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Editorial.

A TRAVESTY ON LAW AND JUSTICE.

We boast of our laws and of our civilization; and we have some ground upon which to base this claim for boasting. But we have many examples of the failure of our laws and of the administration of justice sufficient to make us blush. We are far from approximate perfection in matters of this character. In many instances our law is a failure and justice is a mockery. Many of our criminal laws are so interpreted as to make them the loop holes through which unmitigated criminals escape punishment. We sometimes are forced to the conclusion that these laws are made for the benefit of the criminal classes instead of for the defense and protection of society. The law against murder is well-nigh a farce. A man can kill another one on the slightest provocation, obtain bail, get his trial postponed, and finally when the case is called go scot-free. Lawyers have learned the art of selecting a jury in such a way as to give the criminal all the advantage in the progress of his trial; and higher courts, in most cases, reverse the few convictions had in the lower courts on a mere pretext, and remand them for a new trial. Often such cases never come up for trial again, and if they do, the grade of the crime is so lowered as to make it amount to but little. Hence, the man who dips his hand in the blood of his fellowman rarely ever suffers the penalty prescribed by law for his crime. We have thousands of bloody criminals living in peace all through our fair land. They hold up their heads and move in society with as much recognition as the best and the purest citizen in the Commonwealth. It is almost impossible to hang a murderer if he has money or social influence. Yes, it is well nigh impossible to send him to the penitentiary for any length of time. It is much easier to defeat justice than it is to administer it to offenders.

These suggestions come to us as we contemplate a number of well-known cases. We will only cite one of them. Some four or five years ago, in the city of Dallas, an unfortunate man by the name of Pate Bane, a citizen living near Garland, came to this place and remained over night. He got under the influence of liquor, and toward day one morning straggled into a leading saloon on Elm Street and sat down in a chair by the stove. Directly he dropped off to sleep. One of the barkeepers, a fiend in human form, poured coal oil over him and set him on fire to have a little "fun." Soon the flames covered him and his screams were heard for several blocks. The man who committed the deed and two other saloon men who witnessed it did nothing to extinguish the fire, and before help could reach the poor victim, he was burned into a crisp. There was great indignation at the horrible deed. Even a lynching was threatened. These three criminals were prosecuted. One of them was sentenced to hang, and the other two were given a life penalty in the penitentiary.

Thus, the lower court did its duty. But when these cases reached the higher court, they were all reversed and remanded for a new trial. They were granted bail and turned out of prison. One of them is living in Oklahoma, and the other two in Texas. The principal witness is living out of the State, and the most of the others are gone; and these men are unwhipped of justice. The probability is that they will never be brought to trial again; but if they are, it will be a veritable farce. Yet no such horrible crime was ever committed in Dallas County. We certainly need a revival of justice in Texas. Many of our court proceedings are unworthy the sanction of law when it comes to dealing with bloody-handed criminals. And it is no wonder that when outrageous crime is committed people sometimes take the law into their own hands and mete out justice. There is something radically wrong in the administration of laws against criminals in our great Commonwealth. Our courts often amount to a farce and justice to a ridiculous burlesque.

SALOON BOSSISM OVERTHROWN.

In the election in Ohio the other day, the main issue was the overthrow of saloon bossism in the person of George B. Cox, the notorious saloon man, who has dominated the politics of Ohio for several years. He lives in Cincinnati, and such has been his hold upon the sentiment of the Republican party that he has dictated its State officers and controlled the State administration without let or hindrance. No man could be Governor or hold any other office in Ohio without his approval. Even Congressmen and United States Senators have been the creatures of his political genius. Governor Herrick, otherwise a good and respected official, has been completely under the control of Boss Cox. Last spring the Legislature passed a very efficient local option measure, but when it reached the Governor, Boss Cox demanded that it be so changed as to emasculate it; and this was done by the Governor. But that was the last straw that broke the camel's back. The temperance people, the anti-Saloon League organization, and the vast bodies of evangelical Church people rose up and instituted an opposition to the dominance of the Governor by Cox until the whole State was soon in the midst of a political storm center. They started a movement to prevent the renomination of Governor Herrick; but Cox was too much for them, and the Governor was again placed in the lead. In the meantime, the Democrats nominated the Hon. J. M. Pattison, a leading Methodist layman, and a noted temperance worker, and he raised the cry of reform. The one dominant issue became the question of the saloon in politics, and there was a demand for relief from the bossism of Cox over the Republican party. From one end of the State to the other the popular uprising against the Cox machine became contagious; and Ohio has never seen just such a fight against machine politics. But there was a majority of two hundred thousand to overcome and the fight was a herculean one. It was hardly

hoped that Herrick would be defeated in the face of such a majority, but the purpose of the movement was to so reduce his majority as to rebuke the Cox method of running the politics of the State. However, the movement gathered greater force as the campaign proceeded. Men began to throw their party affiliation to the wind in their desire to overthrow Cox, the notorious saloon dictator. The eye of the Nation was turned upon the conflict, and the result was watched with eager interest. From every stump, on every platform, in every pulpit, and through the columns of the religious press, the battle waxed hotter and hotter; and when the vote was polled the other day, it was seen, to the dismay of the politicians and to the joy of the people, that Herrick had been defeated by nearly fifty thousand majority! It was the triumph of the people over the saloon; a victory for righteousness over vice. And the victory was sweeping and complete.

So much for the people when they become aroused. And the result ought to teach the saloon politicians a lesson. The day is passing when people are going to submit to the dictatorship of saloons and beer dives. This glorious triumph ought to embolden the people everywhere to fight manfully against the cohorts of the barroom. While in Texas the saloon element is not all-powerful, nevertheless those who worship at the shrine of the dive and the joint keep trying to force local option into the political fights in the State. They tried it in the last election to their sorrow; and the same gang is on the secret war path again. They have recently been milling at the Oriental Hotel in this city. They are looking to a combination that will give them the next Governor and next Legislature, and it behooves the people to keep an eye on their clandestine operations. They want to cripple our local option laws, and they want to prevent other legislation that will further restrict their nefarious business. And they want to keep their hand on the courts of the State also. Hence, their peculiar interest at this particular time. They have their candidate for Governor and for Lieutenant Governor already staked out, and they are watching their chances to concentrate their forces at the proper time, and thereby take the people unawares when they least expect it. Therefore, we want to watch their movements lest they get an undue advantage of us.

THE MAN WITH A CONVICTION.

The man with a conviction really believes that the thing or the idea that has gotten hold of him is actually true, and in contending for it he often speaks his mind plainly and with no disguise. You always know where to find him on questions concerning which he has made up his mind, for he has nothing to conceal. Such is his straightforward way of dealing with matters that he is often regarded as a crank, or an impracticable person, because he does not straddle issues, neither does he talk one way to-day and another to-morrow. And it so happens that many people look upon him as harsh and extreme, when, in fact, he is only honest in

the advocacy of what he believes right and proper. True, he may be a little impolitic and once in a while a little indiscreet; but he is simply honest and sees no reason for ambling around something about which he has decided convictions. Such a man sometimes hurts the feelings of some tender persons, and they misunderstand him and criticize him; but the world has use for a man with a conviction. Most men trim and get at things in a round about method. They do not care to come out boldly and declare themselves. They may have right views of life and of the issues of the day, but they are careful as to how they express themselves. They want to know what the effect of their position is going to have on their standing, or business, or political chance in the community. Such men are lacking in conviction. They are thinking more of their popularity than of principles.

