with us and led our family devotions, and said, "I would rather my son, Alfred, be a Christian than President of the United States." He was everybody's friend, and everybody was his friend. Farewell, brother, till we meet again. His pastor, J. M. MILLS.

HOWARD.—Sister N. E. Howard (nee Langford) was born in Overton County, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1853; moved to Texas in 1879; was married to Bro. J. C. Howard Oct. 12, 1871, and departed this life May 27, 1905. She was the mother of twelve children, six of whom preceded her to the grave. She was converted in May, 1891, under the preaching of Rev. J. D. Seagins. She did not unite with any church, but was a Methodist in belief. She was a good wife and a loving mother; very devoted to her family. She leaves a husband and six children, five brothers and sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She was buried at the Fairview Graveyard, near Bonita, Texas, May 28, 1905. A very large crowd attended her funeral. Sister Howard will be missed by many. Bereaved ones, weep not as those who have no hope, but meet her where parting shall be no more. R. P. BUCK, Bonita, Texas.

BREEDLOVE.—Lottie Breedlove, the daughter of Brother and Sister W. D. Breedlove, was nearly 2 years old. She died May 22, 1905, after a short illness. She was all her short life a fragile, delicate, and beautiful child. The great Master had only given her for a short time and then he took her to himself to brighten up the throng of children who are the jewels of his kingdom. While the home is saddened and the hearts of the bereaved ones heavier, yet she will welcome you home not many days hence. After the services, held at the Methodist Church, we laid her to rest in Huckabay Cemetery. MATTHEW C. DICKSON, P. C.

WILLIAMSON.—Bro. John H. Williamson, the subject of this obituary, was born in Crawford, Ga., Nov. 3, 1823, and departed this life at Saratoga, Texas, May 16, 1905. He came to Texas in 1856, and settled in Montgomery County, near the town of Montgomery, where he lived until a short while before his death. He was married in Louisiana Jan. 27, 1853, to Miss Sallie Smith, who, with six children, remain to mourn their loss of husband and father, five children having preceded him to the glory land. He was converted about thirty-three years ago at old Bear Bend Church under the ministry of Calvin H. Brooks. He signed the temperance pledge a few months before his conversion and kept that pledge until death. Fifteen years previous to death he erected a family altar, from which ascended morning and evening the incense of family devotions. Death came after a short illness, but he was ready. Not more than an hour before his death he said there was nothing between him and God; that he did not fear death. His last words were words of prayer, and now Bro. Williamson is gone; but he has gone to join the General Assembly and Church of the first born, and that voice so often heard at the family altar, though hushed to be heard on earth no more, is employed in endless praise to the Redeemer of men. May the God of all grace comfort the bereaved ones and bring them finally into the haven of eternal rest. J. C. CAMERON, Montgomery, Texas.

PUGH.—Aladdin Lester Pugh was born in Tippah County, Mississippi, Jan. 29, 1845, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. W. Reins, near Mills, in Freestone County, Texas, March 15, 1905. He was married to Miss Lizzie P. Griffin in Ashley County, Arkansas, in 1866. To this union were born nine children. Three of them have passed over the river. Six others—two sons and four daughters—remain to serve and suffer a while. From Mississippi he moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1859. He fought through the Confederate war, having enlisted at the age of 16 years with the Third Arkansas Regiment. He moved to Opelousas, La., in 1869, to Vernon Parish, La., in 1874, to Sabine County, Texas, in 1879, to Angelina County, Texas, in 1884, and to Freestone County, Texas, in 1891, where he lived until his death. He united with the M. E. Church, South, in 1886, and remained a member until death. Such is the brief history of a good man, a tender, loving husband and father. He had been a sufferer for several years from consumption, and talked a great deal about death for several months before he died, always saying that all was well. He lived to see all his children safe in the fold of Christ. May a good God comfort the bereaved widow and children, and may we all meet him again in the sweet-by-and-by. W. E. WASHBURN.

HOLLOWELL.—Alfred Huston Hollowell was born in Greenwood, La., October 16, 1857, and departed this life November 23, 1904. When a youth he united himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, wherein he remained, loved and loyal, till called by his Master to join the Church triumphant in the skies. He was married October 1, 1882, to Miss Mary Ella Jordan, who died February 14, 1899, having borne to him seven children—two sons and five daughters—two of whom died in early childhood and five of whom live to mourn the loss of these devoted Christian parents. Brother Hollowell was active and energetic as an official member of our Church in Emory, also as teacher of our Bible class. Though his place among us is vacant, he yet lives in the confidence and love of all who knew him—an affectionate husband, a tender father, a faithful friend, a devoted Christian. His body rests peacefully in the tomb, awaiting the resurrection of the just, while his deathless spirit has entered upon a rich and heavenly reward. "where sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more." S. S. McKINNEY, Emory, Texas, May 26, 1905.

KEAHEY.—Wyatt, the son of Martin and Sister Keahey, aged nearly 2 years old, was horribly burned by falling into a tub of hot water on April 22, 1905. He died the following morning. Wyatt was one of our picture card class in Sunday-school, and we all loved him. He was a sturdy, sunny-hearted little fellow, and one among the exceptionally bright children. The shock of his fearful death caused a great feeling and prayer of sympathy to go up from the people, and to show their love a great congregation assembled to pay their respects and mingle their tears with the bereaved ones. Sometimes we can hardly understand why it is that God takes these bundles of sunshine from us, but he moves in a mysterious way and to every sorrow he will give us the more sunshine after the cares of this life are over. MATTHEW C. DICKSON, P. C.

