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Editorial.

THREE OF BISHOP VINCENT'S ILLUSTRATIONS.

In the wonderful sermon of Bishop Vincent at the late commencement at Georgetown, he used three very striking illustrations, and such is their aptness and appropriateness we reproduce them. One of them we hinted at in last week's editorial. Speaking of the Bible dealing largely with the one question of moral and spiritual duty, he said: "A foreigner traveling over one of our great western railways, and through the great mountains and gorges, complained one night that he could not see the scenery, that the headlight did not illumine the mountain sides and the gorges, and he was disappointed. But a companion traveler said to him, the headlight is not intended to illumine the scenery of the mountain and the chasms. Its one purpose is to throw the light of day, if possible, upon the track in front of the rapidly moving train, so that the engine will not dash into any obstruction that may have fallen upon the track. So the Bible is not intended to illumine the dark questions that curiosity may raise, or to give to us a correct knowledge of science, or even to satisfy us concerning the glories of the better world; but to make clear and luminous the path that leads to God. It tells explicitly how to be good and noble and true men and women."

Speaking of the inability of the unconverted and carnal mind and heart to apprehend and appreciate the spirit and the letter of God's word, he said: "During our late Civil War, and just after a great battle, an officer of high rank went to his tent for rest, and his aide handed him a letter. He opened it and read it with avidity, and the tears ran down his face. His aide asked him if the letter brought bad news. He said no, and handed it to him and told him to read it. He took the letter, glanced at it, and then returned it, saying that he could not read a word of it, or see any sense in it. The officer wiped his eyes and said, 'That letter is from my little Mary, and every line of it is plain and full of meaning to me. I know her, and she knows me.' So it is with the Bible. When we know God and love him, every line of its promises is full of meaning and we have no difficulty in understanding it. Our spirits have kinship with God, and he knows how to reveal himself to our child-like minds. He speaks to us, and our faith hears and understands."

Speaking of the Bible as an aid to us in looking beyond, he said, "A traveler was seen toiling up the mountain side with a cane as his aid in the ascent. Those with him saw nothing but the toiler with his simple cane in his hand. The others had canes, but they were nothing but canes. But when they reached the loftiest summit, this one man unscrewed a cap from one end of his staff and did likewise to the other end, and behold! he had a telescope. Through it he looked and brought to his gaze visions of beauty and glory unobserved and unseen by his compan-

ions. So we may use other helps to some advantage in toiling up the mountain way of life; but the Bible, when applied to the mind and pressed to the heart, will open spiritual visions and glories to the eye of faith, unseen by the world and the worldly-minded. The Bible brings God and heaven within the range of our spiritual perception. Through it we behold him and his relation to us as our Father. We look into its pages and his attributes, his character, his love are there brought to our realization. It leads us to a correct understanding of him and the duties he lays upon us. It helps us to climb the steep and then to see him as he is."

THE HABIT OF COMPLAINING.

The habit of complaining is very common among people. We have had striking examples of this during the past spring. The rains fell in profusion in many places till the beginning of summer. People who got their crops planted complained that the seeds were rotting in the ground, and where the seed happened to spring up, the crops could not be worked. All over the country the people were lamenting their outlook. Now that the dry weather has come, some of these same people are fearing a drought, and they are complaining on the other extreme. This murmuring was not and is not confined to the farming people, but to all classes. For when the farmer suffers, all other people suffer likewise. After all, we are dependent upon the products of the soil for the necessities and the luxuries of life. So the habit of complaining has been general and it is still general. Yet nobody has ever been known to starve to death in Texas. Whether it rains or whether it is dry, in the long run, Texas is a land of plenty. Sometimes we make less money, and this is better for all concerned. Too much money makes people forget God. He has to remind us once in a while that we are dependent upon him for the rain and for the sunshine. He alone can withhold, and he alone can give the natural conditions of prosperity. We are God's children, and he is our Father. Do we believe this fact? If we do, we act often like we do not believe it; and this everlasting complaining is the outgrowth of it. If we will do our part, God will do his, but he will do it in his own way. But, in whatever way he does it, we are the beneficiaries. We have no right to complain, except at ourselves. All the harm that befalls us is the result of our misdoing or our ignorance. God is not responsible for it. So we ought always to thank and praise his name, instead of practically charging him with a loose way of dealing with us and with our interests. We do this when we complain and chafe and fret because of too much rain or too much dry weather, or too much of one thing and too little of another. We know not what is best for us and the world, but he knows all things. Our duty is that of faithfulness to the charge placed in our hands. God takes care of the results. Yet we pine and complain at times as though the world were governed by chance and we the creatures of fatuity. Such a travesty on our religion!

SUMMER RELIGION IN THE CITY.

Summer religion in the cities usually runs down to a low ebb. At least Church work appears to take on that sort of state as summer approaches. Not so in the small towns and in the country places. Out there some of our best revivals occur in the heat of summer. The pastors do much of their visiting and preach their most efficient sermons. We have never taken the trouble to investigate the cause of this difference in religious interest between city people and country people; nevertheless, it obtains in a marked degree. May be that most people in the city in the mercantile business and the various professions and pursuits of city life are more strenuous in their work than country people. Hence they feel the need of a little rest and recreation. And it may be that their business is not so pressing during the summer season and it is an easier matter for them to get away for two or three months. But perhaps these city business and professional men may have more ready cash than the country people, and they feel more able to spend all that is necessary to take trips to the seaside or to the watering resorts. But it matters not how we explain it, many city people go off for the summer, and the most of those who remain do not attend Church service so regularly as they do during the rest of the year. After all, it may be a sort of habit. One thing certain, the devil is just about as active in the summer life of the city as he is at any other season of the year. He is up early, sticks to it persistently, and works late. He never lets up. No saloon shuts down, no gambling house closes its doors unless it is made to do so, and the evil places run night and day. But when you go to the Sunday morning and Sunday evening places of worship in the city, the congregation is small, the people look languid, and the services are a little dull. Even the preacher looks tired and worn. We wish it were otherwise. The summer affords a wonderful opportunity for a great revival movement in the city. The Churches of the same denomination ought to unite, get a large tent, pitch it on some central down-town lot, get up a large band of singers, draw great crowds, and preach the gospel in the open air and to the multitudes. Thousands of people in the city never leave the place, and down on the streets, in the saloons, about the hotels and boardinghouses they can be seen till late at night. A great tent meeting would draw them even better than a regular Church service at the sanctuary, and many of them might be reached with the gospel. At least it looks like a great opportunity is regularly going to waste. Were the tent idea adopted, the revival could be made to itinerate. After the meeting had run its course in one section of the city, it could be moved to another locality and carried on with the same success, until by the time the hot months are over, the city would be ring-fired with religious services. Instead of this, however, each pastor seems to be so interested in his own narrow circle, that no one is left to look after the perishing multitudes of our city population. As a result, hundreds and hundreds of people living in the city never at-

tend Church service. Those who do, fall off in the summer time, and when the fall and winter come, they return, but the out-lying hundreds never darken a Church door. The tent meeting in the summer would reach this class largely, were all the ministers and the remnants of their congregations to unite and throw their concentrated strength to this one point of drawing the non-Church-going population. There is no good excuse for our city Churches failing to reach these hundreds of outside people in our throbbing centers. The devil has no trouble to attract and hold them, and we have an idea that Christ is more attractive than the arts and seductions of the devil if he could have an equal chance at them. And if Church agents were as active and as alert, many of these people now in the service of the devil could be won over to the Master. At least, it is worth the while to make a good square effort in this direction.

The man who prays loud and talks often in public ought to lead a most consistent life before the world. Whether people have a right to or not, they expect a great deal more of that sort of man than they do of the one who takes a back seat and moves along quietly and unobtrusively.

Of all classes of people whom the gospel has lifted up and blessed, it is womankind. When it came into the world, women were beasts of burden and the playthings of men. To-day it is the same among heathen people. But among Christian nations women are enthroned as queens of home; and their rights are recognized in the laws of the land. For a woman to turn her back upon Christ is the basest and blackest ingratitude.

When God needed a great leader and law-giver for his ancient people, he made the wealth and the royal schools of Egypt help to develop and educate Moses for this mission. And when he wanted a great preacher, he went to the Sanhedrim, laid his hand upon Saul, converted him, and sent him to the heathen world. But he is now looking to his Church for his leaders.

Occasionally we become so interested in the affairs of other people that we forget to attend to the duties that belong to our own sphere. It is far better to give persistent thought to the things dependent upon us rather than try to manage the things committed to our brethren. After we have met our own obligations fully, it will be time to busy ourselves about the matters of those next to us.

There is such a thing as self-deception. It begins in a small way and grows so gradually that when it takes hold of us as a potent force we are scarcely conscious of its vital existence. And unless we really desire to become undeceived, then self-deception fixes itself as a habit of mind and heart. This is why some people say that if they are wrong, they are honestly wrong. But no man can be honestly wrong until he has exhausted all effort to be right.

Devotional and Spiritual

BELIEVING CHRIST'S REVELATION.

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.—Eph. 3:17.

We may have an idea of a mystical, supernatural presence of our Savior with us, and such an idea may be rightly drawn from this text, and may do us good. But a simpler and more practical idea for our everyday life is that of heartily believing what Christ declares about God.

There is a difference between knowing a thing and believing it. We all know that God is near us, we cannot doubt it, though, perhaps, we are not glad of it. God may be to us like the skeleton at an ancient banquet. We think of him with something of a shudder; but Christ does not show him as an image of terror, but rather as a gracious guest and a kind friend.

This practical thought is in our text; and as Christ gives us this helpful thought, we may believe it by faith, as the text says; "learn it by heart," as Paul prays that we may "be strengthened with might," so that we can give ourselves heartily to so great a revelation, earnestly desiring to know it fully, and rejoicing to carry it into all our life.

In a nearby verse Paul speaks of comprehending "the breadth and length and depth and height" of this divine revelation. These are all variations of the love with which Christ makes God known to our hearts.

1. Breadth. God's love is limited by no narrowness or prejudice. It was a wonder to the Samaritan woman that Jesus was not kept from her by race prejudice. That seems nothing to us, but we may wonder that he was not kept from her by her sinful life. But it was like him to be above all prejudice, and to declare God's near love to the most sinful and degraded. We are all God's children, and our Lord invented that sweet phrase, your heavenly Father.

2. Length. This is a time word. From when, and to when? From our childhood to our old age and death. What he says to-day agrees with what he said when we were little children. It is no novel word, but the old, old story; and we are moved by the coincidence of to-day's word with the word of long ago.

A wounded soldier in hospital after a battle was listening while the nurse read to him from the Bible. She came to the words, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." "Wait," said he, and took from under his pillow a letter, saying, "Read me that." And as she read his mother's appeal to her son to accept Christ, there were the words, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." The new appeal of the nurse's reading, and the old appeal of the mother's devout love were the same. It is a long love that Christ declares, from childhood to old age.

3. Depth. God's love is deep enough to reach down to the bottom of our need. Coleridge said he knew the Bible was God's Word because it found him. Christ found the deepest need of Nathaniel and the Samaritan woman. Dr. Horton, of London, was threatened with blindness. His physician could not help him, and he went to a distinguished oculist of Paris, his eyes meanwhile growing worse, till he was much discouraged. In the oculist's office, while waiting to see him, he took out his pocket Bible to see if he could read, and opening it read, "Thou art my lamp, O God, and the Lord will lighten my darkness." He had not known there was such a text, and took it as an assurance of healing, which speed-

ily came. In the depth of our need God finds us. That he is such a God, Christ shows us by coming through all his great universe to our little world, and through all his children to our little need, not little to us, nor little, either, to his loving care.

4. Height. But if he remembers our low estate, it is not to leave us in it. Nothing that Christ tells of God is plainer than his power and will to lift us up.

The best uplift of a free soul is in work. So Christ describes his own estate: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work;" and the divine fellowship to which he calls is of work. "If a man love me, he will keep my words," though it be a "labor of love" rising into self-sacrifice. God is made known as a self-sacrificing God. He has "so loved the world." "Dare," says Phillips Brooks, "to think your humanity has something so sublimely precious in it that it is worthy of being made an offering to God."

So Christ's declaration is fourfold, like the fourfold Gospel picture of himself. So, if "strengthened with might in the inner man," we may believe what he says, being "rooted and grounded in love," so that we can "comprehend the breadth, and length, and depth and height of it," knowing with the heart what passes the knowledge of the mind.—The Treasury.

"A LARGE ROOM."

The Bible is crowded with large ideas. The thought of God is a tremendous thought. The salvation which he has provided for men is spoken of in the New Testament as a "great salvation." The promises of the Bible are "exceeding great and precious promises." The gift of God whereby all grace has come to men is an "unspeakable gift." The psalmist joins in this majestic strain when he sings of the mercies of the Lord, saying, "Thou hast set my feet in a large room."

There is nothing narrow or niggardly about the dealings of God with the children of men. "Return, my soul, unto thy rest," says the psalmist, "for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee." If David was the author of that song we may interpret it in a variety of ways. He was bountifully favored in temporal things. David began life as a shepherd boy; but he had been designated for a large place. The hand of the Lord led him on step by step until he exchanged his shepherd's staff for a royal scepter, and instead of leading a few sheep he led a mighty nation into green pastures of prosperity.

The Lord dealt bountifully with him also in respect to intellectual endowments. He was a man of rare genius. He had a genius for poetry and song, a genius for war and government. What a vivid imagination, what poetic fire! What an honor to be the author of the nineteenth psalm, the twenty-third and the twenty-fourth psalms! This honor were more to be desired than the honor of ruling over the children of Jacob in their palmiest days.

These are rich blessings, but he speaks of blessings richer still. "Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." We may not be able to say that the Lord has made us rich, or that he has put into our hands a scepter; but we can say he has taken our sins away. There is no monopoly of the spiritual blessings which the Lord has prepared for men. They are free for all. There is no limit to the bounty of his grace.

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord, and see if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it. It is not a

meager shower, but a swelling flood which shall water, replenish, and overflow every believing soul. In our Father's house there is bread enough and to spare. There is enough of pardon, for he will abundantly pardon. Enough of peace, for your peace shall flow as a river. Enough of righteousness, for your righteousness shall be as the waves of the sea. Enough of joy, for the joy of the Christian is unspeakable and full of glory. Enough of grace, for the promise is, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

In one of his prayers for the Ephesians the apostle's great heart expands to take in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace, and this is what he asks: "That ye may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." "It pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; and of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace." Surely the Lord hath set our feet in a large room.

"There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea."
—Exchange.

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE WILL.

Union with God's will disciplines our will. The will of many is feeble, fickle, inconstant. They are hot for a thing today, then tomorrow they are cold for it; impulsive, wayward, variable. You cannot depend upon them; leaning upon them, they break like a reed, piercing your hand. Others are the opposite—headstrong, perverse, obstinate, right or wrong they stick to their way; they are obdurate, contumacious. The habit itself of submitting our will to God cures not a little of these faults; and then the divine will in response to our submission ever penetrates our will with its wisdom and constancy.

But like Jesus we must know not only the general will of God, but God's particular will for us to be devoted to that. It is clear that God's will is that we should revere and love him, and love our neighbor as ourselves. It is clear that God's will is that we in trouble should be patient, and under provocation should be meek, and in difficulty should be prudent. But what would God have us to do at this juncture, where it is not so much a question of duty as of judgment as to which out of several courses is the best to take? Jesus did not see clearly God's will for him without that wilderness time. And who are we that we, without prolonged thought and earnest prayer and much waiting upon God, shall come to know what God's particular will is for us? We must habitually commit our way unto him, and ever be watchful for the indications of his will. And surely it is good to consult at times those who are in the teaching of God. Then we come to know God's particular will for us; let us, like Jesus, abandon ourselves absolutely unto it and we shall be strong.—Sunday Magazine.

SYMPATHY'S LIFTING POWER.

A world without sympathy would be a cruel abiding place. Those who have suffered and received expressions of true sympathy from friends would hardly dare think what their suffering would have been without a spoken word of comfort from a living soul. We are often tempted to feel that any word of sympathy we may speak or write to another at a time of special trial is not worth the doing; that so many such words will be spoken to that one that our own will count for nothing. The prompting to keep silent in another's time of sorrow is a false one. Spoken sympathy is as a mantle of love; it comforts, strengthens and inspires. Our Lord Jesus Christ longed for sympathy. There is no

more affecting passage in the record of his life than that which tells of the failure of his chosen and dearest friend to watch and sympathize with him in the hour when his soul was "exceedingly sorrowful." There has never been a word too much of sympathy spoken to a sorrowing one. Sympathy's very cumulation forms a great force that uplifts and strengthens. It is needed by the weak; it is still more needed by the strong. It is within every one's power to give it.—Sunday School Times.

THE MEANING OF THE CROSS.