Christianity needs men of convictions. If you are religious, you ought to be religious from principle. It ought to take deep hold upon your conscience, your judgment and your life. It ought to so influence you that no compromise is possible. It ought to make you constant in your faith and practice. Christ is looking for men of this character. He needs them in his spiritual kingdom. They are the forces that accomplish something among men. And the Church needs men of conviction. If you are a Methodist, be one because you believe it is right to be a Methodist, and never try to conceal the fact from anybody. Too many people are just members of the Methodist Church, but they have no conviction on the subject. Their parents were Methodists, or their associates were Methodists. This is good as far as it goes, but if you have no better reason for being a Methodist than your parentage or your associations then your Methodism does not amount to much. It does not have underneath it a deep-seated conviction. Such a Church member yields but little of the fruit of righteousness. We want men and women in the Church who are actuated by a sense of right, who have informed themselves, who believe what we teach, and who are in sympathy with our doctrines and polity. There is nothing doubtful in this sort of Church membership. It has a tap root that reaches to the perennial fountain, and its leaf never withers. Oh for men and women of unmitigable conviction in the Church of God!

The Lord's prayer is comprehensive, terse, devotional and intelligent. To repeat it earnestly and in sincerity is to imbibe the spirit of the Master in the public service. But to rattle it off irreverently and thoughtlessly is nothing short of mockery. A poll parrot can do this without any idea of worship.

It is not every person who can pray without embarrassment in public, and it is not every one who can sing with a clear, loud voice; but every man can pray in secret, live a consistent life and do his duty to God and the community. We need people of this character and their work for the Master is placed upon permanent record.

Devotional and Spiritual

LOOKING FOR THE HANDFULS.

When Ruth was gleaning in the barley field of Boaz the generous farmer commanded his young men to "let fall some of the handfuls of purpose for her." They were told to "leave them, that she might glean them;" and they were not to rebuke her for gathering them up. So she gleaned in the field until the evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was nearly a bushel of barley. Happy, honest toiler! She received her reward. Instead of consulting a false pride and loitering the day in idleness, her brave industry brought her more than the epha of grain. It made her the wife of lordly Boaz, the mistress of his mansion, and the ancestress of the promised Messiah. So they who humble themselves are often exalted.

But there is a rich spiritual truth to be gleaned from this beautiful incident in the pastoral of "Ruth." Just as the liberal heart of Boaz commanded his men to let fall the handfuls for the nimble fingers of the maiden, so God is wont to let fall his blessings for those who are diligent in doing his will. No true workman works in vain. Sometimes in the heat of the long day a Christian pastor is tempted to discouragement. He sees but few results. But presently God lets fall a handful of golden stalks to cheer his heart. Some souls are converted. Some fallow-ground hearers begin to show signs of a crop. His prayer meetings begin to give token of a revival. Perhaps a project that lay very near his heart is taken up by willing hands and open purses. Or it may be that the conscientious toiler gets a marvelous blessing into his own soul; a new manifestation of Jesus as his personal guest and comforter; a new incoming of the Holy Spirit. Our heavenly Father knoweth both what to bestow and when to bestow. There are thousands of pastors and Sunday-school workers who, after their summer vacations, are just entering on a new season of gleaning. Let us give them the inspiring hint that just at the right time and in the right way the Master of the field will let fall the handful. Be not weary in well-doing. In "due season" (which always means God's time, and not ours) ye shall gather

the precious blessing. It may not come in the way you look for or be of just the kind you expected; but it will fill your basket. You and I do not serve a stingy Master.

This incident in Boaz's barley field has a beautiful application to Bible study. Too many Christians never practice a careful gleaning of the inspired Word. In fact, to such careless readers a large and precious portion of the Word is as utterly unknown territory as the headwaters of the Nile. They never search the Scriptures. But when we patiently go through the wonderful domain of truth with open eye bent down humbly to seek for the hid treasures, Oh! what handfuls of fresh promises and fertile suggestions and marvelous teachings are dropped in our path. We pick up a truth never dreamed of in many an out-of-the-way passage. In some historical incident, or some neglected verse of prophecy, or some dry chapter about Jewish rites and ceremonies we find a whole sheaf of divine teaching. God never put one page in his Book without a purpose. There is more than a bushel of barley in the Book of Leviticus. Many persons pass by this portion of the Word as a mere upholstery shop of priestly robes and Jewish ritualies. But to him who can discern the things of the Spirit the book is full of most rich and rare instructiveness. It typifies the Christian life most wonderfully. Even that long catalogue of names in the fourth chapter of the First Book of Chronicles furnishes a text for a capital sermon in that single name of "Jabez," the child of sorrow, who turned out to be a man of many virtues. I once heard Mr. Moody talk for an hour to a mission school, and the children were delighted. But he picked up his handful of fresh truth in the fence corner of a chapter in the Proverbs. It was a talk about the ant, the spider, the cony and the locust. Happy is that Sunday school class and happy is that congregation whose teacher understands where to find the handfuls of fresh truth in God's great field. He always lets fall such handfuls to the patient, prayerful gleaner.

In every field which Providence opens up to us there is precious grain to reward our gleaning. Some of my readers may even now

be treading a field over which the sharp sickle of adversity has passed with keen and cutting afflictions. Your hopes have been laid low. Has that stubble-field nothing left for you but the thorns of discontent and the brambles of unbelief? Will you be so blind and foolish as to prick your fingers with Satan's briars? My afflicted friend, the God of love will let fall some precious handfuls of comfort, if you only search for them with the eye of patient humility. In fact, there are scores of golden passages in God's Word that were only intended for such as thee. They are as truly designed for thee, as is the letter left by the postman with thy own name on the envelope. These passages of comfort are Christ's love-letters to thee. Never wouldst thou have received them if thou hadst not gone through the mown field of bitter disappointment or bereavement. Here is one handful of consolation let fall for thy gleaning. "My grace is sufficient for thee." "As thy day, so shall thy strength be." "I will be with thee in trouble, and will deliver thee." All things work together for good to them who love God." "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Here are but specimens of the treasures of strength and comfort which God droppeth in the path of his chastisements, for his own to gather up. In the closing verses of the ninety-first Psalm is a whole handful of divine promises, as sweet as honey and the honeycomb.

What graces, too, are to be gathered in those stubble-fields of affliction! Abraham found there the noble commendation that he was "the friend of God." Daniel won his crown there. Job came out of that field, which the scythe had apparently swept clean, with a whole armful of spiritual blessings. Paul never would have been the man that he was if the first crop of his selfish aims and ambitions had not been cut away. Then he turned gleaner for the Lord, and went home to heaven more richly laden than Ruth came home from the barley field. To every one of us the Master appointeth his or her field of toil or of trial. He hath the handful for each, if we have but the faith to look for it. At the final hour of judgment the question to each of us will be: "Where hast thou gleaned today?"—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

CO-WORKERS WITH GOD.

