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Editorial.

PLAGIARISM AND WHAT CONSTITUTES IT.

Plagiarism is the appropriation by one man of the literary work of another without giving due credit for it, and the palming it off as his own. Writers sometimes do this, and more than once in life we have heard preachers deliver verbatim the sermons of other men without giving the least credit to those whose brain and labor produced the material. This is theft outright, and no man, whether writer or preacher, can keep it up and maintain his self-respect. Neither can he be strictly honest. It requires only quotation points in the case of a writer to give due credit for what is bodily quoted, and in the case of a preacher it requires only to mention the writer or the speaker from whom the quotation is made. However, it is perfectly legitimate for a man to study thoroughly the writings and the sermons of others, digest them, and then in one's own language use the substance of what has been read and studied. There are but very few people who are absolutely original. They have either gotten the fact or the suggestion from some other source and used the same in their own way and in their own words. There are great writers who tell us that Shakespeare did not originate his great dramas, but got the ideas of them outside of himself. Whenever a great brain gets off an idea or a thought and puts his stamp upon it, it is his as long as it remains in his verbiage; but it is public property when one wants to work it over, redress it, add to it and express it in different language. All thought is free. It belongs to the great world of thought. No man can patent it, or copyright it. But the method and manner of expressing it, and the exact language of it, are the legitimate property of the man who put it into that shape. It is our province as ministers to range the wide world of theology and sermon material and literature, for that matter, and reduce any or all of it to our way of thinking and writing and speaking, run it through the mint of our own minds and thus make it our material, and give it to the minds of others as our production. But when we merely read and absorb the thought and the language of others, without giving to it any individual thinking of our own, and then deliver it literally as we have read and absorbed it, we are plagiarists. Henry Ward Beecher was once far out in the rural districts of New York rusticiating, where no one knew him. He attended Church service one Sunday morning and listened to the young minister preach one of his own sermons without the change of a word. At the close he went round to the pulpit and spoke to the young man. Said the great preacher: "My young brother, that was a good sermon; I enjoyed it; it must have cost you a great deal of labor." "Oh, no!" said the pompous young man. "I dashed it off the past week." "Well," said Beecher, "may be it did not cost you much effort, but it took me several years to produce and preach and perfect it." And he then disclosed his identity, to the confusion and consternation of

the young man. This was unadulterated plagiarism. It was pure theft, and the young man was caught with the stolen goods! Had he taken Beecher's sermon and put it through his own mental mold and given to it his own language and personality, it would have been practically an original sermon, and no charge of plagiarism could have been brought against him. It only requires a good verbal memory to become an expert plagiarist, but it requires great labor and much original thinking to take the substance of other men's thoughts, make them our own and deliver them to the multitude. A plagiarist is a parrot chattering what he has heard and read, but the man who gives to the thought of others his own honest thinking and arranging is a student and, in a proper sense, he is original in his productions.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AT PORTSMOUTH.

All the world is rejoicing over the termination of the war between Russia and Japan. After deliberating for several days, the envoys of the two nations finally came to an agreement and the differences between the belligerents were reached. The treaty has been signed and the bloody struggle has ceased. At first Japan contended for a large war indemnity, and claimed the possession of the interned ships of Russia; but to both of these demands Russia stoutly refused to accede, and for days it looked like the commission would dissolve and the war continue. But at the last moment Japan waived both these demands and the peace followed. It was a magnanimous act upon the part of the little Island Kingdom, and she was actuated by the motive that the interests of humanity required it. The war thus far has been an awful one. Its battlefields have been veritable slaughter pens. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been sacrificed, and hundreds of thousands of others have been mangled and disabled for life. The world has stood aghast at the horrible spectacle; now that the carnage is to cease and the two nations have agreed on terms of peace, the world of Christendom is sending up expressions of gratitude to Almighty God. President Roosevelt is receiving the congratulations and thanks of all the great nations for the important part he has taken in bringing about this state of things. Had it not been for his friendly interposition, the war would still, in all probability, be in progress. But as the head of the greatest Republic on earth he succeeded in bringing the contending parties together on American soil; and when it seemed impossible for them to agree on terms, he again interposed through our ministers at Tokio and St. Petersburg, and in the face of apparent failure succeeded in unraveling the difficulties, and the peace result followed. Hence America is the most conspicuous nation in the eyes of the world, because of the part taken in this matter by her President. Now that peace is declared, Japan takes her place among the world powers as a great people, and with their respect for Western civilization Christianity has a most inviting field for operation. Let Christendom begin the mighty work.

LIFE IS AN EDUCATION.

This life is a school in which character is intended to be educated and trained for useful service. Every incident in life is an element in this system of education; that is if we strive to comply with the requirements of the divine law. We sometimes forget this fact, and murmur and repine when an occasional incident is oppressive and burdensome. This is natural, but it is not wise. We welcome the good things that come to us, and they have their part in our training. Were it not for the occasional fortunes that overtake us, we would most assuredly become discouraged and faint by the way. But we do not always get the best moral and spiritual results out of what we term the fortunes of life. We are so constituted that we cannot stand too much success. It tends to harden us and make us selfish. But the things we call misfortunes, if rightly applied, soften us and teach us dependence. They turn our thought toward friends and helpers who can sympathize with us. They develop our humanity, enrich our experiences and turn our eyes outside of self. The storm strengthens the oak and makes it root itself deeper in the ground that nurtures it. The tempest tests the ship and shows its seaworthiness. The box of ointment never emits its sweet perfume until it is broken, and then the fragrance escapes and passes on its mission. So we need the bitter and the sweet, the darkness and the sunlight, the rainfall and the drought, the thunder and the calm. It takes all these to make the days and the nights, and the seasons. They bring to the world life and health and productiveness. So it is with the varieties of life's experiences. All of them go to make character and to develop manhood and womanhood. They help to fit and train us for the life that now is, and for the life which is to come. They strengthen purpose, develop will power, adjust us to moral relationship, deepen us in conviction and broaden the horizon of hope. All these incidents and experiences crystallize in perfect moral and religious education. We become what we are through their tuition. This is what life is given to us for; and life is not worth much until it thus matures itself in educated and trained character. This is the end that God seeks in our creation and destiny.

THE MAN WHO BRINGS THINGS TO PASS.

The great world of business is looking for the man who produces results. The indolent man, the visionary man, the man who is simply expecting things to turn up, has but little place in the great movements of this day. And the man who is depending upon the name or character of his ancestors for his introduction to favor is also reckoning without his host. People who are on the lookout for employes, or agents, or clerks, or laborers, are not interested in a man's family record of other days; neither do they concern themselves about his expectations; they want

service, and they want that service to produce immediate results. There is work to be done in all the active pursuits of life, and men who can perform a difficult task and do it with dispatch are in demand. There is no place in the great spheres of industry for the sluggard or for the man who claims to have been something in the days that are gone. Brain, muscle, energy and enterprise are the commodities that find exchange in the active markets of the times. He who is possessed of this sort of capital and is willing to invest it in severe labor and toil will find a place without the slightest trouble. The other sort will fall out by the way and become nobodies. In the parable of the laborers the householder wanted men who could work. He went out early in the morning and found a number of them and sent them in his vineyard; at noon and in the afternoon he did likewise. And even toward the close of the day he went into the market place and, finding others standing there unemployed, he said unto them: "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" And even with but one hour of the precious day still left he said unto them: "Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right I will pay thee." Idleness begets mental and moral inertia, and this becomes a fertile soil for vice, immorality and crime. Industry gives employment to the body, activity to the mind, and it brings remuneration to the pocket, appetite to the stomach and honest sleep to the tired nerves and exhausted vitality. It also furnishes pure thought to the soul, and it brings contemplation and reflection to the spirit. It results in large development of capacity. And it makes the wheels of progress spin with increased velocity and increases the world's stock of wealth. But back of these activities the true knowledge of God and the morals of society are enhanced and individual piety is developed. Industry, employment and the investment of labor and capital, when governed by the motives of the Golden Rule, make a country great, a government stable and the people prosperous and happy. Just here is where the work of the Church comes in for its contribution to the great army of toilers to whom enterprise is looking for these varied results. Add to the muscle, the nerve, the brain and the energy of the world's toilers a proper conception of Jesus Christ and then the old world will move forward on solid and enduring principles. Therefore give to the great departments of industry men who can bring forth results and men whose minds and hearts are right toward God and one another, and the conditions of the present and the hope of the future are assured.

Most anyone can scold, criticize and find fault; but it takes a discriminating student to overlook minor matters in people and search for and find the good that is secreted in nearly every life.

Some people seem to forget that there are others in the world entitled to consideration beside themselves. This is exceedingly unfortunate and results in selfishness, not to say meanness.

Epworth League Department

(All communications intended for this department and exchanges with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to Gus W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Texas.)

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- President—Gus W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne.
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- Second Vice-President—Miss Belle Taylor, Houston.
- Third Vice-President—W. A. Palmer, San Marcos.
- Fourth Vice-President—C. A. Lehmburg, Fredericksburg.
- Secretary—A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas.
- Treasurer—Theo. Bering, Jr., Houston.
- Junior Superintendent—Mrs. C. W. Henry, Cleburne.

A WORD PERSONAL.

We take this occasion to express to the Leaguers of Texas our very great appreciation of the honor bestowed upon us in our re-election to the Presidency. We had hoped that another might be selected, for already we have served six years in an official capacity, three of them being in the position in which you have again placed us, but it was not your will. We love the League work, but we realize how incompetent we are to fill this exalted place of leadership. Your confidence and esteem encourages us to do the best we can, and this, by God's help, we will do. We are proud of Texas Methodism and rejoice in the strength of her Epworth Leagues, and our ambition is to see this new movement, the Assembly enterprise, develop into the agency that shall give to our young people and to the Church a trained and consecrated leadership that has but one ideal, and that the lowly Nazarene. With your help this may be done. I know this help will not be withheld, and so I accept the responsibility of the office to which you have called me with the prayer that God shall direct our efforts to a successful issue.

GUS W. THOMASSON.

THE FIRST ENCAMPMENT.

A newspaper reporter approached us at the close of the first encampment and said: "Sum up for us your estimate of this meeting." We replied without hesitancy, "The greatest ever held." All results justify this estimate. The attendance, all told, must have exceeded five thousand, although the full count has not yet been tabulated. It is true there were more than this number at San Antonio in 1896, but that session was only of three days' duration and a \$5 maximum railroad rate prevailed from all points in the State, and thousands who went there on that occasion were not Methodists nor even religious. The attendance on the encampment was mostly of our own people, the moral element prevailing to such an extent that not a single disorder or act of rowdiness occurred during the entire period of ten days. So remarkable was this behavior that it elicited the favorable comment of the citizens of Corpus Christi and of the distinguished visitors present. All that was necessary to keep the crowds out of the bay on Sunday was a simple request at the close of the Saturday night's service. When it is understood that fully 1,500 campers were on the grounds at this time the excellence of the decorum can be appreciated.

The enthusiasm was the greatest we have ever known and was not confined to the young people. Every department of the Church was represented, from the circuit rider to the connec-tional officer, and without exception every one proclaimed the location ideal and the opportunity for Methodism unrivalled. This same sentiment was shared by people of other denominations who were present, many of them being campers on the grounds. One enthusiastic Presbyterian donated \$25 during the great collection on Sunday afternoon, when two thousand dollars was pledged for general improvements. A number of the wealthy cattlemen around Corpus Christi contributed generously to this fund, some of them as much as \$50. Brother George Sexton got a half column write-up next day in the daily papers for taking up the collection, and he deserved it. The people at Corpus Christi call him "Everybody's Brother George," and when he asks them for anything they feel duty bound to grant it. Nearly every League represented in the great congregation that Sunday morning entered a subscription, and many of our prominent Methodist people made personal contributions.

The spiritual key was high. At the

consecration service held by Brother Louis Barton, on Sunday afternoon, seventeen young men and women responded to the appeal and pledged their lives for the ministry, for home and foreign mission work and for anything the Church might have for them to do. At the old time Methodist love feast, conducted by the irrepressible W. M. P. Rippey, of Norman, Oklahoma, the altar was filled with penitents and five bright conversions resulted. One of these converts was the keeper of the grounds, a young married man named Oscar W. Kendall. A pretty story is woven around his conversion. When the grounds were being graded by Brother Beall, our Methodist pastor at Corpus Christi, young Kendall was employed to boss the graders because of his good qualities as a superintendent and his ability to speak the Spanish language, the workmen being of the Mexican type. From this he was employed at other work as the preparation progressed, and when the first keeper resigned the position was given to him. He was not religious but was industrious and took much interest in the Encampment. When the call was made for penitents this man was among the first to respond, and his happy conversion, as noted, resulted. That night, down town, a child was born to his household, a girl, and he named her "Epworth." The encampment adjourned and Brother Sexton and myself were left behind to wind up the business affairs incident thereto. One day young Kendall came and said, "Brother Sexton, I want you to baptize my child." The service was arranged, and on Wednesday evening, August 23, Epworth Chatfield Kendall was baptized while the writer acted in the capacity of godfather and Miss Lillian Philpott, of Corpus Christi, the efficient chairman of the Decorating Committee in charge of the auditorium, served as godmother. The scene was impressive, and following the ritualistic service, in which the pretty little babe was the central figure, the father stepped forward and asked to be received as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At Brother Beall's request, Brother Sexton again officiated, and thus was fulfilled anew the prophecy of the scripture, "A little child shall lead them."

We cannot speak here of all the prominent features of the great meeting, these will come out in the Secretary's detail report, but we desire to mention the interest which was manifested in the lease sale of lots. When it was finally agreed upon as to just how the grounds should be plotted, the original plan being annulled, only two days remained in which to have a map made and placed on exhibition. Despite the short time, and the fact that many had left on account of the yellow fever scare, between forty-five and fifty lots were taken by people who, in each instance, expressed the intention of building cottages before the next encampment.

This summary would be incomplete without mention of legislation which was enacted. Provision was made for a State Cabinet, composed of the usual complement of officers, and, in addition, an Assembly Committee to have general oversight of the encampment work. A board of trustees was also provided for, and named, this action being subject to ratification by the several patronizing conferences.

The camp-meeting which was scheduled to follow the encampment was called off in deference to the request of the State authorities as a precaution against the spread of the yellow fever. Many of our people did not attend the encampment on account of the fever situation, and the remarkable thing to us is, that the crowd was as large as it was in the face of all these conditions.

And thus is briefly written the record of the first encampment session, one which, if we predict not falsely, will mark the beginning of a new era in our work, and one which Methodism in general will regard as the turning point in the development of the young life in the Church.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Fellow Members of the Epworth League of Texas: It is useless for me to say to you that this occasion is the happiest of my religious experience. Those of you who have kept in touch with the Epworth League movement in Texas during the past few years know with what faith I have looked forward to the establishment of a permanent home for the League and the inauguration of the Assembly plan, and yet you nor I scarcely dreamed that these hopes would be all so ideally realized.

One year ago, for the third time, you commissioned me as your chief executive, and, for the fifth time, you laid upon me official honors. And now, with six years of service behind me, I come to you to again render unto you an account of my stewardship and to recount for your information the eventful labors of the past twelve months. I have never felt that I was qualified to fill the office of President, and each time I have been honored with the position it has been against

my entreaty, but, somehow, you have been relentless in your determination, and each time God has given me strength to serve you. God has blessed us this year, and as we assemble here on this occasion, the most eventful in our history, to celebrate our thirteenth session—a session which is to signalize the inauguration of a broader and more effective plan of work, and, incidentally the dedication of our new home—let it be with hearts filled to overflowing with gratitude to Him who has so wonderfully prospered us.

Our last session was held at Houston, at Shearn Church, on August 9-11, 1904, and was characterized by the smallest attendance on record, there being not more than one hundred delegates present. A splendid program had been outlined, but nearly every prominent speaker selected was absent. Despite the small attendance and the altered program, a profitable session was held. Inspiring addresses and helpful deliberations filled the allotted time.

The year has been an auspicious one. Viewed from a numerical standpoint our gain has been slight. Our present membership, as will be shown by the Secretary's report, is 21,773, a net gain of 564. Our real advancement lies in the great development of the spiritual life of our young people. A mighty wave of religion has inundated our Empire State and our young people, still feeling its influence, have renewed their pledges of faith and re-consecrated themselves to the service of the Most High.

Cabinet Meeting.

Only one Cabinet meeting has been held during the year. On October 10, 1904, I called the Cabinet to meet in joint session with the Assembly Committee at Dallas, for a general consultation. A majority of the members were present and it was decided that no time should be lost in executing the will of the Houston Conference regarding an Assembly. An understanding was reached regarding the attitude of the State organization towards Dallas and its efforts to secure the 1907 session of the International Conference, and the Cabinet pledged its support to this city. A general plan of work was agreed upon for the several departments, looking to a united effort in the development of better plans and methods. The work usually done in Cabinet sessions has been carried on successfully by correspondence, and all important issues requiring the consideration and approval of the Cabinet have been duly submitted by me before announcing final action. No deaths nor resignations have occurred in the official family this year, and peace and harmony have prevailed in all our deliberations. I have been accorded an unusual degree of co-operation and loyalty on the part of the Cabinet, and feel under grateful obligation to each member for the uniform kindness and consideration which have been given me in the discharge of my official duty.

Special Appointments.

A number of special appointments have been made during the year. In August, 1904, soon after the adjournment of the Houston Conference, Mr. A. K. Ragsdale, of Dallas, was appointed to the position of Chairman of Transportation, and, later on, there were added to his duties that of advertising. He has also served as a member of the Committee on Arrangements, and in every instance has proven himself a most competent man. As an excursion manager we do not believe he has an equal in the State of Texas. We say without any hesitation that much of the success in securing the present very large attendance is due solely to the personal efforts of Mr. Ragsdale. Without hope of fee or reward he has unselfishly given himself to this work, left his private business when necessary, and at all times labored earnestly for the success of this meeting. His fealty deserves the highest commendation.

Board of Trustees.

The new constitution adopted at Houston provided for a Board of Trustees to have charge of all property acquired by the organization. The conference further created an Assembly Committee and prescribed its duties as being "to select a suitable place for a summer encampment and permanent home for the State League," and requiring that "negotiations be closed, and final action taken, by April 1, 1905." The duties of this committee were fully accomplished, and a formal report was submitted to me by Chairman Sexton on March 31, 1905. It was the sense of the committee that with this report its authority, as such, ceased, and that its duties, as required by the conference, had been performed. Believing that the interests of the organization would be best subserved by a retention of this committee until the grounds had been fully equipped, I exercised the authority vested in me as President and, on April 1, 1905, appointed the members of this committee as the Board of Trustees called for in the constitution. Under this authority they have been acting ever since.

The provision to incorporate the organization was not construed to be mandatory by the Cabinet, and the conditions did not, in our opinion, warrant such a move, and no steps were therefore taken to put it into effect.

Director of Texas Exhibit.—Our next appointment was Rev. A. D. Porter as Director of the Texas Exhibit at Denver, it being our expectation at the time of the appointment that our members would participate in the International Convention. Brother Porter engaged actively in the preparation of an exhibit, and only abandoned it when it became apparent that our people would not patronize the Denver meeting.

Keeper of Grounds.—The appointment of a keeper of the Assembly grounds was recommended to me by the Assembly Committee, acting as the Board of Trustees, and was duly approved. Mr. Kendall, of Corpus Christi, has been appointed to the position and is now residing upon the grounds.

Staff Officers.—The usual complement of staff officers has been appointed for the present session, in the instance being: Musical Director, G. E. Case, Sherman; Physical Director, A. W. Fisher, Galveston; Organist, Miss May Leverett, Cent Point; Pianist, Mrs. Gus. W. Thomasson.

Our Methodist Periodicals.

We deem it a special privilege to call attention to our Methodist publications. The Epworth Era, the official organ of the League, has recently been changed to magazine form, enlarged and improved. No better paper exists, in our opinion, for our young people. It is the best. I do not understand how any League chapter can operate successfully without this paper. Just now an effort is being made to increase its subscription list to such a number as will enable the publication of a weekly magazine, instead of a monthly, as at present. It only remains with us to say that this may be done. Texas, alone, could do it. Let us show our appreciation for this splendid paper by increasing the Texas list to five thousand names.

If you will forget for a moment that we have charge of the League Department in Texas Christian Advocate, we will say something about this paper. You can not fail to have noticed the generous amount of space which the publishers have given to Texas League matters during the past year. Whether the reading matter has been to your liking or not, the action of the management in providing the space is magnanimous and is deserving of our highest praise. No Methodist home in this State should be without this excellent paper, and we are told that very few of them are.

The Ten Cent Assessment.

The General League Board in its wisdom has levied an assessment of ten cents upon every member of the League for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the central office. As loyal Methodists we should pay this assessment. From a bit of personal experience which we have had in the central office, we know it is needed. Now let every chapter in Texas, the great stronghold of Leaguedom, where examples are sought and where the spirit of progressiveness reigns supreme, come up nobly with its part of this fund.

History of the Assembly Movement.

No resume of the year's work would be complete without a history of the Assembly Movement. Whatever else may signalize our achievements, nothing is so important as this great enterprise. In giving you this sketch I am recounting more than ordinary events—events which mark an epoch in the history of the Epworth League movement—and, this being true, I shall use diligence to give you only authenticated facts, so that, in after years, in pointing to this record, you may do so with the full consciousness that the statements hereina made are true and correct.

The question of the Assembly was first agitated in 1898, during the administration of Hon. F. P. Works, but the large attendance upon the session of the State League, at that time, worked against any change in the plan of operation, for numbers were accepted as evidence of success. The first mention of this movement which appears of official record, is found in the minutes of the San Antonio Conference, of 1903, in our report as President, in which occurs this language: "The matter of a League Assembly having been mentioned by various parties to the members of the Cabinet, the President was instructed to open correspondence through the Epworth Era, and to make all other possible investigation concerning such a departure."

The information is given that at a Cabinet meeting, on January 18, 1902, "it was deemed wise to appoint a special committee to make still further investigation." On this committee were appointed, Miss Minerva Reese, Sempronious; R. M. Kelly, Longview; A. H. McVeigh, Cleburne. At the session of the State League Conference referred to, this committee reported "the existence of a strong sentiment in

favor of the Assembly plan." The report was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. After much deliberation the following recommendation was made by the committee:

"Your Committee on Resolutions favor a State Assembly, and recommend that a committee of ten, two from each conference, consisting of a layman and clerical, to be appointed by the State Cabinet to co-operate with said Cabinet in organizing the manner and method and place of holding the said Assembly, and we further recommend that the business session of the State League be held in connection therewith, and, further, that there is to be no financial obligation incurred during this year."

Such was the first definite action seeking to establish an Assembly, and the last clause of this resolution was added to satisfy the fears of the minority who objected to the movement on the ground of probable expense. In fact the addition of the clause was regarded by the authors as an adroit move to defeat the purpose of the resolution. The published list of names subsequently nominated by President Halsell for membership on the committee, the list furnished me by the then Secretary, A. K. Ragsdale, and the recorded list of names of those present when the first meeting of the committee was held at Waco, May 5, 1904, do not agree with each other; but from the best information obtainable, the following was the personnel of the committee appointed, viz:

- North Texas Conference: Rev. S. C. Riddle, Gus. W. Thomasson.
- Northwest Texas Conference: Rev. R. B. Bonner, H. H. Halsell.
- West Texas Conference: Rev. Joe F. Webb, W. G. Lee Woods.
- Texas Conference: Rev. V. A. Godbey, D. H. Abernathy.
- German Mission Conference: Rev. A. E. Rector, C. H. Grote.

The Assembly Committee, thus constituted, met in Waco, May 5, 1904, and after canvassing the situation adopted the following resolution, viz:

"Be it resolved that this body, while in hearty sympathy and accord with the Assembly plan, do not deem it wise to undertake more than the preliminary arrangements this year."

The preliminary arrangements referred to consisted of the appointment of a committee to visit the Tri-State Assembly at Biloxi, Miss., another to visit the B. Y. P. U. Encampment at LaPorte, Texas, and a third committee "to visit proposed sites, receive propositions and gather all possible information for the location of the Assembly in 1905." Neither of these committees reported at the Houston meeting, but a report was submitted by the Assembly Committee as a whole, which was nothing more than a transcript of the minutes of the committee meeting at Waco. President Halsell, however, in his annual address, reviewed the situation at length and summed it up in these words, viz:

"While we believed (referring to the Waco meeting of the committee) the Assembly plan was feasible, and almost a necessity to the League movement, still the time was too short in which to make preparations for the Assembly this year (1904), and the condition of our treasury would not justify the outlay for the Encampment."

Further along in his address he said: "I am still of the opinion that this conference should carry out the views expressed in the last conference in reference to the Assembly, by the appointment of a committee to arrange for the Encampment next year, and I so recommend."

