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Editorial.

GOD'S WORD FOR EVERY-DAY USE.

We are so accustomed to the presence of the open Bible that we are actually in danger of permitting it to become common. We can not remember when we did not see it lying upon the table, when we did not open it to make record of a birth, a marriage or a death, and when the preacher did not come round, read out of it and conduct family worship. There is not a day when our eyes do not rest upon it. And such is our attachment for it that we would not part from it for any sort of price; and when it grows old and dilapidated in its binding and ragged in its leaves, we are sure to replace it with a new one. We could not be induced to be without it. Strange that with such devotion to it we would ever neglect to read it daily and systematically. Yet the Christian man who makes it his habit to read and meditate upon a portion of the Bible every day of his life is, we fear, the exception to the rule. A great many of us let the day, and often the week, go by without opening its lids, or without calling to mind a single passage it contains. It is the rule with a great many of us to read a chapter or so in it on Sunday; but during the rest of the week we do not turn to it for instruction and comfort. We have allowed it to become so common that it never occurs to us that the old Bible has a special message for us every day. With a great many of us, the news of the day and the happenings of the great world in which we live are much more familiar to us than the truths of the old Book. This ought not to be the case with any of us who profess the name of the Lord Jesus. It ought to be the habit of us all to read and meditate upon some portion of the Scriptures daily. It is God's Word. In it he speaks to us out of his mind and heart. He tells us how to live, how to control temper, how to maintain self-composure and how to meet the unexpected perplexities and worries of life without becoming unbalanced and thrown off our guard. Its truths are our spiritual bread and meat, and when we read and digest them we grow strong in heart and persistent in faith. Under the tuition of the Scriptures we cultivate conscience, we develop character and we establish our lives in righteousness. Brother, sister, make it your daily habit to read God's Word every day. It won't take you but a few minutes, and its benefits will be everlasting.

AN EXCESS OF ILLUSTRATIONS.

Illustrations are only intended as helps to the understanding of sermons; but illustrations are not sermons. In fact they are very poor makeshifts for sermons. Yet preachers sometimes fill up the hour in the pulpit in telling anecdotes of one kind and another in their efforts to entertain and interest their people instead of preaching full and thoughtful sermons. In going to and fro it is quite common to hear so-called sermons from our pulpits, whereas if you would strip them of incidents and folk-stories there would practically be nothing left. Sometimes these stories are very ordinary and commonplace;

and again some of them are not the most elegant or attractive. Once in a while you hear one that is unnatural and far-fetched; and it frequently happens that they are over-drawn and greatly exaggerated. The most of these illustrations are the veriest trash, and answer no purpose only to start a tear or provoke a smile. Now and then a real live, original illustration will make the truth under consideration stand out in better relief and enable a certain class of hearers to get hold of it more effectively. Such an illustration may be taken from actual life or from classic or current literature. It is a real illustration; but the most of these stock anecdotes in common use in the pulpit, prepared by a picturesque mind, are not appropriate and they illustrate nothing except the vacant mind of the man who picks them up and uses them as fillers. The man who gives himself to excessive use of such illustrations dwarfs his own mind, narrows his resources and feeds his people on husks and chaff. Instead of ransacking newspapers and story-books for such vapid matter, the preacher ought to set himself to the task of thinking out the deeper meanings of the Word of God and find subject matter that will feed his own mind and heart and that will also nourish the spiritual life and character of his people. The novel and the grotesque have no place in a Christian sermon. When people go to Church they want the word of life, not driving anecdotes and harrowing stories and incidents. The pulpit is the place for sermons.

THE GOSPEL SERMON AND ITS AIM.

Preaching has a twofold object. One is to save sinners. This is the primary purpose of the gospel. Christ came into the world to save the lost. He is the sinner's only hope, and he is the only teacher whose specific mission is to forgive the sinner and make him a child of God. The sermon that does not contain a special message for the sinner is incomplete. It is really lacking in the elementary essentials of a gospel sermon. Yet we hear many sermons that never touch the needs of a sinner—an unconverted sinner. Our preachers often overlook the fact that there are sinners in the congregation eager to hear something that will give them hope. They sit and listen, and go away feeling that the preacher did not have them in view. We have fallen in the habit of depending too much on the special service to reach sinners. We wait till we get assistance from without and then make a determined effort to reach them and bring them into the Church. We are not discounting the revival. It is a necessity, and no congregation is exempt from its needs. But sinners can be saved at the regular service, and the normal service is the one that saves sinners. Every sermon ought to look specially to the salvation of the lost. We can not afford to wait till the protracted service when we have got an evangelist to accomplish this work. We need to cultivate a passion for souls. Then we will have a revival all the time in the regular services of the sanctuary.

In the next place preaching also has for its

object the building up of the believers in faith, righteousness and Christian character. It is not enough to save sinners from their sins, but we must establish them in the principles of religion. They need to be taught correct ideas of religion. They must know the truth, for it is the truth that is to make them free from the law of sin and death. Intelligence is a part of religious faith. Too many of our people are still babes in Christ when they ought to be strong men and women in the Church. They need to understand the doctrines and the precepts of the gospel. You can not expect persistent and faithful obedience to their Church vows without this knowledge. They must have an intelligent discernment of duty before they can make much growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every sermon ought to have this in view, so that those who are in the membership of the Church may fully apprehend and appreciate their relation to God and to men. One great need now confronting us is more intelligence, broader faith and deeper convictions on the questions of sin, righteousness and the higher life. Therefore, every sermon ought to aim to save the unsaved and to build up and establish believers in the truth as it is in Jesus.