A few years ago I spent a summer in the Rockies. Early one July morning I started with a young school teacher to climb Mount Rundle. Rundle is that razor back peak lying just east of Sulphur Mountains in the Banff National Park. The slope on the western side is gradual, but on the east precipitous. The summit is about 11,000 feet above the sea and a mile above the valley. As we started in the dawn the whole base of the mountain was ablaze with wild flowers. There were the sweet briars and the buttercups, the field daisies and the violets, the asters, golden rods, phlox and geraniums, making the mountain fairly glow with beauty.

For a thousand feet or so, we climbed through the tall timbers—great trees that have stood for centuries proclaiming God's power. Then, for perhaps another thousand feet we made our way amongst the shrubs and underbrush, the vines and the creepers, and then came a belt of mosses, and after the mosses a few hundred feet with only lichen, making gray the face of the mountain. And then, for probably two thousand feet, we climbed over bare rocks, void of all verdure, rearing its nakedness to the skies.

About three in the afternoon we came right out on the very summit of the mountain, and there I found blooming all alone two thousand feet from any other plant life, a wee golden flower no bigger than my finger. There it was, standing up against gravity and loneliness, with no eye to see it but God's, doing its best to be lovable and make the whole top of that great barren mountain fairly glow with beauty.

Position was nothing to that flower, neither were talents. Nature placed it there to cover the mountain barrenness, and that was its mission in life.

Paul says we are "God's co-laborers." Yes, co-laborers like the flower, with God, in helping to make this world beautiful and more like heaven.—Canadian Epworth Era.

GOD KNOWS BEST.

"Every heart knoweth its own sorrow," and many heartaches are hidden under a brave exterior. We were surprised, a short time ago, to see in a gentleman's furnishing store a white card that had been slipped under the plate glass cover of a show case bearing this admonition: "Don't tell your troubles here, we have enough of our own." Surprised, not that they did not want to hear of other people's troubles, but that they stated the fact in such a decided way. Our troubles that we can talk about are not beyond recovery by our own efforts, but the sorrows that are too deep to tell only God can heal.

Last summer on a beautiful afternoon I found myself at the home of a young woman who four short years ago was a care-free bride. A gentle, quiet creature with a fair complexion and a wonderful coil of golden braided hair. To-day she is back in her girlhood's home with two children. As I pass up the walk to the door, I find the grandma on the lawn with the children; the older child, a boy, lying on a rug on the grass, he is helpless, being (although three years of age) unable to walk, talk, or even hold up his head, and may live many years in this sad condition. The calm beauty of the day and the pathetic scene carries my thoughts to the great Healer and I wish He might speak this frail body into strength and fullness of life, even as He performed miracles of healing in the village of Palestine two thousand years ago.

The young mother is within the cottage, quietly working on garments for her children. I heard no word of complaint from her; the grandmother said: "She has al-

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For purpose, for love, and for faith, for Peace and good will to man, if you never do what you can't, you'll never do what you can.

GOD'S HANDMAIDEN.

Let us bow our souls and say, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord!" Let us lift up our hearts and ask, Lord what wouldst Thou have me to do? Then light from the "This is easy, this is light," every have me do? Then light from the open heaven shall stream in on our daily task, revealing the grains of gold, where yesterday all seemed dust; a hand shall sustain us and our daily burden, so that, smiling at yesterday's fears, we shall say, "This is easy, this is light," every "lion in the way," as we come up to it, shall be seen chained, and leave open the gates of the Palace Beautiful; and to us, even to us, feeble and fluctuating as we are, ministries shall be assigned, and through our hands blessings shall be conveyed in which the spirit of just men made perfect might delight.—Elizabeth Charles.

SHIFT.

If Your Food Fails to Sustain You, Change.

One sort of diet may make a person despondent, depressed and blue and a change to the kind of food the body demands will change the whole thing.

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NOTES FROM THE PACIFIC COAST.

In a recent communication to these columns, I gave certain items concerning the State of Oregon and its productions, etc., and also concerning a visit to the Lewis and Clark Centennial. A copy of the leading morning paper of Portland, the "Oregonian," has since come to hand containing the very gratifying and most unusual announcement that the great Fair, which closed on the 15th of this month, has not only proved to be self-supporting, in a financial way, but has declared a dividend for the stockholders, the promoters of the enterprise. In words quoted from the "Oregonian," "The Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition is ended. Its imposing palaces and buildings will come down; its well-groomed terraces and lawns will quickly fade to harmonize once more with the rugged landscape. But its influences for the betterment of a new country will live forever. It ran its course on a chalk-mark of success, and ended in a burst of glory. From a financial standpoint it was a success; from a commercial standpoint it was a success; from an artistic standpoint it was a success. Look at the Exposition from any standpoint you will, and all you see is success."

Many conventions and national meetings of various kinds were held in Portland during the period of the Centennial. In a copy of the New York Christian Advocate, which I read while there, I noted an account given of a "Methodist Congress" held there in July. Of this Congress the correspondent in the paper said: "The idea was conceived by Bishop D. H. Moore, Resident Bishop at Portland, Ore. The success of the Congress surpassed all expectations. The States of Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon were represented. Bishops Hamilton, Thoburn, and Moore, and seventeen presiding elders and mission superintendents and pastors from the above named states were in attendance. To draw large audiences, morning and evening, for ten days, in a Western city, in the month of July, during a great Exposition, was quite remarkable. Chief White Swan, Chief of the Yakima Indians, aged 86 years, baptized by Jason Lee, was present. This honored Indian thrilled the people, as he, through an interpreter, told the story of early Methodism in Oregon. In little over thirty years this section of the United States has multiplied its population by six and one-half. The population in the whole United States has little more than doubled, while our church, including the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has tripled her membership." Bishop Morrison, of one of our own Southern Methodist churches, spent several days in Portland in September, being in Oregon for the purpose of holding the Columbia Conference, and preached in the city on Sunday, as I saw announced in the daily paper, his picture appearing also in connection with the announcement. I failed to hear him on Sunday, much to my regret, circumstances taking me to another place of worship on that day. One day while in Portland was devoted to an excursion up the Columbia River, to the "Cascade Locks." The distance from the city is thirty-five miles, making a round-trip of seventy miles, which for beauty of scenery is almost unsurpassed. The mountain peaks of the Cascade Range rising in places almost from the very banks of the river, and in other places receding, melting into the distance on the Washington side, while numerous cascades along the route come sparkling and tumbling down the river sides, and the mountain peaks, Mt. Ranier, Mt. Hood, and Mt. Jefferson, towered in the distance, snow-capped and grand in their majestic beauty. It has been said by some who have had the opportunity of comparison that the scenery along the far-famed Hudson River does not equal that along this route. The objective point of the excursion is the locks, in the building of which the general Government has expended over a million dollars, for the convenience of vessels in passing through the shallower water along this section of the river to the upper waters of the stream, where the depth again becomes greater. It was a day most delightfully spent, my companion by the way, being my sister, from Texas, who is sojourning for a time in Portland, we together thoroughly enjoying the day's happy experience. A visit of a few days to Salem, the capital of Oregon, was a time spent most pleasantly, and was full of interest, visiting as I did, in company with relatives who reside there, the various public buildings and State institutions. Salem is a substantially built city of about forty thousand inhabitants, located upon the Willamette River, the State-house being an especially massive and imposing building surrounded by beautiful grounds, the whole city showing evidences of the thrift and enterprise for which Oregon, as a State, is noted. On my return trip home in September I stopped, according to promise, for a second visit to my husband's