The fact of Christ's death comes before us with its anniversary. In Berlin I had written a letter Good Friday morning, but could not find a shop open to buy an envelope, nor even a cigar-store to buy a stamp. That is not a notably devout city, but it keeps Good Friday rigidly; a striking evidence of the fact which it commemorates. The meaning of the fact is different to different minds, as of three travelers across our continent one will see the rich fields and crops, another evidences of mineral wealth, and the other the growing population forming into new and prosperous communities. The death of Christ has its different aspects for the historian, or the theologian, or for us asking what it means for us personally in our struggle to do right by those around us and to be right with conscience and God.

1. It underscores what the Lord has said. An oath confirms an assertion, bringing it into the presence of God and eternity, and a dying statement has this sacramental force.

Fifty years ago our boys learned patriotic speeches and spoke them in school. It was no great thing, but when those boys went into the field and died for their country, it proved that there was something in those lessons. So when Christian martyrs died for their faith, their blood became the seed of a mighty growing Church. So, when the Divine Proto-Martyr sealed with his blood his testimony to God's love, he underscored the message so deeply that we cannot choose but read it: "God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Peter cited the same kind of evidence of love: "I will lay down my life for thy sake." Peter said it; but Christ did it.

2. Christ's death brings out in dark, strong color the prevailing and controlling character of his earthly life. He had come to be "a man of sorrow," and that he was; not an ascetic, nor averse to gladness, but come to enter into the trial and sorrow of men. The common ambitions and pleasures of men he did not cultivate, but the troubles men bring upon themselves, and their burden from sin and sickness and death, he made his own.

Edward Everett's great oration on Washington pictures him at Valley Forge, staying with the suffering army through all that disheartening winter, when after every weary night the sunrise was no more regular nor prompt than the folding back of the General's tent door as he came out to make the round of the camp and see how the men were. Jehoram was not a good king, but it was written to his credit that when Samaria was sore besieged and the people in famine they saw him as he walked "and behold he had sackcloth within upon his flesh."

It becomes every brave man to know the sorrows of his neighbors, as the Lord went down into the sadness of our lives. His death was the deepening down of a cloud into which he chose to enter.

3. By death Christ leads us into deep and just views of life and character. Death is a great breaker of illusions. It puts aside notions of superficial prosperity. It shows that the life of character is better than comfort or worldly honor.

A pioneer farmer found after a

storm that the lightning had cracked the wall of his cistern and his water supply had leaked away, but a gurgling sound showed that the same stroke had split a rock and opened a hidden spring of living water. If we go down to death with Christ much that we have prized may be swept away, but we may get a more just view of life, and find its temporary cisterns replaced with living fountains.

Dr. Joseph Parker, when a young preacher, was challenged to a debate with the famous infidel, George J. Holyoake, and Holyoake, after an able attack upon Christianity as unworthy of a manly intelligence, turned suddenly to Parker and asked: "Tell me what Christ did for Stephen, his faithful servant, when he let the Jews seize him and stone him to death?" The sudden question startled Parker for a moment, when he was enabled to answer: "When Christ enabled Stephen to look up when dying and say, 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge,' that was more than if he had come to his rescue in a chariot of fire."—The Treasury.

Service is our destiny in life or in death.—George Meredith.

The easy things are the tasks which cowards set themselves to do.

Better to work and fail than to sleep one's life away.—J. K. Jerome.

Duty walks with bowed head, as if it were always tired; faith has a way of looking up, and it sees things duty never sees.

A WORKING BRAIN Can Be Made Successful On Right Food.

A busy man in one of America's largest watch factories tells how by change of food he gained a clear brain and steady nerve and averted a mental and physical breakdown. He says:

"I was accustomed all my life to the ordinary diet of the average table. I thought that meat, potatoes, and other vegetables and fruit were necessary, and that tea, coffee and pastry in moderate quantities were not injurious.

"But I found, in course of time, that my dietary was affecting my health seriously. For four years I continued to run down. In time my nerves became seriously affected, they seemed constantly keyed up to the highest tension, and I became subject to the most violent bilious attacks which used to leave me in a weak and nervous condition for several days. The climax seemed to have been reached a few years ago, when I found myself about as near a physical wreck as a man could well be, and live. Physicians, tonics and other medicines, visits to the country, etc., etc., were of no avail.

"In sheer desperation I concluded, a few months ago, to see what effect a diet of Grape-Nuts food would have. I had often heard of it, but had little hope it would help me. I at once cut out all the heavy dishes with the tea and coffee that I had always used and began to eat Grape-Nuts with cream and a pinch of salt. Afterwards, I added fruit, with occasionally an egg beaten up in milk, and entire wheat bread. This has been practically my diet for more than two months.

"I found that with the new diet I gained complete relief almost immediately from all the distress that used to follow every meal, my bilious condition was speedily regulated and cured, my nerves have grown healthy and steady—in short, my run down constitution has been reconstructed and built up. As to the effect upon my mental powers, I have only to point to the fact that I have recently been placed in a responsible position in our establishment where complete concentration of mind is required to deal with complicated records and reports, and that I have been enabled to keep my accounts absolutely correct, which my numerous predecessors uniformly failed to do.

"I think these things speak volumes in favor of Grape-Nuts food as a nerve and brain builder. I ascribe all my improvement, mental and physical, the fact that I am possessed of sturdier nerves, a clearer brain, a fine appetite, and have gained healthy weight, to the cutting out of heavy food and the systematic use of Grape-Nuts food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.



Secular News Items.

King Oscar's refusal to sanction the bill passed by the Storting providing for a separate Consular Service for Norway...

Revolution in Norway, though anticipated and peacefully effected, has come on Europe with unexpected suddenness...

The "Annual Return" of the foreign trade of Japan, just received by the department of commerce and labor...

French physicians say that epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis, otherwise spotted fever, is not by any means a newly discovered disease...

Some people object to the Panama canal on account of the cost of its construction...

The New York Court of Appeals, by a divided Court, voting four to three, sustained the lower Court in adjudging Albert T. Patrick...

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Professor Levi of Milan claims to have discovered a cure for tuberculosis. He reports that the remedy consists of nothing but hypodermic injections of a preparation, the composition of which is still a secret...

The Sultan of Morocco has rejected the French reform proposals. Foreign Minister Delcasse has resigned because of the matter. An order for 156 additional locomotives for the imperial government railways of Japan has been received by a Philadelphia corporation...

What is known as the old packing-house plant in Fort Worth, comprising eight buildings, seven of which were built of stone and one of brick and ranging in height from one to five stories, was destroyed by fire June 11...

Washington, June 12.—Official assurance that the President's efforts to bring Russia and Japan together toward peace will be crowned with success was brought to the White House today by Count Cassini...

During the past two weeks the President's efforts have been directed toward bringing the belligerents into amicable contact on the basis of a mutual agreement to consider terms of peace. This he accomplished finally today. It remains now for the belligerent powers to name their plenipotentiaries and agree upon a time and place for them to meet to discuss terms and to negotiate a treaty of peace...

A few lines with reference to this historic event may be worth while. At the session of the Montgomery Conference, held at Lowndesboro, Ala., December, 1865, a certain preacher was elected to deacon's orders, but was not ordained, no Bishop being present. Like "store clothes," Bishops were very scarce in those days...

Some who are very near the eternal world may read this. If you are Christians, I bid you be of good cheer. Bear with you our congratulations to the bright city. Aged men who will soon be gone, take with you our love for our kindred in the better land, and when you see them tell them we are soon coming...

to Brother Anson West, your presiding elder, and we will hold the Camden District Conference and attend to your ordination at that time and place." His train reached Garland, the nearest depot, about midnight and he was conducted to his room...

A ten-mile drive through the pine forest landed us at Bethel and Bro. S. A. Pilley preached at 11 o'clock from the text, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

"Should I succeed in my purpose tonight I shall preach you a very selfish sermon," is the way he captured and held that vast congregation. Saturday was a high day, but Sunday was the great day of the feast. He used the parable of the pounds for a text and preached a sermon never to be forgotten by those who heard it...

This sounds a little reckless. Not so under the circumstances. That young man had been preserved by power divine during the war and really felt that any service or sacrifice that he could make for the Master was only paying interest on the debt at the lowest possible rate...

THE EVERLASTING SABBATH. We feel on Saturday night different from any other night in the week. We come home from our work and say, "Well, my week's work is done and tomorrow is Sunday, and I can rest."

"Oh, when thou, city of my God, Shall I thy courts ascend, Where congregations ne'er break up And Sabbaths have no end."

Some who are very near the eternal world may read this. If you are Christians, I bid you be of good cheer. Bear with you our congratulations to the bright city. Aged men who will soon be gone, take with you our love for our kindred in the better land...

The man who speaks a dozen tongues, When all is said and done, Don't hold a match to him who knows How to keep still in one. —The Earth.

Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

COISICANA.

J. Sam Bane: The First Church of Coisicana herewith submits her semi-annual report. During the past month we have received about fifty members into the Church.

CLYDE.

R. C. Clomer, June 6: We finished a nice little Methodist church at Clyde, Texas, on Thursday, May 25, at a cost of \$150, except to seat it, of which we are proud.

TYE.

C. E. Conner, June 6: I want to thank God for His goodness to us. We held our Children's Day services on last Sunday, June 1, and it was a great success.

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"Keep on the Sunny Side of Life." Then followed the program arranged by our Publishing House, until time for the pastor's address. Bro. Sisk was sick, but could not keep still, and made a splendid address, which was appreciated by all.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MINDEN.

W. Wells: Minden charge held her second Quarterly Conference with Glenfawn Church June 3 and 4. Bro. Tower, presiding elder, was sick and not able to be with us.

MARLIN REVIVAL.

P. R. Knickerbocker: We have just gotten back from holding two weeks' special services with Rev. W. W. Watts at Marlin, Texas. There were something over 100 professions and reclamations.

WEIMAR.

H. R. Henry, June 5: Weimar charge is moving hopefully. Yesterday, June 4, we had a good day. Our Sunday-school has been enjoying a continuous growth from about thirty-five in attendance when I came to this charge until yesterday there were over eighty present.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GRACE CHURCH, DALLAS.

P. R. Knickerbocker, June 9: We have received 105 members since conference, about half being professions of faith, which makes a total of 875 new members received during our pastorate.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

GRAND, OKLA.

W. P. Meador, June 3: So far this has been a fine year for us on the Grand charge. The Lord has been good to us. We have had thirty-five new members since conference and now we are entering the revival season and we expect to reach one hundred by the time it is over.

Mohammed El Torres, the foreign minister, on behalf of the Sultan, has invited the representatives of the powers to ask for an international conference at Tangier for the purpose of discussing reforms in Morocco.

EVENING THOUGHTS.

How beautiful the closing day! The sunlight throws a slanting ray, And a lengthened shadow falls. Athwart our humble cottage walls: The forest bird hath found its nest, And all mankind now seek their rest.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Although the Advocate and numerous other papers of the past week chronicled the many events of commencement week, including the final exercises on Monday, June 5, Southwestern University is by no means resting during the summer months.

Bishop Vincent's lecture on Tuesday morning is said by many to be the finest discourse ever delivered in Georgetown. Surely this is a feast of good things for the preachers of Texas and others who attend these lectures.

On June 6, while Dr. Nelms and Prof. Hardy were looking after the Theologos, Conductor Fulton, Dean Cody and Secretary Tinsley were busy with the Pedagogos and summer students.

Georgetown is an ideal place for summer work in Texas. Though at times the heat is somewhat oppressive, there is nearly always a fine breeze from the south that has a fair sweep at the town, which is situated on an elevation.

Work on the new wing of the Annex is progressing finely, and it is with much pride and satisfaction Dr. Allen watches stone after stone put in place.

Prof. J. C. Hardy, of the chair of German for the past two years, will leave us in a few days for his new field of work. "The Senior" and the Georgetown papers have said so much of the noble work done by Prof. Hardy during his stay here that we feel there is nothing left for us to say but a hearty "Amen."

ANOTHER COMMENCEMENT.

The third session of Switzer College and Conservatory ended in the commencement exercises May 28-30 satisfactorily to teachers, pupils, patrons and people. Rev. J. N. Ivy, of Waxahachie, a former pupil of the President, preached the commencement sermon; Rev. I. S. Davenport, of Hutto, a classmate, preached to the undergraduates the evening of the same day.

closing concert program. There was much in it to cheer and inspire a forward movement. The next day there was a hurrying to and fro, from earliest dawn to latest eve, from home to home. Many visitors graced our halls. Truly, the sentiment abroad and at home is for us; the pupils have lived better lives and honored their parents more, and a gracious Providence has given us the best year of our life.

We are happier still of the choice we made to establish a school for young women in Texas, for we have passed the bounds of probabilities and possibilities of failure and are living under the clear sky of success.

POLYTECHNIC POINTS.

The Summer School at the College at this writing is the main attraction with this section of the city, there being something more than seventy-five students in attendance. It is expected that the enrollment will reach the hundred mark before it closes.

President Boaz says that there being so many teachers applying, and so many schools applying for teachers, that sometime during the next season he will organize and conduct a teachers' agency bureau.

Prof. W. Andrew Hemphill and wife are now in New York. Mr. Hemphill has gone there to further pursue his studies in vocal music, and will remain there until the last of August.

Prof. A. C. Hart, filling the chair of economics, has gone to Chicago, where he will enter the Chicago University, and take work looking to his Ph. D. degree.

Prof. J. D. Boone, who will fill the

chair of science and chemistry, has arrived with his family, and has begun his work in that department by having the department remodeled.

President H. A. Boaz, Business Manager J. D. Young and Presiding Elder O. F. Sensabaugh are down on the Brady on a fishing expedition this week. They expect to be gone about ten days, and will have plenty of fish "stories" to tell when they return.

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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:

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

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UNITED STATES HISTORY. Third Paper—Period of Development.

- 1. (a) Who was the first President of the United States? (b) How many terms did he serve? ... 2. What is meant by the President's Cabinet? ... 10. Give in fewest words possible an account of John Brown's Raid.

My Dear Boys and Girls:

It seems but a few days since I sent the list of names deserving special mention in the grammar contest, and now it is time for that roll in Texas history.

In answer to several questions about spelling, I will say you may ask assistance on spelling unless it be a spelling contest; then of course you must depend on yourselves.

Regarding your calls for longer letters, personal letters, etc., I will say that if I were to write all that I should like to tell you and ask you, it would require more time than I could devote to the writing.

Did you know that two or three of our contestants are preparing to stand examinations for teachers' certificates? And they write that the grammar and history questions have been a great help to them.

Dear Boys and Girls: If any name which should be on the special roll has been omitted, please write me and I will gladly correct the mistake.

girls who are thinking of teaching must determine to make good teachers, and to do this you must forget self and study the welfare of your pupils.

What a happy surprise one of our boys is giving his parents this week. They did not know he had entered the contest and he said he hoped to surprise them by letting them find his name on the roll of honor.

Herbert, what a happy mamma yours must be! Think of it—four boys! Many queens would envy that mother. I hope all my boys—the younger as well as the older ones—are good to their mothers.

I think I shall tell you next week (if the editor endorses my plan) the condition upon which I shall write each of you a personal letter, and, if you desire it—some have so expressed themselves—many send you a stamp picture of myself.

I have received during the last week a greater number of letters than I ever received before in the same length of time, and they contain so many pleasant things that I fear I shall become vain.

Your friend, (MRS.) ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM

Dear Boys and Girls: If any name which should be on the special roll has been omitted, please write me and I will gladly correct the mistake.

MRS. McC.

List of those deserving special mention because of their having made 80

per cent on as many as three of the four papers in Texas History. The number of stars will show the number of papers on which 100 per cent was made:

- Olive Reese, Joaquin, Texas. *Leatha McKay, Arp, Texas. *Icile Durrett, Wolfe City, Texas. *Della Young, Lovelace, Texas. *Henry D. Hill, Henderson, Texas. Hubert Sone, Prosper, Texas. Lebra Cox, Ponder, Texas. Lena Simpson, Edna, Texas. Eugene Naugle, Prosper, Texas. Essie Gibson, Elmo, Texas. Mattie Dale, Whitehouse, Texas. Blanche Fowler, Llano, Texas. B. M. Works, Howard, Texas. Melrose Roberts, Brownwood, Texas. *Susie Gardner, Sulphur Bluff, Texas. Herbert Blackburn, Blossom, Texas. *Linda Washington, Dell Valle, Texas. *Julia Huffman, Kirbyville, Texas. *Citius Reeder, Buckholts, Texas. *Robt. H. Montgomery, Hext, Texas. *John K. Montgomery, Hext, Texas. *Jewel St. Clair, Sulphur Bluff, Tex. Sue Stanford, Waco, Texas. Lillian Morrison, Farmersville, Texas. Annie V. Ward, Sulphur Springs, Tex. Myrtle Cloud, Proffitt, Texas. Mammie Cloud, Proffitt, Texas. Mammie Harrison, Georgetown, Texas. *Ollie Cole, Canton, Texas. Herbert Blackburn, Blossom, Texas. *Mabel Baldwin, Haskell, Texas. Ruby Rhodes, Duncannon, Texas. *Beatrice Stanger, Ben Wheeler, Tex. *Camelia Rogers, Leona, Texas. Ruby Lee Mitchell, Greenville, Texas. Beatrice Brown, Carter, Texas. Thomas Brown, Carter, Texas. *John Lemond, Olga, Texas. Prebble Walker, Sharp, Texas. Lillian Makamson, Leona, Texas. *Ruby Hatfield, Oakville, Texas. Eula Cain, Grand View, Texas. Malcolm Tapscott, Noble, Texas. *Lillian McAnally, Duffau, Texas. Exa Hargrave, Sulphur Bluff, Texas. *Virgie Beard, Mt. Selman, Texas. *Archer J. Jordan, Millwood, Texas. *Moselle Ainsworth, Oak Forest, Tex. * 100 per cent.