The whole matter, therefore, came up for consideration again at this Houston (1903) session of the State League Conference. The small attendance, to which reference has already been made, contributed largely to the conviction that something must be done to revive interest in the State gatherings and to put the work of the local chapters upon a more practical basis. Much of the time was given to a discussion of the Assembly plan. The Committee on Resolutions, in its report, submitted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this Conference elect a committee of five, two ministers and three laymen, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable place for a summer encampment and permanent home for the State League Conference, and that negotiations be closed and final action taken by April 1, 1905; and that the President and Secretary be ex-officio members of said committee."

This resolution was adopted. In the deliberations of the Committee on Nominations, which followed, it was recognized that the Assembly Committee needed at its head a man of wise discretion, a man familiar with League work and its need, and withal a minister of reputation who could command the respect and co-operation of his brethren at large. The choice wisely fell upon Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, of Galveston, and on the committee with him, as associates, were named, Rev. J. M. Peterson, H. H. Halsell, R. W. Hall, W. G. Lee Woods, the President

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Devotional and Spiritual

HOW TO INCREASE LAY EFFICIENCY.

The last fifty years has witnessed the development of a new Christian womanhood. Wherever women have been enlisted in specific and organized Christian works new intellectual and spiritual life has been awakened. New objects to live for, fresh and quickening books dealing with real life, both the simple life and the heroic life, and the choicest Christian friendships have come to our women. Above all a sense of the presence of the Lord in their lives has enriched life beyond measure. What Christian worker among our women would part with what has come into her life, to say nothing of the results of her efforts, for any advantages which come from membership in one or a half dozen clubs for mere social or even intellectual advantage? What has been called "The Unquiet Sex," the women who do not need to be bread-winners and who without sufficient aims in life might prove a menace alike to themselves and to society, these have become an almost incalculable force in the kingdom of God. Their contributions in money are now reckoned by the million and their contributions in enlightened sympathy, in prayers and in the reflex influence in their own homes of their intelligent acquaintance with the ongoing of the kingdom are forces that need to be reckoned as among the most potent agencies at work for the betterment of the race. Then the rich contribution of lives made by the choicest women of our land both to foreign and home evangelization recall the tribute of the great Greek teacher of rhetoric, Libanius, "What women these Christians have!"

What our Christian men need is something like the new birth and life which their wives and sisters and daughters have begun to enjoy, a passionate love for Christ that will become ingenious and inventive in methods of usefulness. That the passive and lethargic condition of the average Church does not represent the mind of Christ none can doubt. Once again the Church means the clergy as far as any intelligent and sustained Christian work is concerned, beyond, perhaps, what is done in the Sunday-school by a mere fraction of the lay membership. Church membership, like membership in the club, is too often maintained by the payment of the annual dues without regard to the frequency of attendance. It is even to be feared that in many places the mere social advantages of the Church are mostly urged, and the husband and father pays the annual fee for the sake of his family, and sets it down mentally to club fees as one of the necessities or even luxuries of city life. To what base use the name of the Son of God can be brought to quiet religious hunger by social enjoyment in a semi-religious atmosphere filled with choice music and sermons whose chief characteristic is their "intellectual frugality."

Milk for babes but "strong meat for men" was the apostolic idea of preaching. No true lay efficiency can be expected without a stronger diet. The worker must be nourished. The pastor who looks upon his Church not as his field but as his force must concern himself about the commissariat. "An army moves upon its belly" is a maxim of great captains. The supply train cannot be far behind the guns and the men behind the guns, if the campaign is to be successful. The mission of the pulpit is to feed as well as to lead. The history of the pulpit is the history of the Church. Where Barnabas and Saul are pastors there are sure to be missionary Churches. Where Chalmers and Guthrie fill the pulpit the pews are

filled with those eager for work among the submerged in our congested centers of population. Where Theodore Cuyler preaches there is a working Church. Lay efficiency is largely a question of pastoral efficiency. The man appointed to feed the flock of Christ over which the Holy Ghost has made him overseer must take heed both of himself and to the doctrine, and thus he may hope to save both himself and them that hear him. Well may he ask if his preaching has set forth strongly the duty and glory of Christian service as the true prerogative of the believer. Has he faithfully taught that the vine bears fruit only through the branches? Has he preached that men "are created anew in Christ Jesus unto good works?" Has he reminded them that in "that day" the command will be, "Call the laborers?" Has he taught ceaselessly that while good works are not the ground of our acceptance, they are the measure of our reward? Have men been reminded that Abraham's works wrought with his faith that by his works his faith might become perfect? A poorly fed people is an unenterprising people without inspiration or works.

"The devil is the busiest Bishop in England," said Hugh Latimer, who, like Paul, was not ignorant concerning his devices. He ever seeks to pre-occupy the territory, to "stake the claim" so that the discouraged pastor gives up the effort to do much in enlisting a staff of workers. Men, even Christian men, will plead that they are too busy until they know the expulsive power of a new affection. They must take the luxury of doing good to know how far it exceeds the joy of making money. They will then recognize who giveth them the power to get wealth and who sitteth over against the treasury. Church membership will be dignified into Christian service. Men who are "members in particular" in the business world will no longer be willing to be "nobody in particular" in the Church of God. Then there will be no mired wheels, no unemployed servants of God. The pre-occupied mind busy at the Lord's commands can say to the tempter, "I am doing a great work and cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I come down unto you? It is not by mechanical methods that Christian workers are made, but by a new and passionate love of Christ that ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" To awaken that love for laborers of love is building up believers on their most holy faith. It was after declaring the glorious triumph through the resurrection over sin and death that the apostle exhorted to abound in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The hour when our Lord's joy exceeded was after he sent out other seventy also, two and two before his face into every city and place whither he himself would come. It was not the spectacle of the twelve at work, but the seventy at work, that thrilled our Lord with holy joy. He bade them go praying the Lord of the harvest to send out yet other laborers into his harvest. When they returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us in thy name, the Lord declared, "While you are working in my name and receiving such increase of strength that you dared even to go beyond the commission, until the devils become subject unto you, I had a larger vision, for I beheld Satan falling like lightning from heaven." The final overthrow of the power of Satan must come with the whole body of believers, and not the apostles only, seeking to gather in the Lord's harvest. What the Lord has sown that the Lord

must reap, but one soweth and another reapeth that both may rejoice together.

To the clear perception of enlisting the whole body of disciples in active service as the Master's own method, and so our own if we be wise master-builders, and to the conviction that such active service cannot survive a passionate love of Christ for souls for Christ's sake, and that his love alone can awaken and sustain ours, making it inventive and fruitful, may be added the inspiration which comes from the helpful example of those who have already found this more excellent way. It used to be said of the great jurist the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, Sir Roundell Palmer, afterwards earl of Selborne, that men could set their watches by him on Sunday morning on his way to teach the Bible in Sunday-school. In this he but followed the example as a Christian worker set by Sir Matthew Hale, the Lord Chief Justice. Busy as were the days of Gladstone, his modest diary shows that he found time enough every day to do some positive Christian work. Two of the justices of the supreme court of the United States take such delight in teaching the Bible that a Sabbath at Washington is attractive to men of letters or of the legal profession for the privilege of sitting at the feet of such instructors.

What varied forms of efficient service are possible to laymen of devout spirit and exemplary lives. What weight attends their words for the Master whether spoken in public or in private, or sent on their way through the almost forgotten art of letter writing. The epistle which was Christianity's distinctive contribution to letters is still a divinely used agency for good alike in winning souls and in strengthening believers. Counsel and sympathy are golden when they come from trusted hearts. Said a governor of one of the great commonwealths of the union, one who is known for his uncompromising fights with principalities and municipalities. "I cannot tell you how much I have been strengthened by the prayers and words of great and good men." Such good men ever help each other and in countless ways extend the kingdom of our Lord. God fulfills himself in many ways through such heroic and loyal souls whether they be in guilds or alone, or go forth "two and two" (such as even the apostles found best) to do the work of the Lord. What our laymen need is to find themselves and they will find their work as well. Happy the pastor who can help and so multiply himself a hundredfold.—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D., LL. D., in *Michigan Advocate*.

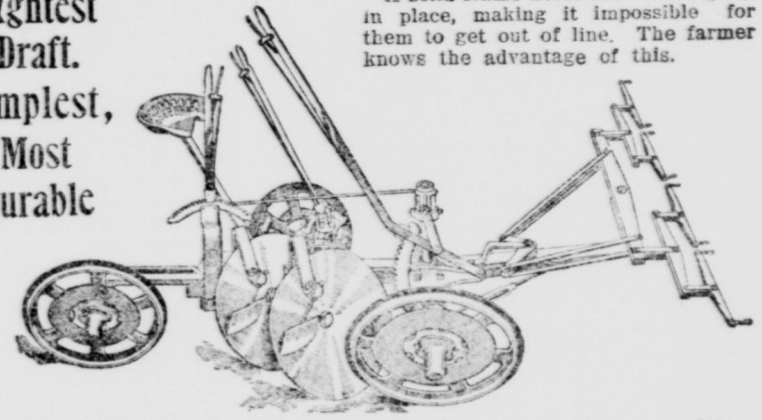
FROM THE HEART.

The picture of a sturdy little boy dripping wet from his efforts to gather pond lilies, his hands full of the coveted flowers, and his face fairly beaming with joy in the thought of his mother's pleasure in receiving the gift, suggested the following train of thought. Will his mother be pleased to receive them? As pleased as the boy thinks she will be? Will she accept them as graciously, as lovingly, as they are offered? Will she refresh his loving, loyal little heart with as loving and prompt acceptance before discovering that his clothing was so very, very wet? And will she even then, after having warmed his heart, lead him in the wisest manner possible to substitute dry clothing for the wet garments—and without a rebuke?

These questions occur to one who has been closely associated with children, and who, knowing well the discipline that each child, each heart, needs in order that its greatest strength, greatest beauty, greatest power for loving service may be developed, knows also that many mothers are "cumbered with much serving," and that with many moth-

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ers the first thought would be expressed in words not unlike these: "Go and change your clothes right away." "But, mother, aren't these lilies lovely?" "Go and change your clothes, I say!"

Alas for poor little Dan or Tom!—whoever he is. Alas for the injury done to his power of loving service, to his unselfishness, to his loving, loyal heart!

Are we not sometimes a bit too practical? Too prone to censure first and show pleasure second? Cannot a more fitting time be found to instill habits of carefulness, of neatness, etc., into the child's mind, than when he comes, with his heart in his hand and love in his eyes, to offer a gift that it has cost him something to secure, even though his clothing be wet or torn and his face and hands far from clean?

And, again, are we sufficiently gracious, are we true to our own best selves, when, on learning that something—never mind how small a service—has been done for us, we say: "What did you do that for? There was no need of it!" Was it not prompted by love, and should we not understand why it was done? Was there no need of it? Does not the heart need the comfort of expressing itself in loving service? Does not each heart need the refreshment that it can receive only through such service from another?

How much simpler, sweeter, more natural, more loving, would have been a "thank you" straight from the heart, accompanied by a smile—never the perfunctory, formal "thank you" given too often, and without a smile. These two words are close to a lie when given simply as a "duty" acknowledgment or for form's sake.

"I hold him great who for love's sake
Can give with generous, earnest will;
Yet he who takes for love's sweet sake
I think I hold more generous still."
—Clara F. Lord, in *Christian Register*.

A MOTIVE FOR CONSECRATION.

One of the distinguished ministers of the Presbyterian Church told us, in a conference in a Western city, that a little boy who had been operated upon by Dr. Lorenz said, as soon as he came out from under the anaesthetic, "It will be a long time before my mother hears the last of this doctor;" and then said my friend: "I thought of an incident in my own life, of a poor German boy whose foot was twisted out of shape, whose mother was poor and could not have him operated upon, and I determined to bring him to a great doctor, and ask him to take him in charge." The operation was over, and was a great success. When the plaster cast had been taken off from his foot, my friend said he went to take him

home. He called his attention to the hospital, and the boy admired it, but he said, "I like the doctor best." He spoke of the nurses, and the boy was slightly interested, but said, "They are nothing compared to the doctor." He called his attention to the perfect equipment of the hospital, and he was unmoved, except as again and again he referred to the doctor.

They reached the Missouri town and stepped out at the station together, and the old German mother was waiting to receive him. She did not look at her boy's face, nor at his hands, but she fell on her knees and looked at his foot, then said, sobbing, "It is just like any other boy's foot;" and took him in her arms. But all the boy kept saying to her, over and over, was, "Mother, you ought to know the doctor that made me walk."

And then my friend said: "There is no one of us but for whom Jesus Christ has done ten thousand times more than the doctor did for this boy, and we have never spoken for Him; we have not yielded ourselves to him."

It must have been with some such spirit as this that the Apostle said: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."—Selected.

NO DIFFERENCE.

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Secular News Items.

A bulletin on the manufacturing industries of Kansas, issued by the census bureau, shows that in the State at the beginning of the present year there were 2472 manufacturing establishments, as against 2391 in 1900, and that the value of the products has increased during the period of comparison from \$154,065,394 to \$193,473,117.

Judge W. J. Calhoun, of Chicago, special commissioner of the United States to Venezuela, concerning whose mission contradictory statements have been made, in an interview said: "I am still busily engaged in investigating the proceedings taken by the Venezuelan Government against the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company. It is possible that I shall not inquire into any other case and certainly shall not investigate the internal administration of the country."

The Levant mine, situated near the Land's End, England, goes down vertically for 2999 feet, and is worked laterally under the bed of the Atlantic, considerably over a mile from the foot of the cliffs. The mine gives employment to 515 men and 175 boys, and practically runs the village of St. Just.

The Japanese correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph at Moji, Japan, sends a report that General Kourapatkin has resigned his command and that his health has given way. A similar report comes from St. Petersburg.

Fire at Adrianople Saturday night caused severe damage. Several thousand houses were destroyed in the Greek, Armenian, Bulgarian and Jewish quarters. With the exception of the Catholic Church, the Mosques, the schools, a convent and the telegraph offices few buildings were insured.

Special Inspector George F. Wilson of the Interior Department was dismissed by Secretary Hitchcock for malfeasance in office, in that he accepted money for recommending favorable consideration of cases in which several witnesses in the Oregon land frauds were interested. The dismissal of Wilson grew out of the charges made against United States Senator Mitchell. During the trial it was stated that Wilson had promised favorable recommendation in certain cases, and that he accepted \$200. Wilson admitted that he had received the money, but declared that it was exacted for the purpose of entrapping the men from whom it was taken.

China has placed the boycott of American products under an imperial ban. An edict has been issued by the Government commanding Viceroy and Governors of provinces to take measures for the suppression of the boycott, and holding them strictly responsible. The State Department has received a cablegram from Minister Rockhill giving a summary of the edict. The cablegram was forwarded immediately to the President, and by his direction Secretary Loeb made it public. The text of the cablegram follows: "An imperial edict published shows that the long and deep friendship has not been tried as now. The United States Government promised to revise the treaty, and people should cheerfully await action of both Governments. Boycott wrong and harming friendship. The imperial edict holds Governors and Viceroys personally responsible. Shanghai reported situation improving. Will undoubtedly do good."

Secretary Leslie M. Shaw has written a rejoinder to Governor Cummins' answer on the reciprocity question, in which he declares that he does "not agree that public men are bound by editorial comment, however friendly," and declining to accept as correct the version of his speech as published in newspapers chiefly supporting him in Iowa. He states that he "forgives" the Governor. He further states that he favored the ratification of the French treaty. It is regarded as probable that Governor Cummins will reply further in the discussion of the policy of reciprocity.

The interned warships to which Japan has waived her claim and which will be returned to Russia are: The battleship Czarevitch, at Tsingtau, China; the cruiser Askold, the gunboat Mandjur and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, at Shanghai; the cruiser Diana, at Saigon, French Indo-China; the cruisers Aurora, Oleg and Jemchug, at Manila; the converted cruiser Lena, at Mare Island, San Francisco Bay.

A report has been received at the Treasury Department from custom officials at New York which shows that the 108 bales of Havana tobacco some time ago imported at Tampa and thence shipped to New York, where it

was seized, had been examined, with the whole shipment was found to have been properly appraised as filler. The remaining half of the entire shipment, it is claimed, should have been entered as wrapper and the higher duty paid. The fifty-four bales, alleged to have been improperly entered as filler, contained, it is said, from 15 to 40 per cent each of wrapper. The United States Attorney at New York will take the matter to the courts to justify the seizure and establish the right of the Government to the tobacco. It is understood that the owners will contest the case before the courts.

The Japanese-Russian war has been a costly one. In the little more than a year and a half since the war commenced Russia has lost substantially 300,000 men killed or wounded on land and 80,000 on the sea, among these being 67,000 prisoners now in the hands of the Japanese. The Russians had eight-three warships engaged, and of these fifty-seven were sunk and seven captured. The loss in ships was a drain of \$150,000,000 on Russia, and the war has cost Russia not less than \$1,200,000,000. For Japan the cost has not been so great. The men killed and wounded number 113,000 on land and 3600 at sea, with only 646 prisoners taken by Russians. The Japs had seventy-six warships engaged and twelve were sunk. The war cost to Japan was probably \$800,000,000. At the close of the war there is in Manchuria a Russian army of about 630,000, facing a Japanese army of 900,000. The money lenders of the world have profited greatly by the war, for Russia has borrowed from them \$570,000,000 and Japan has borrowed \$650,000,000.

"Closely relating to the ending of the war," says the National Daily Review, "is the question of the financial exploitation of China and Korea, and in this the people of Japan and of the United States have an interest. The Chinese boycott forced a new issue. It came to a head in the virtual demand of the Chinese Government for relinquishment of the concession for the Canton-Hankow Railroad by the American company. China offered to pay well for the work done. Mr. Morgan was more largely interested than any other. He went to the President and told him that in view of the Chinese boycott and the uncertainty of future value for his railroad he felt that he ought to sell. After several conferences with the President it was agreed that the sale should be made and China will pay the railroad men \$6,750,000. In addition to consulting Morgan the President consulted the Chinese Minister and Mr. Kaneko, the financial agent of Japan. What will happen, so it is freely predicted, is that a Japanese-Chinese exploitation company will be formed to take over the Hankow Railroad, to build it into the interior, to build other roads in China and in Manchuria and in Korea—in short, to develop a great continental system of railroads for the Orient. This will be handled by the Japanese, and American financiers will furnish the money. Japan will virtually control the system and through this be able to command the trade of China and Korea. It will be worth millions to Japan. It may be worth far more than the millions which Japan wanted as indemnity. It is far more than possible that this disposition of the railroad concessions in China and Korea, arranged as it was by President Roosevelt, had very much to do with making peace possible."

Over forty physicians of Washington have already subscribed to the stock of a company which will be incorporated at an early date for the open-air treatment of tuberculosis, says an exchange. A suitable place has already been secured and it is expected that enough money will soon be subscribed to permit incorporation and enable the practical work to be inaugurated. The object is to afford persons of moderate means who are in the incipient stage of the disease facilities for open-air treatment in the immediate vicinity of the city, where they can have proper medical supervision, suitable diet, etc., at a very moderate cost.

The commissioners appointed to negotiate with regard to the dissolution of the union of Sweden and Norway were announced as follows: For Sweden—Christian Lundberg, the Premier; Count A. F. Wachtmeister, Minister of Foreign Affairs; M. Staaf, member of the Cabinet without portfolio; and M. Hammarskjold, Minister of Education and Ecclesiastical Affairs. For Norway—Premier Michelsen, Foreign Minister Loveland, C. C. Berner, President of the Storting, and M. Vogt, former Minister of the Interior. The commissioners held their first meeting at Carlsbad August 31.

Representative Townsend of Michigan, one of the strongest advocates of railroad rate regulation, has written a letter in which he says: "I have no reason to believe President Roosevelt has given up his intention of calling an extra session of Congress early in November, except certain unauthorized

statements which have appeared in the newspapers. If he has changed his mind it is undoubtedly because he is confident the work can be accomplished in the regular session. I am satisfied some bill having for its object the further regulation of interstate carriers will pass both houses of Congress at the coming session. I shall introduce a bill containing the main provision of the one I offered in the Fifty-ninth Congress. I think it will be well to particularly specify private cars so there will be no question that they are included in the regulative power conferred by the bill. The developments during the summer have clearly demonstrated the necessity of enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission as to render its orders in reference to rates and regulations effective, and I do not believe the President has changed his often-expressed opinion on the subject."

It is reported in Tien Tsin that the discontent in Japan over the concessions granted to Russia in the proposed peace treaty is so deep that it is feared that a revolution will break out throughout the Empire. This movement, it is declared, has manifested itself in Tokio. All cables are cut.

The Brazilian Chamber of Deputies has decreed a prize of \$2,000,000 in gold for the discovery of a preventive or a remedy for tuberculosis and cancer. An international commission will be named by the Brazilian Ministry to pass upon any discovery submitted and the prize will be awarded after two years of experiments.

At the morning session of the peace conference at Portsmouth on August 29 peace between Russia and Japan was practically concluded. In the final struggle the Russians achieved the victory. For the sake of peace the Japanese, with a magnanimity worthy of their heroic achievements in this war, met the ultimatum of the Czar and abandoned their demands not only for reimbursement for the cost of the war, but for the purchase of the northern half of Sakhalin. Russia at the same time agreeing to a division of the island. The Japanese also withdrew Articles 10 and 11 of the peace conditions originally proposed (demand for the surrender of the interned warships and limitation of the Russian naval power in the Far East).

The signing of the Treaty of Peace between Russia and Japan took place at 3 o'clock p. m. September 5. The ceremony was very simple, and immediately afterwards the Russians went to Christ Church, Portsmouth, where a tedeum service was held.

The extreme reticence which characterizes Japanese representatives when they are asked to talk about the present peace negotiations was illustrated the other day when Baron Kaneko was at Oyster Bay visiting the President. He was pressed to tell something regarding the peace terms offered and the indemnity asked by Japan. The Baron replied in the most frank and earnest way: "Baron Komura is an intimate friend of mine and we went to college together, but it never occurred to me to ask about such matters. Strange, is it not?"

Cholera has invaded Prussia. The official report shows sixty-six cases and twenty-three deaths. One Russian emigrant on his way to the United States died of this disease in Hamburg, but every precaution has been taken to prevent a spread of it. The United States will make careful inspection of all emigrants and there is no fear of cholera entering the United States.

The great yellow fever epidemics in the United States were in 1793, 1798, 1802, 1853, 1867, 1873 and 1878. The last one was the worst and the fever then spread to 132 towns and killed 15,934 out of the 74,000 who had it.

"The prestige," says an exchange, "which the successful treaty making at Portsmouth has given to President Roosevelt, recognized everywhere as the real master of the situation, will go far toward securing final acceptance of the American plan for guaranteeing the permanent peace of the world as presented by the American delegation to the Interparliamentary Arbitration Conference at Brussels. This is nothing less than a proposed international parliament with power to fix an international code and to outline a plan for settlement of all international controversies. President Roosevelt has called a second Hague Congress and he is heartily in favor of some general plan of guaranteeing world peace. At the Brussels Conference the American plan for a world parliament was referred, with consent of the Americans, to a committee of European experts to consider it and report in three months. The principal address on the plan was made by Count Albert Apponyi, of Austria-Hungary. "It is necessary," said the Count, "to examine the membership of the powers and the scope of action of the proposed international parliament and reconcile it with the independence of the parliaments of the various powers.

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NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

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J. M. Baker, Aug. 30: Meetings all held. Charge in good condition. Have had fifty or more conversions. Conference collections nearly doubled in good subscription. Preacher's salary about half paid. I believe everything will be full and running over at conference. To God be all the glory.

Moody.

J. H. Wiseman, Sept. 2: Moody Methodism is blessed with a number of active women who have the interests of the Church at heart. When our beautiful church was dedicated last year, these women relieved the situation by becoming responsible for the debt against the church. By an earnest effort they have now paid that debt and are ready for other matters of interest. They put a good sum of money into the building last year, and this year have paid \$517, which takes up the last note. A new parsonage is in mind, and is greatly needed, but just now we are discussing plans for heating our church.

Huckabay.

M. C. Dickson, Sept. 2: We closed our last revival for Huckabay Circuit, at Hannibal, Thursday night. This has been a notable year from a revival standpoint. Every appointment had a splendid revival. Rev. W. J. Lemons, of Brownwood, assisted at Corinth, Oakdale, Exray and Hannibal. Rev. H. M. Long was with us at Huckabay. Rev. Ollie Little led the singing at Huckabay. We had seven conversions at Corinth, eighteen at Huckabay, sixteen at Oakdale, eighteen at Exray, seventeen at Hannibal. Rev. J. J. Davis conducted a revival at Tenn. Schoolhouse, with fine results. I have not yet learned the number of conversions. We have received into the Church sixty-eight within the last five weeks. The Church is revived. I believe that I have the finest class of young people possibly in Dublin District; they are over 200 strong, ranging from 9 to 25 years. Huckabay Circuit bids fair to be one of our leading appointments in the near future. With the strong class of educated, consistent coming generation, great things are to be done.