SIMMONS.—Joseph Simmons was born Sept. 29, 1848, and departed this life May 27, 1905, at his home near White Rock, Hunt County, Texas. He was converted when a boy and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which he lived a consistent Christian life, filling different official positions in the Church with great acceptability. While suffering with cancer he said he was ready to go and would be glad to welcome death. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, a true friend and a loyal citizen. He leaves a wife and eight children, with many relatives and friends, to mourn their great loss. I preached once at his house, and he entered into the services with delight, and then he called for that beautiful song, "Don't You Want to be Ready to Go?" Yes, he loved ones, as they shall be called one by one, be ready, that the family may be an unbroken one in the sweet-by-and-by. The funeral was preached by the writer, after which the Masons laid his body to rest until the resurrection morn. J. C. MOORE, P. C.

PIERCE.—Lillian, aged 2 years, daughter of Brother Willie and Sister Cora Pierce, died in Nursery May 15, 1905. Lillian was a lovely child. She was sick only one day. These parents' home lost much light and joy out of their hearts, but that joy and light is simply to be theirs when they shall regain her in the heaven of their Redeemer, who designs their happy meeting. H. M. GLASS, Pastor.

KINCHELOE.—Robt. Kincheloe died at his home in Waco, Texas, Jan. 24, 1905, aged 74 years. He was born in Wood County, West Virginia, and spent the early part of his life there. On March 19, 1855, he was married to Miss Sarah Jane Stephenson, and she with the four sons born of his union survive his death. His half-brother, Rev. Geo. W. Kincheloe, is a member of the Northwest Texas Conference. He moved to Texas, settling at Seguin in 1869, but soon after moved to McLennan County. Several years were

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spent at Georgetown, giving his sons the advantages of the university. For twenty-eight years we have known him, and was four years his pastor. He was a faithful, happy even-tempered, quiet Christian, and a member of the Methodist Church. To his wife and children he was thoughtful and affectionate. His sons rise up to bless the memory of a Christian father. Truly theirs is a rich legacy. The Church loses a faithful member and the commonwealth a good citizen. He leaves a splendid record, and may all his loved ones meet him in heaven. M. S. HOTCHKISS.

PASLEY.—Linnie May Pasley, the daughter of L. T. Pasley, was born May 16, 1902, and died May 23, 1905. In the three years and seven days that she stayed on earth she found nothing but sickness. She was sweet spirited, kind and lovable in disposition. She was much loved by all of the family, and was the constant care of her grandparents, as her mother died just one year ago. "She has gone to meet her mother and twin brother in the home above, where sickness and suffering are no more. The father is all that is left of the once happy little family. Let us all strive to meet Linnie May in heaven. JOS. P. CALLOWAY.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Third Round. Tenth Street, 11 a. m., June 11. First Street, 8:15 p. m., June 11. West Point, at Ford's Pr., June 17, 18. LaGrange, July 1, 2. Eagle Lake, at Rock Island, July 8, 9. Weimar, at County Line, July 15, 14. Columbus, July 15, 16. Cedar Creek, July 22, 23. McDade, July 29, 30. The District League will meet at Bastrop 8:15 p. m. June 20. The District Conference will meet at same place at 8:30 a. m. June 22. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

Beeville District—Third Round. Kennedy, June 17, 18. Goliad, June 24, 25. Beeville, June 28. Mathis, July 1, 2. Rockport, July 8, 9. Oakville, July 8, 9. Stockdale, July 15, 16. Pleasanton, July 22, 23. Lavender, July 29, 30. Brownsville, Aug. 5, 6. Berclair, Aug. 12, 13. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