brother and family, in Los Angeles, Calif. The days of the two weeks which I spent there were spent in a delightful round of sight-seeing, the bright sunshine and soft, cool atmosphere, day by day, giving an additional charm to the hours. We spent a day in Pasadena, a suburban city eight miles from Los Angeles, where verdure and bloom seem to almost run riot along the driveways, and in beautiful grounds around the magnificent homes there. There is, to a large degree, a winter residence city, the most elegant and costly of the residences being owned by Northern and Eastern people, who come to this Eden-like retreat to escape the rigors of the winter season. As we drove around the city, through the long avenues of the graceful pepper trees, and of stately palms, the driver pointed out to us the most noted of these homes, those of the family of Mr. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, of Mrs. Garfield, the widow of the lamented President, of Robt. J. Burdette, the humorist, and the home of one of the firm of the Armour Packing Company, of Chicago, and of a member of the Cudahy Packing Company, of Omaha, and also of several of the cattle kings of the West and a number of others, too numerous to recall or mention here. Among the hotels here is one which is the largest and most elegant hotel of any resort I saw on the Pacific Coast, having a mammoth annex building, and surrounded by the most beautiful and extensive grounds, but it was closed at the time of our visit, opening each year in November, at the beginning of the winter season, for the accommodation of the thousands of winter tourists who throng this section, and closing about the 1st of June, for Southern California puts on its garments of green over all the mountain peaks and valleys with the coming of the rains in November, and is verdant and Spring-like, at a time when other sections, North and East, are snow-covered and ice-bound. In the fresh, green attire at this season, California can almost surpass the verdure of the rolling prairies of our own queenly North Texas, after she has had her "Spring opening" in the month of April. It is this verdure and bloom in the winter season that has won for this charming section of our country—Southern California—the preeminence it has over all other sections for beauty and for salubrity of climate, and makes it the "Mecca" toward which the Northern tourist turns.

Another most delightful and interesting experience which we enjoyed was a visit to Catalina Island, a noted ocean resort, situated in the Pacific ocean, about thirty miles out from the mainland. On this island, which is about twenty-two miles wide, with an average width of three miles, jutting abruptly from the ocean into mountain peaks, with lovely valleys between, is built the town of Avalon. The town, which is composed of hotels and restaurants and boarding places of various kinds, is situated upon a crescent-shaped shore, with a land-locked harbor, with the broad expanse of the blue ocean in front, and chains of mountain peaks rising in the rear—an ideal place, where no rude wind or blazing heat of summer's sun ever makes life uncomfortable, but only a gentle wind flows at all seasons, and the sun shines with a mild radiance. Here the tourists come at all seasons of the year, as this is an all-the-year-round resort, the visitors who come reaching the island by steamers which ply regularly between the island and the mainland, where connection is made by railway with Los Angeles, about twenty miles inland. The diversions afforded, boating, fishing, bathing, etc., are enjoyed at this bay, sun-lit isle by the thousands who come during the year, the most unique and entertaining diversion being a boat-ride to see the "Marine Gardens." This latter term is applied to that portion of the harbor where the ocean abounds in a most beautiful growth of seaweeds and other vegetation of great variety, found at a depth of from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty feet under the water. To see this marine growth, tourists are accommodated with row-boats made with glass bottoms, so arranged as to give the occupants of the boat an opportunity to look into the liquid depths as they glide along, and see the wonderful creation the ocean contains, beautiful, feathery masses of delicate shades of green and brown and russet, interspersed with clusters of a rare purple shade called "sea violets," and a large tree-like growth sometimes rising many feet in height, with broad leaves something like the leaf of the banana, called "kelp," the leaves crusted with salt from the contact with the sea water, and glittering like diamonds when the sunlight glistened through the water and rested upon it. And the fish that glided about in the crystal depths of countless variety, some a golden yellow, which, as the guide told us, is known as the "golden perch" and another variety of a lovely shade of blue, known as the "blue

perch," both of medium size, and numerous other varieties of larger size, all these giving life and motion and flashes of bright coloring to the indiscribably beautiful, ever-changing pictures presented to our wondering fascinated gaze. There were numerous rainbow tinted shells, too, which, resting upon the pebbly bed below, gave color and radiance to the picture, gleaming like rich jewels in their setting. And there were rocky formations revealed to our vision, of which we had previously no conception—grottoes and cave-like openings in the rocks, which we saw at a depth of over a hundred feet, so clear the water, to which the mossy growths cling in rich luxuriance, and where the beautiful fish glided in and out, at home in the midst of this scene of enchanting loveliness. But no words of mine can adequately portray the surpassing attractiveness of the beauties thus revealed in this submarine wonderland, so like a scene in some unreal world, some fairy-land of beauty, did it seem. Of the productions of Southern California it seems needless to speak here—the acres and acres of vineyards of almost countless varieties of grapes, the orange groves, the olive orchards, the orchards of English walnuts, the great and abundant varieties of vegetables, one field, which we saw, containing eight thousand acres of lima beans, all this, relating to California, is now known to a great extent throughout our broad land. For if the Californian has learned any one art to a degree nearer perfection than another, it is the art of advertising. And another fact which we know, too, is that our broad land is the gainer by the thrift and enterprise of the great State of California, in that every section can today, to a greater or less extent, enjoy the benefits arising from the wonderful production of fruits and vegetables. So that great State, lying toward the setting sun, that domain so rich in so many things, which go to build up the prosperity of a great commonwealth, is a source of material blessings to other sections of our Nation not so rich in natural productions, and for this, as a Nation, we should be ever mindful and grateful. As we reflect thus upon our many blessings as a Nation, we are reminded more forcibly than ever of the glorious truth that, "A good God reigns over all." MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL, Dallas, Texas.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Texas Conference for October, 1905: Houston District—Wharton and Hungerford, Leon Henderson: Bishops' Fund \$10, Conference Claimants \$41, Church Extension \$21; Education \$19; Orphanage \$10; Paine and Lane \$2. Cedar Bayou, I. E. Thomas: Conference Claimants, \$35, Church Extension \$24, Education \$33, Children's Day \$5.50. Columbia and Brazoria, H. M. Whaling, Jr.: Conference Claimants \$30, League City, Allen Tooke: Bishops' Fund \$2.50, Conference Claimants \$4, Foreign Missions \$10.40; Domestic Missions \$6.25, Church Extension \$12, Education \$13.75, Orphanage \$1.90. Beaumont District—First Church, V. A. Godbey: Bishops' Fund \$41.50, Church Extension \$92.95, Paine & Lane \$10.75, Liberty, J. R. Ritche: Bishops' Fund \$3, Conference Claimants \$17, Foreign Missions \$10, Church Extension \$10, Education \$12, Orphanage \$8, Corrigan Circuit, A. Nolan: Bishops' Fund \$5, Conference Claimants \$13, Foreign Missions \$6.90, Silsbee, Sim Horger: Conference Claimants \$18, Church Extension \$7, Burkeville, J. T. Hooks: Conference Claimants \$10, Foreign Missions \$5, Church Extension \$10, Education \$10, Wallisville Circuit, B. C. Rausch: Foreign Missions \$12.75, Domestic Missions \$12.50. Brenham District—Belville, C. C. Childers: Conference Claimants \$19, Foreign Missions \$7.50, Domestic Missions \$7.50, Cameron, C. J. Oxley: Foreign Missions \$107, Domestic Missions \$93; Sealy, E. L. Ingram: Conference Claimants \$30, Foreign Missions \$25, Church Extension \$7, Education \$7, Orphanage \$6. Davilla Miss, C. E. Simpson: Conference Claimants \$20, Domestic Missions \$5, Education \$9, Maysfield, A. T. Walker: Foreign Missions \$12.50, Domestic Missions \$12.50, Church Extension \$2.50, Milam, J. D. Burke: Bishops' Fund \$8, Foreign Missions \$10, Domestic Missions \$10, Church Extension \$19, Education \$10, Orphanage \$5, Paine & Lane \$1. San Augustine District—San Augustine, C. T. Cummings: Bishops' Fund \$11, Conference Claimants \$30, Foreign Missions \$15, Domestic Missions \$15, Church Extension \$15, Education \$15, Orphanage \$12. Geneva, W. S. Easterling: Domestic Missions \$5, Orphanage \$8.50, Center, L. H. McGee: Education \$29.50, Paine & Lane \$4.65. Tenaha, C. N. Mort: Conference Claimants \$25, Foreign Missions \$27, Domestic Missions \$27, Carthage, W. L. Pate: Foreign Missions \$20, Timpson, C. A. Hooper:

Bishops' Fund \$15, Church Extension \$38.50, Burke, J. B. Luker: Bishops' Fund \$5, Conference Claimants \$10, Education \$5, Gary Circuit, H. R. Taylor: Foreign Missions \$5, Domestic Missions \$2.20. Calvert District—Lott, G. H. Phair: Bishops' Fund \$5, Conference Claimants \$30, Foreign Missions \$15, Domestic Missions \$15, Church Extension \$5, Education \$5, American Bible Association \$2, Paine & Lane \$3. Wheelock Circuit, J. P. Sainrer: Foreign Missions \$9.75, Domestic Missions \$20, American Bible Society \$6.75. Bremond & R., A. A. Wagnon: Conference Claimants \$64, Foreign Missions \$8.25, Domestic Missions \$2, Education \$36, Paine & Lane \$5. Centerville, W. H. Brooks: Foreign Missions \$40, Domestic Missions \$35, Orphanage \$10, Durango, J. F. Garrett: Conference Claimants \$8, Domestic Missions \$2, Petteway, W. E. Washburn: Bishops' Fund \$9, Conference Claimants \$20, Foreign Missions \$23, Domestic Missions \$16, Church Extension \$10, Education \$22, Orphanage \$10, Kosse, D. W. Gardner: Church Extension \$25.60, Education \$28, Paine & Lane \$3. Franklin, A. G. Scruggs: Bishops' Fund \$13, Conference Claimants \$48, Foreign Missions \$60, Domestic Missions \$54, Church Extension \$28, Education \$29, Orphanage \$14, Paine & Lane \$4. Rogers Prairie, J. B. Gregory: Bishops' Fund \$2.50, Conference Claimants \$7, Foreign Missions \$5, Domestic Missions \$5, Church Extension \$3, Education \$2, Orphanage \$1. Huntsville District—Huntsville, H. M. Whaling: Bishops' Fund \$28, Education \$60, Madisonville, T. B. Anderson: Conference Claimants \$8, Bryan, I. F. Betts: Church Extension \$17, Education \$41, Orphanage \$12. Montgomery, J. C. Cameron: Foreign Missions \$27.55, Domestic Missions \$4.80, Anderson, C. H. Adams: Conference Claimants \$10, Foreign Missions \$10, Domestic Missions \$10, Milliean, J. C. Huddleston: Conference Claimants \$8, Church Extension \$5, Education \$5, Orphanage \$6, Children's Day \$3.50. Waller, J. F. Bilbro: Conference Claimants \$4, Domestic Missions \$8, Church Extension \$18, Education \$17, Orphanage \$10. Cold Springs, W. M. Foster: Conference Claimants \$1, Foreign Missions \$4, Domestic Missions \$3, Dodge Circuit, J. B. Nutter: Conference Claimants \$6. Palestine District—La Rue Circuit, Olin Zimmerman, Jr.: Bishops' Fund \$50, Foreign Missions \$7.50, Domestic Missions \$7.50, Grapeland J. E. Morgan: Foreign Missions \$10, Domestic Missions \$20, Knward, J. W. Albritton: Foreign Missions \$10, Domestic Missions \$10, Rus-k, L. B. Elrod: Bishops' Fund \$13, Conference Claimants \$50, Foreign Missions \$17, Domestic Missions \$57, Orphanage \$14, Paine & Lane \$4, Jacksonville, F. A. Downs: Bishops' Fund \$20, Conference Claimants \$80, Foreign Missions \$39, Church Extension \$15, Education \$48, Paine & Lane \$5, Wells Mission, G. W. Henderson: Foreign Missions \$10, Elkhart Circuit, J. J. Murphy: Conference Claimants \$5.10, Augusta R. B. Jones: Conference Claimants \$15, Domestic Missions \$15, American Bible Society \$3, Orphanage \$6. Tyler District—Marvin, W. F. Packard: Bishops' Fund \$30.85, Conference Claimants \$121.50, Domestic Missions 75c, Church Extension 60c, Children's Day \$15, Paine & Lane \$8.15, Lindale, H. J. Hayes: Bishops' Fund \$6, Conference Claimants \$10, Cofax Circuit, B. C. Ansley: Foreign Missions \$13, Domestic Missions \$17. Marshall District—North Side, W. W. Golligh: Conference Claimants \$5, Foreign Missions \$10, Domestic Missions \$20, Orphanage \$5, Longview, B. H. Greathouse: Bishops' Fund \$23, American Bible Society \$5, Harrison, J. W. Cullen: Foreign Missions \$15, Domestic Missions \$15, Coffeyville, Sam L. Dale: Bishops' Fund \$5, Conference Claimants \$10, Foreign Missions \$25, Domestic Missions \$10, Hallville, W. W. Horner: Bishops' Fund, \$5, Conference Claimants \$20, Church Extension \$15, Henderson, I. M. Bryce: Bishops' Fund \$12, Foreign Missions \$33, Church Extension \$25, Henderson Circuit, E. C. Esco: Foreign Missions \$5, Domestic Missions \$6, Orphanage \$10. Pittsburg District—Gilmer Circuit, T. B. Vinson: Conference Claimants, \$20, Domestic Missions \$19.75, Texarkana, J. B. Turrentine: Bishops' Fund \$20, Foreign Missions \$100, Domestic Missions \$17, Winfield, F. O. Favre: Bishops' Fund \$13, Conference Claimants \$40, Education \$28, Daingerfield, S. N. Allen: Orphanage Fund \$12, Mt. Pleasant, J. M. Adams: Conference Claimants \$22.40, Foreign Missions \$12.75, Linden, S. H. Morgan: Conference Claimants \$27, Church Extension \$8, Dalby Springs, J. M. Mills: Education \$16, Paine & Lane \$2, New Boston Mission, J. B. Ogile: Bishops' Fund \$1, Foreign Missions \$2. Total, \$3,853.30. To Pastors Texas Conference: If you will send in your November

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L. L. JESTER, Treasurer Texas Conference, Tyler, Texas.