Silverton.

L. Buford Sawyers, Sept. 1: The Lord has blessed me this year in the salvation of souls. Three of my meetings have been eminently successful in this respect. At Wright, we had 15 accessions. Bro. Fort assisted me in this meeting. He is an indefatigable worker. At Silverton we had Bro. W. A. Erwin with us. The Methodists and Presbyterians merged their meetings into one. Bro. Erwin is a Presbyterian minister, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. The Methodists had 13 accessions, the Presbyterians 7, and 8 or 9 will join the Baptists, as a result of the meeting. This is the best meeting in Silverton for four or five years. At Lake View a splendid meeting is in progress, conducted by Bros. Fort and Erwin. Already there have been several conversions. We shall doubtless organize a Church at this point. The Wright people are reflecting credit upon themselves by building a commodious little church, valued at \$800; \$600 has already been secured on subscription and we anticipate no trouble in obtaining the remaining \$200. This church, I believe, will give Wright an unique record. So far as I know, there is no country church on these plains. When they build, they will establish an enviable record in this respect. At present there is only one church in Swisher County, where Wright is located. It is a Methodist Church. That shows how Methodist folks usually get on the ground first. We have only one more meeting to hold. We are praying for a gracious revival there.

Iredell.

W. V. Jones, September 2: Rev. K. S. VanZandt, pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, began a meeting here on August 16, and continued until Sunday night, August 27th. The congregation was good at the first service, and continued to increase to the close of the meeting. Rev. C. S. Cameron of Salado had been engaged to assist in the meeting, and was here at the opening, and began the work of a servant of God with zeal and energy and hold-on as but few men would have done. There was an encouraging interest manifested at the first service, and steadily increased to the close, but did not result in the complete break-down in the ranks of sin that had been hoped for. Brother Cameron did most of the preaching, and it would be useless for me to say that it was well done, for those who know Brother Cameron know that he does it well. He is pre-eminently practical and possesses the happy faculty of telling the people of their shortcomings, and yet does not in-

dulge in unpleasant epithets; and if the earnest preaching done by him does not bring forth fruit we shall be disappointed. Rev. G. P. R. VanZandt, father of our pastor, preached some earnest, good sermons, but not until the last Sunday of the meeting did the pastor enter the pulpit to preach a regular sermon. True, he had delivered several warm exhortations, and while we would not lower the standard of the splendid preaching which had gone before, still it seemed like the best of the wine had been left for the last of the feast. The two sermons preached by the pastor Sunday afternoon and at night will not soon be forgotten by the large crowds that heard them. For one hour Sunday night he held his congregation with almost breathless silence, as he drew the picture of a sinner before the judgment throne with nothing to plead in his favor. Brother VanZandt is one of our best preachers, and is a good revivalist, and he is in good favor with his people. We regret to say that since he came to this work he has had sickness in his family almost continually, and it has hindered him in his pastoral work, but he has done what he could. Any charge may well be proud to have a pastor of such gifts as a preacher. But back to the meeting; while it was not what we desired and what we prayed for, still it was a good meeting. The visible results were thirteen or fourteen conversions, and fourteen additions to the church, and a general move-up by the membership. A nice little donation was made to Brother Cameron for his services, and the collections ordered by the Annual Conference were secured in cash and good subscriptions, and by the meeting of the Annual Conference we hope to have all claims met. So mote it be.

Scranton.

J. M. Slatten, Aug. 30: Our meeting at Hobart closed last Sunday night. It was a great meeting, lasting eight days. Seventeen souls were saved, and many more gave their hands for prayer. This meeting will long be remembered on account of the shouts and hallelujahs. I started the meeting and Monday Bro. T. M. Lane and Bro. Lane also came to our relief, the latter being a Baptist; but we worked harmoniously for the salvation of men. I never saw a Church respond better. They went after the other fellow. Our organist, Miss Della King, played her part well, with Bro. Frank Sawyers and Grant Daniels to lead the choir. I was called home to the bedside of my grandson, a babe, which died on the following night.

Rice.

S. J. Rucker, September 4: Rice charge reports progress, and asks to be continued. Our meetings have been held, and, while not meeting our expectation and desire, were yet spiritual and profitable occasions. Pastor did his own preaching, except four days of fine work by Rev. A. L. Moore, of Corsicana, and three excellent sermons by the "beloved." Altogether, we have received fifty-six to date into the church this year, though we have only two or three net gain. Finances are in better condition than for several years previous, and we are expecting to make full reports. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Barcus, is a hard-working man, and is not afraid to make long journeys across the country in the hot sun to aid his preachers and help the various charges. He is faithful, efficient and popular. Altogether, we serve a good people, and are laying in winter wood and other supplies to serve them another year. Should any one else have his eye on Rice charge, we give him to understand now that he will have to pay to get it.

Ranger.

B. R. Wagner, Sept. 5: We closed last night the greatest meeting ever held in Ranger. Rev. A. P. Lowery, of Waco, did the preaching. He and his good wife were with us two weeks, and after a hard fought battle the victory came. About 130 conversions and reclamations; 88 gave their names for membership in the churches; 48 were received Sunday afternoon into the Methodist Church. Will receive a number more. There were a lot of old, hard sinners converted, and a goodly number of family altars erected. The collection for Bro. Lowery was \$150, raised without the least trouble. The conference collections were raised and over. We have decided that Ranger must be a half station next year. This will necessitate a division of this work. This pastor is happy.

Buffalo Gap Circuit.

A. C. Bell, Sept. 4: We closed our meeting last night at Lemons' Gap. There were eight conversions and 14 additions to the Church. Rev. H. M. Pirtle, according to previous promise, was on hand to assist in the meeting, but on account of bad health was compelled to return home. Saturday and Sunday, August 26th and 27th, our

third quarterly conference was held. We had a splendid session. Bro. John R. Morris, our beloved Presiding Elder, was with us and presided, and during his stay preached some soul-stirring sermons. Rev. W. L. A. Self and myself did the balance of the preaching. This meeting closed our summer campaign in this charge. We have had 105 conversions during the year and 75 accessions to the Church. My local brethren, T. H. Davis, W. L. A. Self, and D. A. Shaw, have done very efficient work. Bros. W. L. A. Self and D. A. Shaw have only helped me in one meeting each. Bro. T. H. Davis has been in the fight with me all summer. D. A. Shaw is a young man; was licensed to preach at our District Conference at Roby in May. He is a strong preacher for a beginner, and he is also a fine musician. Brethren, if any of you need help in meetings between now and Conference he will be glad to help you and I recommend him. We expect to report in full at Annual Conference. We are now building a new church at Lawn at a cost of \$1500. It will be completed by Conference.

Riverside, Fort Worth.

G. F. Winfield, September 4: Glory be to God; victory through his Son. Last night we closed a sixteen days' meeting at Riverside. The Lord was with us in power. Bro. G. S. Wyatt preached seven strong straight sermons in the first of the meeting. The



REV. S. B. BEALL.

Corpus Christi, Texas, whose interest and energy contributed very largely to the success of the Epworth League Encampment.

rest of the preaching was very imperfectly done by the pastor, but the Lord blessed the services and many were saved. The local brethren, Brothers W. C. Smith and D. Eager, did some faithful work in song and prayer services. Bro. Collins held two or three day services. The mothers held cottage prayer-meetings, and the young people held a service at the grove where the meeting was held. The immediate results were about 70 conversions and many reclamations. Fifty joined our Church and the others joined other Churches. A number of family altars were established, and the whole Church strengthened and whole community interested. About one thousand people live out here and the field is promising. A remarkable feature is that during this meeting fifteen men who were heads of families, some of them 50 and 60 years old, many mothers and a large number of young men were converted. At the last service the good people presented the pastor with a fifty-dollar purse with which to pay a note due this fall given to secure money with which to go to school. For this we feel very grateful. We shall try to be more faithful as a pastor and preacher. Mother is in good health and the Lord provides.

Indian Creek.

C. G. Shutt: Our meeting at Bethany closed Sunday night, August 29. The Church was much revived; 15 conversions; 4 added to the Church. Rev. M. H. Major did most of the preaching, which was well done. Revs. B. R. Bolton, presiding elder, and T. J. Lasseter each preached three strong, soul-stirring sermons.

Paducah.

R. L. Jameson, September 2: We have just closed a splendid meeting at this place; 22 conversions and reclamations and 19 accessions up to date. The power of the meeting was felt by all who attended; all expressed a determination to live better. Old citizens say it was the best meeting ever held at Paducah. Rev. R. B. Bonner, of Quanah, did most of the preaching, and to say he did it well is but mildly expressing it. I have heard a great many good preachers, but I have never heard one that could surpass Brother Bonner in revival preaching, and the Spirit accompanies his words to the hearts of the hearers. He took my conference collection last Sunday; asked for \$70, got \$132.70. The people made up a small purse (about \$35) and presented him as a small token of

their appreciation of his services. Bro. Neff, a former resident of Paducah, but now of California, while on a visit here, bought paint and painted the parsonage, also raised money to paint the church. We are putting in a cistern at the parsonage. We want the "next" man to have a good place when he comes to Paducah. Collections are well up. We are going to Hillsboro with a good report.

Thornton.

Finch M. Winburne, Aug. 29: I suppose my "meetings" for this year are over and I am tired. "Crop conditions" forced us to change time of several meetings and lost my "promised help," thereby crowding our meetings rapidly and closing each one too soon. Tearing up "plans" gave us awful hot weather for every meeting. I finally secured the efficient service of Rev. J. E. Blaylock, a local preacher from Llano District, West Texas Conference. His first sermon at Thornton captured my people here. He remained sometime, preaching on baptism—mode, designs and subjects. A goodly number united with our Church here and convinced "the Church" that Methodism was here to stay and will continue business at the same old stand. On the work where we had good meetings visible results have not been altogether as we wished because of "rush of business," sickness, etc.; still a goodly number of adult persons have been received with perhaps more to follow. So we thank God and take courage, looking ere long for rest on the peaceful shores of heaven.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rogers Prairie.

J. B. Gregory: This has been a most peculiar year. The hardest winter, the heaviest rains, the warmest August, the most sickness, and hence the most unfavorable conditions, militating against the success of the ministry, and all Church work in this muddy, sandy, malarial district. I am not a pessimist. These are facts. But I've "stemmed" it all, and "pressed with vigor on," and have gone over frozen roads and ice, and bogged through mud, and endured cold and heat, traveled in rain and crossed swollen streams, and have met all appointments when it was possible for any one to attend. The farmers were so unusually late in finishing their crops that the first part of my program was cancelled in protracting meetings by "we can't attend; too busy," and the remainder of my program was awfully disturbed by much sickness, broadcast all over my field. The people say they have never known so much sickness as they have had this summer, while I've made the best of unfavorable conditions possible and have enjoyed some delightful occasions and the power of God has been manifested in our presence, and I feel that much good has been done in some respects; yes, as much as could be expected under circumstances; yet it is all unsatisfactory with me, for the ingathering falls far short of that which it would be under more favorable conditions. But optimism is the sunny side of life, so we can but do our best, and leave the results with God, in whose omnipotent hand is lodged the destiny of men, nations and kingdoms. The conference year is in its last quarter, and we will be busy in trying to meet all that falls to our lot, and duty. Our best is all that we can do, and with a problem before us we shall solve it so far as we are able.

Omaha.

J. C. Robinson, Aug. 30: Bro. W. H. Vance, pastor in charge, has just closed a successful meeting at this place—one that will be long remembered by many, and never forgotten by those who in it found Christ precious to their never-dying souls. It is impossible to estimate the good that was done. The God of heaven was certainly with us. Fourteen were added to the Methodist Church, seven by letter and seven by experience. There were also fifteen conversions, which we believe will unite with some Church in the near future. The M. E. Church, South, at this place has taken high ground, for which we praise God. We are indebted to Bro. Martin, of Plano, for the good he did us. Although he could not be with us through the entire meeting, we feel that his mind was with us, as he promised to pray for the success of the meeting, and the success came. We can not close without saying that we believe our pastor, Bro. Vance, is one of the coming preachers of Texas. May God ever crown him with success, and give him the Holy Spirit to encourage him to fight the battle for Christ and save souls from hell.

Woodville and Colmesneil.

R. O. Bailey, Sept. 4: Our new church at Woodville has not been completed yet; doors and windows have arrived. Have another church not finished yet. We began our

series of protracted meetings at Woodville third Sunday in July. Rev. V. A. Godbey of First Church, Beaumont, did most of the preaching, and it was done well. Brother Godbey is an able preacher and is doing a great work in Beaumont. We had Bros. Milam and I. Z. T. Morris with us also. The results—four additions, two on profession of faith, two by certificate. Then we went to Holy Fork; held six days. Bro. Earl Waltz, of Camden, assisted me. Bro. Waltz is an exhorter and he can exhort! This was one of the best meetings we have had; the whole Church revived; nine additions. Those people will remember Bro. Waltz a long time. Then we went to Wolf Creek. Bro. Waltz began the meeting and held till Tuesday, then Bro. Hooks of Burkville came to his assistance. I was called away on Saturday and never returned until Wednesday. Bro. Waltz made a lasting impression with these people. Bro. Hooks preached some of as good sermons as I ever heard. The church was greatly strengthened; three conversions, but the Baptists strung them. Had one addition to our church by certificate. We had to dismiss and go to Holy Fork for the Quarterly Conference. The pastor preached Saturday at 11 o'clock to a crowded house. The Presiding Elder came by 3 p. m., gave us four good sermons, then he spent four days with me at Colmesneil and did some good work. The people of Colmesneil like the Presiding Elder. Had a very good meeting there, two additions, making five there this year on profession of faith. I have three other meetings to hold yet. Can say this charge is in a good condition; more spiritual.

Breckenridge.

J. T. Allison: Our First Quarterly Conference for Beckville Charge was held Saturday, August 5. Our pastor, C. M. Cagle, had a meeting going on there all the week, and the Church and community are in fine shape for a quarterly meeting. Our presiding elder was on hand, and having been in revival meetings nearly all summer, was in excellent trim for preaching. At 11 o'clock a. m. he gave us a good, warm sermon, which was heartily enjoyed by all present. Several came forward in response to a proposition for membership. There was dinner on the ground. Conference opened at 2:30 p. m. Reports from pastor fairly good

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THE SONGBIRDS OF CHILDHOOD.

Oh! would I could hear the sweet song
birds of childhood.
The chirpings and carols that greet-
ed me then.

When, out from my long dreamless
sleep, I awaking—
"Twere halm to my spirit to hear
them again.

To see her fond face, as my mother
bent o'er me,
Feel her hand gently pressed on my
forehead once more,
Or sleep with the careless abandon of
childhood,
Awake to the sound of her voice as
of yore.

Awake with the sun glinting down
through the tree-tops,
Making fantastic shadows around
my low bed,
As the wind, swaying sweet-scented
apple blooms, loitered
To toy with the soft golden rings on
my head.

But hushed are the song birds that
used to arouse me,
And vanished the child who once
heard them of old,
And mute is the fond, tender voice of
my mother;
Alas! for the hands that are folded
and cold.

—Caroline K. Lumber, in Exchange.

THE STORY OF A FAMOUS TREE.

It was a noble oak, so tall and state-
ly, and with branches so broad and
sweeping that it was the pride of the
township, and indeed of the whole
State. So huge was its trunk that a
line thirty feet long was required to
take its circumference, and at a time
that can still be remembered by the
elderly people, twenty-four men could
stand in its cavity at one time.

When it was planted no one knows,
but it must have been a long time ago.
The acorn from which it grew must
have been dropped into the ground
two centuries at least before Colum-
bus was born. Just think of it, a tree
all of six hundred years old!

Richard of the Lion-heart was alive,
singing his troubadour songs and cut-
ting off Saracens' heads in the Holy
Land, and Saladin, his great rival, had
not yet been carried to his grave in
the white burial shroud emblem at
once of his meekness and his pride,
when the acorn was sprouting. In
Spain, the kingdom of Granada was in
its infancy; Venice and Genoa were
just rising to commercial greatness,
and the booths of Lief the Lucky had
long since rotted in sunny Vinland,
when this tree, destined to be so fa-
mous, was a tender sapling.

The country was wild and savage
when the young oak began to wave
its strong, supple branches to the
breeze. There was no sign of civili-
zation about. The red Indians owned
the land, and where the old tree stood
was one of their favorite hunting
grounds. Round about the sunny hill-
side clustered the wigwams of the war-
riors, who hunted the deer and the
partridge in the green forests, and
caught salmon and perch in the waters
of the great river that flowed near at
hand. In the friendly shelter of the
old oak labored the tawny Indian
mother, while the little brown pap-
poses, suspended in birch cradles in
its branches, were rocked by the
breeze.

And so the years went by until the
tree was old, very old, so old, in fact,
that where its green young heart had
been there was a growing black cavity.
And they tell the story how once a
Mohagan warrior, fleeing from his
Narragansett foe, sought refuge in the
old oak's heart, and found safety there,
and so saved his life and his nation's
honor.

By and by the white men came and
bought the Indian's land. No more
picturesque wigwams dotting the hill-
sides of clustering along the river's
shore; no more tawny women hoeing
corn and pumpkins under the summer
skies; no more tiny brown babies
swinging on the tree boughs. Instead,
the rude log cabins of the pale-faced
stranger, his broad, walled fields of
grass and grain, his crowded barns,
and by and by the church with its tall
spire pointing heavenwards. And still
the old oak stood; the birds builded
in its branches summer after summer,
and happy school children played in its
shades.

One bright October day, when the
leaves of the old oak had turned to a
russet color, a troop of horsemen
passed under its waving branches. A
little village had grown up around
the tree, but the old oak had never
seen so gay a spectacle before. In ad-
vance rode a double rank of soldiers,
occupying the whole width of the
street each with a shouldered match-
lock and a bayonet. They moved slowly
and with a dignified air, scarcely look-
ing to right or left. After them fol-
lowed half a dozen gentlemen, with

only small arms at their sides, all
glittering in scarlet and lace. One of
them was a stately, soldierly man,
with a grave, saturnine countenance,
half concealed by his enormous peruke
and a broad-brimmed hat ornamented
with white plumes.

Following these were ten more sol-
diers, and the rear was brought up by
two trumpeters and a man who bore
a banner of white silk with St.
George's cross and the initials "J. R."
(Jacobus Rex) surmounted by a crown,
blazing crimson in the center. What
was going on?

It was the troop of Sir Edmund
Andros, who had marched all the way
from Boston to Hartford to seize the
charter of Connecticut and rob the
people of their privileges. The old
oak never thought what a part it was
going to play in connection with the
tyrant and his arbitrary attempt on
this memorable occasion.

The State House was not many rods
away, and there Sir Edmund Andros
met the governor and the assembly
and demanded the charter. Of course
they were loth to give up the patent,
which was the credential of their liber-
ties, and a long and heated discussion
took place. Night came on early, and
candles were lighted in the great hall.
Andros again demanded the charter,
and was about to seize it forcibly,
when suddenly the lights were blown
out, and some one grasped the pre-
cious document and carried it out and
hid it—where do you suppose? In the
hollow trunk of the old oak.

When the candles were relighted, of
course the charter could not be found,
and Sir Edmund was obliged to go
away without it. For the old oak held
its secret inviolate.

Two years afterwards Andros was
called back to England, and the man
that had secreted the charter drew it
forth from its hiding place, and the
people lived under their own laws
again. From that day they called it
the Charter Oak. You have all heard
of the tree.

One hundred and seventy years
more passed by. The Charter Oak
had grown still older and still larger.
People came a great distance to view
the noble tree that had once given
shelter to the magna charta of a com-
monwealth. The old tree began to
show its age. One of its huge branches
had been wrenched off by a tempest.
An iron fence was built around it for
protection, and the greatest possible
care was taken to prolong its life.

On August 29, 1856, a great storm
swept over the southern part of New
England, and in the night the old tree
was blown down. In the morning
a wall went up from the city: "Our
tree is gone; the Charter Oak has
fallen."

The event caused as much excite-
ment among the people as though
their homes had been destroyed. A
dirge was played by the military band,
and the bells were tolled at sunset.
Subsequently the tree was cut up and
fashioned into relics, which have been
pretty well distributed over the world.
Where the old tree stood there stands
to-day a marble slab which tells the
story of the Charter Oak.—Michigan
Christian Advocate.

IN AN INDIAN CAMP.

Two youths left Scotland sixty-five
years ago and struck out for the wil-
derness of Upper Canada. They had
heard that Indians might be found in
that part of the country, and they kept
a sharp watch for their dusky foes. But
one night, as they were encamped be-
side a stream, they were overwhelmed
with astonishment and fear by seeing
a small band of Indians suddenly ar-
rive.

As it was too late to try to escape,
the young fellows decided to parley
with the savages; but their "parley-
ing" was rendered of no effect by the
fact that, while the Indians spoke not
a word of English, the Scotch boys
were totally ignorant of the sign lan-
guage in which the Indians tried to
converse.

But presently the savages made a
gesture which plainly meant "Come
along."

"Well," said one of the boys to the
other, "it is evident that we have got
to die."

"In any event we will die like men,"
said the other.

Soon they reached a large Indian
lodge, which they entered. The In-
dians beckoned to them to sit down in
front of a large fire in the center of
the lodge, which was directly beneath
a hole in the roof that served for
chimney, window, and ventilator.

The Indians offered them food, but
appetite had been scared out of them.
The Indians ate, and then got out
hatchets and knives.

"Our time has come," said one of
the boys.

"So it seems," said the other; "but
let us sell our lives dearly."

However, instead of falling upon
them with the weapons, the Indians
procured a lot of strips of ash wood

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and went to work making baskets,
stripping, measuring, splitting, and
bending the wood.

After the Indians had worked at
basket-making for some time, one of
them, who seemed to be a sort of chief,
gave a yell that froze the blood in both
boys' veins. The Indians threw down
their implements and formed in a circle
about the fire and white boys. The
terrible ceremony of death was about
to begin!

Then the chief Indian sounded a note
with his voice, and all the rest began
to sing. The Scotch boys knew the
tune well; it was the one to which
they were accustomed to sing the
words:

"How pleased and blest was I
To hear the people cry,
'Come, let us seek our God to-day!'"

The boys looked at each other in
astonishment, and when the Indians
had sung this song—in their own lan-
guage, of course—they sang a greater
and more thrilling one—"Rock of Ages,
Cleft for Me."

The fears of the boys were gone.
In their own tongue they joined in the
song with more unctious, no doubt, than
they had ever before known in sing-
ing it; and when the Indians had fin-
ished their devotions, the boys lay
down to sleep and slept soundly in the
warmth of the fire.

The tribe was one which had been
visited by missionaries, and the men
had no other purpose than one of
grateful hospitality in bringing these
wandering white youths to their lodge.

The next morning the boys ate with
gusto the food which their hosts offer-
ed them, and, expressing their thanks
as best they could, went their way.—
Christian Intelligencer.

THE STEWARTS, A NOTABLE MARYLAND FAMILY.

The following item which appeared
June 22 in the Pacific Methodist Ad-
vocate, one of the official organs of the

M. E. Church, South, published in San
Francisco, Cal., doubtless will prove
interesting not only to the old citizens
of Maryland, but to those of the State
of California:

"Our office was highly honored this
week by the visit of Mrs. Williams, the
widow of the late Hon. M. H. Williams,
of Phoenix, Arizona, and daughter of
the Rev. Thomas R. Stewart, original-
ly of Maryland, but who for a num-
ber of late years has lived in Texas
and Arizona. Her good father is now
86 years of age, but his mind is like
lightning. He is totally blind, but
preaches occasionally, and reads his
lessons out of both the Old and New
Testament from memory. She with
her sister, Mrs. Nannie L. LeCompte,
Baltimore, is visiting friends in San
Francisco."

Thomas R. Stewart, the old blind
preacher referred to, is a brother of
the late Hon. James A. Stewart, who
was a member of Congress from this
district from 1854 to 1860. He was
twice Judge of our adjoining judicial
circuit, and died a member of the
Court of Appeals in 1879. He is also
a brother of the late Hon. William H.
Stewart, who for twenty-six years was
a Judge in Galveston, Texas, and who
died a Judge in 1903. Thomas R.
Stewart was a brilliant lawyer, who
lived in Denton. He married for his
second wife the beautiful Fannie
Kelly, one of the belles of Caroline.
The Mrs. Williams referred to is her
daughter. Whilst living in Caroline
Hon. Thomas R. Stewart was elected
a member of the Constitutional Con-
vention of 1851. He is the only living
member of that distinguished body
and we all know that some of the
ablest men of Maryland were members
of that Constitutional Convention. He
was also elected Lottery Commission-
er. His competitor was ex-Gov. Hicks,
who was the Whig candidate. Mr.
Stewart was elected by 3800 majority.
He led his ticket by 1800. Mr. Stew-
art owned good property in Denton.