San Antonio District—Third Round. Bexar, at Oak Island, 2d Sun June. Pearsall, at Buck Horn, 3d Sun June. Carrizo Spgs and Batesville, at C. S. 4th Sun June. Centula, at Dilley, 1st Sun July. Del Rio, 2d Sun July. Del Rio, at 1st Sun July. Utopia, at Sabine, 4th Sun July. Devine, at Moore, 5th Sun July. Laredo, July 22, 23. Uvalde, 1st Sun Aug. Eagle Pass, Aug 7. Travis Park, Aug 10. West End, Aug 11. South Heights, Aug 16. Sherman St., 11 a. m., 3d Sun Aug. Prospect Hill, 8:30 p. m., 3d Sun Aug. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round. Llano station, June 10, 11. Kerrville, at Harper, June 17, 18. Boerne, at Waring, 11 a. m. June 21. Center Point, 11 a. m. June 23. Bandera, at R. 2 p. m. June 24. San Saba, July 1, 2. San Saba, July 8, 9. Cherokee, July 15, 16. Rockspings, 3 p. m. July 21. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Cuero District—Third Round. Flatonia, June 17, 18. Shiner, at Moulton, June 20. Yoakum, June 23. Range, at Helena, June 24, 25. Leavelle, at L., July 1, 2. Clear Creek, at Rocky, July 8, 9. Rancho, at Houston P., July 15, 16. Cuero, July 17. Hallettsville, at Hope, July 22, 23. Edna, July 25. Port Lavaca, at Traylor, July 29, 30. Nursery, at Middletown, Aug 5, 6. Palacios, at Ashby, Aug 19, 20. El Campo, at Louise, Aug 26, 27. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Marcos District—Third Round. Waelder, 2d Sun June. Gonzalez, 4th Sun June. Staples, 1st Sun July. Luling, at Soda Springs, 2d Sun July. Belmont, at Oak Forest, 3d Sun July. Lehart, 4th Sun July. Pleasant Grove, at Martindale, 5th Sun July. Tilton, 1st Sun Aug. Dripping Springs, at D. S., 2d Sun Aug. San Marcos, 3d Sun Aug. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Weatherford District—Second Round. Dist. Conf. at Graham, June 23. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round. Meridian, June 17, 18. Crawford, at Osage, June 24, 25. McGregor, July 1, 2. Brookhaven, at The Grove, July 4. Pearl, at Himmelford, 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. Maxdale, Aug 8. K. and Nolville, at campground, Aug 10. Oglesby, at Oglesby, Aug 12, 13. China Springs, at Mills, Aug 19, 20. Gatesville, at W. Ch., Aug 26, 27. Gatesville sta., Aug 27, 28. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round. Cotton Gin, at Cot Gin, 11 a. m. June 9. Mexia, 8:30 p. m. June 9. Wortham, at Couchman, June 24, 25. Kerens, at Bazette, June 25, 26. Epworth L. and Sunday-school rally at Kerens, June 27, 28. Corsicana, Eleventh Avenue, June 28. Blooming Grove, at Dresden, July 1, 2. Horn Hill, at Kirk, July 8, 9. Brandon, at Rienz, July 16, 17. Blooming Grove, July 22, 23. Barry, at Mt. Zion, July 29, 30. Richland, at Pursley, Aug 5, 6. Dawson, at Dover, Aug 7. Thornton, at Locust Grove, Aug 12, 13. Alma, at Reynolds, Aug 19, 20. Rice, at Chatfield, Aug 26, 27. Cooldge, at Della, Aug 24. Grossbeck, Aug 26, 27. Corsicana, First Church, Sept 3, 4. The League and Sunday-school rally at Kerens will open with an address at 11 a. m. June 27. Let every League and Sunday-school see that at least three delegates attend. Send names to Rev. J. M. Armstrong, Kerens. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round. Bartlett, June 16. Holland, June 17, 18. Temple, Seventh Street, June 24, 25. Temple, First Church, June 25, 26. Belton, July 1, 2. Granger, July 8, 9. Moody, July 15, 16. North Georgetown, July 22, 23. Taylor Bohemian, July 29, 30. Taylor, July 29, 30. Salado, Aug 2. Hutto, Aug 5, 6. Florence, Aug 8. Troy, Aug 11. Houston, at 12, 13. Bruceville and Edy, Aug 19, 20. Belton, Aug 21. Georgetown, Aug 26, 27. J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Third Round. Mansfield, at Britton, June 24, 25. Trinity and Riverside, June 24. Kennedie, at Thomas Ch., July 1, 2. Cleburne, North Side, July 5. Cleburne, Main St., July 6.

Bono, at Lone Willow, July 7. Arlington, July 8, 9. Grapevine, at Euless, July 10, 11. Smithfield, at Keller, July 12, 13. Benswood, July 15, 16. Polytechnic, July 16, 17. Grandview, at Greenbrier, July 22, 23. Blum, July 24. Missouri Avenue, July 29, 30. Mulkey Memorial, July 30, 31. North Fort Worth, Aug 5, 6. Peach Street, Aug 5, 6. Azle, at Silver Creek, Aug 12, 13. Joshua, at Benton's Ch., Aug 19, 20. Cresson, Aug 26, 27. Covington, at Covington, Sept 3, 4. First Church, Sept 10, 11. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Ablene District—Third Round. (In part.) Stamford, June 17, 18. Truby, at Zebo, June 24, 25. Aspermont, at Aspermont, July 1, 2. Haskell, July 8, 9. Albany and Moran, at M., July 15, 16. Sweetwater and Roscoe, at R., July 22, 23. Roby, at Camp Spgs, July 27. Merkel, July 29, 30. Anson, at Anderson Ch., Aug 5, 6. Avoca, at Fairview, Aug 8. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Colorado District—Third Round. Emma, at Estacado, June 10, 11. Phoylada, at Harmony, June 17, 18. Plainview, June 24, 25. Hale Center, at Lamb S. H., July 1, 2. Lubbock, at Prairie Ch., July 8, 9. Gomez, at Cottonwood, July 15, 16. Tahoma, at La Mesa, July 22, 23. Colorado, at Ft. Bar, July 29, 30. Gall, at Gall, Aug 5, 6. Clairmont, at Jayton, Aug 12, 13. Snyder and Dunn, at Ennis, Aug 19, 20. Midland, at Stanton, Aug 26, 27. Big Springs, Aug 29. Colorado, at J. T. Griswold, P. E.