Roll of Honor for Fourth Paper in Texas History.

- Susie Gardner, Sulphur Bluff, Texas. Melrose Roberts, Brownwood, Texas. B. M. Works, Howard, Texas. Blanche Fowler, Llano, Texas. Essie Gibson, Elmo, Texas. Eugene Naugle, Prosper, Texas. Hubert Sone, Prosper, Texas. *Henry D. Hill, Henderson, Texas. *Icile Durrett, Wolfe City, Texas. *Della Young, Lovelace, Texas. *Leatha McKay, Arp, Texas. Exa Hargrave, Sulphur Bluff, Texas. *Virgie Beard, Mt. Selman, Texas. *Lillie McAnally, Duffau, Texas. Malcolm Tapscott, Noble, Texas. Eula Cain, Grandview, Texas. *John Lemond, Olga, Texas. Lillian Makamson, Leona, Texas. Prebble Walker, Sharp, Texas. Ruby Lee Mitchell, Greenville, Texas. *Beatrice Stanger, Ben Wheeler, Tex. Annie V. Ward, Sulphur Springs, Tex. Jewel St. Clair, Sulphur Bluff, Tex. Citius Reeder, Buckholts, Texas. Sue Stanford, Waco, Texas. Ollie Cole, Canton, Texas. Ruby Rhodes, Duncannon, Texas. *John K. Montgomery, Hext, Texas. *Robt. H. Montgomery, Hext, Texas. Myrtle Cloud, Proffitt, Texas. Mammie Cloud, Proffitt, Texas. Jessie Lampkin, Brownwood, Texas. ——— (no name given). DeLeon, Tex. Ethel French, Brownwood, Texas. Velma Speeple, Cisco, Texas. Alva Speeple, Cisco, Texas. *Mary Dodd, Rosalie, Texas. Ellie Lacy, Brownwood, Texas. Winnie Jewel Gray, Farmersville, Tex. Alice Aline Gray, Farmersville, Tex. Lena Simpson, Edna, Texas. Linda Washington, Dell Valle, Texas. Julia Huffman, Kirbyville, Texas. Lillian Morrison, Farmersville, Tex. Robert Greaves, Cumbly, Texas. Herbert Blackburn, Blossom, Texas. Beatrice Brown, Carter, Texas. Thomas Brown, Carter, Texas. Camelia Rogers, Leona, Texas. *Ruby Hatfield, Oakville, Texas. Leora Cox, Ponder, Texas. *Mabel Baldwin, Haskell, Texas. * 100 per cent.

Names that should have appeared on roll of honor for third paper, but the answers were delayed by high water: Mattie Hall, Goldthwaite, Texas. Mozelle Ainsworth, Oak Forest, Tex. *Julia Huffman, Kirbyville, Texas. Edna Wright, Mulock, Texas.

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DR. FORRESTER MISREPRESENTS HIS PEDOBAPTIST BRETHREN. No. 2.

Dr. Forrester's second doctrine is the responsibility of the individual, and asks, "Why do we say that this doctrine of individual responsibility is a Baptist doctrine?"

This is not only a misrepresentation, but a very unjust accusation of Protestant Pedobaptists. Does he believe that the Methodists of this country would use coercion in religion if they had opportunity and compel people to be Methodists or persecute them for being something else?

He knows, if he knows anything about it at all, that the Methodist Church has never compelled anyone to be a Methodist or punished anyone for not being a Methodist.

His third doctrine is on the spirituality of religion, and he asks: "What is the Baptist doctrine on this subject?" That people become Christians and are saved only through a spiritual change.

Why do we say this is a Baptist doctrine? Because Pedobaptists do not stand consistently for it. This is another misrepresentation of Pedobaptists. When it comes to a spiritual change in religion and a spiritual life in the individual Christian, there are Pedobaptists who hold as high a standard as the Baptists do.

Who will not commune with other Christians and will not allow other Christians to commune with them, on the ground that they do not recognize them as baptized, must regard baptism as having some kind of power.

And yield them up to thee. Joyful that we ourselves are thine, Then let our offspring be!"

This whole batch of misrepresentation of Pedobaptists is published by the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Why do the Baptists thus misrepresent other people and teach these things in their Sunday-schools?

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Table with 3 columns: District Name, Date, Time. Includes Marshall, Hallville; Beaumont, Port Arthur; San Augustine, San Aug.; Calvert, Rowan; San Augustine, Center; Austin, Bastrop; Weatherford, Graham; Paris, Clarksville; Pittsburg, Naples; Tyler, Mineola; Dublin, Hico; Huntsville, Huntsville.

We are in receipt of a beautiful invitation to the wedding of Mr. J. Edward Roos and Miss Clara Mildred Carter. The happy event will take place in Shearn Memorial Church, Houston, June 21. Miss Carter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Carter, of Houston.

LAW RECENTLY PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

In this issue, we publish two of the laws passed by the recent Legislature, regulating cold-storage, and also regulating C. O. D. shipments of liquor into local option territory.

The insurance companies promptly decided to pay Vanderbilt University the full amount of the loss by fire—\$115,000. With this and other funds on hand (\$6000 from the Furman estate, to say nothing of the Nashville subscriptions), contracts will be let at once for the rebuilding of the main (or administration) building, which will cost \$125,000.

A FEW HOURS IN AUSTIN.

We spent a few hours in Austin the other day. While there we were the guest of Judge A. W. Terrell, the author of our election law. There has never been a piece of legislation enacted in recent years at Austin equal to the Terrell election law in its beneficial effects upon the purity of the ballot box.

It has taken the control of the State out of the hands of a few designing politicians and the purchasable rabble and placed it in the hands of honest voters. It was a great pleasure to meet and be the guest of the man who has conferred such a boon on the law-abiding citizens of Texas.

Judge Terrell came to Texas from Missouri away back in the early fifties, and he has been a prominent citizen of the State from that day till the present. He was personally acquainted with Houston, Lamar, Ansen, Jones, Rusk and scores of others.

He has a great fund of reminiscences, and it would be hard to find a more entertaining man. He practiced law when it was common for lawyers to ride horseback all over the country to reach the sittings of the different courts, and then his experience as a politician is also rich.

He is now an old man, but he is up-to-date in his thought and life. He keeps abreast with everything of interest. He has a fine library, and he has made large use of it. He is, perhaps, the best informed man in Texas.

We took in the capitol and the place looked a trifle lonesome. The Legislature was gone, and the politicians were scarce. A number of the men who figured in the last Legislature will not figure any more in that body, particularly a lot of those Senators who occupied their seats by virtue of the fact that a convenient "hat" enlarged their tenure of office.

The Governor looked slightly worn and tired. But the crowd he has had to deal with for the past few months is enough to shorten a man's life and to impair his health. But he was in good spirit and was looking forward to a little needed rest on a Western ranch.

appearance. The capitol building is one of the handsomest and most imposing structures in the nation. One never looks upon it that his admiration for and pride in Texas are not largely inspired.

G. C. R.

A FEW BELATED GEORGETOWN NOTES.

Rev. W. L. Neims, D. D., made himself most useful and accommodating during the commencement by looking after the comfort and entertainment of all the guests.

Dr. George B. Winton, editor of the Nashville Advocate, was present as a member of the Board of Curators from the Mexican Border Conference. He is growing stouter and handsomer. Evidently the tripod agrees with him, and he is as genial and pleasant as though the place served him well.

Rev. DeWitt Hotchkiss, of Monterey, was also present as a member of the board from the Border Conference. He was born and brought up in Texas, but has been in Mexico a few years.

The retention of Dr. R. S. Hyer as the Regent of the University gives great satisfaction to the friends of the institution throughout Texas Methodism. He is one of our most cultured and scholarly laymen, a teacher of large reputation and experience and a scientist of wide repute among learned men.

The graduating class measured up to a high standard. Their faces bore the marks of hard study and close application. We expect to hear from them in the years to come. Such boys and girls will reflect credit upon the University and bring to the Church and the Commonwealth a rich contribution of service.

SOME CONVINCING COMPARISONS.

We take the following editorial from the Greenville Banner, and it will prove interesting reading to those who love the truth and are seeking for facts in our fight for local option and against the liquor forces:

The recent reports of the grand jury and finance committee have caused rumors to be circulated that Hunt County was the second county in the State in felonies and felony expense. As these rumors have been circulated quite extensively and as some of the saloon advocates have seemed to derive great pleasure therefrom on account of the fact that this is a dry county, the Banner has investigated the matter and reports herein the result.

As to the expense item, we wrote the Comptroller and he stated that he could not state the standing of this county, that there was no table from which the matter could be made up, and to make up such a table would take a great deal of time.

We find that the Attorney General's reports bear out the one made by the last grand jury and the finance committee in that crime is on the decrease in this county. The Attorney General's reports show that under open saloons in 1897 and 1898 there were 306 felony indictments in this county; in 1899 and 1900 there were 291 felony indictments; while in 1903 and 1904,

when local option was in effect for nearly all of the time there were but 199 indictments. This report further shows that instead of Hunt County being the second county in the State in crime that it is the tenth, being led by nine other counties, all of which have open saloons and three of which have much less population than this county.

Hunt county, with a population of 47,000, has, as stated, 199 cases, the saloon counties had as follows: El Paso, with 24,000 population, had 433 felony cases; Travis, with 47,000 population, had 349 cases; Harris, with 63,000 population, had 503 cases; Lamar, with 48,000 population, had 337 cases; McLennan, with 59,000 population, had 520 cases; Bexar, with 69,000 population, had 383 cases; Tarrant, with 52,000 population, had 557 cases; Jefferson, with 14,000 population, had 310 cases, and Washington, with 32,000 population, had 206 cases.

The following comprise the leading saloon counties of the State: Dallas, Bexar, Galveston, Harris, Harrison, Lamar, McLennan, Tarrant, El Paso, Washington, Jefferson, Marion, Travis and Bowie, with a total population of about 600,000.

The following counties are, we believe, all dry counties, though some of them were not dry the entire two years, viz: Clay, Collin, Denton, Delta, Ellis, Fanning, Hays, Henderson, Hill, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Parker, Red River, Rockwall, Van Zandt, Smith, Williamson and Wise, with a total population of about 615,000. The reports show that the saloon counties had 4,175 felony cases, including 304 murders, and the dry counties had but 1,652 felony cases, including 112 murders, so that crime was almost three times as great in the same population in the saloon counties as in the dry counties.

From these reports we also notice that Lamar County, with her saloons, had 237 cases, while her dry neighbor, Fannin, with a greater population, had but 114 cases. Cooke County, with open saloons, had 110 cases, while her dry neighbor, Wise County, with the same population, had but 56 cases.

Harrison County, with the "open door," had 118 cases, while her dry neighbor, Smith County, with the same population, had but 49 cases. Navarro County, with licensed saloons, had 149 cases, while her dry neighbor, Ellis County, with 7,000 more population, had but 55 cases.

Travis, with open saloons, showed 349 cases, with 33 murders, while our own county, as bad as some would have us believe it is, had but 159 cases and 13 murders, to the same population. Bowie County, with saloons, had 134 cases, while dry Limestone, with the same population had but 55 cases.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. C. T. Talley was installed as pastor at Garland last Sunday. Rev. J. J. Morgan, former pastor, was present and introduced him. He made a fine impression. His mother will make her home with him at Garland.

Rev. J. J. Morgan was worthily presented with a gold watch fob by the "Garland boys" on his retiring from the pastorate at that place. The participants in this happy event were not confined to the Methodist Church. Bro. Morgan was popular with all classes.

We have a beautifully gotten up invitation to the marriage of Mr. W. H. Baldwin and Miss Grace Milburn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Milburn, of Ector, Texas. The happy event will take place at the home of the bride's parents June 28.

Rev. W. K. Strother, President of Alexander Collegiate Institute, Jacksonville, Texas, was in Dallas this week. He spent a few moments in the Advocate office. He reports the institute in a flourishing condition. He anticipates a large attendance this fall.

CHURCH NEWS.

Bishop A. Coke Smith was complimented with the degree of LL. D., by the Kentucky Presbyterian College at its last commencement.

Bishop Wilson has, upon the request of the presiding elders, changed the date of the North Carolina Conference from Nov. 22 to Nov. 29.

Rev. Louis Grout, missionary to the Zulus, is dead at the advanced age of ninety years. He was considered an authority on African languages.

It is said that the Main Street Church, Durham, N. C., will soon be replaced by an elegant new structure memorial to Mr. Washington Duke.

The corner-stone for the Wesley Chapel Church, Birmingham, was laid Tuesday afternoon, May 30, at 3 o'clock. Bishop Galloway delivered the address.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, now in his eighty-fourth year, said recently: "In fifty-nine years of Church labor I have not missed a single Sabbath by illness. How is that for a teetotaler's record?"

We announce with uncommon relief that Mr. J. R. Pepper, that princely layman and Sunday-school leader of our Church in Memphis, whose serious illness has been causing deep anxiety to his friends, is now pronounced out of danger.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met in Muskogee the 25th of May. This is the first time any of the Conventional Boards have met within these bounds.

The new Memorial Hall of the Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, is now completed, and will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the full session. It is constructed of stone and white pressed brick, and will accommodate fifty students.

The health of Bishop Coke Smith is little improved. He visited the South Atlantic Missionary Conference in session and was introduced. He quietly bowed but said nothing. His physician does not allow him to talk. The Bishop is stopping for a while in the city of Asheville, N. C.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in its recent session at Winona Lake, discussed the erection of a central Presbyterian Cathedral in Washington City and the collection of a permanent fund of \$19,000,000 for the benefit of the aged preachers of the Presbyterian Church.

Bishop Galloway recently had an interview with President Roosevelt. He was invited to dine at the White House, but could not accept because of the pressure of duties elsewhere. He speaks in glowing terms of the President's vigorous appearance, and was deeply impressed with his candor, honesty and courage.

Dr. W. M. Dyer, a member of the Holston Conference and President of Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va., and of Sullins College, Bristol, Va., died after a protracted illness on the night of Thursday, May 25. Dr. Dyer was educated at Emory and Henry College. He became the President of Martha Washington College in 1896, and was made President of Sullins College two years ago.

Rev. Wm. E. Robeson, the oldest member of Holston Conference, died recently at his home near Blountville, Tenn., after an illness of only a few hours. He was nearly ninety years of age, and more than a half century of his long and useful life had been spent in the ministry.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews, he was unable to fulfill his engagement to deliver the address at Trinity College. Dr. Francis Peabody, of Harvard, who was prevented by sickness last year from delivering this address, delivered it this year. Sunday morning, June 4, memorial exercises were held in the Craven Memorial Hall, in memory of Mr. Washington Duke.

Why is the letter O the most charitable letter in the alphabet? Because it is found oftener than any other in doing good.

LAW REGULATING COLD STORAGE.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. If any person, firm or association of persons, agent or employee of any person, firm or association of persons who are engaged in the business or occupation of keeping or storing spirituous, vinous or intoxicating liquors for others within any county, justice precinct, subdivision of a county, city or town in which the sale of spirituous, vinous and intoxicating liquors has been prohibited under the laws of this State, shall permit anyone to drink any spirituous, vinous or intoxicating liquors within such place of business, such person, firm or association of persons, agent or employee shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. If any person, firm or association of persons or any agent or employee shall be found guilty of the above defined offense, they shall be punished by a fine in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) and by confinement in the county jail for not less than twenty nor more than sixty days.

C. O. D. LIQUOR SHIPMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Each and every person in this State who shall place or have placed any package or parcel of whatsoever nature containing any intoxicating liquor, with any express company, railroad company or other common carrier, for shipment or transportation to any point in any county, justice precinct, school district, city or town or subdivision of a county within this State, where the sale of intoxicating liquors has been prohibited under the laws of this State, shall place in a conspicuous place on such package or parcel the names of the consignor and consignee and the words "intoxicating liquor" in plain letters. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for any term not less than twenty nor more than sixty days.