He also owned and edited a paper in
this town called Stewart's Journal.—
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—Ram's Horn.

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

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

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

What you may do in this contest: You may, before you begin to write, take your Bible and study the lesson until you know it.

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 Bible. 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

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THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Fourth Paper—The Poetical Books.

- 1. Name the poetical books of the Bible.
2. Where did Job live and what was his character?—Job 1:1.
3. What is said of the personal appearance of the daughters of Job?—Job 42:15.
4. Who wrote the Book of Psalms? (See head lines of the chapters.)
5. Repeat to parents, guardian, pastor, Sunday-school superintendent or teacher the first Psalm and ask the one to whom you recite it to place opposite No. 3 of your answer his or her name and the grade you merit. If you recite the entire chapter without prompting or undue hesitation your grade will be 10.
6. Repeat the twenty-third Psalm, complying with directions given in question 5.
7. "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." Of what chapter in Proverbs is this the first verse?
8. What chapter in Ecclesiastes begins with, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days?"
9. What chapter in Ecclesiastes begins with, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth?"
10. In which verse of the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes are found these words: "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man?"

My Dear Boys and Girls:

It is with much pleasure that I write you again. In the short intermission between the miscellaneous questions and the Bible contest, I missed many of your dear letters, although several of you wrote me each week, even though there were no questions for you to answer. Some sent in the children's sayings during that time, and I appreciated every little kindly remembrance.

Now that your letters are coming by tens and dozens, I am quite happy again.

Most of your letters are so buoyant and cheerful, as well as so appreciative, that they are really refreshing. That is just as it should be, for when young people mope around with long faces, and sigh and cry without being able to give a reason for so doing, there is something wrong. A good course of liver medicine is sometimes a fine cure for excessive sentimentality and indigo religion. Never mistake sentimentalism for love, nor indigestion and biliousness for religion. I want you to be religious, but I want you to have the religion that puts sunshine in your souls; and then I hope you will let that sunshine brighten the lives of those around you.

A few of you have written me of your love affairs—don't blush, I'll not call any names—and I appreciate your confidence. I have no objection to your being in love, if you are old enough and have proper discretion. True love is ennobling, and is not to be scorned, but I would not have you deceived by a feeling of sickly sentimentalism, which may end in remorse and drape all your hopes in mourning. Even in your love affairs, let practical, common sense play an important part, and take your mother (if you have one) into your confidence. Keep no secrets from your parents, for no one is more deeply interested in your welfare? Do I seem harsh and unreasonable? I do not wish to be so, for I assure you that it is out of a heart overflowing with love for you that I speak. To those of you who have complied with the conditions upon which I promised the personal letter and stamp picture, I will write soon. Perhaps I shall speak rather plainly to some, but with the same love to all.

But I will not now write longer in this strain, for, as I said, most of you wrote bright, hopeful letters, which made me happier for reading them.

The artist has just sent me the lot of stamp pictures which I had made for you, but they are so small and so inferior that I shall try to get the photographer to try again. If these can not be improved upon, I suspect that each one of you who is expecting a picture had better be vaccinated, for nearly every picture looks as if it had smallpox in the worst form. I had never indulged in stamp pictures before, and if I could afford it, I would use these to scare away the moths, and would send each of you a large

photo. A friend asked me what crops my boys and girls desired to raise—intimating, you see, that my pictures are to be used as scarecrows. In this case, please let me suggest the crops to be raised, and tell you what crops the little spotted pictures will find most pleasure in routing. If you will try to cultivate fine thoughts, kind words and noble deeds—all of which must spring from the heart—the little picture will be delighted to pose as scarecrow to drive away the crows of selfishness and jealousy that always prove so destructive to such crops.

I have written you before that older people are manifesting an interest in our corner, but that interest has greatly increased since our Bible contest began. Some have sent in papers—excellent ones, too—and in their letters express a regret that they can not hope to see their names in the roll of honor. I wish we could put on the roll the names of every one who answers the questions; but this corner is just for the boys and girls; and all we can promise to our older friends is a welcome for their letters, a careful reading of their papers, and a sincere appreciation of the honor they confer on the humble promoter of the boys and girls' corner of the dear old Advocate.

Thank you, Annie T., I am sure I should have enjoyed the League social, and I thank Brother Halsfield and all the other dear pastors who have requested the young people to take up the course of study suggested in our corner.

Annie H., your quotation from the poem, "The Burial of Moses," was appropriately and gracefully introduced into your paper.

Beatrice, I know nothing of the party whose advertisements you sent me, but I am not favorably impressed with the letters nor the work they advertise, and I would advise you not to answer the letters. In the first place, you are too young to engage in such a work, even if it contained no objectionable feature. I will write you more fully in my private letter to you.

Mary S., I think there was a tacit agreement that those who entered the contest before they were seventeen years of age might be permitted to continue the work afterward; so we shall expect to hear from you each week as heretofore. The anniversary of your birthday—Sept. 14—is just the same as my own. Can you not step over and spend the day with me?

To those of you who have asked why the editor and his helpers did not comply with our request to publish their speeches delivered at our imaginary picnic, July 6, I will say I can not tell you. We asked for them several times, but they, one and all, ignored our requests. Suppose we go in a body and demand satisfaction for such treatment. Oh, but wouldn't they like to plead "not at home" to such a mob? Well, I will suggest that we forgive them if they will ask our pardon, and

promise not to treat us so in future; and if they do not thus apologize, why, let's just forgive them anyway.

I am glad that so many of you have passed the summer so pleasantly, and now that the schools are opening I hope you are sufficiently rested and refreshed to apply yourselves with all diligence to your studies. However, I hope you will still find time each week to answer the Bible questions. Yours,

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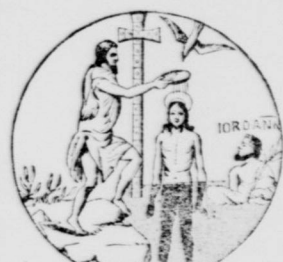
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Drawings to determine the order in which selections of the land may be made will be held at Provo, Utah, commencing Thursday, August 17, and the applications of those participating and drawing numbers from 1 to 50, inclusive, must be presented at Vernal, Utah, August 28, when they will be considered in their numerical order during the first day, the applications of holders of numbers 51 to 100, inclusive, to be presented on the second day, and so on until all numbers have been disposed of.

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DEATH OF REV. H. P. HAMILTON.

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MRS. J. A. WYATT DEAD.

Mrs. J. A. Wyatt, wife of Rev. J. A. Wyatt, pastor at Blossom, Texas, died at that place at 5:39 a. m. September 5. We received the following note from Bro. Wyatt under date of September 4: "I write under great sorrow. Wife has been seriously sick for twenty-four days and is now lying at the point of death. Pray for us." Later, a telegram from Bro. D. F. English gave the sad news of her death. The brethren of the North Texas Conference and the many friends which Brother and Sister Wyatt have made will join us in sympathy for Brother Wyatt and his family in their great affliction. Obituary will appear later.

A NEW PREACHER.

Born to T. W. Lovell and wife, Tuesday, August 29th, 1905, a son, Master James Vestal Lovell.

A CORRECTION.

In the list of pledges for Assembly Fund appearing on page 11 of this issue, the pledge made by Dr. DuBose should read, "Dr. H. M. DuBose, when the circulation of the Epworth Era in Texas reaches 5,000 copies, the Era office will give \$100 to the fund." The Era now has more than 3,000 in Texas. A. K. RAGSDALE, Secretary.

A CANVASS OF GRIMES COUNTY.

We ran down into Grimes County and spent three days last week. They had a campaign for local option in progress and urged us to come down and give them a helping hand. We could do nothing else but respond. On Tuesday night we spoke in Navasota. It was a joint discussion, and the face of the earth was covered with people. The speaker whom the anti put up to represent them is not a desirable person to meet. He did not discuss the subject, but indulged in offensive personalities and unpleasant flings and innuendoes. In the rejoinder we had to get down on his level—something we regretted to do, but it was a necessity. If he is satisfied with the result, this writer has nothing of which to complain. The occasion was a storm center for fifteen or twenty minutes. Suffice it to say that it convinced the anti that joint discussions were not the best methods of campaigning for their cause, and they did not repeat the experience. We have some true and tried people in Navasota, and they stood by their side of the question without flinching. Brother Davis, our pastor, is as true as steel; and, while he does nothing rash or inconsiderate, yet he is as brave as a lion and did fine work for the cause. There is no backdown in him, and shirking a responsibility is no part of his manner of procedure. He went with us from there to Bedias, thirty miles up the I. & G. N. branch, where we met a fine audience, and had a good meeting. The anti had a speaker in that vicinity, but they did not want a discussion. So we had the thing all our own way. Everything up that way is pro. Brother Friel is supplying that work, and giving great satisfaction. He is also editing a paper at Anderson and running a job printing office—though his family live in Iola. He is doing well, and he put in telling blows for local option. He is held in good esteem by the people, and we are glad to meet him and take him by the hand. We have a goodly number of members at Bedias, but no church building yet. However, they are contemplating a building at an early day.

From there we came down to Anderson, which is the county seat, and spoke to a good congregation at the courthouse. Had the pleasure of spending a few hours with Brother Adams at the parsonage. He has a good church building and nearly one hundred members. That church is one of the oldest in that part of the country. It dates back to 1859—perhaps longer. The town is an old town. It has been there a great many years. But since the branch road has taken it in it has taken on a new lease of life, and several good buildings are the result. A few years ago they had squally times in Anderson. A set of men had combined with the negro voters and had charge of the affairs of the county. Things reached such a pass under negro domination that a conflict occurred between the contending factions and some of the best blood of the town was shed. This was regretted, and it is regretted to this day, but it restored honest and intelligent government. It is a local option community in its sentiment. Judge Bufington is the County Chairman, and he made a gallant fight for local option. Brother Adams did his duty in the struggle.

At this writing the election has not been held, but by the time the readers scan these lines it will be over. Perhaps in another place in this issue, the result is recorded. We found but one thing discouraging, and that was the negro vote and the foreign element. They were solidly against us. And they were led by a few men who took a prominent part in the struggle in Anderson, above mentioned, to restore a white man's supremacy. But they looked to the negro to restore the liquor business.

I saw a good deal of Stump Ashby, who was down there making anti speeches. He was pleasant and affable in his greeting and intercourse. He spoke kindly of the Methodist Church,

in which he used to be a minister in the traveling connection. But he has been out for nearly twenty years. He was honorably located at a session of the North Texas Conference at Paris, but never deposited his certificate of location. Instead he joined the Methodist Protestant Church, but did not abide in it long. He dropped out of that, and since then has had no Church connection. He now looks like an old man, and much broken; and he requested us to say to the old preachers, with whom he used to associate, that he still remembered them kindly and loved them dearly, and that no man had ever heard him say a word against them or the Church to which he once belonged, and in which he was a minister for many years. Stump Ashby made the mistake of his life when he left the Church. Had he remained in it and devoted himself to a life of consecrated service, he would have been a very useful man. But he left us; and since that time he has not in all things lived as he should. He has been in politics and the anti have long used him in their campaign. His life has been checkered, and to-day he stands a very pathetic figure in Texas. But he has a kind heart in him, and requested us to tell the old brethren how he feels toward them. He now claims to be a Universalist. He does not look like a happy man, and we honestly believe that if he could go back over his life, he would adopt a very different course. He is in poor health and his home is now at Mansville, Indian Territory. G. C. R.

A SUNDAY IN RAVENNA.

Last Sunday was an interesting day in Ravenna. It was the occasion of dedicating their new church and it was my privilege to be with them and take part in the service. Ravenna is an excellent little town on the Katy road between Bonham and Denison, twenty miles from the latter and nine from the former. It is a new town and has a population of from 400 to 500. The Church was organized by Rev. W. J. Blutworth in 1884 with only eighteen members. There was no town at that time worth talking about. They have had two church buildings to suffer greatly from storms—one totally destroyed. Two or three years ago the present structure was projected and now it is completed and handsomely finished. It has polished oak pews and the whole plant is worth at least \$2,500. Rev. L. G. White is the present pastor. He has done a splendid work and the people hold him in high esteem. He has some three other congregations under his care, including South Bonham. He has them all in good condition. He is a hard worker and successful pastor, and a sound, earnest preacher. He has a future in the work of the ministry. A large congregation filled the Church Sunday. We had a most delightful service. The singing was good and in fine taste. At the close of the sermon the house was set apart to the worship of God and the people were happy. At night we had another profitable service. The people were attentive and devout. I was pleasantly entertained in the good home of Brother and Sister J. W. Cravens. I had the pleasure of dining with my old friend, Judge Bramlett. He is living alone on his farm near by and he has plenty around him, and he enjoys religion. It was good to be with him. Monday morning I was driven by private conveyance to Bonham by Bro. Anthony and caught the early train to Sherman. While at the depot, I got to shake hands with Rev. C. M. Harless and Dr. John H. McLean. They were both looking well and hopeful.

At Sherman, I dropped around to the College and everything and everybody was in a flutter of excitement. The College was in process of opening and the girls were pouring in on all the trains by the score. Mrs. Key said she was almost overwhelmed with patronage. She has gone to large expense to provide for greater accommodation and the room was being taxed to its utmost. She has never had such an auspicious opening. All her departments will be full. All the conference will rejoice to hear of the

wonderful success of their College. On the train to Whitesboro, we traveled with Rev. I. W. Clark, of the McKinney District, and Brother Huggins. They spoke well of the work in their territory. All the preachers up that way are shaping matters up for conference. I am now in Cooke County, giving them a few lifts on local option. G. C. R.

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DALLAS POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Governor Lanham has appointed the Police and Fire Commissioners for Dallas as the time of the old ones expired the first of September. He appointed Mr. Louis Blaylock to succeed himself as Police Commissioner, and Mr. A. B. Flannery as Fire Commissioner. Brother Blaylock gave such general satisfaction that the Governor would not think of releasing or supplanting him. This is wise and prudent, for the Police Department of the city was never so well organized, and has never done better service than under the Blaylock administration. In all his duties he only recognizes service; and he conducts the business of the department just like he does his private business. He has all the laws impartially enforced. Mr. Flannery is a leading attorney of the city, and a member of the First Baptist Church. He is a son-in-law of Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of the Northwest Texas Conference. Some time ago Judge Joseph Cockrell resigned the position of Fire Commissioner, and the Governor appointed Mr. Flannery to succeed him. So he is now reappointed to succeed himself in the office. He is a man of ability and strong convictions, and he will give the city faithful service. The two officials are harmonious, and their work will succeed. We thank Governor Lanham for these appointments, and we congratulate the city. There is much hard work, little thanks and no financial remuneration attached to these positions. The men who take them and do their duty, deserve the thanks of the people for their patriotic service. For two more years Dallas is assured of the maintenance of law and order. Both these men will shirk no duty, neither will they show favors to any class of violators of law.

PERSONALS.

- Rev. E. L. Shettles, of Pittsburg, made us an appreciated call this week.
Rev. J. F. Archer, of Cedar Hill, was in the city the other day and made the Advocate a brotherly visit.
Rev. J. L. Williams, of Blue Ridge, dropped in to see us recently. He is always a welcome visitor and leaves good cheer.
Rev. Jas. M. Moore, of First Church, Dallas, has returned from a visit to Chicago, and is at his post for the rest of the year.
We recently had a pleasant visit from Professor S. H. Moore, of Southwestern University. He is ready for another term of hard service in the institution.
Rev. F. O. Miller, pastor at Whitesboro, and Bro. H. H. Robertson, one of his staunch laymen, were very welcome callers at the Advocate office the past week.
We traveled awhile back several miles with Rev. R. A. Burroughs, of the Calvert District. He reports that field in better condition than any year since he went on the work.
Rev. George Adams, of Como, passed through the city the past week to Cushing to aid in a protracted meeting. He has an old Missouri friend down there whom he is visiting.
The other day in passing Bremond we had a short interview with Rev. A. A. Wagon, our pastor. He has had a good year and is hopeful of a successful closing out for conference.
Rev. P. R. Kniekerbocker, of Grace Church, this city has had a month's vacation in the Colorado mountains, and he is now at home and shaping up his work for the closing out in November.
Rev. J. L. Morris, of the Dallas District, is a very busy man. He not only

looks after the affairs of his charge offically, but he preaches with power, and helps his brethren in their revival services.

Rev. Hubert Kniekerbocker has returned from his vacation, and is up to his eyes in work for the rest of the year. Dr. H. A. Bourland looked after Trinity Church in the absence of Brother Kniekerbocker.

We had a delightful visit from Rev. J. A. Schaper, of Seguin. He is a venerable superannuate member of the German Mission Conference. He is seventy-nine years of age; has been a faithful preacher forty-seven years, and a reader of the Advocate nearly forty years. It was good to meet him and hold communion with him.

CHURCH NEWS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mehary Jeffers left at her death \$69,000 to Ohio Wesleyan University, the amount to be immediately available.

Mrs. Whitehead, wife of Dr. Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference, has been seriously ill at the Granby Hospital in Norfolk.

An attraction at the Portland Methodist Congress was White Swan, Chief of the Yakima Indians. He is a local Methodist preacher, and has been chief of his tribe for forty years.

The Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has expended \$15,000 on a new training school building at Kansas City. The new structure is named Fisk Hall, in memory of the late Gen. Clinton B. Fisk.

Plans have been accepted for the two new buildings to be erected by Vanderbilt University. One will replace the historic main building destroyed by fire in the spring; the other, known as Furman Hall, will be the Chemical Laboratory.

Bishop James M. Thoburn, D. D., will deliver the missionary lectures at Boston University School of Theology the coming winter. Particular interest attaches to this course because of the lecturer and because it will be in some measure a part of the jubilee celebration of the founding of our missionary work in India.

An Ashland (Va.) dispatch says: "Bishop Granbery, of the Methodist Church, filled the pulpit of the Duncan Memorial here yesterday, and preached one of his old-time sermons, full of burning zeal and thoughtful power. The Bishop is now in his 75th year, and lives in simple and beautiful retirement at his pretty home here."

In a personal letter to the editor of the Central Methodist of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. A. Coke Smith says: "The Bishop is now out of immediate danger and improves a little every day. Up to this last attack he expected to be able to hold his September conferences. It is now out of the question. Bishop Candler has kindly consented to do so."

PERSONALITY OF TEACHER OR PREACHER.

J. C. Wilson. There are teachers and teachers. Not every one who says to himself, "Go to! I shall now become a director and mold of thought," is qualified to enter the mighty and sacred realm of mind. Mental self-furnishment is necessary, for he who knows not a thing, or principle, cannot teach it. Intellectually blind leaders of the intellectually blind fall into the ditch of error, together with their followers. Examinations to determine this fitness are proper. Without such requirement, the children and others would be greatly sinned against. But mental furnishment is not the only, nor the most important, qualification of a teacher. Upon something deeper and mightier than mere intellectual ability must instruction be founded, if the learner is to attain to that knowledge that shall permanently enrich. I refer to that subtle force of personality that may be distinctly felt, but with difficulty defined. Every man is, or ought to be, more and greater than his message. Superior forces, everywhere, always make deeper impressions than those inferior. The most impressive objects will register the touches of forces or influences sooner than those less do. These are self-evident propositions. The sensitive plate of the photographer will register the finest images lensed upon it by light and shade. Many are the mechanical instruments used to-day to hold and measure and weigh the properties of material things—properties too fine

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to yield to grosser human touch and sight.

But there is not anywhere an intenser sensitized plate than the ego man. He receives and retains impressions a thousand-fold more delicate than ever wrote their autograph on the photographer's plate. That most easily impressed is not a mechanism, but an organism. Therefore, when we, as teachers, come before child or adult, we exert, unconsciously, yet inevitably, a force that finds imprint upon them over and above the truth we seek to teach.

The truth—any truth—all truth about anything, principle, force or being, is equal to itself plus the personality of the teacher. Personality is a fact. Indeed, 'tis the aboriginal fact. If a fact, then a force—and the mightiest force on earth to-day. "The world moves by personality. All the great currents of history have flowed from persons. Organization is powerful; but no organization has ever accomplished anything until a person has stood at the center of it and filled it with his thought and with his life. Truth is mighty; but it never does prevail actually until it gets itself embodied, incarnated in a personality."

Men are remembered when texts and text-books are forgotten. I dare say you who are advanced in years cannot remember half the books studied in school, or the texts preached from; but you remember the teachers and the preachers. Brick and mortar, and bell and blackboards, desks and paraphernalia, do not make a school. These are important, but secondary. The first essential is a man. I use the terms in their high, heaven-meant meaning. Life is not a matter of dress parade. Its loftiest possibilities have never yet been dreamed. No mere manikin, with low thoughts of duty and character, is fit to teach anybody anywhere.

If it be true that personality is the mightiest force, and mind the most sensitive plate, it must be true that the character or quality of the personality of the teacher or preacher is the first problem in the educational questions of to-day. The teacher who lacks a positively force of character—either good or bad—simply fails to make any impression on the pupil, and the harm is summed up in two words—arrested development. The teacher who has a positively bad character (I don't mean reputation, but what a man is), must of necessity impress for evil. Personality is no less forceful because it is evil. Next to the parent, the teacher is the most potent factor in the life of every child. The State is right in demanding that those who get its money for teaching its coming citizens shall be men and women of correct outward moral conduct and life. It can demand no more than this. But the kingdom of God and the high life interests of the child demand more. Back of all rules and creeds and formalities, I would penetrate to the secret springs of being, and find there that positive virtue that spontaneously bursts from the person in that undefinable atmosphere felt by the pupil. This force will stimulate the unconscious depths of the child's nature, and he will be drawn toward high ideals and heroic manhood as certainly as the rays rise in field and forest to meet the springtime sun, and bud and blossom for the ripened fruit when growing time is done. But no charlatan will ever thus woo child or man. No affectation can ever reach the clear, calm tones of real sterling worth.

Cuero, Texas.

AN APPEAL.

To the Pastors and People of Calvert District:

Dear Brethren.—Only three months remain to us of this conference year, and more than three-fourths of collections are yet to be gotten. This can be done if pastors and people will pull together.

There is no reason for any change in the Calvert District not paying every cent. If there is failure anywhere, it will be for want of proper work. Brethren, we must come up in full. If I can help you at any Church where there is any doubt, let me know. Calvert District must come up in full at Pittsburg, so let's not leave anything undone. Yours in the work.

R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

DEDICATION.

Rev. Alonzo Monk, of Fort Worth, will dedicate the Dublin Methodist Church, the fourth Sunday in September, at 11 a. m. Rev. H. A. Boaz, the builder of the Church, will preach at the evening service. All former pastors and presiding elders invited to be present. The church is a handsome stone building, costing about \$15,000, and is a credit to Methodism and to all who in any way made possible its erection.

E. A. BAILEY, P. E.
O. P. KIKER, P. C.

The modern conscience is made with a lever to throw it out of gear.

"CHRISTIANITY AS TAUGHT BY CHRIST."

Rev. John M. Moore, Ph. D.
Rev. H. S. Bradley, D.D., pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, South, Atlanta, Georgia, has just published a volume of twenty-five sermons, which commands the attention of all thinking people, who are theologically inclined. They deal, as the title of the book would indicate, with the Teachings of Jesus. The first chapter relates to the childhood and youth of the Nazarene, in which "The Child is Father to the Man." Three chapters are devoted to the three temptations, respectively: One discourse is devoted to Jesus' first sermon, one to Jesus and the Sabbath, and the remaining nineteen to teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. Each of the beatitudes is discussed in a special chapter. The texts for the

tion for the last twenty-five years, with all our itinerants as members.

The society numbers at present only about eight hundred and fifty members; but it is growing. On glancing at the names of the patronizing conferences, I noted that our Texas conferences are far behind some of the others—especially the Carolinas, the Mississippi, the Memphis, the Tennessee, the Holston and the North Alabama. North Texas leads in the Lone Star State, with 48 members, while our big sister, the Northwest Texas, has only 6.

The following, from Dr. Watkins to the Secretary of the Association, is "mighty good reading:"

Jackson, Miss., July 20, 1905.
Dear Brother Shumaker: I was a member of the Mississippi Conference Brotherhood for nearly twenty years.



New Parsonage, Rosebud, Tex.

Rev. A. S. Whitehurst, Pastor.

eleven sermons are Matt. 5:13-16, 20, 21-24, 27-32, 33-37, 38-42, 43-48, 6:1-8 and 16-18, 7:1-5; Mark 2:27-28; Luke 6:46-49; Luke 6:43-45.

These sermons evince the independence and conscientiousness of a clear thinker as well as the devotion and adoration of a sincere worshiper. Those who know the history of the speaker could not expect other than the scientific method and spirit in the handling. They are worshipful in spirit and reasonable in interpretation. In doctrine they can offer no offense to the thoughtful conservative, nor to the sober progressive.