REV. JOHN W. STOVALL.

The following is the action of the faculty of Southwestern University: The faculty of Southwestern University have been shocked and pained beyond expression to learn of the death of Rev. John W. Stovall. He has been for years one of our most faithful and efficient curators, and at the time of his death was President of the Board. We desire to give this public expression of our appreciation of his worth as a man, and of his labors in behalf of our University, especially, as well as of his efficiency and fidelity as a minister of the gospel. We desire also to say to his sorrowing family that their sorrow is our sorrow; that the blow which has left such a vacancy in their homes, and such a loneliness in their hearts has also created a sad vacancy with us, and that we, and others, will grieve for a familiar form that comes no more to our gatherings, and to assure them of our sympathy and prayers.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst, on March 30, 1905, our beloved friend, helper and sister, Margaret Pettifils, we feel deeply grieved that our society has lost such an efficient member; our community a good Christian woman; our Bro. Pettifils and family a devoted wife and mother; be it Resolved by this society that we extend to the bereaved husband and children our sincerest sympathy, and direct them for comfort in this sad hour of affliction, to our Heavenly Father, who knoweth all things and doeth all things well. MRS. BERTIE K. STOVALL, MRS. KATE BRADFORD, MRS. SUSIE PRATT.

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SOME STEPS OF PROGRESS IN THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

The absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic is the only way to maintain a sober nation. That "the use of alcoholic liquors in all ages and nations has been proportionate to the public popular facilities for obtaining the same," is a fundamental truth that has long been recognized.

That much evil comes from the license liquor traffic no one will even dare to deny. A very conservative estimate it is that pieces to its credit less than 50 per cent of the misery, pauperism and crime of the whole nation; and many attribute to it a much larger per cent than this.

The experience of Brockton is interesting in this connection. That city in December, 1897, after voting against saloons for eleven consecutive years, voted by a majority of thirteen for license.

Following are reports of City Marshals of Waltham and Salem, showing number of arrests for drunkenness month by month in license and no license years:

Table with columns for Salem (1900, 1901) and Waltham (1900, 1901), and rows for License, No License, and months (May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct.).

These figures show that the open saloon was responsible in these two towns alone for the drunkenness and arrest of 720 persons in one year that otherwise would have been free and sober.

But while the evil of the saloon has long been known and we have reaped from the fathers "who always kept a bottle on their mantel," a generation of drunkards, the people have been taught to believe that the saloon has a commercial value, which if lost to a town would cripple it financially.

towns of Texas to adopt prohibition. The whole atmosphere resounded with the evils of the move, and the hills and valleys of the San Gabriel fairly echoed with "Dead Town!"

Prof. C. C. Cody, of the Southwestern University, with the help of the business men, brought out a tabulated showing of the business conditions of the town, taking twenty-one months before the adoption of prohibition, and twenty-one months after as a basis;

To-day, instead of great business enterprises seeking whiskey towns, it is the contrary. The Warren Featherbone Company of Three Oaks, Mich., found the open saloon so hurtful to their business that they proposed to the people if they would vote out the saloon the company would pay the taxes usually derived from them.

The Ohio State Company of Leipsic waited the result of a prohibition before investing \$100,000.

In Collinwood, Ohio, when the prohibition election was ordered the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, which has its repair shops there, announced if the town went "dry" they would enlarge their plant by the investment of an extra million dollars.

So detrimental has been the whiskey business to railroads in general that they have not only passed stringent laws against their employes patronizing saloons, but more than 100 lines are now issuing half passes to all regularly ordained temperance workers.

Whiskey men once claimed the votes of the people from the standpoint of their heavy taxes, and they claimed that closing the saloons would throw the weight of these taxes upon the people. The time was when the mention of a prohibition election in a town would give the municipal authorities nervous rigors.

That the whiskey business is at a pivotal point to-day cannot be denied. Politicians see this and strenuously avoid the issue. Temperance people have at last become a force in politics, and the old chestnut, "It won't prohibit," is being hushed.

ago a District Judge and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court was found to be using the influence of his office in favor of the liquor men.

In Nebraska in 1902 in the election of Governor, "whiskey" became an issue. Two hundred "temperance cranks" sat in the convention that nominated John H. Mickey.

The local option law was made to "prohibit" in San Diego, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Alameda Counties in California by the election of county officers pledged to vigorous enforcement of the law.

There are many sections of our great country to-day where a candidate sounds the death-knell of his own political career when he announces himself in favor of the license liquor traffic.

JAMES JOHNSTON.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a description of the things to be seen in California and on the line of travel to and from, it seemed proper for me also, having had the privilege and pleasure of making the trip, to write about them in our most excellent Advocate.

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OUR CONFERENCES.

- List of conferences: Northwest Texas, Pittsburg, Nov. 15; North Texas, Sulphur Springs, Nov. 22; Texas, Pittsburg, Nov. 29.

It is a little remarkable the number of people who send obituaries to the Advocate without the name of writer. The invariable rule of this office is to cast all such documents in the waste basket.

THE TRIBES OF POLYTECHNIC.

With Dr. Boaz at their head, about four hundred Polytechnic students went through the streets to the Fair grounds a few weeks ago with banners flying and the band playing. It was an imposing sight.

ANOTHER VICTORY IN UPSHUR.

The antis recently brought on another election in Upshur County. They were not satisfied to let well enough alone. The brewers sent their henchman and a list of speakers into the county, and they made a red hot fight to turn down local option and reinstate the barrooms.

THE OTHERS ARE MUM.

Sometime back the San Antonio Express, the organ of the whiskey and beer outfit in that part of the State, called on Judge Brooks to declare himself generally on the local option question. It wanted to know if he believed in a change in the law so as to make the antis have an equal chance with the pros in the county elections.

At the great Legislative banquet, given at the Oriental Hotel last week, the candidates discussed the subject: "What I Would Do If I Were Governor?" Judge Brooks again put himself on record on the question of local option.

AN OUTRAGE NOT AT ALL UNCOMMON.

We clip the following editorial from the Sherman Register: When the local option campaign was on in Grayson County last summer, the people of this county were told that the Wholesale Liquor Dealers of the State of Texas and the Brewers were in an active campaign to suppress violations of the laws of Texas by the saloons of Texas.

mean to make good on that promise, they should commence work at Dallas, and do it now. This morning, coming up on the train that left Dallas at 3:40 a. m., there were no less than a dozen boys, ranging in age from fifteen to nineteen years, with pockets filled with bottles, and as drunk as whiskey could make them.