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

Waxahachie District—Third Round. Ferris, June 9. Waxahachie, June 10, 11. Midlothian, June 24, 25. Ovilla, at Sardis, July 1, 2. Forrester, at Collier's Chapel, July 7. Palmer and Boyce, at Garrett, July 8, 9. Ennis, 8:30 p. m. July 9. Bristol, at Bristol, July 15, 16. Venus, at Barnesville, July 21. Alvarado, July 22, 23. Milford, at Midway, July 29, 30. Italy, 8:30 p. m. July 29. Red Oak, at Chapel Hill, Aug 5, 6. Hardwell, at Bird, Aug 12, 13. Grandview, Aug 19, 20. Lovelace, at Union Valley, Aug 26, 27. Sunday-school and Epworth League Conference at Maypearl June 27, at 8:15 p. m. to June 29, 4 p. m. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round. First Church, June 18. Aldeo, at Annetta, June 29. Mineral Wells, July 2. Weatherford, at Lambert, July 8, 9. Santo, at Tarleton, July 15, 16. Millsap, at Brock, July 18. Gordon, etc., at Gordon, July 22, 23. Ranger, at Gunsight, July 29, 30. Crystal Falls, at Fort Griffin, Aug 2. Greckenridge, at Zolman, Aug 5, 6. Palo Pinto, at Cedar Springs, Aug 9. Whitt, etc., Aug 12, 13. Peester, Aug 16. Springtown, Aug 19, 20. Graham, Aug 25, 26. Graham, Aug 26, 27. Eliasville, Aug 29. Throckmorton, Aug 31. Farmer, Sept 2, 3. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Vernon District—Third Round. Quannah, June 17, 18. Quannah, June 19, 20. Quail, July 1, 2. Wellington, July 2, 3. Vernon, July 8, 9. Vernon, July 8, 9. Estellene, July 15, 16. Crowell, July 19. Paducah, July 22, 23. Seymour, July 26. Spring Creek, July 29, 30. Seymour, Aug 1. Knox City, Aug 4. Munday and Goree, Aug 5, 6. Matador, Aug 12, 13. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round. (In part.) Corsicana, at Long Pral., June 24, 25. Kerens, at Bazette, June 25, 26. Corsicana, Eleventh Ave., June 28. Blooming Grove, at Dresden, July 1, 2. Brandon, July 15, 16. Blooming Grove, July 22, 24. Barry, July 29, 30. Richland, at Pursley, Aug 5, 6. Dawson, Aug 7. Epworth League and Sunday-School Conference, at Kerens, to begin 11 a. m., June 27th. All Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools in the district are requested to elect delegates and send names of those who will attend to Rev. J. M. Armstrong, at Kerens, Texas. Please note change of date for our District Conference from April 27th to May 11. John M. Barcus, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round. Glen Cove, at Talpa, June 10, 11. Wing, at Slater, June 24, 25. Winters, at Bowman, June 27. Brownwood, July 1, 2. District League and Sunday-school Conference at Proctor, beginning Thursday, June 23, at 9 a. m. and closing Friday, June 24. Basis of representation: All preachers, traveling and local, all Sunday-school superintendents and Epworth League Presidents, and from three to five delegates from each Sunday-school and League. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round. Memphis at Union Hill, June 10, 11. Claude, at Fairview, June 17, 18. Clarendon, June 24, 25.

Weston, at Chambersville, July 1, 2. Hereford, July 15, 16. Hereford, July 15. Hansford and H. mis, Grand Plains, July 22, 23. Stratford, at Spurlock, July 25. Daihart (8:30 p. m.), July 26. Amarillo, July 29, 30. Channing, at Dumas, Aug 5, 6. Rowe, Aug 9. Princeton, at Blythe's Chapel, Aug 12, 13. Canadian, at Miami, Aug 16. Tulia, Aug 19, 20. Silverton, Aug 22, 23. Cataline and Shamrock, Aug 26, 27. McLean, Sept 2, 3. James M. Sherman, P. E.

Waco District—Third Round. Hubbard City, June 18, 19. Lorena, June 24, 25. Hewitt, July 1, 2. West, July 8, 9. Penelope, 11 a. m. July 11. Aquila, 11 a. m. July 13. Whittney, July 15, 16. Morgan and Walnut, 11 a. m. July 18. Peoria, 11 a. m. July 20. Austin Avenue, Waco, 11 a. m. July 23. Morrow St., Waco, 8:30 p. m. July 23. Bosqueville, 11 a. m. July 26. Axtell, July 29, 30. Mt. Calm, Aug 2. Abbott, 5, 6. Fifth St. Waco, 11 a. m. Aug 13. Elm St. Waco, 8:30 p. m. Aug 13. Mart, Aug 19, 20. The District League and Sunday-school Conference will be held at Hubbard City, June 21, 22. The conference will open at 9 a. m. June 21. A good attendance is desired. J. G. Putman, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Sherman District—Second Round. Howe, at Cedar, July 8, 9. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round. Dexter, 2d Sun in June. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Bowie District—Third Round. Fruitland, June 10, 11. Hico, at Hico, June 11, 12. Rhome, June 17, 18. Boyd and Garvin, June 18, 19. Bridgeport, June 24, 25. Paradise, June 25, 26. Bryson, July 1, 2. Jackson, July 2, 3. Henrietta, July 9, 10. Benvenue, July 9, 10. Blue Grove, July 15, 16. Bellevue, July 16, 17. Iowa Park, July 22, 23. Wichita Falls, July 23, 24. Holliday, July 29, 30. Archer, July 31. Crafton, Aug 5, 6. Gibtown, Aug 12, 13. Decatur, Aug 19, 20. Decatur, Aug 20, 21. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Dallas District—Third Round. Grand Prairie, at Estelle, June 10, 11. Lancaster, 8:30 p. m. June 14. West Dallas, June 17, 18. Wheatland, at Wilmer, June 24, 25. Ervay Street, July 1, 2. Oak Lawn, July 8, 9. Argyle, at C. C., July 15, 16. Clark's Chapel, July 22, 23. Denton, July 23, 24. Trinity, July 29, 30. First Church, Aug 5, 6. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at C. H., Aug 12, 13. Lewisville, Aug 19, 20. Cochran and Caruth, Aug 26, 27. J. L. Morris, P. E.