The Southern Methodist Church is honored by such a volume, while sermonic literature has been enriched by these studies. These sermons are as helpful to the matured servant as to the young man in the gospel. The teachings of the Master of Capernaum are invigorated and intensified by these incisive and stimulating expositions.

BRETHREN, DID YOU GET IT?

I have just received the Biennial Record of the Methodist Benevolent and Fraternal Association. It is suggestive; and lest it be not considered as its merit deserves, I beg space in the Advocate to say a few words about it.

The society was organized about two years ago, and was intended to be a "merger" of all the conference brotherhoods and preachers aid societies in the Church. Many of them have already gone into it, and that all of them—yea, that all our itinerant preachers—may go into it, is a "consummation devoutly to be wished." The management has this to say, under the head of Fraternal Greetings:

Surely a home of their own, immediately on vacating the last parsonage home, is the greatest need and the greatest blessing for the widows and orphans of the deceased itinerant preachers.

These, the most self-sacrificing servants of a common cause, can, by united and co-operative efforts of their own, provide same. With this blessing provided for, and the consequent anxious care and perplexities regarding the welfare of their families when they are taken from them thus relieved, these men of God become far more self-reliant, contented, and effective in their divine calling.

We have paid to widows and orphans the sum of \$7,530, practically within the last year, while the cost to members holding 1,000 certificates has been \$13, and to those holding 500 certificates \$7. Surely this is large benevolence at little cost. No one can measure the real good already done.

Given six thousand members, the association could provide annually for the bereaved families of the eighty or one hundred deceased members a home each of their own, or \$1,000 for each family, and the cost to no member need be more than an average of \$16 per annum. This would have been the record made had there been a similar connectional brotherhood in opera-

During that time the average annual assessment was between \$7 and \$8, and the protection secured was about \$300. It was worth all it cost to know that the families of our deceased brethren promptly received even this amount in the hour of their sorrow and need.

But how much better in every way is the Methodist Benevolent and Fraternal Association, into which our Brotherhood was merged two years ago! The cost during the last twelve months, including both assessments and dues, has been \$13, and the protection secured \$1,000. Within this interval three members of the Mississippi Conference have died. In the old conference Brotherhood the cost to surviving members would have been \$15, and the benefits to the families of these deceased members about \$1000. In the Connectional Association the cost has been \$13 and the benefits \$2,500.

From a business point of view, the change has been a profitable one; from a benevolent point of view, it has been equally so.

I know of no organization through which a prudent regard for the interest of those who are dependent upon a Methodist preacher, and the motives that make for the care of the families of his brethren in the ministry, can find such wise indulgence as in the Methodist Benevolent and Fraternal Association. Yours cordially,

A. F. WATKINS.

Anything further from my pencil would be a waste of time and space. All necessary information can be had of the Secretary, at Nashville, Tenn., or of Rev. J. A. Wyatt, Blosson, Texas.

J. W. HILL.

N. W. T. BROTHERHOOD NOTES.

As an indication of the stability and business principle underlying your Brotherhood, the bank deposits of your society on August 28th were \$205, and September 1st, \$159.

The following record has been made on the three calls which have closed: F. P. Ray, \$553; T. W. Rogers, \$532; D. T. Holmes, \$517. The difference in these calls is due to the fact that non-beneficiary members do not always respond; then the deaths, a few accidental forfeitures by the brethren who "forgot." At the Annual Conference these calls will all be very nearly equal. I wish I might tell the brethren the kind, appreciative messages of the widows of our deceased preachers.

We are now closing our twelfth year; have had thirty calls. The charter members have paid \$60, which is \$5 per annum. You have been insured for about \$550, costing less than \$1 per \$100. God bless the Brotherhood and the widows and children of our deceased members.

In the last letter from Bro. Sam P. Wright, of Santa Ana, California, he was quite sick with fever. He says, "My present spell is very surprising, since it brought under my roof the first doctor that has given us such honor since we have been in California. The fever, which has been constant almost day and night, has been very trying. Of course, I do not know

what the issue is to be." Let us join his loved ones in prayer for his speedy recovery. His sky is bright; his way is clear. His letters are delightful.

M. S. HOTCHKISS.

A RECEPTION.

The ladies of the Home Mission Society, of Terrell, gave to the faculty of the North Texas University School, on last Thursday night, a grand reception. It was held under our new auditorium, and was a great success. There were some five hundred or more in attendance. Refreshments were served after the reception, and a general good time was had, shaking hands and getting better acquainted. Dr. John M. Moore, of Dallas, Texas, made the address of the evening. For thoughtfulness and breadth of sentiment, the address could scarcely be excelled. We were already glad that the North Texas University School was among us, but after the address we were thrice glad. In the receiving line there were the Trustees of the institution and the entire faculty, together with the wives of the married teachers, making in all some twenty-five. It was a great joy to see with what pleasure the multitudes greeted our faculty. The school opens up on next Tuesday, and the prospects are very encouraging for a large attendance. This school is sure to make the entire conference proud of its success. Questions have not been asked as to the cost of good teachers' equipment, etc. But the one question was one of fitness and need. It is inspiring to see the pride Methodists are taking in our new school, and I have no doubt but that a goodly number of our families will be represented in its enrollment this term. Terrell is proud of the new Christian School within her borders, and will give it her support. It will be remembered that the main building was a gift of the citizens of Terrell to the Church; and if there is anything in the statement that "we get out of a thing what we put in it," they will most assuredly be no little concerned. Reports will be made later as to our opening and progress.

LOUIS BARTON.

Terrell, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Aug. 31—W. M. Sherrell, matter will have attention. B. A. Myers, subs. J. W. Fort, sub. J. F. Tyson, sub. T. L. Naylor, matter will have attention. J. A. Laney, subs. T. W. Ellis, sub. J. C. Huddleston, sub.

Sept. 1.—Wm. Nickels, sub. A. E. Carraway, subs. C. M. Cagle, change. G. V. Ridley, subs. T. Gregory, subs. A. P. Hightower, sub.

Sept. 2.—A. P. Hightower, sub.
Sept. 4.—I. L. Mills, sub. J. T. Osborn, subs. C. H. Ledger, sub.

Sept. 5.—W. H. Matthews, sub. H. G. Williams, subs. S. C. Dunn, subs. C. B. Cross, sub. J. W. Tineher, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. C. T. Cummings, sub.

Sept. 6.—G. W. White, sub. E. W. Morton, subs. C. G. Shutt, sub. W. H. Wright, subs.

MORTUARY.

John Spurlock, father of Rev. E. L. Spurlock, passed to his reward September 1, 1905, from his home near Greenville. He was a good man. I will send an extended sketch of his life for the obituary column a little later.

JNO. R. ROACH.

A QUESTION TO A PROTEST.

In the issue of the Advocate of Aug. 17 there appears a "Protest to a Reply." What is most important in the passage of Scripture recorded by Luke, giving an account of a rich man and a beggar whose name was Lazarus? Is it the mere statement made by Christ that there lived a rich man and that there lived a beggar, that the rich man would not feed the beggar; that after both died, the rich man was tormented in hell, and the beggar was resting in the arms of Abraham in heaven? Is that all? Or is there something greater which the Savior of mankind wanted to teach?

The writer is not defending "A Reply" in the least. For while he cannot believe that the human soul, separated from the body, possess a coarse, physical voice, he fully believes that the soul, being spiritual and immortal, and rest. But literature is literature, necessities of air and light, exercise and rest. But literature is literature, wherever found. Whether it is found within the lids of the Holy Bible, or it is the production of the so-called secular writers, if it contains the elements of literature, it is literature. The most important in all literature is not merely the words written, but it is the finding out of the thought of the author, which he intends to impart to the reader, and thereby to move the reader to action.

In all literature we must notice the historic setting; or we must notice the context. According to Westcott and Hort the account of the rich man and Lazarus is a semi-paragraph, which paragraph begins with the parable of the rich man and his steward.

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Now what is a fable? An invented story to teach some moral. If "A Protest" admits that the most important in this semi-paragraph of literature is not merely the words written, then he may be fair enough to allow another person to interpret it as a fable, while he himself interprets it as an historic fact. To the writer there is something of vaster importance than either the interpretation as a fable or that as an historic fact.

It seems that our Savior, wanting to thrust a blow of eternal effect at the money-loving, money-grabbing Pharisees and from them through all generations to come, uttered the statement; the account of which we have recorded by Luke. The deep underlying principle is the vast superiority of the unseen immaterial kingdom of God to the visible material affluence of this life. So great is this superiority that the Lord would choose as his characters the one a beggar covered with sores, the other a rich man with all the luxuries of life. Another great lesson taught in this passage is that the advantages of this invisible kingdom must be secured in this life; and God has ordained that living man shall preach to living men.

"A Protest" was rather hasty in connecting the story of many mansions with the story of the rich man and Lazarus. "If that is a fable, then may be the 'story' of the 'many mansions' is a fable." The two accounts are in different orders of historic setting, and therefore cannot in literary justice be classed together. In the one, Christ is among Pharisees who scoff at his opposition to money-grabbing. In the other, Christ is surrounded by his disconsolate disciples. He had just told them that he would leave them. And if ever there was a time appropriate, this was the time to tell them what he had in store for them. "In my Father's house are many abiding places; if it were not so I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you."—John 14:2.

W. E. GOLDRING.

ROUST THE DEMON.

A Tussle With Coffee.

There is something fairly demoniacal in the way coffee sometimes wrecks its fiendish malice on those who use it.

A lady writing from Calif. says: "My husband and I, both lovers of coffee, suffered for some time from a very annoying form of nervousness, accompanied by most frightful headaches. In my own case there was eventually developed some sort of affection of the nerves leading from the spine to the head.

"I was unable to hold my head up straight, the tension of the nerves drew it to one side, causing me the most intense pain. We got no relief from medicine, and were puzzled as to what caused the trouble, till a friend suggested that possibly the coffee we drank had something to do with it, and advised that we quit it and try Postum Coffee.

"We followed his advice, and from that day we began to use Postum we both began to improve, and in a very short time both of us were entirely relieved. The nerves became steady once more, the headaches ceased, the muscles in the back of my neck relaxed, my head straightened up and the dreadful pain that had so punished me while I used the old kind of coffee vanished.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

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and the Secretary. The detail work of this committee will be given you by the chairman, but I take it that it will not be amiss for me to mention, in a general way, the work which the chairman himself has done. He has tirelessly, and almost continuously labored for the success of the enterprise ever since he was named as a member of the committee. He organized the very thorough tour of inspection, in which a week was taken in the visitation of every important coast point in our State, and the inspection of the various cities offered for the location of the Encampment. He has taken an active interest in every important move which has been made from that day to this. He has given his time unselfishly to the work, and to his wise counsel and efficient direction belong, very much of the credit for the ideal surroundings and perfect condition of the Assembly Grounds as they exist to-day. Without disparagement to the ability of any of our faithful and eminent ministers we unhesitatingly say that we believe that few could have approached and none surpassed what Chairman Sexton has accomplished. All honor to him.

The Assembly Grounds.

The Assembly Grounds, as now constituted, embrace 17 and 95-100 acres, and are deeded in fee simple to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. These grounds and \$3,000 in cash were donated to us by the enterprising citizens of Corpus Christi. In addition to this, they have paid for the extension of the electric light service from the city to our grounds, and have furnished and equipped the windmill waterworks system. Their total donation exceeded \$5,000. The S. A. & A. P. R. R. Co., on its part, has constructed the elegant little station "Epworth," graveled its right of way adjoining us, extended its pier and plankled it, erected the commodious recreation shed and pavilion and equipped it, all at an expense of more than \$6,000. All the improvements constructed by the railroad company are for the use, comfort and pleasure of the Epworth League, and are placed under our absolute direction and control. The gratitude of the members of our organization is due to the noble-hearted citizens of Corpus Christi for the substantial interest they have taken in us and our organization, and likewise to the management of the S. A. & A. P. R. R. Company.

The Assembly Grounds have been plotted into lots of convenient size, and these are now being leased upon reasonable terms to our Methodist people. A number of cottages have been erected and are now being occupied, and we trust another year will find us with many more lots leased and many additional cottages erected.

Cedar Grove Tract.

A twelve-acre tract of land just south of the Assembly Grounds, across the railroad, known as Cedar Grove, has been purchased by a stock company of League people whose intention it is to hold the land against undesirable tenants and to direct its use for the betterment of the Assembly organization, giving to the management a voice in its operation until such time as the organization shall be financially able to purchase the property.

Recommendations.

1. District Organization.—There is an imperative need at this time for thorough district organization throughout the State. By this, we mean the organization of each presiding elder's district into a League Conference. The District Conference is the institute where representatives from every chapter may gather once a year, or more frequently, and discuss plans and methods. It is impracticable for every chapter to be represented at a State or even an Annual Conference meeting, but they may be thus represented at the district meeting. We therefore recommend that the Cabinet provide ways and means for the organization of each presiding elder's district into a League Conference, and that where a conference cannot be organized, that an acting Secretary be appointed for such district, whose duty it shall be to keep in touch with the State work and conduct a campaign of education in the interest of district organization.

2. Constitution and By-Laws.—Inasmuch as the present constitution is inadequate for the new order of things, being too restrictive in its provision for membership, too meager in its definition of officers' duties, too limited in its articles of government and too brief in its general rules and regulations, we recommend the appointment of a committee to draft a new form must submit same to the present conference.

We especially recommend a revision of Article V, Section I, relating to the power and authority of the organization. It is our opinion that there should be a State Cabinet, consisting of a President and the usual comple-

ment of department officers, as heretofore, and a Board of Trustees, the former to be vested with the general management of the organization, and the latter to hold property and pass titles, both of these boards to be elected by the conference.

Special Legislation.

3. (a) Local Board of Control.—We recommend that there be a local board of control, consisting of three members, to be appointed by the President, of whom the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South of Corpus Christi Station, shall be ex-officio chairman; this board to be vested with the power to pass upon the character of the meetings to be held on the Assembly Grounds, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of the contract relating to the use of the grounds and buildings, as entered into between the Assembly Committee of the League and the Citizens' Committee of Corpus Christi.

(b) Keeper of Grounds.—We recommend the incorporation in the constitution of the office of Keeper of the Assembly Grounds, which office now exists as an emergency provision. The incumbent of this office shall be vested with police powers, to be granted by the State Legislature, and to exercise such other power and authority as the management of the organization may direct.

4. Field Secretary.—For some years the advisability of putting a superintendent into the field to organize new chapters, revive old ones, and, in general, to develop the League work, has been considered. As early as 1902, a resolution was adopted favoring such a move, and at each succeeding conference the matter has received careful and deliberate attention. At San Antonio, in 1903, and Houston, in 1904, it was a choice between a Field Secretary and an Assembly, it being impracticable to inaugurate these kindred movements simultaneously, and the Assembly, being the greater of the two, was chosen. Now we have the one, and, in our opinion, the time is ripe for the other. The benefits which will accrue from the operations of a Field Secretary, or superintendent, are too well understood to need extended mention from me at this time. What the financial agent is to the college, what the missionary is to the Church, what the evangelist is to the spread of the gospel, all this, and more, will the Field Secretary be to the Epworth League and its Assembly enterprise.

Therefore, we recommend the creation of the office of Field Secretary, the organization and management of which, as relating to the institution and character of the work, the regulation of the salary to be paid, and other expenditures, and the collection of a fund to defray these expenses, shall be under the direction of an executive committee to be designated by constitutional provision; the selection and appointment of a suitable person to fill the office to be vested with the President.

5. We further recommend that the executive management of the organization be authorized and empowered to arrange with the State Sunday-school Association, and other organizations of like character, either in or out of the Methodist Church, to hold their annual meetings on the Assembly grounds.

REPORT OF JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT.

To the President and Members of Texas State Epworth League Conference:

For years this body of Leaguers has met annually, with the exception of one year, to confer and transact the business committed to them by the General Conference in 1892. These have been busy years, in which heart, brain and hand, strengthened by prayer and love, have wrought successfully in rearing the spiritual temple unto the King eternal, to whom be honor and glory forever and forever.

The year now drawing to a close, as those in the past, has brought its usual store of encouragements and discouragements, joy and sorrow, success and failure, yet our Junior League work grows and moves forward. It is becoming more and more in favor with our preachers and people. It is more fully realized that being a part of the Church, it is the spiritual training school, not only in matters of personal religious experience, says Dr. DuBose, but also in matters of needful knowledge and in the activities of Christian service. In reviewing gratefully what has been done, a fact confronts us that casts a shadow over the halo encircling the past. Among the 800 or more pastoral charges in the M. E. Church, South, in the great State of Texas, there are only 278 Junior Leagues, as far as I can learn. There are hundreds of children waiting to be taught and trained in Christian work and service. We must look to the pastors to help organize these little ones, and surely there can be found earnest men and women, zealous for the cause of Christ, who will nurture their growth, comprehending the fullness

and blessedness in "training up a child." Several of our pastors have organized Leagues this year, while others are willing to organize, could they find a leader. One of the great demands of our Church to-day is for men and women who live to God; consecrated souls who are willing at all times to heed the call and answer, "Here am I." God needs more vine-dressers in the vineyard to prune and to train the tender growth that it may bear much fruit in due season. Oh, that older Christians would not retard this great work! One should not hesitate to undertake work for God because of felt weakness. "My strength is made perfect in weakness," says St. Paul. God gives his grace when we need it, his power when we are ready to use it. He wants his children to move when called to service, trusting him for all needs. It is a great privilege to be allowed to train the minds and hearts of the young. It is no small work. It is one of the greatest works of the Church—consecrated childhood. It is the banking capital from which the Church is to draw in years to come. Then, friends and co-laborers, let us realize more fully the grave responsibility and fall not shorter than our very best for the little ones, for God will not hold us guiltless for forsaken or neglected duty.

The work of each department is improving with growth, and the amount of talent and energy being developed is almost incredible and can never be known until the final reckoning, but the best of all is the increase in spirituality—the quickening of the spirit in the tender hearts of the Juniors, drawing them closer to the One true Friend who so tenderly loves and blesses them, and weaves each to the other as co-workers for Him, is indeed beautiful.

There has been quite a number of conversions in the League, and it is indeed gratifying to hear some of our superintendents say they believe their work is really just beginning when the child is converted and unites with God's visible Church. Here the nurture and Christian training is needed. Now is the time to watch with care, lest they be ensnared and, yielding, return to the sinful paths of sin. Our work is to develop, uplift, enlarge and beautify the Christian character in childhood, and may we, as Junior leaders, never fall in the work.

At different times during the year I have asked help of our pastors and presiding elders, and, with two exceptions, they have been not only prompt and courteous in replying, but desirous of rendering all aid possible to advance our work. Indeed, we are grateful, and to each, we could with no greater return than that your Church be blessed by a strong, active Junior League.

Following the first helps from the preachers, the tedious task of sending out literature and helps of various kinds to points far and near, writing, with each a personal letter to stir the hearts afresh of those already at work, and more especially those with idle hands to co-operation and active effort. While the waiting has been, it seems, in vain regarding many, from some have come cheering responses, reports of organizations and hearty co-operation by others was promised. The number of new organizations is not as large as we had hoped it would be, but we believe, having done our best, God will bless the seed sown unto a richer harvest by and by; hence we are not discouraged, but much encouraged, upheld by the promises of our Father.

The great importance of the fourth department has been urged upon our workers, and the value of juvenile missionary training has been stressed at all times. Not the idea of home missions or foreign missions, but missions—a spirit of willingness, readiness and longing to reach out after the lost ones for Christ's sake, whenever such be found at home or across the seas. The deeper the spirit of missions implanted, the greater the value of work done. A few of our Junior Leagues have undertaken mission studies and have regular class work. Some have special work along this line, and we hope the day is not far distant when every Junior League in Texas and Southern Methodism will be a missionary band of loyal Leaguers.

I am glad to be able to report the increased interest manifested in the social life of the Juniors, for social tendencies are part and parcel of human nature. To denounce these tendencies or fail to rightly cultivate them is to do an unwise thing. In connection, or rather, side by side, with this part of the work the literary or study work has been carried on, by some, very successfully.

The Reading Course has not been used as we had expected it to be. Many superintendents have not yet learned how to manage the reading circles or to read with profit. A good way will open to each League, when sought for with finding determination.

I would not fail to mention here our own little paper, the Junior Topics, a most creditable and helpful paper, giving such splendid lesson helps and

many good suggestions from co-workers. It has already, though only one year old, become a regular periodical, and promises to be even greater help in the future.

Several District Junior League superintendents have been appointed during the year. North Texas Conference is better supplied with these officers than either of the other conferences. Texas Conference has a most active and enthusiastic superintendent. The superintendent of North Texas Conference resigned early in the year, and the place has not been filled.

Our work, as you know, is not blazoned in outward tokens or characterized by great numerical results always, yet I regret that the following table of statistics is not larger. These figures do not do our work justice. Out of 290 blanks sent to local and District Conference superintendents, only fifty have been returned, hence these figures are of the fifty chapters only.

Northwest Texas Conference: Number of Leagues, 114; last year, 95; increase, 19. Members, 4,608; last year, 3,625; increase, 983.

West Texas Conference: Number of Leagues, 56; last year, 44; increase, 12. Members, 1,776; last year, 1,356; increase, 415.

North Texas Conference: Number of Leagues, 66; last year, 59; increase, 7. Members, 2,659; last year, 2,412; increase, 247.

Texas Conference: Number of Leagues, 42; last year, 25; increase 17. Members, 1,498; last year, 738; increase, 762.

Total number of Leagues, 278; increase, 55. Members, 13,620; increase, 2,417.

Department of Worship: Number devotional meetings held, 1,513; average attendance, 772; number of Juniors who are members of the Church, 275.

Department of Practice: Number visits to sick, 2,143; visits to strangers, 144; bouquets to sick and shut-ins, 906; Bibles, papers, etc., distributed, 1,879; scholars procured for Sunday-schools, 88. Several boxes of clothing sent to Orphanage. Amount of money expended for charitable purposes, \$276.85.

Department of Instruction: Number literary meetings held, 106; average attendance, 230. The Bible, Catechism, Church polity, history, etc., are studied. The Era and Junior Topics are subscribed for and read by a number.

Financial Statement: Amount of money paid for missions, \$175.88; amount expended on charity, \$276.85; amount expended on church improvements, \$100.50; amount expended otherwise than above, \$341.98. Total amount raised and expended, \$895.18. MRS. C. W. HENRY, State Supt.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TEXAS STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE AS AMENDED AT EPWORTH ENCAMPMENT, AUG. 8-18, 1905.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Texas State Epworth League Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Membership.

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of one delegate from each Epworth League in Texas under the jurisdiction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, regardless of their conference affiliation, said delegates to be elected by their respective chapters.

All traveling preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Texas, shall be ex-officio members.

Officers and Their Duties.

Art. 3. The officers of the Conference shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Superintendent of Junior Work, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, elected annually by a majority of the members present and voting. The President shall preside at all regular and called meetings of the Conference, and in his absence the Vice-Presidents shall preside in the order of their election. The stated duties of the Vice-Presidents and the Superintendent of Junior Work shall correspond to those of the same officers in the local chapters. The Secretary shall keep a correct and permanent record of all the doings of the Conference, conduct its general correspondence, attend to the collection of dues and pledges, turning over moneys collected to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys belonging to the Conference and pay out same upon the order of the President.

Time and Place of Meeting.

Art. 4. This Conference shall meet annually at Camp Epworth, Corpus Christi, Texas, at such time as the Cabinet may designate.

Power and Authority.

Art. 5. Sec. 1. The Conference shall have power to incorporate itself through a Board of Trustees consisting of two, one clerical and one lay, from each of the patronizing conferences, including the German Mission; these trustees to be elected by the

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State League Conference, subject to the ratification of the several Annual Conferences, for the four years corresponding to the interval between the sessions of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and who shall hold all of the property owned by the Conference, and who may sue and be sued, and exercise all other privileges and sustain all other responsibilities of trustees of corporate property under the laws of the State of Texas; provided that all property be deeded in fee simple to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the purposes and uses set forth in the instrument of conveyance.

Sec. 2. There shall be elected annually an Assembly Committee of five members, including the President, who shall be an ex-officio member. This committee shall be vested with the management of the Assembly Grounds, pass on the character of meetings to be held thereon, make all arrangements for essential improvements, the erection of cottages, concessions, etc., with the sanction of the Conference.

Sec. 3. A keeper of the grounds shall be appointed by the Assembly Committee who shall work under and report to them. The incumbent of this office shall have police power and shall be authorized to exercise such other power and authority as the Committee may direct.

Art. 6. Sec. 1. This Constitution shall go into effect immediately upon the adjournment of the present session of the Conference.

Sec. 2. This Constitution may be amended or even substituted at any annual meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of all the members present and voting.