Sec. 2. When any express company, railroad company or other common carrier within this State shall receive any package or parcel of whatsoever nature, whether from a point within or without this State, containing any intoxicating liquor for transportation to any point within any county, justice precinct, school district, city or town or subdivision of a county where the sale of intoxicating liquors has been prohibited under the laws of this State, such express company, railroad company or other common carrier shall forthwith transport such intoxicating liquor to the place of its destination, and upon the arrival of same at its place of destination there shall be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose the names of the consignor and consignee and the exact time of the arrival of such package or parcel at the place of its destination. If such package or parcel be not called for and taken away by the consignee and all charges thereon, if any, paid by such consignee, it shall be the duty of such express company, railroad company or other common carrier to start such package or parcel in transit back to the consignor thereof within seven days from the time of its arrival at the place of its destination, and the consignor shall be liable to such express company, railroad company or other common carrier for the express or freight charges in transporting and returning same. Any express company, railroad company or other common carrier violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each infraction thereof, to be recovered in the name of the State of Texas in any court of competent jurisdiction in any county where such express company, railroad company or other common carrier has an office or an agent or a line of railway; and each day that such intoxicating liquor shall be kept at the place of its destination after the expiration of seven days from the time of its arrival shall be deemed a separate infraction.

Sec. 3. This act shall not repeal any of the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in any county, justice precinct, school district, city or town, or subdivision of a county, nor shall it be construed to legalize any sale of intoxicating liquors that would not have been legal had this act not been passed.

Sec. 4. The fact that the offices of express companies and other common carriers in prohibition counties and districts are constantly filled with intoxicating liquors, which are kept there indefinitely awaiting the convenience of the consignees thereof, and the fact that the will of the people is thereby thwarted and the local option laws of this State are thereby to a great extent made ineffective, creates

an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage; and it is so enacted.

NOTES FROM THE WEST.

H. G. H.

A cheerful note reaches us from the San Angelo Training School. A year of prosperity with a bright outlook.

Buchanan, of Seguin, preaches the high school commencement sermon here the 11th and he will do it in fine style.

The beautiful new German Methodist Episcopal Church will be dedicated in Seguin the first Sunday of July. It is a solid brick edifice, handsomely furnished.

A subscription is on foot for a Mexican Church in Seguin. Help must come from the Mission Board.

The Secretary of the Conference Board of Church Extension has had many calls this year for blank deeds and blank applications for money. A wave of church building seems to have struck the conference.

The Methodist girls of Seguin gave an entertainment in the opera house here Friday for Church purposes and realized \$80.

Sunday week the Sunday-school here raised five or six dollars in cash for Laredo Seminary.

Large interest will be taken in the West in the success of the Epworth League encampment at Corpus Christi.

The published account of the San Antonio District Conference was read with interest, but we looked in vain for the names of the old superannuates.

That a son of the distinguished Dr. Francis Asbury Mood and a grandson of Dr. O. Fisher should have been in that conference seemed all right.

The late Yatman meeting in San Antonio was profoundly interesting from the standpoint of what it did not accomplish. Methodism on her own hook can do far better work than that, and an hundred illustrious years of history prove it. The mass of the people know nothing of the meeting and the attendants hardly got under conviction.

CAMP COUNTY DRY AGAIN.

The antis of Camp County, after two years of local option, brought on an election to test their strength. The election was ordered for June 10th, and resulted in the county remaining dry. Two years ago the pros carried the county by sixty-five; this time by eighty-four. The best thing in this election, aside from going dry, was the fact that precinct one, in which Pittsburg is situated, two years ago went wet sixty-eight; this time it went dry by 148. The people who saw the working of the local option law gave their unqualified indorsement of it. Mrs. A. C. Zehner, of Oak Cliff, did us great good, speaking at almost every important point in the county. In my judgment she is the best help in a campaign against the open saloon to be had. She is the one above all others, brethren, you need. We had splendid local help, including Rev. T. J. Smith. If you think he can't make it troublesome for the liquor traffic you are very much mistaken. I find the antis methods of fighting somewhat different in a dry county to that where they have saloons. The saloon is their base, and when you once uproot it they are very much at sea as to what to do and where to strike; so they beat the air, and themselves, "On with the battle."

E. L. SHETTLE.

LOCAL OPTION A SUCCESS IN ERATH COUNTY.

To Whom it May Concern: We, the undersigned officials, business men and citizens of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, state that we have lived in Stephenville a number of years, and have had abundant opportunity to see the workings and results of prohibition in this town and county, and freely and frankly say that the conditions under prohibition are far more preferable in every way to conditions when we had saloons. This is true not only from a moral standpoint, but from a business man's standpoint as well.

Prohibition was in effect here for several months in 1903, but the election was annulled by a decision of the higher courts. By a new election it went into effect again in the summer of 1904, and has been in effect ever since, and is enforced as well as any other law.

Instead of hurting the town in any way, our experience and observation is

that all desirable conditions in the town and community are improved. There is far less lawlessness and crime, less idleness, and the saloon toughs and bums who have not reformed and gone to work making an honest living at honorable employment have gone with the saloon to other sections.

Business is better and more satisfactory by reason of the absence of saloons and drunkenness, and collections are better because the money formerly spent at the saloon is now spent for groceries, clothing, etc., or deposited in the bank. Thus business and social conditions in the community are bettered, not damaged.

We heartily and earnestly commend prohibition to any community as bringing about the most desirable conditions from every desirable standpoint, and we believe that if it were to be annulled here now that our people, both in country and town, would vote to re-enact it by a much larger majority than ever before.

(Signed) H. H. Hardin, President First National Bank; J. J. Bennett, Cashier First National Bank; Higginbotham Co., general merchandise, by R. T. Williams, Manager; Blakeney Dry Goods Co., per Chas. O. Blakeney; W. Chamberlain Co., merchants; Slaughter & Watts, merchants by S. B. Watts; W. H. Hawkins (furniture dealer), moderator Erath County Baptist Association; Chas. Neblett, merchant; F. A. Schnabel, grocer; Perry Bros., druggists; Perry Hardware Co.; D. K. Doyle, editor Weekly Empire; Eugene Moore, Secretary Commercial Club; L. N. Frank, attorney and ex-County Judge Erath County; M. J. Thompson, County Judge; Mack Crosswell, Sheriff; William Pannill, County Attorney; F. H. Chandler, District Attorney; John W. Gray, District Clerk.

(As will be seen by consulting the current reports of Dun or Bradstreet, the above business men are the very leading men and firms of the town, the county seat of Erath County. If prohibition hurts a town or community, certainly such business men would not favor it; if it was not beneficial, certainly such business men would not recommend it.)

SAFE IN PORT.

(By the late Mortimer Blake, D. D.) Perhaps you have stood upon the wharf and seen a storm-torn ship come to its anchorage. It has been out tossing upon the deep for many a weary month. The wind has bleached its sails and chafed its shrouds and stays. The salt spray has discolored its hull, and the rocks have grazed and bruised its sides; but it has outlived the tempests, and, under the favoring breezes, it has at last reached the lower bay, and, with every inch of its ragged canvas carefully spread to catch the wind, it is now coming majestically along the winding channel of the inner harbor. The bows are filled with the ardent seamen, fearful that their feet are so near the steady land. The officers utter their orders in quick tones, as if they could hasten the slow-moving ship, and the ropes slow through the rattling blocks as one after another the sails drop to their rest; and then the clanking of the chain, the whirl of the capstan and the plunge into the water tell you that the anchor is dropped, and the ship gently rocks with the mimic ripples as it rides safely by the side of the sunlit land of home.

After such a manner, but with surpassing moral beauty, does the Christian come to anchor in the haven of holy rest. His head has been bleached by many a wintry year. His limbs have been crippled by many a hard toil. Afflictions have marred his beauty. Temptations have drawn him amongst the rocks, and his eyes have dimmed with watching for the lights of the far-off shore.

But now at last he is coming into port. The last howlings of the storm are dying away. Its last billows have been passed, the waves ripple musically beneath him, and the celestial land is fair before him. His anchor of hope is cast within the veil, and the hands of love and faith are warping him in. Every moment shortens the cable. Still and serene he drops his last sail, bids adieu to his shattered but faithful hulk and steps on the shores of heaven. There friends long before arrived gather around him and angels rejoice to guide him up to the city of the great King with songs and everlasting joy upon his head.

MORE LIGHT WANTED.

Have read Brother Rowlett's sermon—"The Omnipresent God." It seems that some wonderful truths have been revealed to our brother through scientific investigation, but common people must have more light before they can accept his theory. Will Brother Rowlett please explain through the Advocate the relation of his evolution theory to the atonement? G. W. KINCHELOE.

READER.

The young ladies of the Conservatory will be glad to know that when they return in September they will have an elegant new home swept and garnished ready for them to enter in and take possession of.

The old frame structure on the Conservatory campus is fast disappearing under the incessant battering of a large wrecking force and next week the ground will be cleared ready for the builders.

The new building will be a three-story colonial brick, facing south, almost a duplicate of "Annie Green Hall." It will be well ventilated, lighted and furnished with modern conveniences necessary to health and comfort. The brick dormitory on the west edge of the campus has already been remodeled, the lower floor divided into large, airy studios and the second story arranged for bedrooms. A handsome entrance hall and stair way add much to the convenience and beauty of the interior. The brick building on the east side is also to be renovated. These buildings will furnish elegant and commodious apartments for one hundred young ladies on the Conservatory campus. Each room will accommodate two young ladies and be furnished with a piano. No enterprise in the great State of Texas has had a more consistent, substantial continuous growth and development than the North Texas College under the wise administration of Mrs. Key. When she undertook seventeen years ago to resurrect a defunct school she "hitched her wagon to a star," and she has never for one moment lost sight of her ideal.

Just as the dormitory accommodations have grown from twenty or thirty rooms in a crude frame structure to eight large, beautiful halls and cottages equipped with all modern conveniences accommodating two hundred and seventy-five girls, the literary art and music departments have developed in proportion.

It has been Mrs. Key's aim to offer to the public a school where young women might acquire a broad and liberal physical, mental and moral training—an education, practical, literary and artistic. To this end she has looked to the equal development of all departments in the college, keeping each and all of them up to the same high standard of excellence, never sacrificing the interests of one for the enlargement of another, never turning aside after educational fads and fancies, and now as the result of her labors she presides over an institution second to none in the land where ambitious, earnest young women desiring an education may come and find the best—and who knows so well as a woman and a mother the needs of the mind and heart of a girl? MAGGIE W. BARRY?

CURATORS AND THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Resolved, That the Board of Curators has heard with unfeigned pleasure of the continued prosperity of our Medical Department at Dallas, and that we especially congratulate the Southwestern University on the high standard of scholarship maintained by the faculty of our Medical Department, as evidenced by their manifest care in conferring of degrees.

JNO. M. BARCUS, S. C. RIDDLE.

Secretary instructed to furnish copy to Texas Christian Advocate and request to publish same.

S. C. RIDDLE, Sec.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Brethren, please collect and forward your mission money as soon as possible, for it is needed. Your help now will be greatly appreciated.

J. H. WISEMAN, Treas.

Moody, Texas.

THAT \$100,000 AGAIN.

In a recent issue of the Advocate C. B. Cross gives his reasons why so-called "tainted money" may be received by the Churches, and quoted Zaccheus in support of his position. The brother certainly fails to prove his case by Zaccheus, for we read he made confession, repented him of his evil ways enough to quit them and promised to make restitution. It was a case of genuine conversion, for the Savior himself testified, "To-day is salvation come to this house."

Let Rockefeller (and others also) confess, repent and restore fourfold, and we will all rejoice and be willing to participate in his restitutional benefactions.

The Church universal has too long been silent on these ethical questions. It has been so intensely interested in getting money that it has itself sometimes used questionable means to secure it.

Another peculiar phase of this controversy has been the constant reminder that the Savior said, "Judge not that ye be not judged." * * *

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Perhaps this passage has been more often twisted from its true meaning than any other, even by ministers and those in authority. The Master himself was a judge and did not affirm that "by their fruits shall ye know them."

There is another point which Dr. Gladden emphasizes. He says: "The law is an honorable profession, but charges dishonorable lawyers with being the chief cause of these evasions of the law that have become so universal in these days." The wonder is not that such a charge is now made, but that it has not been earlier recognized. "Christian Ethics: Shall They be More Faithfully Practiced?" is the question for each individual to consider. E. BARNES.

Tyler District.

Dear brethren, we can only entertain the preachers and delegates to the District Conference. We trust that visitors will not ask for entertainment. If you do not notify me that you will bring your wife we may have trouble to find you a place.

W. WOOTTON.

Mineola, Texas.

THE JOHN M. PINCKNEY MONUMENT.

To the Public: We, the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Waller County Texas, having undertaken to erect a monument in memory of Hon. Jno. M. Pinckney, whose tragic death occurred in Hempstead, Texas, April 24, 1905, while engaged in an effort to establish law and order, which was a glowing tribute to his memory, most earnestly solicit contributions from all who feel an interest in the erection of same. And we make a special appeal to sister Unions to aid in the work. All contributions to the monument fund are to be forwarded to the Treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Mahan, Hempstead, Texas, and letters of inquiry to be addressed to Mrs. Harry Rankin, Hempstead, Texas, Secretary of Fund.

ME TOO

The "Tail Enders" That Follow Genuine Articles.

It is sometimes interesting to watch the curves imitators make to get the public to buy imitations of genuine goods.

Every now and then some one will think there is a splendid opening to fix up something like Postum Coffee and advertise the same way and take some of the business.

An imitator is naturally ignorant of food values and how to skillfully make a cereal coffee, on scientific lines.

Such men first think of preparing something that looks and tastes like the original, with no knowledge of how the grains should be treated to prepare them so that the starchy part is transformed properly and the valuable nourishing elements made digestible.

Such imitations may be foisted on the public for a short time, but the people are critical and soon detect the attempt, then the imitators go out of business.

Something like 400 of these little factories have been started in various parts of this country in the past 9 years, and practically all of them have gone the "long journey." Just lately a new one has come to life and evidently hopes to insert itself in public favor by copying the style of the Postum advertising in the papers.

This is a free country and every man who makes an honest product and honestly labels it, has reason for some recognition, but the public has the right to know the facts.

Postum is the one original and genuine Cereal Coffee, made skillfully and for a definite purpose. It has stood through all the wars of the imitators, has won the approval of the Physicians and the people.

People who really seek to free themselves from the coffee habit and at the same time to rebuild the soft gray matter in the nerve centres and thus reconstruct the nervous system, broken down by coffee, can rely on Postum.

There's a reason.

Sunday-School Department

XVIII. THE WEEK-DAY WORK.

Over against the one hour or more of the Sunday-school session is set, in hindrance or in helpfulness, the entire week. It is a wonder that the Sunday-school, with its little fraction of time, is doing so much genuine and permanent good. If there can be week-day work and influences set in motion by superintendent and teachers to re-inforce the good and counteract the evil forces that beset the scholar's week-day life, it will solve many hard problems otherwise unsolvable.

Here are some of the things that the week-day work of the Sunday-school can do:

1. It can study the home environment of the scholar.
2. It can arrest absenteeism before it becomes incurable.
3. It can stimulate the week-day Bible-study of the scholar.
4. It can find favor with parents, and secure co-operation with the Sunday-school.
5. It can strengthen the bonds of personal friendship, and thus gain the scholar's confidence.

The superintendent and teacher who have only a general knowledge of school or class can not do their best work. The real temper and personality of the scholar discloses itself when massed with other scholars in the Sunday-school. The boy collective is quite another being from the boy individual. The key to the average Sunday-school scholar is to be found in the home, with his mother, his day-school teacher, his "chums." Find that key, and your Sunday-school work with him will be far easier.

All the fine devices used by some Sunday-schools to overcome the evil of absenteeism—class records, rolls of honor, rewards—are not to be compared with the method of personal visitation. There is an old adage that "If you wish a thing poorly done, or not done at all, send another; if well done, go yourself." This applies to the Sunday-school worker and the absent scholar. His absence is not yet chronic but if neglected, will soon be permanent and incurable. Week-day visitation is the only sure cure, if attempted in time. Some times a message or a note through the mail will suffice; but these are uncertain. Go yourself. Find out the reason for absence. If there is no good reason, you will need to know it and ponder over it. Not an hour's absence by a scholar should go uninvestigated.

Many scholars have no home help. The Christian parents neglect to help, the non-Christian parent cares nothing about it. The scholar is urged at Sunday-school to "study his lesson," tries to do it, does not know what you mean by it, or just what you would have him study, and, after a few discouraging efforts, gives it up. Here is your opportunity. Thirty minutes of your week-day time spent by his side showing him how to study a lesson, how to use his lesson helps along with his Bible, and make the most of both, will give him his cue, and, in many cases, will form in him the ambition to become a student of the word of God. The trouble with most scholars is not so much an indisposition to do the required lesson-study at home, as in the lack of knowing how, and the need of a little timely counsel and explanation by the one of all others who ought to be the most concerned about it. One by one, with the expenditure of a little time and effort, the scholars of your school, or of your particular class, can thus be reached and started in the better way. It is the personal visit that counts.