Greenville District—Third Round. Wolfe City, June 10, 11. Floyd, at Floyd, June 17, 18. Campbell, at Friendship, June 24, 25. Kavanaugh, July 1, 2. Quinlan, at Union Chapel, July 5. Commerce, at Century, July 8, 9. Lone Oak, at Miller Grove, July 15, 16. Wesley, July 22, 23. Neola, at Bethel, July 26. Merit, at Merit, July 29, 30. Greenville, Aug 5, 6. Fairlie, at Olive Branch, Aug 12, 13. Leonard, at Orange Grove, Aug 16. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Third Round. Winnboro, 3d Sun June. Dist. Conf. at Pecan Gap, 4th Sun June. Yowell, at Jardin, 1st Sun July. Cumby, at Gafford, 2d Sun July. Riley Springs, at R. S., 3d Sun July. Como, 4th Sun July. Cooper, 8 p. m. July 29. Klondike, at Price S. H., 5th Sun July. Mt. Vernon, at Mt. Vernon, 1st Sun Aug. Sulphur Springs, 8 a. m. Aug 7. Burleigh, 2d Sun Aug. Purley, at Pleasant Hill, 3d Sun Aug. Ben Franklin, 4th Sun Aug. Lake Creek, 11 a. m. Aug 28. Sulphur Bluff, 1st Sun Sept. Bonanza, 2d Sun Sept. The District Conference will convene at Pecan Gap June 22 at 8 p. m. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. E. Short. Will the preachers and delegates please arrange their plans so they can remain over Sunday? C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Gainesville District—Third Round. Greenwood, at RB Ranch, 3d Sun June. Woodbine, at Friendship, 4th Sun June. St. Jo, at Forestburg, 1st Sun July. Belcher, at Ringgold, 2d Sun July. Burns, at Zion, 3d Sun July. Montague, at D. Mound, 4th Sun July. Marysville, at Sivel, 5th Sun July. Nocoma, 1st Sun Aug. Aubrey, 2d Sun Aug. Dexter, 3d Sun Aug. Sanger and V. V., at V. V. 4th Sun Aug. Bonita, at Illinois, 1st Sun Sept. Ponder and K., at Stoney, 2d Sun Sept. Era and B., 3d Sun Sept. Rosston and M., at Van S., 4th Sun Sept. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Terrell District—Third Round. Forney, at Lone Elm, June 17, 18. Terrell, June 25. Crandall, at Sego, July 1, 2. Mesquite, at Long Creek, July 8, 9. Reinhardt, at Rose Hill, July 12. Garland, July 15, 16. Roysse, July 19. Fate, at Mt. Zion, July 22, 23. Kaufman, July 30. Elmo, at Elmo, Aug 2. Rockwall, at Pleasant Valley, Aug 5, 6. Kemp, at Becker, Aug 12, 13. Mabank, at Bethel, Aug 19, 20. College Mound, Aug 26, 27. Chisholm, at Rose Hill, Sept 2, 3. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

McKinney District—Third Round. Pilot, Point, June 10, 11. Plano, 11 a. m. June 18. McKinney, 8:30 p. m. June 18. Renner, at Alpha, June 24, 25. Princeton, at Blythe's Chapel, July 1, 2. Farmersville, July 8, 9.

Nevada, July 15, 16. Frisco, at Lebanon, July 22, 23. Celina, at Celina, July 29, 30. Prosper, at Prosper, Aug 5, 6. Allen, at White's Grove, Aug 12, 13. Copseville, at Millwood, Aug 19, 20. Blue Ridge, at Hensley Ch., Aug 26, 27. Blue Ridge, at Snow Hill, Aug 27, 28. Wylie, at St. Paul, Sept 2, 3. Josephine, at Milam Chapel, Sept 9, 10. Farmers Branch, Sept 16, 17. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Bonham District—Third Round. Bailey, at Bailey, June 10, 11. Bonham, June 17, 18. Gober, at Providence, June 24, 25. Ector, at Savoy, July 1, 2. Brookston, at High, July 8, 9. Honey Grove, July 15, 16. S. Bonham, at S. Bonham, July 22, 23. Randolph, at Edhube, July 29, 30. Honey Grove, at McCraw, Aug 5, 6. Lannius, at Allen Chapel, Aug 12, 13. Ladonia, Aug 19, 20. Trenton, at Blanton Chapel, Aug 26, 27. Dodd, at Windom, Sept 2, 3. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round. Rexton, at Atlas, June 10, 11. Bonham, June 17, 18. Detroit, June 17, 18. Rosalie, at Johnston, June 24, 25. Marvin, at Shady Grove, July 1, 2. Centenary, Paris, July 8, 9. Lamar, Paris, July 9, 10. Blossom and Sylvan, at B. July 15, 16. Deport and Halesboro, at H. July 22, 23. Clarksville, at Liberty, July 29, 30. Clarksville, July 30, Aug 1. Atlanta, Aug 5, 6. Whiterock, Aug 12, 13. Bagwell, at Lone Star, Aug 19, 20. Annona and Williams Ch., at G.S.H., Aug 26, 27. Avery, at Shawnee Ch., Sept 2, 3. Emberson, at El Bethel, Sept 9, 10. Chicago, Sept 16, 17. District Conference at Clarksville, June 27 to 30. E. H. Casey, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Augustine District—Second Round. Gary, mis, June 10, 11. Centenary, Paris, June 14. Appleby, mis, June 17, 18. Dist. Conf. at San Augustine, June 22-25. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Tyler District—Third Round. Willis Point, at Palmer's Gr., June 20. Willis Point, June 21. Grand Saline, June 22. Fruitvale, at Sabine Pass, June 24. Emory, at Ford's, June 25, 26. Alba, at Mills Springs, June 27. Mineola, 8 p. m. June 27. Mt. Sylvan, at Mt. Sylvan, July 8, 9. Whitehouse, at Noonday, July 15, 16. Tyler, at Pleasant Retreat, July 22, 23. Chandler, at Red Hill, July 29, 30. Meredith, at Phillips Ch., July 30, 31. Athens, July 31. Coifax, at Morris Chapel, Aug 5, 6. Canton and Edgewood, at C., Aug 6, 7. Snyder, at China Grove, Aug 12, 13. Edom, at Ben Wheeler, Aug 19, 20. Cedar St., Aug 16. Big Sandy, Aug 17. Troup and Overton, Aug 19, 20. Marvin, Aug 26, 27. Matkoff, Aug 27, 28. The District Conference will meet at Mineola, June 28 at 8:30 p. m. and will hold over till July 1. Opening sermon by Rev. A. Little, June 28, 8:30 p. m. Let us all go there praying for a gracious revival of religion. I hope to have Bishop Key with us. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Calvert District—Third Round. Marlin, June 10, 11. Hearne, June 17, 18. Calvert, June 24, 25. Fairfield, at S. Mills, July 1, 2. Jewett, at Jewett, July 8, 9. Fairfield and Dew, at F., July 15, 16. Leon, at Nineveh, July 22, 23. Centerville, at Evans Ch., July 22, 23.