Sec. 3. All former enactments not in harmony with this Constitution are hereby repealed.

BY-LAWS.

Art. 1. The Cabinet, consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Superintendent of Junior Work, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be a standing Committee of Program.

Art. 2. The Cabinet, as herein above constituted, shall name all other standing committees and shall act in the interval of the conferences, subject to the ratification of the annual meetings.

Art. 3. (By special resolution. "The Cabinet shall constitute a special Committee on Constitution and By-Laws; shall receive recommendations for amendments, etc., publish the Constitution and By-Laws in advance of annual meetings.")

Art. 4. To meet current expenses, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to collect annually, from each Chapter, fifty cents for every twenty members, or a fraction equal to two-thirds thereof; provided that each chapter be assessed at least fifty cents.

Art. 5. (Order of business was stricken out.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Having had our attention called by our President's address, to the district conferences and their importance, after due deliberation, we do hereby recommend that greater stress be placed on the organization of each district in the several conferences.

To accomplish this end, we recommend that the presiding elders in the districts that are not organized, appoint secretaries for such district, whose duty it shall be to keep in touch with the State work and conduct a campaign of education in the interest of district organization.

To further this end, we recommend that the Annual League Conferences be dispensed with and that all the stress be placed on the district and state conferences. (Carried.)

Whereas, the Texas Christian Advocate, through the love and courtesy of Mr. L. Blaylock, the prince of Methodist laymen, has always been the exponent and friend of the League movement in Texas; and,

Whereas, our President, Mr. Gus W. Thomasson, is the capable editor of the League Department, in said paper, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, That we, as the State League Conference Assembly, do hereby express our unstinted appreciation for all the helpfulness of the Advocate, and pledge ourselves to the spread of its circulation and our endorsement and support of all its editorial management; and, further,

Resolved, 2d, That we congratulate Bro. Thomasson on his great success in the editorial management of the League Department. (Carried.)

Resolved, That we approve the editorship of the Epworth Era, and recognize it as easily taking its place in the very foremost of young people's papers of the United States.

We mark with appreciation its rapid growth the present year, in pages, subject matter and number of subscribers, and especially are we glad that Texas furnishes three thousand of this number.

That we offer our support to Dr. DuBose in his effort to raise the subscription list to thirty thousand, and, further, that five thousand of this number

should come from Texas. (Carried.)

In recognition of the very efficient services of our Assembly Committee—Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, Mr. H. H. Haisell, Hon. R. W. Hall, Mr. Gus W. Thomasson, Rev. J. M. Peterson, Mr. W. G. Lee Woods, Mr. Theo. Bering, Jr.; and State officers—Mr. Gus W. Thomasson, Rev. A. D. Porter, Miss Laura L. Allison, Prof. W. A. Palmer, Rev. C. A. Lehmburg, Mrs. C. W. Henry, Mrs. Theo. Bering, Jr.—

Be it resolved, That we, as a State League Conference, do heartily thank them by rising vote. (Carried.)

Whereas, The people of Corpus Christi have shown every courtesy to the members of the Epworth League, and have used every means to make our Assembly both pleasant and profitable; and that the Corpus Christi Leaguers have spared no energies in decorating our hall, tendering us a cordial reception the night of our arrival, and have endeared themselves to us by their kindness and consideration for our pleasure; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we return our hearty thanks to them for their generous treatment and pray God that the Assembly may leave a lasting impress for good on the community. (Carried.)

Whereas, Rev. S. B. Beall has given months of untiring and valuable service; be it

Resolved, That this conference go on record of their high appreciation of same. (Carried.)

Recognizing the fact that Mr. A. K. Ragsdale has worked with untiring zeal and energy, devoting much of his time to make a success of this Assembly, and securing for us such a low rate from the railroad; be it

Resolved, That we, the State League Assembly, do hereby express to him our hearty appreciation for the valuable work he has done. (Carried.)

Whereas, The press has given to us much of its space in reporting the sessions of this Assembly; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we thank them for this courtesy and kindness. (Carried.)

Whereas, In the establishment of the Epworth League Encampment, the S. A. and A. P. Ry. Co. has extended to the Assembly Committee and to the organization, through this committee, every possible encouragement and assistance, before the final decision to locate here and after the decision, showing more than a selfish interest in securing the location, spending money for valuable improvements, in the way of railroad stations, recreation pier, etc., furnishing, free of charge, an ample supply of pure drinking water, operating special trains to and from the city, keeping representatives on the grounds for our convenience, making exceedingly low rates for the encampment, refusing to run any Sunday excursions, and in every way doing what should be done; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to the S. A. and A. P. Ry. Co. our heartfelt thanks and assure them of our friendship and support, and that we especially remember and appreciate the kindness and courtesy of Messrs. Monserrate, Lupton, Innes, Turner, Brooks, Lewis, Dazgett, Freeman, all conductors and employees.

Resolved, further, That we appreciate the action of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, the International and Great Northern, Texas Midland, and Cotton Belt, for their participation in the sale of through tickets for the convenience of those attending, and trust that other roads in the State will recognize the importance of the movement inaugurated here, and join in lending every encouragement in the way of rates, etc., towards making this a permanent, prosperous resort for religious people. (Signed)

REV. L. S. BARTON, Chairman.
MISS MATTIE HARRIS, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we set apart the week succeeding the first Sunday in December as a week of prayer for missions, and that the second Sabbath be observed as "Leaguers' Volunteer Sabbath," on which day opportunity shall be given to any who may wish to offer themselves for mission work. (Carried.)

Whereas, There has been organized in the State of Texas what is called a State Local Option Association, non-partisan and non-political in its purposes; and,

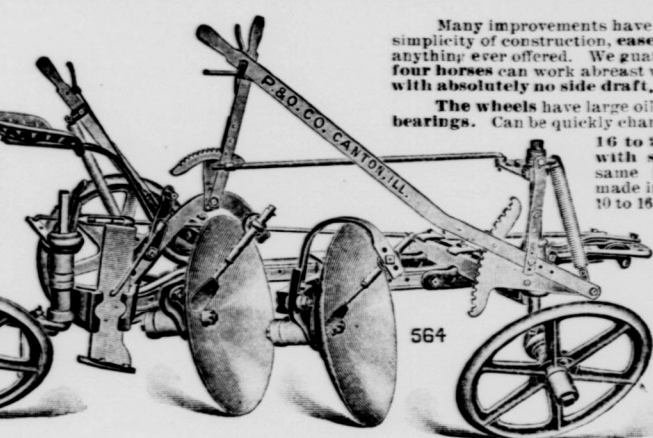
Whereas, said association has been for almost two years, and is now doing a great work in ridding the State of the open saloon; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the State League Conference, being in perfect harmony with this movement, which movement we recognize as a protection to home, church and state, hereby give it our hearty endorsement and co-operation. (Carried.)

After careful consideration of the recommendation of our President, in his annual report, with reference to putting a Field Secretary in the field, it is the judgment of your committee that it is not wise to do so at this time,

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and we so recommend. (Carried.)

Inasmuch as our Assembly Committee, after much thought and deliberation, have prepared a very excellent plat of the grounds, solving, as near as possible, the many problems confronting us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this State League Assembly recommend the acceptance of same. (Carried.)

MISS MATTIE HARRIS, Secretary. Whereas, the daily papers have announced the death in Laredo, Texas, of Rev. F. H. C. Elliott, the pastor of our Church in that city;

Resolved, That we recognize that, in the death of Bro. Elliott, the Church has sustained the loss of a zealous and faithful minister, whose worth was made more manifest by his devotion to duties during the yellow fever epidemic in that city.

Resolved, That we instruct the Secretary to communicate to his family these expressions of our sympathy for them in their bereavement and of our admiration and love for our departed brother. (Carried.)

REV. L. S. BARTON, Chairman.
MISS MATTIE HARRIS, Secretary.

We recommend that the Assembly Committee establish offices on the encampment ground, as headquarters for the several departments of the State League. (Carried.)

Resolved, That this conference assembled extend to the telegraph and telephone companies, through their local representatives, our sincere thanks for their many courtesies to this body during its session. (Carried.)

In view of the fact that Mr. A. W. Fisher, physical director; Mr. George E. Chase, musical director; Mrs. Gus W. Thomasson, pianist; Miss May Lev-erett, organist, and all those who have from time to time favored us with solos, have given pleasure to all; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to them our thanks and hearty appreciation. (Carried.)

REV. L. S. BARTON, Chairman.
MISS MATTIE HARRIS, Secretary.

HEARD AT CORPUS CHRISTI.

Story of How the Entire Epworth League Encampment Was Aroused on a Peaceful Night.

The sea breezes swept across Corpus Christi. Off on the distant wharfs Mexican fishermen, worn by the arduous task of baiting hooks, slept with enthusiasm; a lonely dog crouched on the white sands and gnawed a fish cast up by the white-capped waves.

All was still in the Epworth League encampment. The peace of a coast country night had descended upon the gathering whose white tents resembled the bivouac of a great army.

Suddenly upon the stillness fell a sound. It was a sound of magnitude and duration, a sound worth talking about for a lifetime. It began with a guttural grunt, rising swiftly through degrees of snorts, and sounds suggestive of filing saws, to a hoarse staccato screech, rising and falling, making the canvas walls to tremble and shiver.

In the guest tent there arose with speed Dr. McMurray, of St. Louis; Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, of Norman, O. T., and Rev. Dr. H. M. DuBose, of Nashville, Tenn.

"What was that?" a clergyman demanded, his hair standing stiffly on his head.

"It was Dr. McMurray," suggested Dr. Rippey, stepping out into the moonlight in ghostly costume. "He sometimes snores."

"I did not," declared the St. Louis divine, with energy and conviction. "I never on earth made a sound like that."

The camp began to stir with life, people flocked hither and thither in scant garb. Then, as does the startled rabbit make for his hole, did the Leaguers seek their tents, for the awful sound again arose—that shrieking blast in which many horrid sounds were inharmoniously blended. It ended with a gruff, gasping gurgle.

"Mercy on us!" exclaimed a minister. "A hurricane!"

"To me," remarked another who had "been there," "it sounds more like a burrocane."

The color returned to ashen faces,

and a search revealed A. K. Ragsdale, chairman of the Transportation Committee, making his way, Indian fashion, dragging by a rope a small blue Mexican burro someone had given him, and which he had thoughtfully stabled in a disused tent next door to the ministers.

All was discovered.—Dallas News.

ASSEMBLY FUND.

Sunday, August 13, collection was taken by Rev. Geo. S. Sexton for fund to cover cost of permanent improvement of the grounds, resulting as follows:

Van Alstyne League	50.00
Central Church, Galveston League	50.00
Shearn League, Houston	75.00
Denison League	50.00
San Marcos League	50.00
Cameron League	50.00
Morrow St., Waco	25.00
Cuero	25.00
Broadway, Gainesville League	25.00
Broadway Church, Gainesville	25.00
Tabernacle, Houston	25.00
Churns	25.00
Pottshoro	10.00
West End, Galveston	10.00
China	10.00
Weimar	10.00
Edna	10.00
Decatur, Junior	10.00
Decatur, Senior	10.00
Center Point	15.00
Kosse	10.00
Lavernia	10.00
Floresville	10.00
Dallas League Union	100.00
Coriscana	15.00
Denton	10.00
Prospect Hill, San Antonio	10.00
Monterey, Mexico Junior	5.00
Mexican Leagues of Texas	10.00
Guadalajara, Mexico	10.00
San Saba	10.00
Central Church, Junior, Galveston	10.00
Lebanon, at Cadiz	5.00
Pearsall	25.00
McKinney	10.00
McAshen, Houston	10.00
Corpus Christi, Senior	100.00
Corpus Christi, Junior	10.00
San Antonio, Female College	10.00
Brenham	10.00
West End Junior, San Antonio	5.00
Laredo Seminary	10.00
League Union, Austin	50.00
Abdalah Senior, Shearn, Houston	10.00
Fifth St., Waco	10.00
Oakville	10.00
Pleasanton	10.00
San Antonio, German	10.00
Yoakum	10.00
Ozama Junior	10.00
Traylor Chapel, Junior	10.00
Orange Junior	5.00
New Braunfels	10.00
Lindale	10.00
Fredericksburg	10.00
Laredo Mexican Seminary	10.00
Blanco	50.00
San Diego	5.00
Miss W. A. Samprey, for League to be organized	25.00
Mrs. W. B. Hopkins	1.00
H. H. Haisell	65.00
Rev. J. M. Perry	25.00
Presbyterian in tent, 95 paid	25.00
Roland Perry	10.00
Rev. Jas. Campbell	5.00
Two little Harpers	10.00
Geo. Sexton, Jr.	10.00
G. G. Johnson, San Marcos	10.00
Dr. W. E. McCreary, St. Louis	10.00
Mrs. W. F. Hoffman, Corpus Christi	5.00
Miss Lorain Jones, Corpus Christi	10.00
Dr. De Jernette, Commerce	5.00
S. Fisher, Jr., San Marcos	5.00
Levi J. Gray, Corpus Christi	5.00
Mrs. Harrington, Corpus Christi	5.00
Mrs. J. H. King, Corpus Christi	5.00
L. H. Dowell, Luling	1.00
Mr. Newberry	10.00
Rockport League	5.00
Alice	10.00
Columbus Church	5.00
Thomasson Church	5.00
Geo. O. Powell, Corpus Christi	5.00
Mt. Calm League	5.00
G. H. Calcott, San Marcos	5.00
C. R. Morris, Houston	5.00
Polytechnic League	10.00
Rev. J. D. Dorsey	10.00
Jas. F. Scott, Corpus Christi	20.00
J. N. Offlin, Corpus Christi	5.00
Corpus Christi Elec. Co.	25.00
Salado League San Antonio	5.00
A. Wild, Corpus Christi	5.00
Travis Park, San Antonio	10.00
Mason	10.00
West End, San Antonio	25.00
A. H. Townsend, Houston	2.50
Coronal Institute, San Marcos	10.00
W. P. Williams, Waco	10.00
Mrs. McNeill Turner, Corpus Christi	10.00
Friend, cash	5.00
Mrs. Dunlap, San Marcos	5.00
Richmond Junior	5.00
Semperionis	5.00
Cash	2.25
Will Jones, Corpus Christi	50.00
Denton Street Junior, Gainesville	5.00
Hubbard City	5.00
Bal. on Waxahachie District	20.00
Timponio Junior	10.00
Miss Sara Goocher, Corpus Christi	5.00
Rev. L. A. Webb, Midland	50.00
Dr. DuBose, when circulation of East Texas reaches \$500.	100.00

Many of these have already paid. Remittances should be made to me at Dallas as promptly as possible. Some pledges were not recorded in confusion of collection. If any errors occur in this, please notify me. Every League and Church in Texas should have a financial interest in the encampment grounds. You will be given an opportunity. Let us make this the great recreation ground of Texas Methodism. A. K. RAGSDALE, Secretary.

A LETTER FROM THE "SAP."

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 16.

Rev. George S. Sexton, Gus W. Thomasson, A. K. Ragsdale, and Theo. Bering, Jr., Corpus Christi, Texas:

Gentlemen—Our Vice President and general manager, M. D. Monserrate, requests me to express to you, and through you, to the entire Epworth Leaguers of Texas, our very high appreciation of the manner in which we were received and the continued acts of kindness shown us during our recent visit to the State encampment grounds.

We were agreeably surprised on arrival at Epworth Station to find that almost the entire encampment met us at the depot and extended a most hearty reception. It is impossible to express in words our deep sense of gratitude, but will say that it will always be our pleasure to do everything within our power to build up your encampment year by year, so that every one will find out by actual experience that no mistake has been made in locating the State encampment on the beautiful shores of Corpus Christi Bay.

Permit me to say that when the undersigned, accompanied by our general agent, J. B. Brooks, had the pleasure of meeting your committee in Dallas we "sized up" each member and knew that after a most careful investigation of all the different locations which were offered either one of our coast towns would eventually secure the prize.

Through the generosity of our management we were permitted to accompany the locating committees, their wives and friends, in private cars, on a tour of inspection. It will be remembered that there were many "knotty" questions brought up during the inspection tour, and we simply gave our word that when the proper time came we would solve them all to the satisfaction of every one. That we have done this goes without question, for it has been our pleasure to hear the praise of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway and its officers sounded from every quarter, until to-day we can not help but feel proud of the record made.

No doubt you have noticed that every department of our road has been represented at the encampment grounds in order to see that everything worked out successfully. Great credit is due our superintendent of transportation, R. H. Innes, and his worthy assistants for the manner in which they handled the very large trains and the thousands of visitors.

Allow me to say that we could not have succeeded in doing so had it not been for the implicit confidence which your committee has always imposed in us and the hearty and cheerful co-operation rendered in every particular.

We feel greatly indebted to each member of the committee for the wise manner in which every detail was worked out.

The entire membership of the Methodist Church will appreciate your efforts when they are informed that on the 1st of June there was nothing done at the encampment grounds, and it has been since that date that such wonderful work has been accomplished.

Pardon my mentioning the names of Rev. Sexton, President Thomasson, Transportation Manager Ragsdale and General Advertising Agent Miss Jennie Bering, as being entitled to the very highest praise for the efficient manner in which they have handled their several departments.

We know, on account of the work that has been accomplished in such a short time during the first encampment, that next year, and all succeeding years, will see the finest and best equipped encampment grounds at Corpus Christi to be found anywhere in this country. We also believe that you and your people will always remember the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway and will give us your support during the coming years. It will be our chief aim to see that the cordial and friendly ties which have been formed this year will continue.

Thanking you again, I beg to remain, Yours truly,
GEORGE F. LUPTON

The Woman's Department

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. FLORENCE E. HOWELL, 120 Maston St., Dallas, Texas.

UNANSWERED YET.

Are some of our prayers for special ones? Don't give up, God knows. He is looking on, and in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Be of good cheer.

Unanswered yet? the prayer your lips have pleaded,

In agony of heart, these many years?

Does faith begin to fail, is hope departing,

And think you all in vain these falling tears?

Say not, the Father hath not heard your prayer;

You shall have your desire, sometime, somewhere!

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered;

Her feet were firmly planted on the Rock;

Amid the wildest storm she stands undaunted,

Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock,

She knows, Omnipotent has heard her prayer,

And cries, "It shall be done" sometime, somewhere!

ATTENTION, CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of West Texas Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, October 19. Please send name of your delegate to this meeting as early as possible to Mrs. J. W. Richardson, No. 1829 N. Olive Street, San Antonio, Texas, Corresponding Secretary Traverse Park Church.

MRS. J. W. RICHARDSON.

THE PEACE COMMISSION.

"Peace on earth, good will to men," so proclaimed the heavenly and angelic commissioners to the Bethlehem shepherds "who watched their flocks by night on the hills adjacent to that Judean town." Taking up this refrain, all who in the name of them, who was the gift of so great love to man, go forth to publish these "glad tidings of great joy" can but reiterate the one great idea of his mission: "My peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you." His kingdom is designed to be a kingdom of righteousness and peace on earth, and just so far as men conform their kingdoms and governments to this great rule or law, just so far do they establish here on earth a kingdom in which His will is done as in heaven. Thus cruelties, injustice and bloodshed, with all such attendant evils, will be banished and instead peace and good will shall abound. The Russian and Japanese Commission have about completed a treaty by which these two great contending armies will ground arms and establish a peace preventing further sorrow and bloodshed, at least for the present. The good offices of this government have been exercised in effecting this end so much to be desired, and it may well be said, "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God." What a high encomium! "Children of God!" Who would not desire the distinction? Should not all men be peace-makers? Each individual in his place exhibit and act out that spirit of equity and fair dealing in love and justice to all? Let there be no strife between me and thee," said the venerable patriarch. This should be the motto of all. Russia claims to be Christian and has ostensibly urged the great idea of universal peace and the common brotherhood of all mankind. Japan has but recently emerged in a measure from a form of Shintoism, which is a species of Buddhism, though many of her people are now believers in the Christian religion and her government is quite tolerant of the faith. One of her prominent statesmen and ex-member

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of the Cabinet, but recently stated: "No matter how large an army or navy we have, unless we have righteousness at the foundation of our national existence, we shall fall short of success. I do not hesitate to say that we must rely upon religion for our highest welfare, and when I look about me to see upon what religion we can best rely, I am convinced that the religion of Christ, is the one most full of strength and promise for the nation." Much does this sentiment seem now to prevail among that nation. The Chinaman has proven himself more exclusive and intolerant and adheres more tenaciously to the Confucian faith of his fathers and his ancestor worship. With the upheavals and varying fortunes that have existed in these Eastern countries during the past few years, it is hoped that the faithful Christian missionary, whether native or foreign, may be able to so plant his divine truth in their minds as in the lapse of a few years to convert them to Christianity.

With the prestige of Japan's conversion and our Christian teachers and preaching in the Philippines not far away, what great work may be done in China in a few years, we can not tell. Evidently the great work is moving on, though more slowly than we would like, yet most surely. Let our good missionary women not be discouraged by the parent board sending out their teachers, doctors, and helps and with the earnest preacher that Eastern country may yet rise as the star in the East to show when Jesus, the Christ is.

TO THE AUXILIARIES OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Each auxiliary should at an early date arrange for a public meeting, at which we give praise to God for His answer to our prayer in calling one of our own West Texas daughters to the foreign work. Let us also make earnest prayer for success in meeting the pledge made by the conference for the support of a special missionary, and give wings to our prayers by earnestly working to secure pledges from each woman in the Church for this purpose. At this meeting it would be well also to emphasize the work of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. In a recent letter from the President she urges that we make strenuous efforts for pupils, and that the conference endeavor to open the way for those not able to meet their own expense, which is \$150 a year. One of our Texas Conferences has four young women in training and has sent out a call to prayer for others. Let us so pray. Our great missionary leaders advise the Church to pray for laborers, asserting that God will move upon the hearts of his stewards to supply the money for their support.

It will be inspiring to any auxiliary to study the home work comparatively—the knowledge that individuals, many single auxiliaries and districts are supporting scholarships, Bible women, day schools and missionaries. One district in South Georgia alone supports five missionaries. West Texas will not falter with her battle cry: Matt. 21:22 and Ps. 37:5.

MRS. SAM'L SPEARS.

Llano, Texas.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

A recent letter from Miss M. L. Gibson says that owing to many unavoidable delays she will send the programs for the Training School Day service direct to the District Secretaries from the Training School, that there may be no added delays in distributing them. The programs will be one sheet, probably. On it will be the hymns, scripture lesson and the subjects which are considered. There will be three leaflets—one giving "the history of the school and what it has accomplished," the second "the work of the school at present and its equipment," the third "the maintenance and the needs of the school." The first leaflet will be questions and answers, the questions to be asked by persons in the audience and the answers to be given by the leader. The others will be read. Besides this there will be one short poem which can be read or recited, and where children or young people will hold the service with the others there is a short poem consisting of couplets to be read alternately, just before the offering is taken up. They will provide the programs, leaflets, pictures of the Training School and the envelopes to contain the Training School Day offering. We thus give you the nature of the program that auxiliaries and Leagues may have all in readiness ere the programs and literature are received. This occasion should be observed in each pastoral charge; it will give tone and enthusiasm to your young people's meetings.

ings. Our loyal home mission women will do well to help in our mutual cause. True nobility is attested by our readiness to meet emergencies. Advertise well.

MRS. W. F. BARNUM, Fort Worth, Texas, Sec'y.

McKinney District—Fourth Round.

- Pilot Point, Sept 25, 24. McKinney, Sept 25. Plano, Sept 27. Renner, at Richardson, Sept 30, Oct 1. Princeton, at Wilson, Oct 3. Farmersville, Oct 5. Nevada, Oct 6. Josephine, Oct 7, 8. Copeville, at C, Oct 9. Wylie, Oct 10. Allen, White's Grove, Oct 14, 15. Frisco, at Frisco, Oct 21, 22. Prosper, at Elm Ridge, Oct 22, 23. Colina, at Roseland, Oct 23. Weston, at Melissa, Oct 28, 29. Blue Ridge, at B. R., Oct 4, 5. Blue Ridge mis, at Altaoa, Oct 11, 12. Farmers Branch, Cemetery Hill, Oct 18, 19. Trustees must make written report. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round.

- Petty, at Petty, Sept 9, 10. White Rock, at White Rock, Sept 9, 10. Gober, at Gober, Sept 16, 17. Honey Grove cir, at Rock Pt, Sept 23, 24. Lumsden, at Carson, Oct 23. Randolph, at Randolph, Oct 7, 8. Bailey, at Hickory, Oct 11. Ladonia sta, Oct 14, 15. Brookston, at Brookston, Oct 21. Honey Grove sta, Oct 21, 22. Lammis, at Lammis, Oct 28, 29. Dodd, at Dodd, Oct 28, 29. Trenton, at Trenton, Nov 4, 5. Ector, at Ector, Nov 11, 12. S. Bonham, at Ravenna, Nov 18. Bonham sta, Nov 18, 19. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round.