There is no remedy for anything of this character as long as the liquor business is protected by law. No man in that business keeps the law. Any promise made by liquor men is the rankest hypocrisy. They are in a lawless business. They thrive on violations of law.

PERSONALS.

Brother J. H. Booty and wife, of Georgetown, and Mrs. A. J. Booty, of Fort Worth, were in the city last week and paid their respects to the Advocate force.

Brother G. W. Howell and daughters, of Chisholm, made us a pleasant visit the past week. They were up taking in the fair, and did not fail to visit the Advocate also.

Mrs. D. T. Brown, wife of the late Rev. D. T. Brown, has moved from Royse to Terrell to educate her children. Let her correspondents take notice and address her at Terrell.

Brother W. B. Spradling and his son, of Greenville, together with Bro. Wiley Gather, an old Georgia friend, now living in Greenville, delighted us with a pleasant visit the other day.

Rev. O. E. Godard, of the Arkansas Conference, was a welcomed visitor to the West Texas Conference at Lockhart. He is one of the ablest preachers in Arkansas and well-equipped for his work.

Brother H. B. Odum, of Whitesboro, and Rev. F. O. Miller, of the same place, made the Advocate a pleasant call recently. Brother Miller is closing out matters in good shape for conference.

We had a pleasant call from Brother A. J. Willis, of Eastland County. He brought with him some specimens of apples raised out there and they were especially fine. One was the Ben Davis and another was the Arkansas Black; and it would be difficult matter to grow better varieties anywhere than these produced in Eastland County.

Rev. Seth Ward, D. D., passed through Dallas the past week on his way to the Indian Mission Conference and made this office a delightful visit. He is at home everywhere in Texas, but especially so in the Advocate office. He is in good health, filled with the spirit of his great work, and very busy about the Master's work. He

says that his and Mrs. Ward's new-comer at Nashville, while only ten weeks old, is an indispensable adjunct to the home. It is Dr. Ward's purpose to be at the session of the Texas Conference.

Rev. C. W. Glanville and Brother Jones, of Deport, looked in on the Advocate family while taking in the fair the other day. Brother Glanville is looking well, and we take it that Deport is treating him all right.

Rev. W. M. Chenault and wife, of Terrell, were in the city last week and called to see the Advocate. They have been readers of the paper for a great many years and they wanted to see the people who help to make it. Brother Chenault is a useful local preacher.

Dr. A. J. Lamar, Book Agent, after taking in the West Texas Conference, came to Dallas, and on Sunday preached for the good people at Forney. His visit there was greatly appreciated, as it is not often that our Connectional men get away from the cities in their work.

Rev. D. L. Collie, en route to conference, made a pleasant call at the Advocate office. He reports Abilene Station in fine condition. Everything was paid out in full and over. He reports that section of the State more prosperous than at any time in its history.

Rev. J. B. Stewart, of the Tennessee Conference, came through Dallas on his way to the Indian Mission Conference, and made the Advocate a cheering visit. He is an old friend of other days, and we were glad to have him in our office.

We had a most refreshing visit from Brother W. P. Jones, of Matador, last week. He told us that when he married in 1866 that his wife put a Bible on their center table, which he said was a box, and that he put a copy of the Advocate on top of the Bible and that the two had been in his home side by side all these years.

Hon. C. F. Gilbert, of Austin, and who is a candidate for Land Commissioner, made the Advocate force a pleasant call recently. He is an old newspaper man, and popular with the craft, though he is now Superintendent of the Capitol and grounds at the present.

CHURCH NEWS.

Louisville has given notice that she wants the General Conference in 1910.

Rev. J. J. N. Kenney and Rev. J. E. Moore are the clerical delegates to the General Conference from the Pacific Conference.

Bishop Morrison, by request of the presiding elders, has changed the date of the Louisiana Conference from December 6 to January 3, 1906.

The one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the Old John Street Church in New York City was celebrated October 29.

Bishop Neely is writing a "Life of John Wesley." It will be printed in Spanish under the title, "Juan Wesley, el Grande Reformador Religioso."

Bishop Harris, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, proposes the union of all the churches in Korea under the name of the "Church of Christ."

Rev. Hugh Black, of Edinburgh, Scotland, is to deliver a course of lectures at Union Seminary, New York City, and at other student centers.

Bishop Galloway was recently called to Urbana, Illinois, to make an address upon the occasion of the inauguration of the new President of the University of Illinois.

Rev. W. F. Quillian, D. D., of the North Georgia Conference, died at the residence of his daughter, in Cartersville, Ga., on November 1. Some months ago he had been forced to give up his pastorate at Dalton on account of declining health. Dr. Quillian was the founder of the Quillian Lectureship at Emory College and had

long been one of the leading members of his Conference, of which one of his sons is also a member. He died at the age of sixty-two.

We note a secular dispatch which announces the death of Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, of the M. E. Church. His home was in Chicago but his death occurred at Newport, New York.

Bishop John H. Vincent officiated recently as Chaplain at the University of Chicago. His son, Prof. George E. Vincent, has been designated as Dr. Harper's successor as President of that university.

Ministers and laymen of all the Churches of Philadelphia have united in an invitation to the evangelists, R. A. Torrey and Charles M. Alexander, to conduct a series of evangelistic services in that city during the month of February. A special committee of seven will select the other committees to perfect arrangements.

Ira D. Sankey, the famous evangelist and singer, lost his sight about a year ago. It was supposed at the time that he would never be able again to do work of any sort. But his sight has been partially restored, and his general health has so far improved that he feels able to undertake to rewrite "The Story of the Gospel Hymns."

The following is a list of the Tennessee Conference delegates to the General Conference: Clerical, Dr. W. F. Tillet, Rev. J. T. Curry, Rev. H. B. Reams, Dr. W. R. Lambuth, and Dr. E. B. Channell; alternates, Revs. W. J. Collier and T. A. Kerley, Lay, Capt. J. W. Irwin, J. H. Kirkland, J. D. Pullin, L. K. Hart, and R. P. McClain; alternates, J. B. Morgan, J. L. Parkes, and E. T. Sweeney.

The following touching notice we clip from the Midland Methodist Century Church, Chattanooga, did a graceful thing when the faithful old colored sexton, Matthew Hawkins, died last week. For twenty years he had taken care of the church to the satisfaction of all. While at his work in the church a stroke of paralysis, which was soon followed by another, put an end to his toil, although he lingered for a day or two in an unconscious condition.

BARABBAS, THE ROBBER, AND THE TWO THIEVES. BY PROF. H. A. SCOMP.