Huntsville District—Third Round. Huntsville, June 17, 18. Navasota, June 24, 25. Bryan, June 25, 26. Willis and Conroe, at Conroe, July 8, 9. Madison, at Union, July 15. Madisonville, July 16, 17. Dodge, at Oakhurst, July 22, 23. Magnolia, July 29, 30. Montgomery, at Stoneham, Aug 1. Millican, at Welburn, Aug 1. Cold Springs, at Evergreen, Aug 5, 6. Conroe, Aug 8. Bedias, Aug 10. Anderson, Aug 12, 13. Prairie Plains, Aug 19, 20. Waller, Aug 26, 27. Hempstead, Aug 27, 28. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Rogers Prairie, at Gum Spgs., July 29, 30. Franklin, at Aug 5, 6. Pettyway, at Boon Prairie, Aug 12, 13. Rosebud, Aug 19, 20. Travis, Aug 26, 27. Durango, Aug 26, 27. Lot and Chilton, Aug 27, 28. Wheelock, Sept 2, 3. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Beaumont District—Second Round. Jasper, mis, at Byerly camp, June 10, 11. Wallisville, at W., June 13, 14. Call, at Watson Chapel, June 17, 18. Fort Arthur, June 24, 25. Patton, at Warren, July 1, 2. Kountze, July 8, 9. Sisbee, at Sisbee Junction, July 9, 10. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Palestine District—Second Round. Welis, mis, at Pollok, June 10, 11. Crockett, at Creek, June 17, 18. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round. Cameron, June 11. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Marshall District—Third Round. North Marshall, June 24, 25. Marshall, First Church, June 25, 26. Henderson, July 2, 3. Church Hill, at Fowler's Ch., July 8, 9. Henderson, at Union Ch., July 15, 16. Kilgore, at Hopewell, July 22, 23. Carrollville, at Harrison, July 29, 30. Beckville, Aug 5, 6. Hallville, at Riley's Chapel, Aug 8, 9. Jefferson, Aug 13, 14. Harrison, at Karnack, Aug 19, 20. Arlington, at Bethel, Aug 26, 27. Kellyville, Aug 29, 30. Longview, Keny Memorial, Sept 3, 4. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round. Texarkana, Central Church, June 10, 11. Atlanta, (high), June 14. Park, mis, at Red Lick, June 17, 18. Naples, at Hamit's Chapel, June 20. Linden, at Union Chapel, June 24, 25. Winfield, at Oak Grove, July 1, 2. Mt. Pleasant, July 2, 3. Musgrove, at Marvin's Ch., July 8, 9. Gilmer, at Hopewell, July 15, 16. Gutler, July 16, 17. New Boston, mis, at Moss Spgs., July 22, 23. New Boston, July 23, 24. Hardy Memorial, July 26. Pittsburg, July 29, 30. Pittsburg, July 30, 31. Cason, Aug 5, 6. Daingerfield, Aug 12, 13. Queen City, Aug 16. Quimlan, Aug 19, 20. Redwater, Aug 26, 27. Dally, Aug 27, 28. J. T. Smith, P. E.

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BOWIE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Bowie District Conference, which met at Alford, Texas, May 25-27, was an enjoyable and profitable occasion to all whose privilege it was to be present. This is true because of the open-hearted hospitality of the citizens of Alford, because of the free and easy presiding of Rev. T. R. Pierce, Presiding Elder, because of the prevalence of the brotherly feeling, because of the buoyant note of progress and hopefulness in the reports made by the preachers, and because of the sacred ministrations of the Holy Ghost. Rev. John R. Nelson, Commissioner of Education for Medical Department of Southwestern University, gave us the benefit of his admirable personality, preached a good sermon on revivals, forcefully represented Southwestern University and its Medical Department, and added somewhat to the already large list of subscriptions toward putting up the needed building at Dallas for Southwestern University Medical Department.