Winning the parents is the ounce of prevention that is worth the pound of cure. The writer served fifteen years in secular education, beginning as an "old field school master" among the Alabama mountains. The rod, vigorously and frequently applied, was the panacea for all ills. In later years that rod lay dust covered on the shelf, and he had found a surer educational way. He had discovered that a friendly talk with parents, upon the doings or misdoings of the children and a frank appeal for their co-operation, was worth an acre of hickory sprouts. It won over the parents; it forestalled trouble, it unified the law of the school with the law of the home. Sunday-school workers need this home leverage even more than the day-school. If the Sunday-school scholar is a chronic absentee, if he gives trouble in the class, if he neglects his lesson study, in most cases the sure corrective will be a prompt visit to the home and a friendly chat with the father and mother. Do not rehearse the scholar's misdoings. Touch lightly, if at all, on what the scholar has done or left undone; but ask help for the future. Lay your plans for his welfare before them, and frankly solicit their help.

The human end of our Sunday-school work is to make the bonds of affection so strong between the scholars and ourselves that we can take them by the hand and lead them securely into

that kingdom. Every look of eye, every touch of hand, should be a step toward that kingdom. Sunday-school friendship unlike other friendships, is a means to an end. It is not to win love for ourselves that we labor; but to win it for Christ. Some teachers glory in their classes, and their classes in them; their labor by day and by night, often wetting their pillows with their tears, seeking only to please. Of such it is written: "They that be wise (teachers' in margin) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament."

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.

NOTES.

A correspondent asks where and when the North Texas Conference Epworth League will meet. The date is August 16, and the place is Corpus Christi.

Lumber for the auditorium is expected to be on the ground and work commenced by Thursday, June 15. The contract with the builder provides that the job is to be completed by July 25. As a matter of fact he expects to complete it before this time.

We are disappointed again in not being able to announce the railroad rates, but we can state in confidence that they will be entirely satisfactory. Texas Leaguers never had such an opportunity before them for a delightful outing as the Corpus Christi meeting. And the good part about it all is that the outing lasts ten whole days!

George Sexton is noted as a story teller. The other day while on the train going to Corpus Christi he was entertaining a few friends in the usual manner when a stranger joined the party. This stranger was an odd picture. His hair was long, his pants were short, his nose was red, his face was black, a quid of long green filled his canacious mouth, his pockets bulged with rocks and strings and things, and despair was written on his countenance. He became interested at once, dropped his elbow to his knee, his face into his hand, inclined his head, squinted one eye and suddenly said: "Ain't your name George Sexton?" The story teller being thus interrupted reluctantly acknowledged that the name had been correctly stated. A gleam of joy seemed to spread over the unshaven countenance of the questioner as he exclaimed, "Well, I guess I know you!" And then, as if to make doubly sure, he added, "You used to live in Arkansas, didn't you?" Sexton looked quickly around to see if the members of the party were listening, and doggedly replied, "Yes." Amidst the sacredness of the happy reunion the former companions of the story teller retired and left him all alone with his new found treasure, an old acquaintance from Arkansas!

ACCOMMODATIONS AT CORPUS CHRISTI.

We are at last able to give detail information regarding the cost and kind of accommodations to be had at Corpus Christi during the encampment session of the State League. We desire as many campers as possible and to that end have arranged for 100 tents of uniform size of 9½ by 12 feet, being sufficient to accommodate four persons each. These tents are all new and are made of 10-ounce duck, and are what are known as wall tents. They will be rented by the season, that is ten days, at \$4 each, and one person or four may occupy each. Hay will be furnished free with the tents to those who desire pallets only. Cots may be had at 50 cents each for the ten days, pillows at 25c and blankets at the same price. The blankets will all be new. Where accommodations are wanted for less than ten days the charges will be as follows: Space in tent 25c per day, cot 25c per day including blanket and pillow, total lodging per day 50 cents. A restaurant is to be erected on the Encampment Grounds, and the following charges will prevail: Single meals 35 cents each, by the week \$5, where

a meal ticket is purchased; lunches as ordered. From these charges the cost per person for the entire ten days may be limited as follows:
 Tent space (where four occupy) \$1 00
 one tent 25
 1 pair of cotton blankets 25
 1 pillow 25
 Cot 50
 30 meals (full season ticket) ... 7 25

Those who camp out will be expected to bring their own pillow slips, sheets, towels, soap, mirror and toilet equipment. We are arranging to lodge 500 people on the grounds, and will feed all who come regardless of number. The citizens of Corpus Christi will throw open their homes and accommodate 1,500 if necessary, and the charge of this accommodation will be \$1.00 per day which will include meals and lodging. Those who board at private houses will, in a majority of cases, be at an additional expense for transportation to and from the grounds. Special rates have been made by the livery men, or will be by the time we meet. Boats will also be at one's command, and the charges will be reasonable in either case.

The committee on arrangements has gone to a great deal of trouble and expense to complete these plans, and there will be no excuse for anyone not being properly provided for if only notification is given us beforehand. Write to A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas, at once and tell him just what you want in the way of accommodations, whether tent or board at private home, and state how many cots, how many pillows, how many blankets, etc., you and your party will engage. In making tent reservation you must send \$2 per tent, which amount will be received as a deposit and will be credited on your bill when you settle up. Bear this in mind, cottages cannot be rented during the encampment session, but may be rented after the meeting if one wants to spend a while there. Arrangements for the cottages will have to be made with the owners during the meeting. The committee has nothing to do with them. Then another thing: You can bring all your equipment for camping if you want to, that is, your cots, blankets, pillows, tents, etc. All it will then cost you will be \$1 for a lot to put your tent on. Tent lots are 20x50 feet in size, and where more space than this is needed the charge will be in proportion thereto, that is, two lots \$2, three lots \$3, etc. If you want only a tent you can rent one and furnish it yourself. We will arrange matters just to suit you if you will let us know what you want before you get there. Of course if you don't advise us in advance you are going to be disappointed when you get to Corpus Christi, for the more thoughtful folks will have the best accommodations taken. There is absolutely no doubt but what the crowd will be large. People are coming from all over the State, and in some cases as many as forty people are coming in one crowd. We know two instances already where this is the case. So it is a matter of vital importance to engage your accommodations in advance. Do this and we will take care of you. Write today. G. W. T.

McKINNEY DISTRICT.

At the District Conference recently held at McKinney the Quarterly Conference Record of the Pilot Point Station was lost. I have written the pastor there, but he cannot find it. Will the committee who examined those records please send it to me at once, if not sooner, and oblige.

TOM J. BECKHAM.

PARIS DISTRICT.

The Paris District Epworth League Conference will meet at Detroit, Texas, June 16-18, 1905. J. B. GOBER, Paris, Texas, Pres.

DUBLIN DISTRICT.

The Dublin District Epworth League Conference convenes at Carlton, Texas, June 26-28, 1905. An interesting program, embracing all the departments of the League, has been issued. Addresses on the various subjects by well selected speakers will be a leading feature of the conference.

NOTICE.

The Sunday-school and Epworth League Conference of the Corsicana District is to convene at Kerens at 11 a. m. June 27. Kerens proposes to entertain all who come to aid in making the conference a success, and she wants a good attendance. Send in your name at once, if you are coming. J. M. ARMSTRONG.

TEXAS EXHIBIT AT DENVER.

I have sent out hundreds of communications to the local chapters through the State explaining the Texas Exhibit at Denver. Most of these communications have been sent in care of the pastors, as I did not know the League Presidents' names. I hope

the pastors have not carelessly thrown these on their desks and neglected to hand them to their League chapters. If only one half of the chapters addressed will respond the Texas exhibit at Denver will be a creditable one. Leaguers, we are depending on you; we cannot succeed without your co-operation. Please do not fail us in this matter.

To College Presidents:

There has been sent to every Methodist school in the State a communication with regard to the Denver exhibit, requesting photographs and information. This will be an advertisement to your school as well as a help to us. Please do not disappoint us.

All material should be sent prepaid to my address and should reach me not later than June 25th. See that everything is neatly and correctly labeled and where framing is necessary have that done. Yours for a good exhibit.

(REV.) ALBERT D. PORTER, Director.
 Mt. Calm, Texas.

WYNNE MISSION FUND.

Previously reported \$18 15
 Tenth street Sunday School, Austin 5 80
 From Itasca, Texas, no name.. 2 50
 From Gause, Texas, "A Friend" 1 00

Total \$27 45

I did not send in a report last week simply because I had received no contributions. Yesterday (June 4) Dr. Palmer asked me to tell the Tenth Street Sunday-school about Miss Wynne's work and after I had done so he gave me the Sunday-school collection to send her. The \$100 asked for will be used in buying maps, desks, books and other equipment for a Mission school near Guadalajara in charge of Miss Norwood Wynne, a former Texas girl. We trust responses will be prompt and liberal.

(MISS) LAURA L. ALLISON, Second Vice President.
 Austin, Texas.

A WONDERFUL TRIP.

Texas Leaguers can not resist the attractions of "On to Denver" and the great International League Conference. Inquiries are just rolling in concerning rates, etc. This weather is getting warm and we all would enjoy the clear, cool atmosphere, the wonderful natural attractions of the mountain regions, the great music of the conference, the intellectual feast, the brotherly greeting, the great enthusiasm of young life and the uplift of the spiritual life found in all such gatherings. And why should we not enjoy these things?

Nature, State, monopolies, trusts, and individuals have co-operated as servants of the great movement. Nothing it seems has been left undone to make the trip irresistible. Think, "Up a mile to Denver." All who have ever attended want to go and we would enjoy very much having their friends go with them.

The great combination of attractions in the Northwest this year afford the trip of a lifetime to all who attend. Don't fail to go. Join the Texas League excursion at Fort Worth Tuesday, July 4, 9:55 a. m. and with congenial company journey to Denver and be present at the great Oratorio, "Elijah," rendered for the visitors evening after arrival. Then enjoy the great conference, the sights of city and surrounding country and then while the price is so phenomenally low visit Yellowstone National Park, spend a week in Nature's wonderland, then go on to Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland. See everything of interest in that region. Then return by way of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and through the great

scenery of Colorado to Denver and home.

Stop-overs at all places of interest. The leaders of the party have secured accommodations for tourists that soon will not be available. Let us have a great delegation from Texas. Let us show a delegation at Denver that will fitly represent the size of Texas. A. K. Ragsdale or Frank Reedy, both of Dallas, will gladly furnish all information. We will have special trains with all traveling comforts.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

The Epworth League Conference of the San Antonio District, West Texas Conference, met in the M. E. Church, South, West End, San Antonio, Texas, Wednesday, May 17, 1905.

As nearly all the Leagues of the district were well represented we had a very interesting meeting.

The reports from the various Leagues of the district show that the League work has made a great improvement over last year. The Uvalde League reports the largest membership in the district and has raised \$20 for missions. At Prospect Hill we have three Leagues—the Junior, Intermediate and Senior—all doing excellent work, while the League at the San Antonio Female College is doing a great work among the college students.

There are several Leagues in the district that are doing fine work.

We elected our delegates for the State encampment and are looking forward to this meeting with much pleasure. Our officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Rev. A. B. Davidson, President; Prof. Daniel Smith, First Vice-President; Miss Hixie De Vilbiss, Second Vice-President; Mr. Earl Huffor, Third Vice-President; Rev. I. K. Waller, Fourth Vice-President; Miss Mae Coltrane, Secretary and Treasurer.

At a late hour in the afternoon the League adjourned, all returning to their homes feeling that they had had a most helpful meeting and with the determination of doing better work this year.

REV. A. B. DAVIDSON, Pres.
 MISS MAE COLTRANE, Sec-Treas.

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This book of books is good for youth, Or well declining age; It's good in all adversity, In sickness or in health.

It speaks of heaven and of hell, Of Satan and of God; It tells where saints immortal dwell, Who've passed the chastening rod.

Oh, heavenly Father, gracious Lord, To me be ever near; Help me to love Thy sacred word, Till I in heaven appear.

And there with all the hallowed best, We'll sing with joyous songs, And join with all that's now at rest, That great and happy throng.

Oh, then how happy we will be In our eternal home! We'll sing through all eternity, Where sorrows ne'er shall come.

We'll be with Jesus and with God, With father, mother, dear; They passed beneath the chastening rod, But loved our Savior here.

Blanket, Texas. W. R. CROCKETT.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM BRO. ONDERDONK.

I am in receipt of your letters of May 17th and 25th, the former advising of the remittance of \$122.38, the amount raised by the dear friends of Texas, and the later enclosing a money order for \$2.75—an overflow received by yourself after the first remittance. I simply have no words by which I can express my gratitude to you and to the givers of Texas for this hearty response to your appeal. I am glad you made it \$100 instead of \$50, for I see now that we will need every dollar of it.

I left last Friday for El Cobre, where the "Texas Chapel" is being built. I went as far as Ameca on the train, spent the night, and on Saturday morning about daylight mounted my white mule "Paloma," and was off for a six hours' ride to the settlement. This place is situated way up on a high mountain, where it is cold every night in the year. The people are poor, but among them are found some as fine characters as can be seen anywhere. Having had a little attack of the grip, the change from the low to the high altitude gave me a very bad headache. When I arrived I found the brethren busy on the new building and a hearty welcome they gave me. On account of not being able to get workmen, being such an out-of-the-way place, the walls are only about eight feet high, but they are substantial and will make a monument for Christ on that mountain for the decades to come. The rainy season has come upon us a month ahead of time. The first pourdown came while I was up there on Sunday. This will cause us to suspend the work until after the rainy season, for it will rain practically every day until October. The house will be done, however, before the new year.

I know you would have enjoyed the services of Sunday. They were held in a private house. What appreciative people! They fairly devour the gospel message. I preached in the morning and Bro. Acosta, the pastor, at night. Tears flowed freely as the hearts of these simple people were moved by the truths of the Master. That Sunday morning was one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. Bright sunshine, crisp air, with not a sound, save the songs of birds in the pines. I took with me Dr. John Mathews' "Peeps Into Life." Seated on my saddle blanket in front of the house, my soul was reveling in this life of one of the greatest of pastors, when I looked up to clear my eyes from the mist that had gathered from some stirring incident. I saw several of the members of the family sitting around in different places, each with a new Testament, pouring over its glorious pages. They were reading, not a chapter, but by the hour! Though Bro. Pio learned to read only a few years ago from the Bible where he even learned his letters, he is today a mighty man in the Scriptures. Little by little the lives and work of these faithful mountain people are winning new converts to Christ. As soon as the Church is done we propose to have a regular set-to with sin in the settlement, and hope for many conversions.

On Monday morning I left at 4 o'clock to ride all the way to Guadalupe on my mule. Bro. Juan accompanied me on foot an hour on the way, as the road was new to me, and I did not know how to get through the mountain passes. Three hours' ride brought me to San Martin, where I asked for something to eat. Two eggs and some bread were given (for 30 cents), and it was a battle to get them down, and a harder to keep them

down. I left at 8 o'clock for what proved to be the hardest days' ride of my life, and that is saying a good deal. A new road is always longer than one you know. The rain had not extended over this part of the trail. At times I could hardly see the bushes on the roadside for the dust, and the heat was terrific. I had forgotten my dark glasses, which added to my discomfort. I got to a ranch at 1 p. m. very tired and thirsty, and the poor mule was no less so. I bought a little wheat straw for Paloma, and as there was no "fonda," I made my dinner of a piece of dry bread I had carried for four days in my moral. But, Doctor, it was good. After an hour and a half rest I started again, determined to try to reach La Venta, where I knew I could sleep in the little railroad station, the agent being an acquaintance. In the course of the afternoon I passed through a town called Tala. As it was my first visit I did not know how to get out of the place. Some yelled at me, calling me "gringe" (a word corresponding to the Texas word "greaser," sometimes applied to the Mexicans in Texas). I was naturally very much sunburned, and they yelled, "Mire que Colorado" (look how red). I have never gotten entirely used to these hissings, but they must be borne by the American traveler. I inquired the way out of the village. One man told me to go directly west, while another insisted the road went east. This last advice seemed right, so I took that. When about leaving the town I noticed a soldier in uniform, so I thought I had better ask him. He insisted that I was on the wrong road; that I should have gone north! I went back, took another street, and found he was right. I asked a woman how far it was to a certain place. She answered that it was four hours' ride. I made it in seven! Another told me it was four hours to a certain place, and I made it in two. It is almost useless to ask directions or distances in this country. I will be assured that there is only one plain road to a place, then when I am an hour on the way I find the road forks, both roads being equally plain. I know God has helped me many times to take the right one. Well, I got to La Venta that night at 8 o'clock almost completely worn out. Sixteen hours on the road was hard on both "Donks." I felt that if that mule had possessed the linguistic powers of Balaam's famous steed I would have gotten a lecture equal to that of the just mentioned horseman.

The station agent loaned me two boards, and these placed from one box to another made a good bed. At 4:30 a. m. I was up and soon on the road. Three hours brought me home. Ah, blessed place! What coffee and biscuits! "The tolls of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way."