By Rev. W. H. Hughes. In the Nashville Christian Advocate of October 19th, there is an article with the above heading, in which there may be some things which are wise, but much which is otherwise. This article seems to be intended as an apology for those who were engaged in the great crime of crucifying the Lord of Glory. That the reader may see we are not misrepresenting the Professor when we say he puts himself in the unenviable attitude of an apologist and defender of these thieves, and this robber and murderer, and, indeed, of all those heartless wretches who said, "Give us Barabbas, but crucify Christ," we quote from his first paragraph: "Was Barabbas a highwayman, a housebreaker, or a common sneak thief? Were the Sanhedrin, the priests, and the multitude so much in favor with such crimes as to desire a noted criminal, convicted of them, to be turned loose upon themselves? Hardly; for we must remember that, in however repulsive a light these officials appear by virtue of their connection with our Lord's trial and crucifixion, they were nevertheless the very elite of the whole Jewish nation, the representatives of national orthodoxy, the exponents of Israel's faith. Would these men, too religious to enter the praetorium on that Passover morning, have had any sympathy with a robber? Surely not." Thus he tells us these Jews and priests, who clamored for the crucifixion of Jesus, "Were nevertheless the very elite of the whole Jewish nation," and then asks and answers his own question, "Would these men, too religious to enter the praetorium on the Passover morning, have had any sympathy with a robber? Surely not." Now, which shall we believe, the Professor or John, who says in plain words, "Barabbas was a robber?" John 18:40. And Peter says he was "a murderer." Acts. The Professor enlarges and tells

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Juvenile Society, which I hope will be perfected in the near future. Rockwall has a good Home Mission Society and I found the members willing and anxious to take up the foreign work.

My home while there was with Mrs. E. C. Heath, whose family I will ever remember for their kindness; and to Mrs. M. A. Brown and Mrs. J. F. Corry I was especially indebted for courtesies and help in my work.

MRS. W. B. DASHHELL, Dist. Sec., Terrell Dist. Terrell, Texas.

How cheered and thankful the president of the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference would be, if all the District Secretaries of the Conference Society would arise to meet the obligations of their office, and would send such reports of work done on their respective Districts as the foregoing report gives from the active and zealous District Secretary of Terrell District.

TO THE MEMBERS OF W. F. M. SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

A few years ago it was my privilege to meet a lovely Christian from a Western city, who was spending the winter in San Antonio. She was a great worker in her church at home, and especially interested in Foreign Missionary work.

I will give but one among many she mentioned, and which I have tried to put in practice. In the first place, members of her society, (Presbyterian) for instance, would visit the auxiliaries of other Presbyterian churches at their monthly meetings; though they did not confine themselves to their own denomination...

These gatherings, she said, were very delightful and profitable occasions. Their zeal was quickened, their love for God and the whole world increased, and they were greatly strengthened.

In response to a pressing invitation, I attended a monthly meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church in our city. The day was very warm, and some of the members were out of the city. So, the attendance was very small.

And now, I am going to risk Mrs. Howell's frowns (if she knows how to frown) while I tell of a little experience I had a short while ago—one of "God's happenings."

"There is no 'risk' that 'Mrs. Howell' will frown at the words of good cheer which this sister always sends.—Ed. Woman's Dept.)

We were to hold a special meeting of our auxiliary to settle some matters that could not be deferred until the regular monthly meeting.

As I was early at the church, I crossed over to Travis Park and seated myself where I could watch the coming of our members. Presently a sweet-faced lady came into the Park and walking directly to the bench on which I was sitting, asked if she could sit by me.

"I am just on my way to a meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of our church—the First Baptist—and this bundle I am carrying is a missionary bundle." From that on until parting we talked about the work, and she said to me afterwards, "it was the sweetest missionary meeting."

She had attended since leaving her home in Alabama a year ago. It was a heart to hear talk on a subject we both love. She invited me to attend the next monthly meeting of her society. On the day designated I fulfilled my promise, and found quite a zealous body of women gathered together.

The Week of Thanksgiving and Prayer is close at hand. As a body of workers we have great

cause for gratitude for God's blessings upon the work—especially for the revival spirit manifested in so many of our stations.

As a Conference Society and as auxiliaries we have many causes for gratitude, and I hope our offerings will be commensurate with the blessings received.

Remember we are expected to at least double our membership and gifts this year.

"The world stands before us with gates ajar." MRS. E. C. NICHOLS, Press Reporter, West Tex. Conf. Soc. San Antonio, Texas.

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THEN AND NOW—1872-1905.

It has rained all day, and the mud—black mud—keeps me indoors. Besides, wife is watching at the bedside of a dear friend who is dangerously ill, and I have read and meditated, and now why not write? But what shall I write? Much written is "stuff," and less. Mine may be of that quality.

Well, a glance at the dates above give 33 years. And that is the time I have been on the effective list of Methodist itinerants. It is remarkable that during that period I have missed but one appointment, and failed to meet but one District Conference.

Of a lay class admitted on trial at Sulphur Springs, Texas, November, 1872, T. J. Milam, J. F. Sherwood and myself are now effective. Milam has been supernumerary; is now in the Texas Conference; Sherwood was several years in Indian Mission Conference, and I was five years in Los Angeles Conference. During these years what changes have been wrought.

Then our church occupied two points in foreign fields, Shanghai, China, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At Shanghai were Young J. Allen and J. W. Lambuth. At Rio de Janeiro, Kennedy. In the Indian Territory, Walker, Mitchell and one or two more.

Now we are in various parts of China, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, and Indian Mission. It was a month after holding our Conference that Bishop Keener went to Mexico to inaugurate our Missions there. Four years later and the immortal Bishop Marvin began his missionary tour around the world, accompanied by the Rev. E. R. Hendrix (now Bishop). Their letters, published in the Advocate, were devoured, and an awakening on the subject of missions resulted.

Then we had Daingerfield High School. Now we have Honey Grove Training School, Terrell Training School, and North Texas Female College. Then we had five Districts. Now there are ten, and a full district added to the Texas Conference.

Then Sherman District embraced Honey Grove, Greenville, Rockwall, McKinney, Denton, Decatur, Montague, and the territory within these points and was traveled on horseback. Now it is Grayson County, and is traveled by rail. Then the itinerant faced the fierce "norther"; now he snoozes in a warm chair car.

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D. F. FULLER, Howe, Texas.

CHRISTMAS BOXES.

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A CALL TO THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

On account of the death of one of our members—Rev. J. W. Stovall—an advance mortuary fee of four dollars from each beneficiary and two dollars from each lay member is now due. Please remit at your earliest convenience.

A. W. WILSON, Sec.-Treas. Gonzales, Texas.

THE LITTLE LIGHT.

A little boy was visiting at a light-house. He had come with his mother that morning in a row-boat, and all day had been delighted with the strange and new things in the home on the rocks.

When the darkness began to gather, his uncle stood at the foot of the narrow winding stairs and said: "Come up with me." Freddy was surprised, for in uncle's hand there was no big, blazing light—just a candle burning away with its tiny flame.

"Why are you going into the glass room?" asked the little fellow.

"I'm going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is," answered his uncle.

"No ship could see such a little light," said the disappointed boy.

But by that time they were in the glass room, and a great light was streaming across the sea. The little candle had lighted the big lamp. You cannot shine very far for Jesus, perhaps; but keep your little light bright, and trust Him to make use of it.—Jewels.

There are too many divisions of the Christian army where all those who are not commanding officers are retired colonels on half-pay.—Ram's Horn.

The father's faith will appear in the children of a faithful father.—Ram's Horn.