Rev. Chas. A. Spragins, Conference Secretary of Missions, stirred up the pure minds of the brethren by way of remembrance touching missionary rallies, sermons, Sunday-schools, and institutes; besides, presenting and inforcing, "A Crisis in Missions."

The preaching was uniformly evangelized and good. By unanimous ballot license to preach was granted Albert Pinkney Johnson and Pleasant Saunders Warren. The Conference also unanimously recommended for admission into Annual Conference, Revs. Albert Pinkney Johnson and Oecola Jefferson Read.

The following were elected delegates to Annual Conference:

- J. H. MATTHEWS, Bowie.
- J. P. HAYTER, Decatur.
- L. D. SHAWVER, Chico.
- SIL STARK, Jackshoro.

Alternates:
P. W. Byrd, Crafton.
C. A. Montgomery, Archer City.

Next year Bowie District Conference meets at Decatur.

J. F. MORELOCK, Sec.

HOUSTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

One of the most largely attended and best meetings in the history of this conference opened in Alvin on May 17, 1905. Alvin is a great strawberry town, midway between Houston and Galveston, easily accessible and the brethren were there in force. Though it was the young presiding elder's first experience in a conference chair, he proved himself a masterful presiding officer, ready, prompt, tactful and withal so brotherly and genial as to carry with him the love and sympathy and zeal of the membership from start to finish. Under his wise and energetic guidance interest never lagged and the work never dragged. Love and zeal and spirituality were at all times manifest. From the opening sermon by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Houston, to the closing sermon by Rev. J. B. Sears, of Palestine, the preaching during the conference was of a very high order. Revs. Jno. R. Nelson, J. W. Moore, J. W. Bergen and Geo. S. Sexton filling the intervening preaching hours.

Rev. A. Methvin, our pastor at Alvin, and his good people, and, in fact, all of the hospitable people of this progressive little city, were unremitting in their ministrations to the comfort of the visiting brethren. The big red strawberry and every other manifestation of hospitality abounded, and all were made to feel at home. During my three days in the little city I did not pass a man or a boy on the streets who did not give me a pleasant salutation, and most of the boys tipped their hats. Few towns measure up to this standard of politeness in our day.

The following visiting brethren were at different times introduced to the conference and spoke in behalf of their several interests they represent: Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, Financial Agent of the Medical Department of Southwestern University; Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Waco Orphanage; Rev. J. B. Sears,

Secretary of Texas Conference Mission Board; Rev. T. J. Milam, Financial Agent of Alexander Collegiate Institute; Rev. Jas. Kilgore, Financial Agent Southwestern University; Rev. J. L. Hendry, the well-known missionary to China, who went out from this district, was present, loving and helping the brethren and being loved and cheered by them.

One whole afternoon was given to the good women of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, to the great edification of the body. Some of the addresses by these consecrated women were as fine as anything heard during the sessions of the conference.

The chair appointed the following licensing committee: Revs. J. W. Moore, Geo. S. Sexton, G. A. LeClerc and Nathan Powell, the presiding elder being a member ex-officio.

By unanimous vote, Rev. William Bartee Phillips, L. D., of Houston, was recommended to the Annual Conference for elder's orders.

The following lay delegates to the Annual Conference were chosen:

- M. D. FIELDS.
- JOHN ILFREY.
- C. Z. SEDWICK.
- REV. W. S. TOMEY.

Alternates:
J. W. Hill.
J. L. Ladd.

The reports of the various committees showed that the affairs of the district are prospering and that fair progress is being made in all departments of Church work, with one exception—there was not a single applicant for license to preach, and the presiding elder made some very impressive deliverances upon this matter. The preachers made encouraging reports of their work and the characters of all the local preachers were passed without objection.

Resolutions of thanks to the presiding elder and Secretary and to Bro. Methvin and the people of Alvin were passed by a rising vote and the conference adjourned to meet with the Church at Brunner next year.

J. L. LADD, Sec.

WACO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Waco District Conference met in the Methodist Church at Whitney April 27-29. Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Braswell, proved an excellent host. Each delegate seemed to think he had the best place in town. About sixty ministerial and lay delegates were in attendance. Bro. J. G. Putman, our presiding elder, was in the chair at every service. He presided with grace and ease, making every one feel at home. There was nothing to disturb the peace and unity of the conference. Many of the brethren said this was the most spiritual District Conference they ever attended.

Revs. H. A. Boaz, O. F. Sensabaugh, Jno. R. Nelson and E. A. Smith were introduced to the conference, and each one either preached or addressed the conference concerning the interests committed to his care. There was something over \$500 collected for the Church schools.

Henschel M. Timmonds was licensed to preach. D. P. Lowry was elected District Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. O. Rounsavall.

The following delegates were elected to the Annual Conference:

- WM. LAMDEN.
- W. A. PUTMAN.
- E. O. HESTER.
- C. D. WHITELEY.

Alternates:
T. S. DeOrman.
T. B. Stanford.

The reports from the preachers showed that the district was in good shape spiritually and financially. Some of the preachers reported that they had already taken their conference collections. The churches and parsonages were reported in good repair. Only a few meetings have been held on account of the continued bad weather, but the preachers are laying great plans for the summer campaign. Judging from the spiritual interest of the conference, a large spiritual harvest can be expected. Altogether the district is in a fine spiritual state.