- Forney, Sept 24, 25. Mesquite, at Mesquite, Sept 30, Oct 1. Fate, at Bethel, Oct 7, 8. Royce, Oct 11. Elmo, at Eden, Oct 14, 15. Rockwall, at Rockwall, Oct 21, 22. Crandall, at Crandall, Oct 28, 29. Kemp, at Wilson's Ch, Nov 4, 5. Kaufman, Nov 5, 6. Garland, Nov 8, 9. Reinhardt, at Pleasant Mound, Nov 9. Mabank, at Mabank, Nov 11, 12. College Mound, at Mound, Nov 11. Chisholm, at Pootry, Nov 18, 19. Terrell sta, Nov 19, 20. We hope the stewards will be prepared to make full reports at the Quarterly Conferences. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round.

- Chappell Hill, Sept 19, 20. Lexington, at Lexington, Sept 16, 17. Mayfield, at Port Sullivan, Sept 23, 24. Buckholts, Sept 29, Oct 1. Davilla, at Davilla, Oct 1, 2. Somerville, at Somerville, Oct 8, 9. Seelye, at Seelye, Oct 15, 16. Pultshear and Brookshire, at P, Oct 17. Bellville, Oct 21, 22. Caldwell mis, at Chrisman, Oct 28, 29. Caldwell sta, Oct 29, 30. Milano, at Milano, Nov 4, 5. Thorndale, at Thorndale, Nov 5, 6. Brenham, Nov 11, 12. Giddings, Nov 18, 19. Rockdale, Nov 19, 20. Cameron, Nov 26. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round.

- Center cir, at Mt. Zion, Sept 16, 17. Shelbyville, at Patton, Sept 23, 24. Timson, W. 4, Sept 27. Tenaha, at Tenaha, Sept 29, Oct 1. Garrison, at Mt. Pleasant, Oct 7, 8. Lufkin, Wed, Oct 11. Keltys, at Keltys, Thu, Oct 12. Melrose, at Chireno, Oct 14, 15. Nacogdoches, Oct 18. Burke, at Burke, Oct 21, 22. Cushing, at Cushing, Oct 28, 29. Center sta, Thur, Nov 2. Geneva, at Geneva, Nov 4, 5. Bronson, at Bronson, Nov 11, 12. San Augustine, Nov 12, 13. Cartilage, Wed, Nov 15. Minden, at Mt. Enterprise, Nov 18, 19. Gary mis, Wed, Nov 22. Appleby mis, Nov 25, 26. C. A. Tower, P. E.

REPORT OF TREASURER MISSION BOARD, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, FOR AUGUST, DOMESTIC.

AUG. 1. Amt. previously reported.....	\$122 01
" 1. J. M. Lynne, Gollad.....	17 50
" 2. F. B. Buchanan, Seguin.....	13 00
" 2. R. L. McIntyre, Kingsland.....	12 00
" 3. V. G. Thomas, Staples.....	17 00
" 3. D. Dorsey, Sherman St.....	20 00
" 5. J. T. Osborn, Red Rock.....	10 00
" 7. R. S. Collier, McDade.....	10 00
" 9. S. C. Dunn, Junction.....	3 75
" 10. A. Y. Old, Bexar.....	8 00
" 11. W. C. Bracewell, Eagle Lake.....	12 00
" 14. J. P. Garrett, Blanco.....	10 70
" 16. B. A. Myers, Sunny Lane.....	2 10
" 17. H. D. Huddleston, Brady Ct.....	8 50
" 17. M. T. Allen, Sherwood.....	12 50
" 19. H. B. Henry, Weimar.....	40 00
" 22. V. G. Thomas, Staples.....	15 00
" 23. R. L. McIntyre, Kingsland.....	10 00
" 23. W. A. Govett, Runge.....	55 00
" 24. F. B. Buchanan, Seguin.....	20 00
" 25. C. W. Perkins, Alice.....	27 50
" 28. A. Y. Old, Bexar.....	12 25
" 29. J. E. Alloway, Oakville.....	25 00
" 29. L. C. Mathis, Elgin.....	23 00
" 29. J. M. Linn, Gollad.....	14 00
" 29. J. F. Swanson, Brady.....	50 00
" 29. A. L. Scarborough, San Saba.....	21 00
" 29. A. Osinger, Bertram.....	15 00
" 31. F. B. Buchanan, Seguin.....	12 00

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AUG. 1. Amt. previously reported.....	\$86 24
" 3. J. D. Dorsey, Sherman St.....	15 00
" 9. W. H. Nelson, Fort Lavaea.....	10 00
" 9. S. C. Dunn, Junction.....	3 50
" 9. S. J. Franks, Pontotoc.....	7 00
" 10. A. Y. Old, Bexar.....	5 00
" 16. B. A. Myers, Sunny Lane.....	2 10
" 19. H. M. Glass, Nursery.....	7 50
" 24. F. B. Buchanan, Seguin.....	12 00
" 25. C. W. Perkins, Alice.....	10 00
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CLARENDON COLLEGE OPENING.

Tuesday, August 29, Clarendon College opened for another year's work. The faculty and the citizens of Clarendon were greeted with a splendid student body. From every point of the compass they came, and new arrivals swell their number every day. At this writing there have been enrolled and classified 156 pupils in the literary department. Both music and art have good classes, and their number is increasing daily. We are glad to say that we look out on the most hopeful year of the institution.

A large per cent of the old students returned, and many new recruits came with them.

The school has an alumni of seventeen, and there will be a good class to finish the course and receive their diplomas next May.

We expect our next catalogue to give the alumni due recognition, and that they will become a part of the permanent history of the school.

President Hardy has been quite active during the summer, going among the people, and the fruit of his labors is clearly seen. The preachers and students have been faithful and true to the college, and all of these things are working together for good in favor of Christian education in the panhandle of Texas.

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on all lines for this quarter. At the close of the conference, several were baptized by affusion and at 5 o'clock seven were baptized by immersion at the creek. Services again at 8:30; sermon by the presiding elder. On Sunday, at 11 a. m., Bro. Duncan gave us another fine sermon, and the meeting closed. The next week, Bro. Cagle commenced a ten-days' meeting at Beckville, with Sister Zellena helping him. We had 29 accessions and the Church revived and built up. The next week the pastor held a meeting at Pisgah, with two accessions and the Church revived and placed upon a higher plane. This closes his round of protracted meetings. Our work now is in very good shape. We have not had as many accessions as we had last year. Sometimes Churches get stirred up; members get crosswise, and it takes a good deal of digging around these old stumps by the pastor to get a move on them, and it has to be done before you can expect a revival. If Church members would all do their duty, be regular and prompt to attend services, Sunday-school, prayer meeting, Epworth League meetings, and be faithful and diligent in carrying forward every branch of Church work, we would not be compelled to wait until roasting-ear time to have a revival, but could have a warm spiritual service at every appointment, winter and summer, and the young people of our country would be dropping into the Church all the time, as naturally as fruit that ripens drop to the ground.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Van Alstyne.

A telephone message, Monday, September 4: Rev. J. B. Andrews, of Silem Springs, Ark., is conducting a grand meeting at Van Alstyne. One hundred and fifty-five conversions to date. Sunday a class of fifty-two were received into the Church. Others will join later. Rev. John Allen Ray is conducting the singing. It is not yet decided how long the meeting will continue. Interest is deep and growing.

Trinity and Messenger.

F. B. Wheeler, Sept. 4: Much could be said about the generosity of this people and the present and future of our Church in this part of Denison, but we'll only mention some of the good things now. We had a splendid meeting resulting in a spiritual uplift to the membership in general, the annihilation of three differences and the conversion and reclamation of twenty souls. Bro. J. O. Peterson did the preaching and fine help he certainly is. The weather didn't get too hot for him to preach with burning zeal. Since conference thirty-two, mostly adults, have united with the Church, and there is a goodly number to follow yet. A Sunday-school larger than ever before and still growing. Forty-five of our Sunday-school scholars, ranging from the child of six years to the girl of eighteen, can repeat the Apostles' Creed. We will soon begin the learning of the Ten Commandments. Our faithful and aggressive Sunday-school Superintendent is soon to leave us. We regret very much to give him up, but we are not discouraged, for we feel that God will send us a man for the place. We mention the Womans' Home Mission Society with joy and some degree of pride, for I can say, without the least fear of being doubted by those who know, that we have one of the best in North Texas Conference. What this arm of Trinity Church has done and is doing for her pastor is simply immense. Besides paying on a back debt or two these good women have paid for the electric lighting of both church and parsonage, the expense of which they also meet as well as phone and water bills; put what furniture was needed in the parsonage; expended money in other ways too numerous to mention—besides all this, with the aid of the good people of Messenger Chapel, they are building a chicken-proof fence around the parsonage lot, excepting the front. Besides many kindnesses we have enjoyed two poundings, some chickens, and many other good things on the side. May God's blessings continue to rest on these people. Our Conference claims will come up in full.

Farmersville.

A. R. Nash: We closed a great meeting here Sunday night. It was a great blessing to the Church. It was a great blessing to the town. Visible results, 47 conversions, 40 accessions to the Church with others to join yet. Every convert but one was converted at the altar. The old-time songs, the old-time altar and the old-time shouts were the noticeable things in this meeting. Rev. D. H. Aston, of Roysce, preached the first week. His sermons were deep, strong and spiritual. In every sermon the old-time doctrines of Methodism were emphasized which carried conviction to the consciences of men. After him Rev. I. W. Clark, our presiding elder, came and preached

three strong sermons which greatly increased the conviction in the conscious natures of saint and sinner. Rev. S. A. Ashburn also preached one good sermon. By this time the Christians were wonderfully revived and sinners deeply convicted. Then for three days I had no ministerial help. The third day I was called to the dying bed of my wife's father, Mr. J. M. Spillman, of Dallas County. I was gone three days. The first two services after I left for Dallas County were held by Dr. Fawcett, the loved pastor of the Baptist Church, who is always ready to help save souls. Then came Rev. D. L. Coale, of Weston Circuit. Brother Coale did powerful preaching the last week of the meeting. Soon after he came the Church began to work with renewed vigor and sinners began to come to the altar and were converted. The Lord's words were made true to us—"One sowing and another reapeth." The faithful work done by all of these brethren will abide in Farmersville. Our people are greatly lifted up religiously. They did some real liberal things in the matter of finances at the close of the meeting. During the meeting about 75 or 100 people met at the church thirty minutes before service time and came in a body from the church to the parsonage. This movement meant a most generous pounding for the pastor's family. Too many things were brought by these good people to be mentioned in detail. A nice cash gift from the young men and others was much appreciated by the pastor and his family. God's blessings upon every one of these kind-hearted people. To God belongs the glory for all the fruits of this great meeting.

Prosper.

W. H. Wright, Sept. 4: We have just closed one of the best meetings at Elm Ridge I have ever known. Rev. J. W. Clifton, a former pastor rendered us great help almost through to the end, and that old war-horse, J. J. M. Harper, one of the most faithful men I ever knew, was a great power for good in the meeting, as he has always been. Blessed is the preacher who has such laymen to help as Mack Harper. The results of the meeting are as follows: Eighteen conversions, fifteen additions to the Church, twenty-one children baptized, and ten adults were also baptized. Six subscribers to the Advocate were taken, and best of all, the best revival in the Church I ever saw. The old-time commission and the old-time shout are still abroad in the land.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bandera.

B. L. Glazner, Sept. 1: We have just closed our second meeting on this circuit. The first was at Medina. Here we had a great meeting. There were thirty-five or forty conversions and thirty joined our Church. Rev. E. L. Ingram, of Sealy, Texas, did the preaching, and it was well done. His sermons were practical and full of power. The Holy Spirit was present to convict and reprove. Strong men came to the altar and gave their hearts to God. There was shouting in the camps. We baptized nine babies during the meeting. The sermons preached last year by our presiding elder on the subject of infant baptism are bearing fruit. Our revival was a Methodist revival. From Medina we went to Tarpley. Here we enjoyed a gracious revival. Rev. M. P. Morton, of Boerne, did the preaching from Monday until Sunday. His sermons were impressive and to the point. Five were converted and four joined our Church. We have a fine people at Tarpley. The preachers and their families camped on the grounds, and they were luxuriantly cared for. They gave my wife a nice quilt, and have remembered us with many good things. The Lord blessed them, and may it ever be so. Quite a number of family altars have been established in the strength of the meetings. Now, to the material side. We have been pounded and re-pounded by the good people of Bandera. This is a good place for the parsonage to be. No preacher will ever starve here. We must not forget to speak of the nice suit of clothes and provisions our big-hearted people at Medina have sent to the parsonage at Bandera. We have raised about \$200 toward the purchasing of pews for church at Bandera, and we have the money in hand to pay for the ceiling of our church at Medina. Really, our country is on a boom. A fine school building is to go up at Medina. This is a fine country, and we would like to correspond with substantial Methodists who want to buy or rent farms or ranches. We have fine crops, goats, sheep and cows this year. We verily believe that the Lord is with us, and he is doing great things for us, where- of we are glad.

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"My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine:"

and the soul seems to be drawn up into the very Divine presence. How mellow, how tender, how humble, how grateful are the sentiments that pervade the now worshipful heart. The song ended the Bishop leads the people in solemn prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, confession and supplication, and every heart is conscious of the proximity of God. The prayer concluded the Bishop resumes his seat and again the choir sings. How solemn, how magnificent, how inspiring all! Following is another rendition, during which the pennies are collected. This done the Bishop rises, when the pastor plucks him by the coat-tail and he retakes his seat for the rendition of several other pieces. Finally he rises again only to be plucked again by the coat-tail. However, being now in a rebellious frame of mind he impatiently reaches back his hand and grasping his coat-tail wrenches it from the pastor's hold and proceeds to read the lessons of the morning. This finished he resumes his seat for further performances until graciously the pastor announces, "Now we will have Bishop ——— to preach for us," and with a smile and bow of thankfulness makes his acknowledgements and proceeds amid the distraction of himself and congregation to deliver his message.

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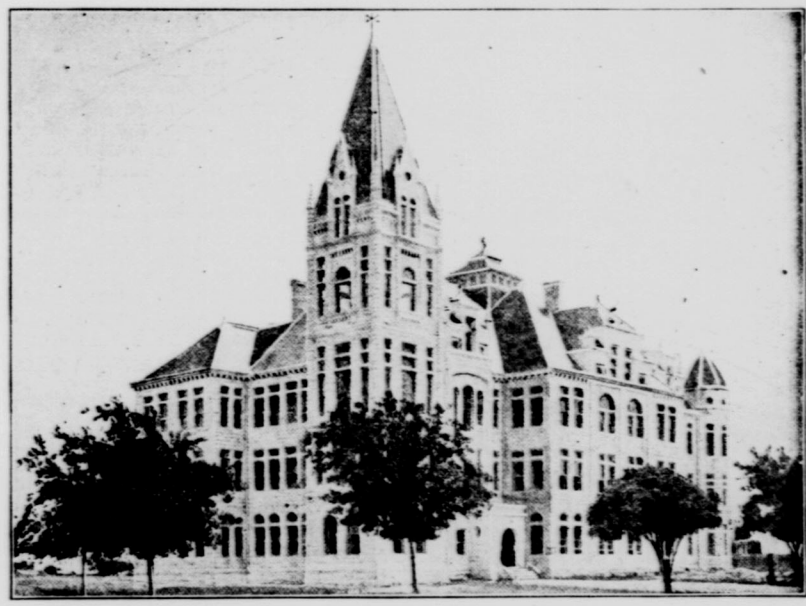
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Llano District—Fourth Round. Burnet and Marble Falls, at Marble Falls, 4 p. m. Sept. 9. Kingsland, at Moor's Ch., 3 p. m. Sept. 16. Llano sta., 8 p. m. Sept. 18. Kerrville, at Kerr, 8 p. m. Sept. 23. Bandera, at Medina, 11 a. m. Sept. 25. Center Point sta., 3 p. m. Sept. 25. Boerne, at Salado, 3 p. m. Oct. 7. San Saba sta., at China, 3 p. m. Oct. 7. San Saba sta., 5 a. m. Oct. 14. Cherokee and Valley Springs, at V. S., 3 p. m. Oct. 21. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Austin District—Fourth Round. Webberville, at W., Sept. 3, 10. Hotchkiss Memorial, 11 a. m. Sept. 17. South Austin, 5 p. m. Sept. 17. Manchaca, at Greencore, Sept. 25, 21. Tenth Street, 11 a. m. Oct. 1. First Street, 8 p. m. Oct. 1. West Point, at West Point, Oct. 7, 8. Melrose, at Melrose, 3 p. m. Oct. 11. Cedar Creek, at Upton, 11 a. m. Oct. 12. Columbus, Oct. 14, 15. Eagle Lake, at Eagle Lake, Oct. 17, 18. Weimar, Oct. 21, 22. La Grange, Oct. 23, 25. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round. Buda, Sept. 9. Kyle, Sept. 9, 16. Dripping Springs, at Driftwood, Sept. 16, 17. Waco and Thompsonville, at T., Sept. 23, 21. Gonzales, Sept. 25. Luling, Sept. 29. Seguin, Oct. 1, 2. Pleasant Grove, Oct. 7, 8. Lockhart, Oct. 11, 11. Belmont, Oct. 14, 15. Staples, at Staples, Oct. 18. San Marcos, Oct. 22. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round. Hondo, 24 Sun Sept. Amphibon cir. at Amphibon, 24 Sun Sept. Laredo, 4th Sun Sept. Del Rio, Sept. 23. Del Rio cir. at Carter Valley, 1st Sun Oct. Eagle Pass, Oct. 1. Uvalde, Oct. 6. Carrizo Springs and Batesville, at B., 24 Sun Oct. Utopia cir. at Utopia, 24 Sun Oct. Devine cir. at Devine, 4th Sun Oct. Sherman Street, Oct. 21. Prospect Hill, Oct. 25. Travis Park, Oct. 11. South Heights, 11 a. m. 5th Sun Oct. West End, 8 p. m. 5th Sun Oct. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round. Sonora, 24 Sun Sept. Ozona, Sept. 11. Point Rock, at Point Rock, 24 Sun Sept. Brady sta., Sept. 25. Lometa, Sept. 27. Lampasa, Sept. 28. Goodthwain, Sept. 29. Center City cir. 1st Sun Oct. Milburn cir. at Bethel, Oct. 6. Mason, at Black Jack, 24 Sun Oct. Pontotoc, at Fredonia, Oct. 9. Menardville, at Nime, Oct. 11. Junction City cir. 24 Sun Oct. Miles Station, Oct. 18. San Angelo, 4th Sun Oct. J. D. Scott, P. E.

Cuero District—Fourth Round. Shiner, at Sweet Home, Sept. 8, 19. Youkum, at night, Sept. 19. Runge, at Runge, Sept. 16, 17. Leesville, at Leesville, Sept. 20. Hallettsville, at Hallettsville, Sept. 22, 24. Rancho, at Baudick, Sept. 23, 20. Clear Creek, at Seal's Chapel, Oct. 1, 2. Edna, Oct. 7, 8. El Campo, at El Campo, Oct. 8, 9. Palacios, Oct. 11. Port Lavaca, at Port Lavaca, Oct. 14, 15. Nursery, at Thomaston, Oct. 20, 22. Cuero, Oct. 23, 25. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Fort Worth District—Third Round. First Church, Sept. 10, 11. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Ablene District—Third Round. Putnam, at Pisgah, Sept. 9, 10. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Quannah mis., Sept. 9, 10. Quannah sta., Sept. 10, 11. Vernon sta., Sept. 16, 17. Quail cir., Sept. 22. Wellington sta., Sept. 23, 24. Vernon cir., Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Seymour cir., Oct. 7, 8. Spring Creek mis., Oct. 11. Seymour sta., Oct. 15, 16. Estelline cir., Oct. 19. Matador cir., Oct. 21, 22. Paducah mis., Oct. 25. Crowley cir., Oct. 28, 29. Knox City mis., Nov. 4, 5. Munday and Goree, Nov. 5, 6. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Belton sta., Sept. 9, 10. Temple First Ch., Sept. 16, 17. Taylor Bohemian mis., Sept. 23. Taylor sta., Sept. 23, 24. Granger cir., at Granger, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Bartlett sta., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Salado cir., at Prairie Dell, Oct. 7, 8. Florence cir., at Corn Hill, Oct. 8, 9. Moody sta., Oct. 14, 15. Bruceville and Edin, at B., Oct. 15, 16. Hutto cir., at Hutto, Oct. 18. Holland cir., at Holland, Oct. 21, 22. Troy cir., at Troy, Oct. 22, 23. North Georgetown cir., at Wier, Oct. 25. Rogers cir., at Rogers, Oct. 28, 29. Belton cir., at Midway, Oct. 29, 30. Georgetown sta., Nov. 4, 5. Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Frost, at Frost, Sept. 9. Corsicana, Eleventh Ave., Sept. 11. Cotton Gin, at Cedar Island, Sept. 16. Mexia, Sept. 18. Wortham, at Wortham, Sept. 19. Corsicana cir., at Pleasant Grove, Sept. 23. Kerens, at Bazette, Sept. 25. Blooming Grove cir., at Cryer Cr., Sept. 29. Brandon, at Brandon, Oct. 9. Blooming Grove sta., Oct. 9.

Barry, at Tinkle, Oct. 14. Thornton, at Big Hill, Oct. 20. Groesbeck, Oct. 20. Horn Hill, Oct. 21, 22. Coolidge, at Delta, Oct. 22, 23. Rice, at Rice, Oct. 28, 29. Alma, at Oak Grove, Oct. 29, 30. Richland, at Grape Creek, Nov. 4. Dawson, at Harmony, Nov. 5, 6. Corsicana, First Church, Nov. 12, 13. In the stations the Quarterly Conferences will be called at 8 o'clock p. m. On the circuits the people are urged to bring their dinner so that we may have preaching at 11 a. m. and the conference at 7 p. m. Pastors will please see to it that there are reports from the Women's Societies and from the trustees. Stewards are urged to do their utmost to bring up the pastors' salaries in full. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Dublin District—Fourth Round. Green's Creek, Sept. 9, 10. Clarette, Sept. 13. Iredell, at Iredell, Sept. 14. Hico, at Hico, p. m. Sept. 14. Fabry and Lanham, at Fabry, Sept. 16, 17. Cisco cir., at Cisco, Sept. 21. Cisco sta., at Cisco, Sept. 22. Eastland, at Eastland, Sept. 23, 24. Huckabay, at Oak Dale, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Stephenville, at Stephenville, Oct. 1, 2. Carlton, at Carlton, Oct. 5. Duffau, Oct. 7, 8. De Leon, at De Leon, p. m. Oct. 11. De Leon cir., Oct. 11. Desdemona, at Desdemona, Oct. 1, 2. Carbon mis., at Flat Woods, Oct. 14, 15. Carbon and Gorman, at C. p. m. Oct. 15, 16. Glen Rose, Oct. 19. Granbury cir., Oct. 21, 22. Granbury sta., p. m. Oct. 22, 23. Bullf Dale, at Post Oak, Oct. 28, 29. Morgan Hill, at Wesley Ch., Nov. 4, 5. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Glen Cove, at G. C., Sept. 16, 17. Wingate, at New Hope, Sept. 23, 24. May, at Holder, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Cross Plains, at Dressy, Oct. 1, 2. Rising Star, at Rising Star, Oct. 7, 8. Sipe Springs, at Sipe Springs, Oct. 8, 9. Comanche cir., at Cottonwood, Oct. 14, 15. Comanche sta., Oct. 14, 15. Blanket, at Blanket, Oct. 15, 16. Gustine, Oct. 21, 22. Precor, Oct. 22, 23. Indian Creek, at Indian Creek, Oct. 28, 29. Brownwood, Oct. 29, 30. Santa Anna, at Santa Anna, Nov. 4, 5. Bangs, Nov. 5, 6. Coleman mis., at Junction, Nov. 11, 12. Coleman sta., Nov. 11, 12. R. R. Bolton, P. E.