F. S. ONDERDONK. Guadalupe, Jalisco, Mexico.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Texas Conference for May, 1905. Houston District—McAshan and Brunner, A. S. Haygood, domestic missions, \$31. Cedar Bayou, I. E. Thomas, foreign missions, \$9; domestic missions, \$15. League City, Allen Tooke, domestic missions, \$5; Orphanage, \$2.10. Angleton, J. W. Johnson, domestic missions, \$29. Beaumont District—Port Arthur, F. M. Boyles, foreign missions, \$3.75; domestic missions, \$8.75; Orphanage, \$7. Jasper Mission, M. W. James, domestic missions, \$25. Sabine Pass, W. M. Sherrill, domestic missions, \$8; Church extension, \$8; Orphanage, \$5; Paine and Lane, \$2. Sour Lake and China, A. P. Bradford, foreign missions, \$13. Breham District—Cameron, C. J. Oxley, domestic missions, \$25; Orphanage, \$25. Lexington, H. Swartz, foreign missions, \$3.50; domestic missions, \$3.50. Sealy, E. L. Ingram, domestic missions, \$25. Buckholts Circuit, H. G. Williams, domestic missions, \$2. San Augustine District—Center, L. H. McGee, Church extension, \$37.50. Carthage, W. L. Pate, foreign missions, \$15; domestic missions, \$10. Calvert District—Lott, G. H. Phair, Bishops' fund, \$5; conference claimants, \$10; domestic missions, \$10; Orphanage, \$5. Petteway, W. E. Washburn, foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$10. Leon Mission, T. M. Tidwell, domestic missions, \$5.15. Kosse, D. W. Gardner, domestic missions, \$3. Fairfield and Dew, W. D. Caskins, foreign missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$5. Huntsville District—Huntsville, H. M. Whalling, Sr., foreign missions, \$147; Orphanage, \$23. Bodias, A. J. Frick, domestic missions, \$12.55. Willis and Conroe, R. W. Adams, foreign missions, \$1; domestic missions, \$56. Palestine District—Brushy Creek, I. P. Pace, domestic missions, \$12.50. Elkhart Circuit, J. J. Murphy, foreign missions, \$7. Tyler District—Lindale, H. J. Hayes, foreign missions, \$21; domestic missions, \$50. Marshall District—Arleston, L. P. Davis, foreign missions, \$40; domestic missions, \$40; Orphanage, \$12. Pittsburg District—Gilmer Circuit, T. B. Vinson, domestic missions, \$3.75. Winfield, F. O. Favre, foreign missions, \$25; domestic missions, \$9. Linden, S. H. Morgan, education, \$1; Children's Day, \$6. Redwater, W. F. Hardy, domestic missions, \$15. Total, \$970.50. L. L. JESTER, Treasurer.

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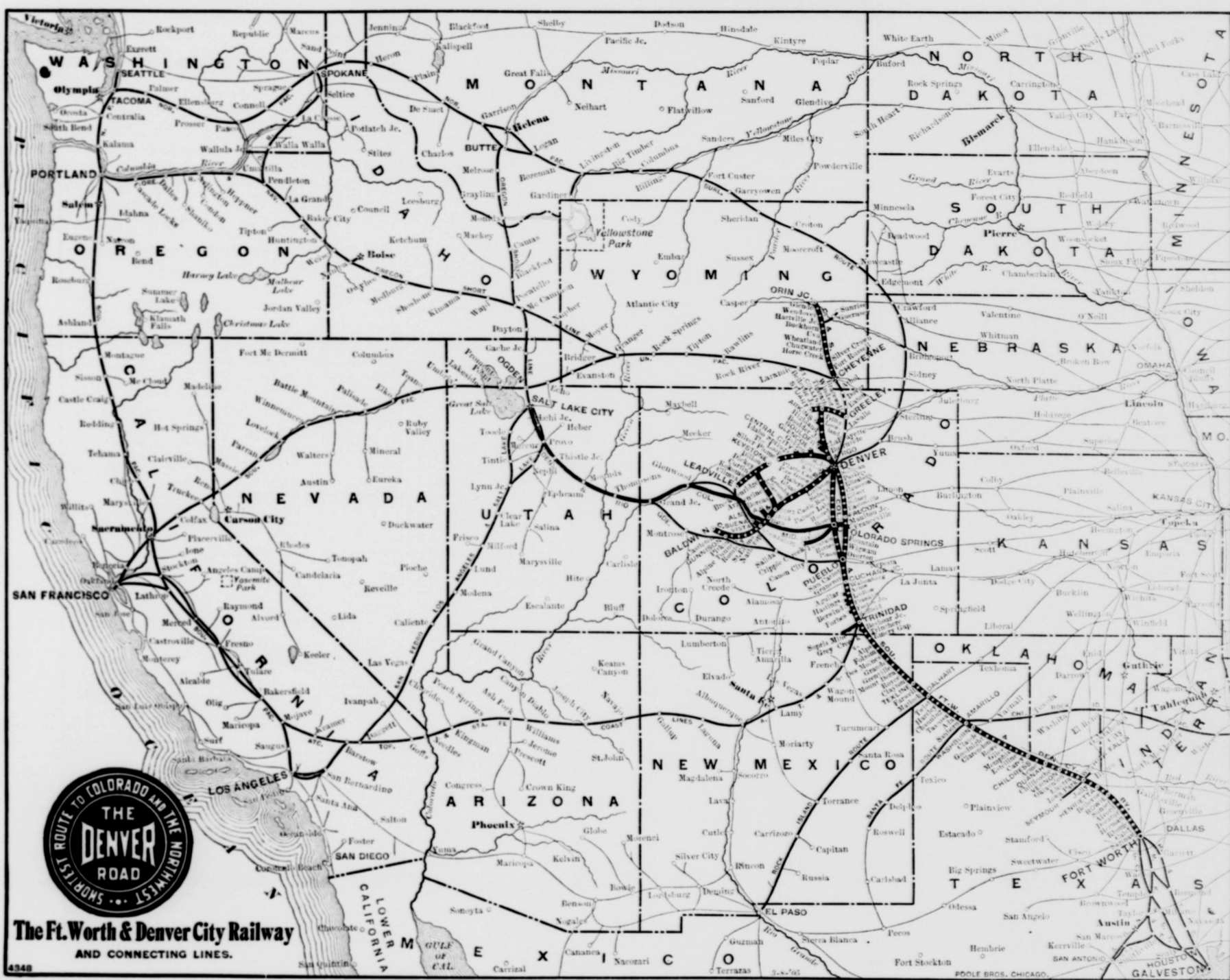


Captain W. F. Drannan is of French descent. He was born in mid-ocean and left an orphan at the tender age of 4 years. When but 15 years old he left his foster parents and walked from Nashville, Tenn., to St. Louis, Mo., a distance of over 500 miles, where he met the noted and famous trapper and Indian fighter, Kit Carson. He immediately adopted Kit as his protector, and off to the plains they went to hunt game and trap for a livelihood. Captain Drannan soon became an Indian fighter of fame, and while but a mere youth he captured, killed and scalped five Indian warriors. For this daring feat he was promoted by Captain Elliott to the high honor of Chief of scouts, which title the captain defended with many laurels for 31 years. He conducted and defended the first train of emigrants across the plains of the wild and woolly west to the gold fields of California and rescued the two Gordon girls from the redskins and killed their captors. He also captured Captain Jack, the noted Modoc chief, which was one of his most daring and thrilling feats. Captain Drannan was commissioned by the managers of the St. Louis World's Fair to gather up the various tribes of Indians, as he is perhaps more familiar with the customs of the wild Indians than any man now living. He writes of the wonderful effects of Dr. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure as follows: Lewiston, Idaho, April 29, 1905.

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The Official Route of Texas Epworth Leaguers to Denver

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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. Texas headquarters will be at First Baptist Church and arrangements have been made for accommodations near by at reasonable rates. The Yellowstone Park, Portland and

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Report of Board of Missions, West Texas Conference, for the month of May, 1905:

DOMESTIC.	
May 1. Amount collected to date.....	\$187 53
2. J. A. Simmons, Amphion.....	25 00
3. H. C. Mathis, Eglin.....	20 00
4. H. D. Huddleston, Brady.....	7 50
5. New Harris, San Marcos.....	45 00
6. B. A. Myers, Sunny Lane.....	10 00
7. W. R. Campbell, Menardville.....	30 00
8. E. E. Swanson, Llano.....	35 00
9. J. A. Pledger, Bertram.....	10 00
10. J. W. Harmon, Manor.....	30 00
11. F. H. C. Elliott, Laredo.....	15 00
12. W. H. Nelson, Port Lavaca.....	30 00
13. B. H. Passmore, Flatonia.....	10 00
14. J. P. Garrett, Blanco.....	15 00
15. V. V. Boone, Devine.....	15 00
16. A. J. Weeks, West End.....	85 00
17. F. H. C. Elliott, Laredo.....	15 00
18. S. C. Dunn, Junction City.....	5 00
19. R. S. Adair, Hallettsville.....	35 00
20. J. A. Foster, Del Rio Miss.....	9 00
21. F. W. Black, Stockdale.....	45 00
22. F. B. Buchanan, Seguin.....	3 00
23. J. F. Swanson, Brady.....	5 00
24. M. J. Allen, Willow City.....	11 50
Total to date.....	\$249 43
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May 1. Amount collected to date.....	\$41 19
2. J. A. Simmons, Amphion.....	15 00
3. New Harris, San Marcos.....	35 00
4. M. J. Allen, Willow City.....	20 00
5. J. A. Pledger, Bertram.....	15 00
6. R. S. Adair, Hallettsville.....	5 15
7. E. E. Swanson, Llano.....	15 00
8. J. R. Mood, Del Rio.....	28 00
9. R. S. Adair, Hallettsville.....	15 00
10. J. F. Swanson, Brady.....	30 00
11. M. J. Allen, Willow City.....	9 20
Total to date.....	\$357 44

F. Davis, sub. W. T. Ayers, sub. A. L. Scales, sub. J. O. Gore, sub. A. H. Hussey, sub.
June 12.—D. C. Ross, has attention. A. W. Wilson, sub. C. W. Dennis, change. J. R. Tidwell, sub. J. W. Moore, sub. M. F. Daniel, change. S. B. Beall, sub. W. L. Harris, sub.
June 13.—H. H. Vaughan, sub. W. J. Bludworth, sub.
June 14.—C. D. West, sub. J. J. Creed, sub. J. U. McAfee, has attention. J. H. Hamblen, trial sub. A. A. Kidd, sub. J. W. Clifton, sub.

MARRIAGES.
Mortimer-Dockum—At the M. E. Church, South Belton, Texas, May 30, 1905. Mr. Edwin Mortimer and Miss Jessie Dockum, Rev. E. Hightower officiating.
Irby-Alexander—At the residence of the bride's father, in Haskell, Texas, May 31, 1905. Mr. Joseph E. Irby and Miss Ethel Alexander, Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating.
Ford-Dennis—At the County Clerk's office, Goldthwaite, Texas, May 29, 1905. Mr. W. L. Ford and Miss Viva Dennis, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.
Stallings-Richardson—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Richardson, Pettaway, Texas, May 28, 1905. Hon. J. S. Stallings and Miss Maud Richardson, Rev. W. E. Washburn officiating.
Scott-Kelton—At the Methodist Church, McDade, Texas, May 25, 1905. Mr. Wilson E. Scott and Miss Effie M. Kelton, Rev. E. A. Potts officiating.
Faul-McClain—In the Methodist Church, South Cedar Bayou, Texas, June 4, 1905. Mr. Arthur Paul, of Houston, Texas, and Miss Hortense McClain, of Cedar Bayou, Texas, Rev. I. E. Thomas officiating.
Aylor-Wooster—At Orchard, Texas, June 8, 1905. Mr. Thos. S. Aylor and Miss Emma Wooster, Rev. J. L. Murray officiating.
Sims-Glasgow—At the residence of the bride's mother, Port Arthur, Texas, May 18, 1905. Mr. E. A. Sims and Miss May Glasgow, Rev. F. M. Boyles officiating.
Manzy-Beck—At the residence of the bride's parents, Port Arthur, Texas, May 22, 1905. Mr. Z. L. Manzy and Miss Etta May Beck, Rev. F. M. Boyles officiating.
Rodgers-Johnson—At the bride's brother, near Vineyard, Texas, June 7, 1905. Rev. Luther O. Rodgers, P. C. of Gibtown Mission, and Miss Mary E. Johnson, Rev. C. C. Davis officiating.
Robinson-Chambers—At the residence of the bride's parents, Port Arthur, Texas, June 7, 1905. Mr. W. A. Robinson,

of Waco, Texas, and Miss Rosalie Chambers, Rev. F. M. Boyles officiating.
Peck-Risinger—On June 4, 1905, Mr. J. L. Peck and Miss Olive Risinger, Rev. Daniel Morgan officiating.
Holt-Fletcher—At the residence of the officiating minister, in Jones County, Texas, June 11, 1905, Mr. Joe Holt and Miss Flora Fletcher, Rev. Sam C. Vaughan officiating.

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 \$2.00 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 charges 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.

Freeman District—Third Round. Chappell Hill, June 18, 19. Davilla, at Ellison Ridge, June 24, 25. Buckhoits, at Salom, July 1, 2. Maysfield, at Ben Arnold, July 8, 9. Bellville, at Campground, July 21. Sealey, July 25, 24. Fulshear and Berkshire, at Katy, July 29, 30. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District—Third Round. Center sta, Monday, June 26. Center city, at New Prospect, Thu, July 29. Timpon, July 2, 3. Shelbyville, at McClelland, July 8, 9. Shenley, at Woods, July 15, 16. Lukin, Friday, July 21. Keltys, at Wallace Ch, July 22, 23. Burke, at Huntington, July 29, 30. Nacogdoches, July 29, 31. Melrose, at Simpsons, Aug 5, 6. Cushing, at Sacul, Aug 19, 20. Geneva, at Rock Spgs, Wed, Aug 23. Bronson, at Brookland, Aug 26, 27. San Augustine, Aug 27, 28. Minden, at Munich, Thu, Aug 31. Carthage, Sept 2, 3. Applyby, Thu, Sept 7. Gary, at Wesley Chapel, Sept 9, 10. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round. Columbia and Brazoria, at B, June 17, 18. Richmond, June 24, 25. Tabernacle, July 1, 2. McKee St., July 8, 9. McAsham and Brunner, at M., July 9, 10. Washington St., July 12. Searn, July 15, 16, 17. Harrisburg, July 16, 17. Whiteoak, at W., July 22, 23. League City, at Seabrook, July 29, 30. Rosenberg, at Guy, Aug 5, 6. Angleton and Velasco, at Fair, Aug 12, 13. Sandy Point, at S. Point, Aug 19, 20. Cedar Bayou, at C. Bayou, Aug 26, 27. Bay City, at Matagorda, Sept 2, 3. Wharton, at Wharton, Sept 9, 10. Galveston, Central, Sept 16, 17. Galveston, West End, Sept 17, 18. Alvin, Sept 23, 24. S. R. Hay, P. E.

Palestine District—Third Round. Crockett sta, June 18, 19. Jacksonville sta, June 25, 26. Howard Av, Palestine, 11 a. m. July 2. Centenary, Palestine, 5:15 p. m. July 2. Rusk mis, at Shady Grove, July 8, 9. Mt. Selman ch, at P'sent Hill, July 11, 13. Willard ch, at Saxon, July 15, 16. Grovton sta, July 19, 17. Trinity and Lovelady, at L., July 18, 19. Jacksonville ch, at Tatum's, July 22, 23. Elkhart ch, at Corinth, July 24, 25. Augusta mis, at Liberty Hill, July 29, 30. Neches ch, at Shades, Aug 1, 2. Grapeland sta, Aug 5, 6. Crockett ch, at Bethel, Aug 9, 10. LaRue ch, at Concord, Aug 12, 13. Kennard mis, at Center Hill, Aug 19, 20. Wesley Creek ch, at E. C. Aug 21, 23. Wells mis, at Durham, Aug 26, 27. Alto ch, at Alto, Aug 28, 31. Rusk sta, Sept 2, 3. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

San Angelo District—Third Round. Sterling City, at Stiles, 2d Sun June. Sherwood, at Archer, June 29. Paint Rock, at Eden, 4th Sun June. Lampasas, 1st Sun July. Sonora, at Eldorado, 1st Sun July. Lemeta, at Mullin, July 3. Center City, at Pleasant Grove, 2d Sun July. Goldthwaite, night, 2d Sun July. Milburn, at Varga, 3d Sun July. Mason, at Bethel, 4th Sun July. Pontotoc, at San F., 5th Sun July. Mcnardville, at Hext, 1st Sun Aug. Junction City, at Bode, 2d Sun Aug. San Angelo sta, Aug 15. Brady ch, 3d Sun Aug. Brady sta, night, 3d Sun Aug. Miles sta, 4th Sun Aug. Water Valley, 4th Sun Aug. J. D. Scott, P. E.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.
June 8.—M. A. Turner, sub. L. G. White, sub. T. N. Weeks, sub. J. W. Moore, sub. J. M. McCarter, change. M. R. Johnston, sub. J. M. Sweeton, sub. Jas. A. King, sub. J. M. Baker, sub. A. A. Biggs, sub. J. H. Hamblin, sub.
June 9-10.—R. A. Clements, sub. J. C. Carter, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. Ben Hardy, sub. M. W. Clark, sub. R. F. Brown, sub. I. L. Mills, sub. J. W. Fort, sub. W. F. Hardy, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub. J. A. Whitehurst, sub. W.