The next District Conference goes to Hubbard City.

TOM S. BULLOCK, Sec.

ABILENE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Abilene District Conference met in Roby May 27, 1905. The conference was opened with religious services conducted by the presiding elder, Rev. John R. Morris.

Three of the pastors were absent, but a layman reported for one of these charges, so seventeen out of nineteen were represented. The reports indicate a very excellent condition of the Church throughout the district, and nearly every interest is in good shape. The interest that seems to be neglected most is the prayer-meeting. The

financial outlook is good and salaries and collections will doubtless be paid in full. Some good meetings have been held, resulting in a good number of additions to the Church. Several new churches will be built this year, also a parsonage or two. The Abilene District was never in finer condition on all lines of Church work. The following named persons were licensed to preach: Daniel A. Shaw, John Wesley Hawkins, James P. Chambers, Frederick Pilley and John B. McCortley. The following were recommended for admission into the traveling connection: Alexander Shaw, W. B. Martin, Frank T. Johnson and J. B. McCortley.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong was present in the interest of Polytechnic College, and secured over \$200 in the bounds of the district. Rev. J. R. Nelson was also present in the interest of Southwestern University, and about \$900 was pledged towards endowing a scholarship in that institution. The balance of the \$1000 will doubtless be secured. A movement was inaugurated to try to secure a missionary for the entire district, with a view to supplying needy places with doctrinal preaching and such literature as will be helpful in building up Methodism—a work that is evidently needed to help spread scriptural doctrine in many places. The spiritual state of the conference was excellent and the preaching of high grade. Beginning with the first service the tide rose high, and continued without any perceptible reaction till the end. Every one present seemed to be delighted with the spirituality of the conference. We have rarely seen it better. The good people of Roby gave us a royal welcome and the pastor, Bro. Hollers, spared no pains to make us comfortable and pleasant.

The delegates elected to the Annual Conference are:

- N. G. ROLLINS.
- L. H. MCCREA.
- T. N. LOWREY.
- E. B. BYNUM.

Alternates:
J. B. McCortley.
W. V. George.

The next session of the conference will be held at Anson.

J. H. CHAMBLISS, Sec.

WAR NEWS.

Admiral Togo's supplementary report makes the Russian defeat a staggering disaster unequalled in naval history. Practically every fighting ship of a once splendid fleet was either sunk or captured, representing a loss of tonnage exceeding 150,000 tons. The remaining units of the fleet, consisting largely of auxiliary and transports, have been dispersed, some going to Vladivostok, others to the China coast. Admiral Rojestvensky, gravely wounded, occupies a cot in a Japanese hospital, a prisoner of war. Tokio is astounded and elated at the first measure of victory and seems to be unable to clearly grasp the still greater tri-



G. ED FRANCIS.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Disappeared from Corpus Christi Oct. 1, 1904, G. Ed Francis. He was born in Morgan County, Alabama. He is about 5 feet, 8 inches in height; weight about 170 pounds in health; 44 years old; thumb gone from "left" hand; dark complexion and inclined to baldness; quick speaking, but with a certain hesitancy or stoppage in his speech; inclined to deafness; very quiet and does not talk much.

All preachers and people are earnestly requested to look out for this brother. Up to the time of his disappearance he was a member and regular attendant upon the Methodist services. Being a farmer, it is thought that he may be working in some rural district, and that his Church-going habit may assist in locating him. A suitable reward will be paid to any one who may give such information as will lead to his location, either living or dead. Address J. Len Francis, Fentress, Texas, or R. O. Francis, Lampasas, Texas.

umph that Admiral Togo brings to the Nation. Before the combat a partial victory, with operations around Vladivostok during the summer, was generally expected. No one dreamed of annihilation at the first meeting. Later reports indicate that the fighting was of the most desperate nature. On Saturday and Sunday there were persistent torpedo attacks, following heavy gun fighting. Admiral Rojestvensky appears to have been hopelessly outclassed in gunnery. It is reported that it was necessary for Admiral Rojestvensky to change his flagship five times during the battle. He finally took refuge on a torpedo boat destroyer, where he was captured.

The catastrophe which has overtaken the Russian fleet has given a tremendous impetus to the demand upon Emperor Nicholas for the immediate convocation of a national assembly without awaiting the action upon the report of the Bouligan rescript commission. With the single exception of the reactionary of Sviet the press pours out its indignation and wrath upon the bureaucracy, which is held responsible for all the misfortunes of the war. Only the Novosti and Bourse Gazette, however, declare that peace should be concluded. Russ, now the widest read paper in Russia, says: "Those guilty of Russia's disgrace should be overwhelmed with shame." "The death of 500,000 men," Russ continues, "and the loss of billions of money is the price of the rejection of the progress of Western civilization. Sebastopol struck the shackles from the serfs and Port Arthur, Mukden and Tsu Islands should free Russia from the slavery of the bureaucracy."

Rough estimates made of the Russian losses in the battle fought in the Sea of Japan, exclusive of nearly 4,000 prisoners, vary from 7,000 to 9,000. It is feared that the majority perished. Calculating the complements of the sunken and captured ships at upward of 10,000, 7,000 men remain unaccounted for. It is possible that

the ships which escaped rescued some of the members of the crews of the less fortunate ships. Many bodies have been washed ashore on the island and on the shores of the neighboring coasts near the scene of the battle.

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