Colorado District—Fourth Round. Dickens, at Dickens, Sept. 16, 17. Emma, at Emma, Sept. 19, 20. Floydada, at Meteor, Sept. 22, 23. Plainview, Sept. 23, 24. Hale Center, at Cunninghamwater, Sept. 26. Lubbock, at Lubbock, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Gomez, at Gomez, Oct. 7, 8. Tahoka, at T Bar, Oct. 10. Gail, at Durham, Oct. 12. Big Springs, Oct. 14, 15. Fairmount, at Ekims, Oct. 20. Snyder and Dunn, at Snyder, Oct. 21, 22. Colorado mis., at Union, Oct. 28, 29. Midland, Nov. 1. Colorado sta., Nov. 4, 5. Each pastor will please see that all reports required on this round are present, and the attendance of each official is urged. J. T. Griswold, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. Smithfield, Sept. 23, 24. Grapevine, Sept. 24, 25. Mansfield, Oct. 7, 8. Arlington, Oct. 15, 16. Blum, Oct. 21, 22. Covington, Oct. 22, 23. Polytechnic, Oct. 25. Grandview cir., Oct. 28. Joshua, Oct. 29, 30. Trinity and Riverside, Oct. 31. Azle, Nov. 1. Mulkey, Nov. 2. Cresson, Nov. 3, 4. North Cleburne, Nov. 4. Bono, Nov. 5, 6. Calumet, Main Street, Nov. 6. Missouri Avenue, Nov. 7. Peach Street, Nov. 8. Rosen Heights and Diamond Hill, Nov. 9. Glenwood, Nov. 10. Kennedale, Nov. 11. North Fort Worth, Nov. 11, 12. First Church, Nov. 13. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Crawford, at Coryell City, Sept. 9, 10. McGregor, Sept. 11. Hamilton, at Hamilton, Sept. 16, 17. Valley Mills and Clifton, at Valley Mills, Sept. 23, 24. China Springs, at China Springs, Sept. 25. Evant, at Shive, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Maxdale, at Maxdale, Oct. 7, 8. Killen and N., at K., Oct. 8, 9. Oglesby, at Stockton, Oct. 14, 15. Brookhaven, at Sugar Loaf, Oct. 21, 22. Gatesville mis., Oct. 22, 23. Cooperas Cove, at C., Oct. 28, 29. Jonesboro, at Levita, Nov. 4, 5. Pearl, at B. H. Chapel, Nov. 8. Turnersville, at H., Nov. 11. Gatesville sta., Nov. 12. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Ablene District—Fourth Round. Stamford, Sept. 16, 17. Sweetwater and Roseco, at S., Sept. 21. Roby, at Roby, Sept. 23, 24. Caps, at Caps, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Truby, at Delk, Oct. 3. Merkel, Oct. 6. Merkel mis., at Stith, Oct. 7, 8. Anson, at Anson, Oct. 11. Avoca, at Avoca, Oct. 14, 15. Aspermont, at Aspermont, Oct. 18. Haskel mis., at Pinkerton, Oct. 21, 22. Haskel sta., Oct. 22, 23. Sweetwater mis., at Newman, Oct. 26. Buffalo Gap, Oct. 28, 29. Albany and Moran, at Albany, Nov. 2. Putnam, Nov. 4, 5. Baird, Nov. 7. Abilene, Nov. 9. Clyde, at Potosi, Nov. 11, 12. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round. West, Sept. 16, 17. Lorena, Sept. 23, 24. Hewitt, Sept. 24, 25. Penelope, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Abbott, Oct. 7, 8. Bosqueville, Oct. 14, 15. Elm Street, Waco, Oct. 15, 16. Hubbard Cir., Oct. 18. Aquilla, Oct. 21, 22. Morgan and Walnut, Oct. 22, 23. Waco, Fifth Street, Oct. 25. Peoria, Oct. 28, 29. Whitney, Oct. 29, 30. Mart, 10 a. m. Nov. 1. Axtell, Nov. 4, 5. Mt. Calm, Nov. 5, 6. Waco, Morrow Street, 11 a. m. Nov. 12. Waco, Austin Ave. 5 p. m. Nov. 12. Let the Women's Societies and the Board of Trustees have their reports at their respective Quarterly Conferences this round. J. G. Putman, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. First Church, Sept. 10. Courts Memorial, Sept. 10. Mineral Wells, Sept. 17. Weatherford mis., at Godfreys, Sept. 20. Aledo, at Chapel Hill, Sept. 23, 24. Millsap, at Holders, Sept. 27. Santa, at Brazos, Sept. 28. Gordon, etc., at Mingus, Sept. 29. Ranger, at Ranger, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Breckinridge, at B., Oct. 7, 8. Crystal Falls, at Baker, Oct. 9. Whitt, etc., at Whitt, Oct. 13. Pecos, at Cold Springs, Oct. 14, 15. Springtown, at Knob, Oct. 19. Graham mis., Oct. 21. Graham sta., Oct. 21, 22. Farmer, Oct. 24. Elvasville, Oct. 27. Alvarado, Oct. 28, 29. Palo Pinto, at Palo Pinto, Nov. 4, 5. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Hillsboro, Sept. 4, and Nov. 12. Maypearl, at Maypearl, Sept. 6. Ferris, Sept. 10, 11. Waxahachie, Sept. 17, 18. Middlebush, Sept. 24, 25. Ennis, Oct. 1, 2. Forrester, at Nash, Oct. 7, 8. Palmer, at Boyce, Oct. 13. Venus, at Venus, Oct. 14, 15. Alvarado, Oct. 16. Ovilla, Long Branch, Oct. 18. Bristol, at Hine's Chapel, Oct. 19. Milford, Oct. 21, 22. Bardwell, at Elm Branch, Oct. 28, 29. Italy, Oct. 29, 30. Red Oak, Nov. 1. Loveland, Nov. 4, 5. Grandview, Nov. 5, 6. James Campbell, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Memphis, Sept. 9, 10. Claude, Sept. 16, 17. Herford, Sept. 23, 24. Canyon City, Sept. 29, Oct. 1, 11 a. m. Herford mis., Oct. 1, 3 p. m. Oct. 2. Duhart, Oct. 7, 8. Stratford, Oct. 9, 8 p. m. Channing, Oct. 11, 8 p. m. Hansford, at Elland S. H., Oct. 14, 15. Clarendon, Oct. 19. Rowe, Oct. 21, 22. Amarillo, Oct. 24, 8 p. m. Tulla, Oct. 25. Silvertown, Oct. 28, 29. Canadian, Nov. 1. Higgins, Nov. 2. Cataline and Shamrock, Nov. 4, 5. McLean, Nov. 6. Please let the officials do all they can to make full reports. Jas. M. Sherman, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Gainesville District—Third Round. Ponder and K., at Stoney, 24 Sun Sept. Era and B., 3d Sun Sept. Roanston and M., at Van S., 4th Sun Sept. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

McKinney District—Third Round. Josephine, at Milan Chapel, Sept. 9, 10. Farmers Branch, Sept. 16, 17. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round. Emerson cir., at El Bethel, Sept. 9, 10. Chicota mis., Sept. 16, 17. E. M. Casey, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Fruitland, Sept. 9, 10. Bowie, Sept. 10, 11. Boyd and Garvin, Sept. 16, 17. Rhone, 17, 18. Paradise, Sept. 23, 24. Bridgeport, Sept. 24, 25. Jacksboro, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Bryson, Oct. 1, 2. Benvenue, Oct. 7, 8. Henrietta, Oct. 8, 9. Bellevue, Oct. 14, 15. Blue Grove, Oct. 15, 16. Iowa Park, Oct. 21, 22. Wichita Falls, Oct. 22, 23. Archer, Oct. 28, 29. Holiday, Oct. 29, 30. Coalton, Nov. 4, 5. Gibtown, Nov. 11, 12. Decatur cir., Nov. 18, 19. Decatur sta., Nov. 19, 20. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. Grace sta., Sept. 2, 3. St. Marks sta., Sept. 6. Grand Prairie, at G. P., Sept. 9, 10. West Dallas, at W. D., Sept. 10, 11. Lancaster sta., Sept. 16, 17. Wheatland, Sept. 17, Sept. 24. Ervay Street sta., Sept. 24, 25. Oak Lawn sta., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Lewisville sta., Oct. 7, 8. Clark's Chapel sta., Oct. 14, 15. Argyle, at Prairie Mount, Oct. 21, 22. Cotton Hill and Duncanville, at D., Oct. 28, 29. Trinity sta., Nov. 4, 5. First Church sta., Nov. 11, 12. Denton sta., Nov. 15, 16. Cochran and Caruth, Nov. 18, 19. J. L. Morris, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. Belcher, at W & P., Sept. 23, 24. Woodbine, at Cainsburgh, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. St. Jo, Oct. 7, 8. Burns, at Bethel, Oct. 12, 13. Aubrey, Oct. 14, 15. Greenwood, Oct. 17, 18. Sanger, Oct. 21, Sept. 16, 17. Montague, Oct. 28, 29. Nocona, Oct. 29, 30. Call session for Belcher, at Nocona, Oct. 30. Marysville, Nov. 1. Ponder and Justin mis., Nov. 4, 5. Bonita, at Bonita, Nov. 7, 8. Era, Nov. 11, 12. Denton Street, Nov. 12, 13. Dexter, Nov. 15. Woodbine call session, at Whaley, Nov. 17. Rosston and Myra, at Hood, Nov. 18, 19. Broadway, Nov. 19, 20. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Yowell cir., at County Line, 11 a. m. Sept. 22. Ben Franklin and Pecan Gap, at B. F., 4th Sun Sept. Cumby cir., at Cumby, 1st Sun Oct. Reiley Springs cir., at Yantis, 11 a. m. Oct. 4. Winsboro sta., 2d Sun Oct. Cooper sta., 8 p. m. Oct. 13. Klondike, at Good's Ch., 3d Sun Oct. Lake Creek, 11 a. m. Oct. 16. Mt. Vernon, at Pine Forest, 11 a. m. Oct. 20. Purley cir., at Saltillo, 4th Sun Oct. Birtwright, at Birtwright, 5th Sun Oct. Sulphur Springs sta., 8 p. m. Oct. 30. Bonanza cir., 11 a. m. Nov. 1. Sulphur Bluff cir., 1st Sun Nov. Como cir., 2d Sun Nov. The Preachers' Institute for this district will convene at Pickton, Monday, September 18, at 3 o'clock p. m. We are anxious to have all the preachers and as many laymen as can do to be present. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Augustine District—Third Round. Appleby, Thu, Sept 7. Gary, at Wesley Chapel, Sept. 9, 10. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round. 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.

Beaumont District—Third Round. Warren, at Saratoga, Sept. 9, 10. Call, at Cairo Springs, Sept. 16, 17. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Calvert District—Fourth Round. Marlin sta., Sept. 16, 17. Hearne sta., Sept. 23, 24. Ermond and Reagan, at B., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Calvert sta., Oct. 7, 8. Jewett, Oct. 11. Leon mis., Oct. 11, 15. Centerville, Oct. 15, 16. Rogers Prairie, at Hennessy, Oct. 18. Franklin sta., Oct. 20. Petteway, Oct. 21, 22. Fairfield mis., at Mt. Zion, Oct. 28, 29. Fairfield and Dew, Oct. 29, 30. Travis, at Cedar Springs, Nov. 4, 5. Rosebud sta., Nov. 5, 6. Durango, Nov. 8. Meredith cir., at Forest Grove, Oct. 12. Lot and Chilton, Nov. 11, 12. Wheelock, Nov. 18, 19. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Grand Saline, Sept. 7. Mincola, Sept. 9, 10. Lindale, at Sabine, Sept. 19, 11. Willis Point cir., at Burnett's Ch., Sept. 16, 17. Willis Point, Sept. 17, 18. Whitehouse, at Flint, Sept. 23, 24. Chandler, at Pine Hill, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Athens, Oct. 1, 2. Meredith cir., at Forest Grove, Oct. 3. Colfax, at Holly Springs, Oct. 7, 8. Snyder Springs with Colfax, at Holly Springs, Oct. 7, 8. Mt. Sivan, at Vann, Oct. 8, 9. Tyler cir., at Bascom, Oct. 14, 15. Edom, at Sexton's Ch., Oct. 21, 22. Big Sandy, Oct. 28, 29. Canton and Edgewood, at Edgewood, Nov. 4, 5. Troup and Overton, Nov. 11, 12. Malakoff, Nov. 18, 19. Cedar Street, Nov. 22.

Marvin, Nov. 25, 26. Let all the preachers have their district parsonage assessments in full in the hands of the Treasurer, J. Redmond Patterson, Tyler, Texas, by October 25, without fail. Do not send your money to me, but to J. R. Patterson, and he will acknowledge receipt of same. Get all the assessments by all means, as the notes are due November 1st and must be paid on that date. We have a splendid district parsonage that is an honor to the district, and we borrowed the money by order of the District Conference to build it, and promised to pay on November 1st, and these assessments were made for that purpose. It will take all the assessment. Please let every preacher get it all and send as soon as practicable. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Palestine District—Fourth Round. Crockett sta., Sept. 10, 11. Trinity and Loveland, at Trinity, Sept. 16, 17. Mt. Solman cir., at Pine Spring, Sept. 23, 24. Augusta mis., at Pleasant Grove, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Elkhart cir., at O'Neal's Ch., Oct. 7, 8. Howard Ave. Palestine, 8 p. m. Oct. 8. Neches cir., at Neches, Oct. 14, 15. Jacksonville cir., at Pierce's Ch., Oct. 21. Jacksonville sta., Oct. 22. Centenary, Palestine, Oct. 29. Kenard mis., at Bethel, Nov. 4, 5. Groveton sta., Nov. 5, 6. Willard cir., at Willard, Nov. 7, 8. Alto cir., at Alto, Nov. 11. Rusk sta., Nov. 12, 13. Rusk mis., at Freley's Ch., Nov. 13. Wells mis., at Wells, Nov. 15. Brushy Creek cir., at Brushy Creek, Nov. 18, 19. La Rue cir., at La Rue, Nov. 21. Grapeland sta., Nov. 23. Crockett cir., at Wesley's Ch., Nov. 25, 26. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. North Marshall, Sept. 16, 17. Kilgore, at Bellview, Sept. 23, 24. Harrison, at Union Ch., Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Church Hill, at Church Hill, Oct. 7, 8. Hallville, at Winterfield, Oct. 14, 15. Henderson cir., at Pleasant Grove, Oct. 21, 22. Henderson sta., Oct. 21. Coffeeville, at Ashland, Oct. 28, 29. Marshall First Church, Oct. 29. Kellyville, at Trinity, Nov. 4, 5. Jefferson, Nov. 5, 6. Beckville, at Beckville, Nov. 11, 12. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Nov. 13. Arleston, at Bethany, Nov. 18, 19.

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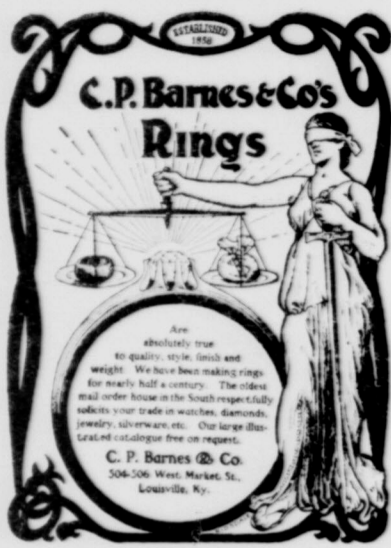
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THE MINISTERS AND SALARY OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

The financial reward of a minister is not adequate to the demands of the Twentieth Century, i. e., if he is to keep pace with these progressive times. His preparation must be of the best. He must have a college training that covers a period of several years. Nine years is none too many, if he expects, or desires, to serve the best interests of the cause he represents. His work is arduous, and expensive as well. His equipment is costly if he surrounds himself with the best reference books and other help necessary in his work. The preacher desires to marry sooner or later; and he does not believe in suicide, although he is of the opinion that he fails in line with the majority sometimes, when he anticipates the cost of rearing children in these strenuous times. But he finally marries and children come to bless his home, and he obtains a pulpit in some rich city. He is a college man and more than likely marries a college-bred woman, and as a matter of course he wishes to advance. He has aspirations to fit himself for the best places in his Church. His library needs constant replenishing, and there must come to his study the best literature. He needs more than half his time in his study if he keep pace with these very progressive times, which fact the Church does not appreciate to-day, although the people expect it of him and his family, especially his wife, must be as useful to the Church in the community as her husband. His family must be clothed better than most of his parishioners, and he must dress well too, according to the times, or else call a halt in the extravagant dress of his parishioners, especially the members of his Church. Then his children must be educated. When he accepts a call to the Church his whole family are considered in the transaction. The question is, Is his wife a musician, can she train a choir? Does she take an interest in the various departments of women's work of the Church? What are her social qualifications? How many of the children do Church work? In fact, the whole family are expected to help about the various departments of Church work. The preacher is expected to be versatile. Is he a good mixer? Can he remember all the people he sees and call their names? How

is his voice? Is it good or poor? Few people outside the "craft" know what the work of the preacher is to-day. I would rather travel a circuit of 150 miles in the way their grandfathers did, and receive their financial reward, than to be pastor of a modern church in a city of 10,000 inhabitants and receive \$1,200 salary. The work would be much easier, the earthly reward greater.

We sometimes hear it said that preachers, as a class, are very poor financiers. This is false to a very great extent. Of course preachers sometimes are poor financiers, as well as other people; but, as a rule, they are the best financiers in the world. No other class of men could do the work the preacher does on the same salary. Why do not the Churches pay the profession better? Why does not the rich spend more money in a good cause; for there's none as good. They had better go down into their pockets a great deal deeper in the future than they have in the past as they will not get to be so much as gate keeper for the Lord, much less to a mansion up there. They surely remember the rich man and Lazarus. Those are not fables or parables either, as many people suppose.

There never was a time when preachers were trying to make money "on the side" as there are to-day. Scarcely a week passes that does not bring to some preacher an opportunity to take up some easy work outside of his regular work to help supplement his salary. Why should not a profession such as the ministry carry with it a salary adequate to properly maintain a family and yield a surplus for old age. Then we would be rid of this superannuate business for all time. It does not bring such a very great reward anyway.

Let every preacher testify who has reared a family of any size, and preached 30 or 40 years, and saved enough money from his salary to buy a home and give him an income for old age. The Church is able to pay salaries commensurate with the ability and demands of the profession. The reason it does not is because the Church does not realize the need to-day. The average Church, especially the city Churches, could double the salary of the average preacher easily, and the time is here when this must be done. For large numbers of preachers will seek employment in other lines. Many have already taken this action. It is not complimentary to the minister and much less to the Church when I say that on account of an inadequate salary hundreds of preachers to-day would change if the opportunity were afforded. Not because they are lovers of money, but because they have self-respect, and desire a sufficiency in old age.

MRS. JOSIE BARRETT, Axtell, Texas.

A NEWSY LETTER FROM THE OUTSIDE ROW.

If it be true that the Church is the symbol of the body of Christ, and we are all members of that body, then you, one of the great vital organs, and I, the smallest of his members, are interested in each other. Such being the case, I want to say a few things to your readers for their encouragement, as you preachers say in class meetings.

When Mrs. Stoddard and I came here from Fort Worth last December, with hearts full of love for God and the people, we did the nearest duty first, which was to organize a union Sunday-school, as there were not enough of any one denomination to run a denominational school. The Christian Church, the Baptists and Methodists united, and from the beginning God has given us success beyond our anticipations.

I was elected Superintendent. Mrs. Stoddard has the grown-ups in a Bible class, and sometimes there are as many as twenty-five present. I never saw greater interest manifested; they seem hungry to hear the great truths of the Gospel. At the close of the Sunday-school she gives a blackboard review exercise. She is a very fine artist, and draws the pictures with colored crayons before she goes to the Sunday-school, and hangs the board on the wall. These illustrations drive home to the hearts of the people the leading truths of the lesson.

Dr. Yarbrough, a member of the Christian Church, is our main dependence. He leads the singing, prays, or does anything to make the school a success. He has a large class of boys and girls, as Brother Ridley used to say, "frying size." I have never known a better man or a more consecrated Christian. All the neighbors say so.

Mrs. Jennie Gerrells has a large class of children younger than Dr. Yarbrough's. She is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a great help in every way.

The most interesting class is also a large one. "Grandma" McCaleb has charge of this one. They cannot read, but they learn little verses and recite from their cards.

Mr. Robert McCaleb, our efficient

Secretary, never misses a Sunday.

We take a collection every Sunday, so that the children will form a habit of giving to the Lord's cause. Little Bertie Gerrells, aged five years, is, as she says, "Aunt Fanny's little 'lector.'" Unlike some grown people, who squirm around like a worm in hot ashes, when asked to do something for the cause of Christ, little Bertie magnifies his office and thinks he is a great help—and he is. He never misses a Sunday.

In this community we have more pretty girls to the square foot than almost any place I ever saw. These girls are up before the sun and in the field picking cotton, hoeing, doing all kinds of work, and when Sunday comes they are nicely dressed and as sweet as a whole orchard full of peaches. They are dependable, too. Ask one of them to play on the organ, sing, teach, do anything, and they do it without a murmur.

When there are strangers in the school I make them welcome. I call on them for prayer, and in this way we are all benefited. Thus far perfect harmony has prevailed among us. We read the Bible during the week and report the number of verses read at the Sunday-school.

When temperance Sunday comes we have after the regular service special temperance talks, and the Sunday-school pledge is presented for signers. I have a chain of red, white and blue cards linked together with white ribbon, which contains nearly fifty cards signed. On this day we teach temperance, but we give tobacco a punch on all occasions. Since we came here a few have quit using it, and one or two others are trying to stop.

Mrs. Maude Greene gave several chalk talks; then Mrs. Sweeney came and held an eight days' gospel temperance meeting. The people came from three counties, and at night the school-house would not hold the crowds. Her meeting for men was awful in its silence, its earnestness and tears. Many were converted, joined the different Churches and are carrying shining faces.

After Mrs. Sweeney's meeting the Christian Church held revival services a week, and then the Baptists had a week's meeting. Last, but by no means, least, came Brother Brown, the Methodist preacher, who gave us a very fine sermon Sunday night on "Christian Living." He received nine members, some of them children. These little ones do not know much, but they know that they love Jesus; that their sins are pardoned, and if there is any more to religion than this I have not found it.

A few days ago I asked the Baptist preacher, Brother Deaton: "Where are the Baptist children?" He said: "We have none in this Church." Now, the meetings are over. Mrs. Sweeney caught the fish; the pastors have strung them, and the hardest part is to come. It is now our duty to feed these lambs till they grow up to full stature in Christ. I am getting my figures of speech mixed, but never mind, I am talking about children, not lambs or fish.

We have a flourishing W. C. T. U. and L. T. L., which meet once a week. The people seem to think that signing the W. C. T. U. pledge against alcohol is the first step, when one resolves to be a Christian. We do not discourage this idea, but send it on to others.

A touching little incident occurred recently in connection with the L. T. L. The W. C. T. U. had stayed in the schoolhouse. Mrs. Stoddard had finished organizing and was about to dismiss, when "Grandma" McCaleb rose and asked to speak a few words. Permission was given, and Brother Rankin, even you never preached a finer sermon, though there was not even a fifthly in it. She told how the Lord was working in her family and blessing them since the Sunday-school, the W. C. T. U. and the L. T. L. had come to bless the community. She asked us to help her to praise the Lord for what he was doing for her. Tears filled the eyes of even the youngest child, and all felt that Jesus was there. She said: "In this house are many children, my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren all holding office in these organizations," and as we looked around we remembered that her aged brother, an ex-Confederate major, also took an active part in the L. T. L., and was an honorary member of the W. C. T. U. and of the Bible class.

So, Brother Rankin, pray on, hope on, work on, and remember that out here in the mountains, far from the scream of the locomotive and the noise and bustle of the city, we are praying for you, reading your words of warning and encouragement, and our prayers are helping you while you help us.

We are the body of Christ—members one of another. May the Lord forbid that we or some readers should be dried up, measly, paralyzed members, but may we be strong, healthy, holy members, able to do great things for Christ. "On with the battle!"

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WILL AID IN MEETINGS.

I have assisted four of our pastors in meetings this year, viz: Bro. Charles Hughes, Texarkana; Bro. Stuart Nelson (my good pastor), New Boston; Bro. Lee Sanders, Wylie; Bro. J. N. McCain, Park. We had good meetings at each of these places. I refer to any one of these brethren as to my efficiency as a revivalist. Enquire of them as to how I treat a pastor. I was a pastor eight years, so I think I know how a pastor should be treated in a meeting. I have my clergy certificate now. I desire to give myself wholly to revival work. I realize that life is short. I love sinners. I desire to witness ten thousand conversions between now and death. I have never set a price on my work. It is true I have to depend on my work for a living for my family. All that I ask is that I keep in 'phone connection with my family, and that brethren do the best they can. Permit

me to say that I witnessed over fifteen hundred conversions while in the pastorate. Command me, if you need me, brethren. R. J. SMITH. New Boston, Texas.

WHAT TO READ.

If you feel lonesome and unprotected, read Palm 91.

If you find yourself losing confidence in men, read I Corinthians 13.

If there is a chilly sensation about the heart, read Revelation 3.

If you don't know where to look for the month's rent, read Psalm 37.

If the stovepipe has fallen down, and the cook gone off in a pet, put up the pipe, wash your hands, and read James 3.—Selected.

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