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 10:50 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.

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GRIFFIN.—Mr. Bird Griffin was born in Halifax County, Virginia, Nov. 8, 1822. He died at his home in Wilson County, Texas, May 25, 1905. Mr. Griffin lived in Virginia until he was 24 years of age. He then moved to Smith County, Mississippi, where he lived four years. While there he married Miss Creyan Flowers. They moved to Gonzales County, Texas, in 1852. After three years they settled down in Wilson County, where they lived until his death. They were blessed by the birth of twelve children—ten boys and two girls. Only seven survive him. They all live in the neighborhood near the old home. All have families except one, who remains single. The community, as well as the family, are made to realize that they have lost their best friend. He could well be called the father of the neighborhood. He was about the first settler. He has been an honest, striving and determined man. He worked for the welfare of the people as well as himself. Grandfather Griffin built the first school house on his own land, which was used for church also. He has always helped those who needed help. So many can say, "Grandpa Griffin gave me a start in life." He has been a Methodist for a long time, and gave liberally to the support of the Church. His home has been the preacher's home, and his doors have been open to the poor, the stranger and all. He was loved as a father by all who knew him. Mr. Griffin was successful in life and leaves a handsome estate and property to his wife and heirs. His last days in this world were filled with agony and suffering. For seven weeks he lay at death's door. Everything that doctors and loved ones could do was done for his recovery and comfort; but human skill and strength were helpless. We had to submit to God's will. His last testimonies gave us the assurance that he is free from all pain and trouble now. A short while before he died there was a scene around his bed that any one that was present will never forget. A large crowd of relatives and friends were present. He spoke to the writer and said: "Bro. Vinson, I want you to pray with me. Sing 'Amazing Grace.'" We sang and prayed with him. Then we sang many of the good old songs for him. He told us that he was going to heaven. He called for two or three and told them he wanted them to live better lives and follow him. He then took each of us by the hand and told us good-bye, and said, "I want you to meet me in heaven, where we will never part." We were all made so happy. The time will never be forgotten. Several will remember it as the time when they decided to live a better life. Grandpa Griffin died Thursday evening, May 25th, without a struggle. Oh! it is so hard, grandma, to give up the one who has been so dear a companion so long. He was dear to us all; but it is the sweetest consolation to know he has gone to heaven. You will soon be with him. His pastor,

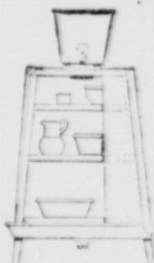
P. C. VINSON.

Elm, Texas.

PAFFORD.—Robert Pafford was born September 2, 1867, and died April 12, 1905. Some years ago Brother Pafford was converted and joined the Methodist Church, but, coming in contact with evil influences, drifted into sin. Three months before his death he received a great blessing from God and from then until he left us he was happy and resigned to the will of his Lord. He said the peace came through simply trusting God. He suffered much, but was patient. The ways of the Lord are past finding out, yet we believe that "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

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STOCKTON.—Brother J. S. Stockton is dead. He died near Honey Grove, Texas, March 29, 1905. Brother Stockton was born in Tippah County, Mississippi, November 28, 1846; professed religion in early life; joined the M. E. Church, South, at old New Hope Church in Grant County, Arkansas, and moved to Texas in 1893. Brother Stockton was a good and true man. I was his pastor for some years. He loved God and loved the Church and was a good friend of the preachers. As a Christian Brother Stockton was as true as steel and always maintained his fidelity to God and the Church. He was a fine character—a man of more than an ordinary intellect. Although he was poor in this world's goods, yet he was rich in gospel grace. As a husband and father he was kind and indulgent. His wife and children will sorely miss him. As a citizen he was honest, good and law-abiding. As a neighbor he had a heart to encompass the whole world of mankind—generous and charitable to all men. Brother Stockton divided his living with his preacher and also with the cause of missions, and in attestation of his fidelity to Christ and to the Church in the old neighborhood where he once lived a wonderful concourse of people were present at his funeral at old Hickory Grove Cemetery. I feel like I want to approach with soft foot fall and lay one flower upon the grave of this humble servant of God. I feel satisfied that Brother Stockton is at rest in heaven. May the all-sustaining grace of God rest upon his dear wife and children and his brothers and sister who are on their way to heaven. Farewell, brother, but not forever; we will meet again in that land where good-byes will never be heard and where farewells are unknown.

W. B. BAYLESS.

Rosston, Texas.

PHILIPPS.—Little Pauline Philipps was born April 15, 1903, and died May 28, 1905. While her stay with us was short, being only two years, one month and thirteen days, yet what a ray of sunshine she was in the home. She was a bright, sweet little girl, and oh! how hard to give her up. But God has something better for her in the sweet beyond. We are sure that she is free from pain and at rest in the arms of Jesus. The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Presbyterian Church at McMinn Chapel, after which her remains were laid away in the McMinn Cemetery. Her papa preceded her last July. She leaves a mother, one brother, one sister, besides grandparents and other near relatives and friends to mourn their loss. To those who mourn we say, "Weep not for little Pauline. She is beckoning you to come home to that city not made with hands eternal in the heavens." Her pastor,

LEONARD REA.

BARNHILL.—Luia Florine, little daughter of J. A. and Luia Barnhill, was born Aug. 6, 1903, and her spirit returned unto God who gave it on the morning of May 19, 1905, after an illness of one week. Florine was here only one year, nine months and thirteen days; but those short months were long enough to win her way to the hearts of all who knew her. Brother and Sister Barnhill moved to Eastland County, near Cisco, last November from Duffau, at which place they still hold their membership in the Methodist Protestant Church, there being no Church of that order near them. Thus in the land of strangers the death angel has visited them and left their home lonely indeed. But Jesus has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And, although little Florine's place is vacant in the home here, she is waiting for father and mother, brothers and sisters in that home where there are no more sad partings. May our Heavenly Father comfort the bereaved family.

MARY M. CLARK.

BLANTON.—Mrs. Elizabeth W. Blanton (nee Peacock) was born in Marion County, Georgia, December 31, 1835; was united in holy matrimony to J. D. Blanton May 12, 1853; joined the Methodist Church in 1854; came to Texas in 1857, and settled in Rusk County, where she lived until 1902, where she came to Alto, Texas, where she died May 24, 1905. She was the mother of twelve children, one of whom preceded her to the glory world. Sister Blanton was indeed a true Christian woman; most of her life had been spent in the service of the Lord. She had the blessed consolation of feeling that every one of her children were living a consistent Christian life long before her summons came. The parting was sad and but for the hope beyond how could we endure it? But with that blessed hope we say with her weeping children, "Farewell, mamma, but not forever." May God's blessings rest upon the lonely husband and weeping children till they meet in the sweet by-and-by.

D. S. BURKE, P. C.

RUSSELL.—On April 12, 1905, death for the first time invaded the home of our dear brother and sister, C. L. and S. C. Russell, at Buckholts, Texas, and took their little daughter, Hazel, who was born to them Feb. 23, 1902, and while they mourn over this, their first great loss, yet they mourn not without hope, for they, too, are headed toward that land of rest to which little Hazel has gone, while she with outstretched hands is beckoning them to come. Dear brother and sister, be true to God and he who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and he will give you an abundant entrance into that kingdom, little Hazel is, that you may enjoy that home of rest with her forever. May God's blessings rest upon all the family.

H. G. WILLIAMS.

BROWN.—Rev. Jackson Brown was born Sept. 12, 1841, in Tennessee, and died May 26, 1905, near Richland, Texas. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1867. He was licensed to preach in May, 1894, and was ordained deacon in November, 1898. Uncle Jackson Brown was a faithful local preacher, a good steward and a great friend to his pastor. It was my privilege to be his pastor two years. I loved him very much. By the efforts of this faithful veteran the church and parsonage was built at Richland. Some few months ago he asked me to come and bury him and preach his funeral at his death. He told me to not be afraid to tell the people that he was in a better land. Good-bye, Uncle Jackson, until we meet again. Cheer up, dear wife and children, trust in the Lord and meet husband and father in the sweet-by-and-by.

H. B. LANEY.

HARMENING.—Sarah E. Harmening (nee Brown) was born in Alabama Sept. 6, 1836; converted when young and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and lived a faithful, consistent member until death claimed her for its victim. She was married to Wm. D. Harmening in Ellis City Texas, Dec. 28, 1853. During the last three years of her life she was a constant sufferer, and yet she was not heard to murmur or complain, and just before her departure she sang a beautiful song and expressed herself as anxious to pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees. A patient, suffering Christian is gone, but her influence lingers, and is telling on children and grandchildren, who admired her beautiful Christian life.

J. M. BAKER.

CADDELL.—Richard Perryman Caddell, the sweet little babe of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Caddell, was born in Denton, Texas, Nov. 4, 1903, and passed away April 7, 1905, after a brief illness. He came into the home like a visitant from a brighter world, lingered in the home until all of the cords of love were entwined about him, and then took his flight back to that world of cloudless day. His mission was not in vain. He awakened parental love into being, he taught the beauty of innocence of purity, and with his bright eyes sparkling with light he revealed immortality to a world of death. The flower that began to bloom on earth has been transplanted to the paradise of God, and will there come to perfect blossom in a more genial clime.

T. H. MORRIS.

ROACH.—On Sunday, May 28, was witnessed, perhaps, the largest crowd ever seen in Evergreen Cemetery, Lipan, Texas. They had met to attend the funeral service of Miss Alice C. Roach. She was the daughter of Brother W. T. and Sister M. A. Roach, who are devoted members of the M. E. Church, South. Miss Alice was born August 25, 1883, and died May 27, 1905. She was baptized in infancy and joined the M. E. Church, South, at 12 years of age. She was a consistent Christian and an active Church worker; was full of sunshine and carried gladness wherever she went. She had a talent for music and was our organist at the time of her death. Some time before her death she requested that the following songs be sung at the funeral: "Thou Art Gone," "She Is Gone," "It Is God's Way, His Will Be Done." They were beautifully and pathetically rendered at the grave by those who knew and loved her. It is sad to see blooming youth cut down at the threshold of life, but God knows best. Let us meet her in the paradise of God. Her pastor,

ANTHONY D. LIVINGSTON.

BELL.—Mrs. Sallie Bell (nee Call) was born in Carroll County, Missouri, June 6, 1861, and died at her home near Carnegie, Okla., May 4, 1905. She was married to Bro. D. C. Bell in Vernon County, Missouri, December 13, 1882. She was converted when quite young and joined the M. E. Church, South, living a consistent member of the same till her death. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom survive her save one, who passed to her heavenly home only a few months

before her mother. She said: "Death is nothing; I will soon cross the river and be waiting at the golden gate when you come." She gave minute directions as to her shroud and place of burial. Near the end she lifted her eyes heavenward and said: "Beautiful home; I shall soon see Jesus." She preached many sermons while struggling with death, and her faith and glorious victory were enough to shatter any man's skepticism and make all men confess that there is a reality in the religion of our Lord. May the same Christ lead her husband and children and the same Spirit comfort her aged father until we are all ushered into the presence of our God.

W. N. VERNON.

HART.—Junius A. Hart was born December 8, 1846, near Lexington, Tenn., and died near Winchester, Texas, August 16, 1904. He was married to Miss Lois A. Moore in Fayette County, July 9, 1871. To this union was given ten children, seven of whom are living to cheer and comfort their widowed mother. Brother Hart was converted and joined the Methodist Church about six years ago and ever since has served his Church acceptably in the capacity of steward and Sunday-school superintendent. As long as his strength permitted he attended Sunday-school and even after he was too weak to do the necessary reading and talking his presence was a help

and strength to others. Before he passed over the river he called each of his children and exhorted them to be faithful and steadfast in Jesus and to meet him in the glory land. And, thank God, all are trying to follow his teaching and advice. May God bless the devoted wife and loving children and give them new strength each day they try to serve our blessed Lord. Then in just a little while we will all sing a song of praise and rejoice continually with our loved ones in God's kingdom.

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BAY.—James H. Bay was born in Tennessee October 11, 1840; moved with his father to Texas in early life; was married to Miss Nancy Berry November 17, 1899. To this union were born nine children; eight are now living, settled in Montgomery County, Texas. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1878, from which time he lived a consistent life. He died at his home in Montgomery County, Texas, May 17, 1905. In the presence of a large concourse of people his body was interred in the Bay's Chapel Cemetery. The writer preached his funeral from John 11:25-26. Brother Bay was a good man and as long as he was able filled some office in the Church. He was always at Sunday-school when possible. Brother Bay raised his own children right and they can now rise up and call him blessed. He taught them by precept and example and his labor has not been in vain in the Church and community in which he lived and labored so long. We would say to the children, strive on; you know where to find your mother and father. May God bless you all. **G. POWLEDGE.**

DAVISS.—Mrs. Nancy M. Daviss, daughter of General Horatio Philpott and Harriet Paxton Philpott, was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, September 14, 1813. In her early childhood her parents moved to Somerville, Ala., where she grew up, was converted and joined the M. E. Church at 14 years of age, and was married to William R. Daviss March 4, 1833. In 1851 she came with her husband, her parents and other relatives to Texas and settled near the town of Fairfield, where her husband died in 1878. She entered into life from her home in Fairfield April 27, 1905. Endowed with a superior mind and a strong but quiet character, she met and overcame the difficulties of frontier life, performing the duties of daughter, wife, mother and sister and neighbor in a manner so quietly resolute that all seemed to be done without effort. She was always in her place at Church until old age and feebleness made it impossible. Her husband and two daughters went home years ago. Five children and numerous grandchildren survive, not to mourn, but to follow her to the better land. May all be safely sheltered in the heavenly home.

S. PHILPOTT.

SIMMONS.—Bishop Marvin, infant son of Walter and Katie Simmons, was born May 10, 1904, and died March 4, 1905. His parents, with his grandmother, admiring our lamented Bishop Marvin, named him for the Bishop, and this writer christened him when only a few months old. Too pure for earth, Jesus said: "Suffer him to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." They uncomplainingly submit. There is a vacant place in the home and our hearts are sad, but we know where to find the babe. There death never enters and flowers but fade to bloom again. At rest with God. Comforting thought! A balm to heal wounded hearts. So let your tears, bereaved parents and grandmothers, be gentle and refreshing as spring showers. God is just—what he doeth is well. The babe will be standing with outstretched arms to welcome you in the pearly gate of the city of the blessed. What a happy reunion there will be after while! May we all reach that home. **I. F. PACE.**

HUDSON.—William J. Hudson was born in Woodruff County, Arkansas, June 14, 1862; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church early in life; came to Texas and on October 18, 1888, was happily married to Miss Fannie Banks, daughter of Rev. D. D. Banks. To this union were born ten children, one of whom preceded him to the better land. Brother Hudson was a poor man and a very great sufferer. For the past eighteen months he was a sufferer from cancer of the eye, having lost one eye and part of one side of his face. I was with him quite a good deal during his sickness and was with him when the end came, and do not hesitate to say he was as patient a sufferer as I have ever seen during his entire sickness. Not a murmur ever escaped his lips, but he was cheerful all the time and when the end came he was ready to go. He leaves a wife and nine children to sorrow over his death, but rejoice that he is done with the sufferings of this life and has gone to a better land, where sickness, sorrow and death can never come. May God sustain the wife and children in their deep sorrow and awfully sad condition and keep them from evil of every kind. **D. S. BURKE, P. C.**

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OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

When we consider the fact that Christianity has been shining with heaven's effulgent beauty and power into the darkened souls of men and women for nearly 2000 years and winning so many bright trophies in the many mission fields of the heathen world, it is both painful and amazing that there are so many people in the Church who claim to be Christians that say they are opposed to foreign missions.

Surely such people have never grasped the idea that the Bible is a great missionary book; that Christianity is essentially a missionary religion, and that the great object of missions is the spread of the gospel, the evangelization of the world and the salvation of human souls from sin and death.

This being true, we ask how can it be that men and women who call themselves Christians, followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, can oppose the great work of missions and refuse to contribute to this cause? Have such people ever stopped to consider what they are doing and the dangerous position they occupy? Surely not.

Do they not know that in opposing missions they are directly opposing Jesus Christ himself, the Great Head of the Church? Have they not read the ringing words of the Master, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world?" Matt. 28:19, 20.

Have the opponents of missions ever asked themselves the question, "How can we obey this imperative command of our Lord without engaging in missionary work?" What other possible way is there to carry out the teaching of Christ other than the way the Church has of sending missionaries to the heathen world for the express purpose of preaching the gospel to the poor heathen?

Again, do not the opponents of missions know that God says, "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea?" (Isaiah 11:9). How can this prophecy ever be fulfilled unless the missionaries go, in obedience to the Master, and carry this knowledge of the Lord to the uttermost parts of the earth?

Do the opponents of missions not know also that the Bible says, "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more?" (Ezek. 31:34). See also Isaiah 54:13, 60, 21. Have those who oppose foreign missions never read these stirring words of our Savior, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come?" (Matt. 24:14).

If the opponents of missions have read these words, how do they interpret them? Can they not see that in opposing the work of missions they are directly opposing Jesus Christ himself? And if men are in direct opposition to Christ, how can they claim to be his followers? Is it not time for them to begin to examine themselves very closely by the light of God's Word, and the aid of the Holy Spirit, and see where they stand, and realize the dangerous position they occupy?

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad," said our Lord. Matt. 12:30.

Now, is it not a painful fact that the opponents of missions are clearly and emphatically against Christ; and are they not scattering their means and their influence abroad over the land, and thus retarding the onward progress of the gospel instead of helping to send it to the heathen, who need it so badly?

missions, we beseech them to study well all the passages of scripture herein quoted and see how they can reconcile them with their views of missionary work.

But there is another phase of this question that I would like to bring before the readers of our great Advocate.

The lack of the missionary spirit shows that there is selfishness and the want of deep, fervent spirituality. We do not believe that any truly spiritual man or woman who has a sweet, satisfactory knowledge of the saving grace of God either can or will oppose foreign missions. When we know Christ ourselves as a loving Savior and have the witness of the Holy Ghost within us, we will naturally want all the world to enjoy this happiness and peace, and can not be satisfied unless we are doing our part towards bringing the world to Christ.

If any man or woman says he or she is really and positively opposed to missions, then it is time to look within and see how they stand with God. No man who occupies the right relation towards God can oppose missionary work, for unquestionably this is the work of God.

Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, of New York, at the Toronto Missionary Convention in 1902, gave utterance to these ringing words: "Christ furnishes the mind which plans and the will which directs. He is the seat of authority, of intelligent volition. The activities of the Church are under his control, and when he says 'Go' every member must move forward. It often happens that the hand or the foot lacks the strength to carry out the mind's intentions, but Christ, through the Spirit, imparts to every member of his Church the power needed to obey his orders. If this be true, no Christian can be exempt from any service which Christ requires of the whole Church. When he, our Sovereign Head, to whom all authority has been given, commands the whole body must respond at once, and for any one to fail of co-operation argues that he does not stand in right relation to the Savior; that something is interfering so that the mind of Christ is not properly communicated or that he has become a lifeless or a paralyzed member of the Church."—World Wide Evangelization, page 32.

These words are tremendously true and should be deeply pondered by all those who are opposed to foreign missions. If those who are opposed to this great work would only realize their own perilous condition they would become alarmed about themselves and go to praying for God to forgive them of their selfishness and give them the Spirit of Christ with out which they can not be His.

On this great subject John R. Mott says: "Systematic instruction as to world-wide missions will do much to overcome such perils to Church life and efficiency as selfishness, narrowness of view, contracted sympathies and indifference and apathy concerning the extension of the kingdom of Christ. Each Church needs something to live for apart from itself and its own local work. Nothing short of participation in the sublime undertaking of the evangelization of the world is adequate to emancipate from selfishness and to call out the best energies of mind and heart. How the missionary vision enlarges one's view of the world, of the Church and of the gospel."—Mott's "The Pastor and Modern Missions," page 62.

Would that this wide-awake, stirring book could be read by every preacher and member of all the Churches in America! How it would arouse the sleepy consciences and stir the cold-hearted Church members who are retarding the progress of the gospel in the world! Brethren, let us be fired with a divine passion for souls and a consuming desire to see the blessed gospel spread from shore to shore and pole to pole until all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **W. W. HORNER.**

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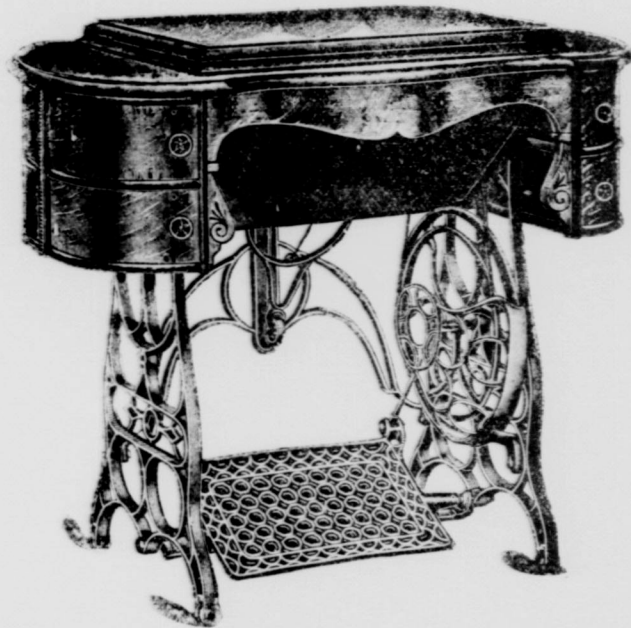
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This most western district of West Texas Conference convened on the last day of June in the beautiful and hospitable town of Miles, on the Santa Fe Railroad, far above and beyond the limit of malaria and miasmatic poisons of every kind.

The gently rolling prairies, carpeted with a variegated vegetation, over which leisurely fed numerous herds of Hereford and Durham cattle, presented to the gaze of admiring passengers a panoramic view of nature's own peerless painting, beautiful and inspiring.

The opening sermon was preached by W. B. Moon on "Our Lord's Temptations," which was thoughtful, earnest and spiritual. We had hoped to have Bishop Hoss with us at our District Conference, but the decision of the College of Bishops for him to go to South America prevented it.

Rev. J. D. Scott, our presiding elder, directed the business affairs of the conference wisely and well, presiding at each session to the entire satisfaction of all. Bro. Scott is a "live wire." With the ever-increasing responsibilities of this large district, together with the duties and anxieties necessarily imposed upon him by the various needs and growing demands of San Angelo Training School, of which he is president or business manager, the wonder is that he has stood up under such a load. But he seems to be nerved for the great work—on the altar for God and humanity. W. T. Renfro was elected Secretary. All the "traveling preachers" were present except Bro. Swanson, of Brady Station, who was reported sick and not able to come.

Reports of the preachers showed the district to be in good average condition, spiritually and financially, a fair increase in membership and collections well on the way.

The cause of temperance seems not to be waning, but surely growing stronger and becoming more deeply rooted in the minds and consciences of our people. On Saturday of the conference Bro. Summers, our pastor at Mason, received a telegram stating that Mason County the day before had gone "dry" by a good and wholesome majority, whereupon the conference rose and sang lustily, yet reverently, the "doxology," then bowed in grateful homage and adoration to praise our God who is surely marching on to conquest and final victory over the liquor traffic, whose blighting and withering influence has too long held high carnival in this fair land. Bro. Davis, the pastor, led us in this prayer, which was largely one of praise and thanksgiving, with the petition that God might follow up this victory with others until this great State shall be free from this giant monster of all evils.

The best of feeling pervaded all hearts from the beginning to the close of the conference. Love without dissimulation prevailed.

The preaching was strong, spiritual, helpful. The singing was good to edifying. There were several conversions and accessions to the Church. There was also an important accession to the pastor, a beautiful bride. Truly the Lord pitieth them that love and serve Him.

The good people of Miles entertained the conference well. Some of us had a good home and a pleasant place with Brother and Sister Hayes at the Windsor House.

The next District Conference goes to Sherwood, in Irion County, out towards the Pecos and the Rio Grande, out where the stillness of the morning has never yet been broken by the scream of the "iron horse," where the prairie dog hides to his hole in the ground or stands upon his haunches to watch the prairie schooner go by; where the coyote still roams in search of his prey, seeking what he may devour by night or by day.

For the past twenty years I have served the Church in the different conferences and in several different districts of these conferences, and it

is my deliberate conviction that I have never known a more consecrated, faithful set of preachers than these of San Angelo District. The work of some of these servants of God cover a stretch of country extending a hundred miles or about that. Some of them must carry provisions for themselves and feed and lariat ropes with which to "stake out" teams at night. Some of them cover a territory larger than a presiding elder's district back in the Old States.

Some of these brethren came by private conveyance a hundred miles through sun and dust and wind. But they got there, dust-covered and sunburned, but full of faith and the Holy Ghost. O there is iron in their blood and grace in their hearts enough to move the spiritual forces of heaven and earth, as was attested by their singing, their preaching and their praying. It seemed that the pent-up fires of old-time Methodism were once more fanned aflame into glad hallelujahs and exultant hosannas to the Prince of Peace, the Captain of our salvation. "It was good to be there." As I see it, most of these servants of God are not seeking for places of ease, or honor, or emolument; they are moved by the Holy Ghost to desire above all things else the salvation of souls and the glory of God. All honor to men of such heroic mold. May their race increase.

J. T. FARISS, Ass't Sec'y.

THE THEOLOGY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT—A CRITICISM.

The late Dr. A. B. Davidson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, was a great theologian. He was professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis in New College. Not only was he eminent as a scholar, but also was influential in a wider sphere. Davidson's Hebrew Grammar is one of the very best student's manuals available in English, and his Commentaries on Job, Ezekiel, Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah in the Cambridge Bible Series—one of the best hand book commentaries—are masterpieces of exegesis and exposition. His articles in the Encyclopedia Britannica and in Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible, as well as many other articles to other reviews, are noble contributions to the study of the Old Testament. Great scholars like Prof. Geo. Adam Smith, Robertson Smith, Skinner and others scarcely less eminent, have gone out from his class-room. It was through his influence that the Free Church of Scotland adopted the modern critical views with respect to the Old Testament. So it was with great satisfaction that the scholars of the world learned some years ago that Dr. Davidson had agreed to write the volume on the Theology of the Old Testament in the International Theological Library. It was anticipated that this work when it should appear would be the greatest work on that subject in the English language, and fully equal to any in German.

The author's death in 1902 left his great work yet unfinished, but the manuscript was put into the hands of Dr. S. D. F. Salmond, Principal of the United Free Church College of Aberdeen, and some months ago came from the press.

The management of the Summer School of Theology has placed the book in the course for post-graduates for the approaching session—June 6-16. The work is a good one, and can be read with much profit by any one. We wish to offer some criticisms in this brief review. It must be constantly borne in mind that this work is a posthumous publication. The notes were left, doubtless, in a fragmentary form, and hence we could not expect to find that masterly power of co-ordination in this book as is exhibited in Dr. Davidson's other books. The editor, Dr. Salmond, is not an Old Testament critic, and was not able to arrange the material in the best order. The first great defect of the book is that it has the same framework of a work on Systematic Theology. The historical method which is absolutely necessary in making a book on the theology of the Old Testament is clearly stated in the beginning and as surely laid aside in the treatment following. Dr. Davidson recognizes the historical method as the true one, yet, without giving any justification of his procedure, abandons it, and discusses his material under the topical divisions of systematic theology. This can be discovered by a glance at the table of contents, and is justified in a careful reading. Now let us examine some individual passages and arguments. On page 1 Biblical theology is clearly distinguished between natural theology and systematic theology, and Biblical theology is rightly defined as "the knowledge of God's great operation in introducing his kingdom among men, presented to our view exactly as it lies presented in the Bible." On page 2 concerning this operation, "It is historical and progressive; it covers a long period, and it advances from less to more, and finally culminates." On page 11 it is stated, "Our subject

really is the history of the religion of Israel as represented in the Old Testament." On page 5 the dependence of Biblical theology upon criticism and exegesis is properly stated. This conception of what Old Testament theology is at once suggests that certain studies must precede it. If it be the presentation to ourselves of the gradual advance of the kingdom of God as exhibited to us in the successive books of Scripture, it is necessary that we should see how these books follow one another, and know the age to which they belong, and of which they reflect the life and thought. "Obviously, too, Old Testament theology must be preceded by scientific exegesis of the literature in its length and breadth." On page 12 the proper relation between the religion and history is recognized. "When, therefore, it is said that the Old Testament religion is to be presented organically, it is meant that each step of progress was ultimately connected with the people's history—with their experiences."

Now, from all this it can be clearly seen that before either the history of the nation or of the nation's religion could be properly written, the literature of the Old Testament must be properly arranged in chronological order. The problem of the age of every piece of literature used must be investigated, and the fundamental positions justified. It cannot be truly said that Dr. Davidson has done this. The great historical periods given on pages 15-22 do not go far enough. The classification here made is not definite enough to write an adequate history of the religion of Israel. The fundamental positions of modern criticism are accepted, yet the literature of each period has not been definitely enough arranged in his own mind. He says of the period before the Exodus, "We have no literature from this period itself. What we have is the view of this period taken in the ninth and eighth centuries." The position taken in regard to the following periods is correct, but very inadequate for historical purposes. As an illustration let us take the argument on page 111, in which the second commandment is largely used to establish the fact that Moses taught a very high idea of the spirituality of God. It must be remembered that the Mosaic authorship of the Decalogue is seriously doubted by many modern critics and cannot be assumed without argument, and, in addition, all modern critics are agreed that the reasons attached to the Decalogue are late additions. Even if we should grant the Mosaic authorship of the Decalogue in its simplest form it is impossible to defend the Mosaic authorship of the second commandment, as it is usually numbered. The best teachers of Israel show no knowledge of it before Hosea's time. And besides the Book of the Covenant contains no such sweeping prohibitions, and the number ten of the commandments is complete without it.

This may be taken as a fair example of the entire treatise; how great conclusions are reached from data which are lacking in critical analysis.

As has been previously stated, Dr. Davidson abandons the historical method which he recognizes as the proper method in the development of his subject and adopts a purely dogmatic one. Instead of having the divisions, pre-Mosaic, Mosaic, the prophetic, the prophetic, etc., as his method would naturally require, he has these, the doctrine of God, of man and sin, of redemption and of the lost things. In seeking for a reason for this departure one may find it in the lack of historical analysis mentioned above. He felt himself too uncertain of his sources to follow the development of various religious ideas through their successive periods, and hence adopted a topical rather than an historical method.

The result of this subversion of method is to do away with the idea of development in the religion of Israel. On page 180 he makes the statement, "The doctrine of Jehovah receives few developments during the course of the Old Testament period," which is far from the real truth of the matter when gathered from the sources properly classified. In Davidson's treatment, the originality of the prophetic period is well-nigh done away with. Little development is shown in Israel's religious ideas and the function of the prophet is too largely that of the modern preacher. Because he has lost the sense of advancement which Christ declared was the law of his kingdom he has missed the very life of the Old Testament religion. Nevertheless there are many summaries of ideas which are brilliant and the book will be useful to many students of the Old Testament. NATHAN POWELL, Richmond, Texas.

THE ELEMENTS IN A GOOD SERMON.

I endorse your editorial on "Subjects for Pulpit Treatment." There are certain elements that go to make up a good sermon. First, the preacher is talking for God; speaking to dying men. How great is this responsibility!

"Who is sufficient for these things?" Not man within himself, but through God's spirit he can lead to the salvation of souls. Without this spirit all is as a sounding brass; it brings no conviction; leaves no joy in the soul. Paul said that he came not with excellency of speech or man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit. Imbued with this spirit, he felt his nothingness and cried out: "When I am weak, then am I strong." He could do all things through Christ, who strengthened him. Oh, God, give us this great strength, that we can subdue self and all inward evil, and our heads become waters and our eyes a fountain of tears, that we might weep over the slain of the daughters of thy people. Oh, that the spirit may qualify every called man of God for so great a work! Thus inflated with the spirit and love, he becomes a flame of fire. The Bible is one of the main elements of the pulpit preaching, for it is the sword of the Spirit. The Bible can do but little without the spirit. It is "sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." The preacher needs God's spirit to flash light along every line that he reads; he needs to pray and study. A good man was once asked how it was that he preached such a good sermon. He replied: "I was up last night with God and my Bible." A good sermon is one that does good. I love to hear the people say, "That was a good sermon." A grand sermon looks well; it catches the ear. A good sermon catches the heart. Christ said: "Feed my sheep." When fed it strengthens us for life's duties. Another element entering into the pulpit subject is studying our people. The preacher must mingle with his people, learn their joys and sorrows. Many times a good sermon has been found in a lowly home; here he finds food for thought. The gospel should be preached to all classes—the rich, the poor. Our Savior preached to Zacchaeus, and he was rich; he preached to the poor woman at the well. I do not know that she was living in adultery, but our Savior rather intimates that. "He whom thou now hast is not thy husband." These two classes, the rich and the poor, have a hard time getting to Christ. The poor, on account of their poverty, are kept away from Church; the rich, because they are rich, are elbowed off. The world says they care for nothing only their riches and to cheat and defraud. No doubt Zacchaeus was thus accused. He could not get to see Jesus only to run ahead and climb up in a sycamore tree. We should never shun the rich; they need sympathy

and help. Trouble comes upon them like other men. They need the gospel to console them, for their riches cannot. The poor and outcast need encouragement and help. Great is the man that can carry the gospel to all classes. A. W. GIBSON.

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