OUR COURTS ARE BECOMING A LUXURY.

That we have many conscientious courts in Texas—courts that do their best to interpret the laws correctly, and that strive to enforce them in the interest of justice and for the protection of society—is a question we are not here discussing. But the fact that we have reached a point in the administration of the laws of the State at which it is almost next to impossible to convict and punish grave offenses against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth indicates that there is something radically wrong with our legal machinery. It is the rarest thing that a man who commits the crime of murder, if he has money or influence, ever suffers an adequate penalty for his offense. If he chances to get convicted and given even a light sentence in the lower court, he appeals his case, gets it reversed and remanded; and on a second hearing he gets a hung-jury or an acquittal. As a result, our courts are losing the confidence and the respect of the people, and the proceedings of the courts are becoming a farce and a burlesque. We are glad to see our daily press take up the matter and give to it full and fearless discussion. It is time to treat the question seriously. Recently the Dallas Daily News had a wise, discreet and timely editorial on the subject, and it comes so nearly expressing our view of the situation that we here reproduce the most of it for the benefit of our readers:

The News has no apology to offer for the merchant or farmer who works up "conscientious scruples against capital punishment," or who convinces (?) himself by hearsay testimony that he "has such an opinion touching the guilt or innocence of the defendant as will influence his action in finding a verdict." It is strongly of the opinion, however, that such convenient "scruples" and "opinions" do not proceed from desire to escape the reasonable duties of citizenship, but are sometimes produced by unreasonable demands. The News believes that there are very few substantial citizens who would be averse to serving for one or two weeks each year as jurors,

provided they would be notified sufficiently in advance for them to arrange properly for the conduct of their affairs during the period of patriotic service. Under present conditions, however, men are dragged away from their business, sometimes without a moment's notice, often with only a few hours' notice, and are brought face to face with the probability that they will have to sit for many weeks in the court room and jury room to "uphold the majesty of the law," notwithstanding the majesty of their families and business may go to the demeriton bowows. Right there is where the man of affairs convinces himself that he is opposed to capital punishment and that he has an opinion concerning the guilt, etc., and decides that he ought to turn the job over to some one who is without scruples, opinions or employment—and one who really needs the \$2 a day. We shall have "professional jurors" until we open the profession of jury service to all on a reasonable, democratic basis; until we restore it as one of the "honored professions."

The cause of this condition rests largely with the men who administer the laws, those who make them and those who practice law. The two last are practically inclusive, each of the other, as it is the lawyer members of the Legislature who make the criminal statutes. Technicality has been piled upon technicality; complexity, not simplicity, has been the desideratum, and it has been even charged that laws have been made to fit specific, desperate cases pending, or to fit certain classes of practice profitable to the men making them. We have at least a basis in the laws themselves for much of the tomfoolery which burdens the administration of justice. Then there is the personnel of the bar. Men who are not lawyers at all, but anarchists, who give their service, not to see that the person accused is tried in accordance with the law, but to secure his liberty in spite of the law and in defiance of the law. Bar associations denounce such practices in the abstract, but rush to the defense of individuals guilty of them when accused. We have had in Texas no salutary examples of disbarment or imprisonment of such offenders, as occasionally is witnessed in other States.

There are the courts. Those of appeal reverse cases and set aside convictions for technical reasons so absurd as to be laughable were the matter not so serious; so absurd, indeed, that the court often divides upon them; so absurd and so weak in their reasoning as to excite the distrust of citizens. Trial judges cower before expert defenders of lawbreakers, permitting improper testimony to get to juries, acquiescing in lobbying through the agency of side-bar remarks, and shivering in their boots lest they give room for a bill of exceptions to go to higher courts, which are noted for giving heed to technicalities and for reversals of their own judgments as well as those of the trial courts.

Thus it is that the procedure of our courts is cumbersome, slow, uncertain and abortive. It makes too much demand upon the time of the citizen, and as the work done is often annulled, by reason of errors (?) the citizen called to jury service is wont to exclaim: "Oh, what's the use?"

If we would wipe out about half of our laws and substitute the Ten Commandments, with a line or two as to procedure, we might be much better off. And, by the way, if the effort expended in promoting new legislation were only used in teaching salutary lessons at home the occasion for court trials would be infrequent.

We ought to give every man a square deal, but we can not do it a-poking, a-splitting hairs, nor by engaging in or permitting grandstand plays. Apropos of the main subject, the Saturday Evening Post pertinently and tartly says:

Pretty nearly all over the United States the law's delays are a source of endless complaint. This applies particularly to criminal cases. The lawyers take a week in explaining what they are going to prove. A day is consumed in passionate debate as to whether a witness shall answer a certain question. A second day is lost in vehement discussion of what counsel for the prosecution said counsel for the defense said would be inferred if witness did answer. The morning of the third day the objection is overruled, and the witness answers what he doesn't know. Whereupon the lawyers clamorously fall to over the proposition that the answer be stricken from the record. That wrangle lasts till dark. This not only gives justice a halt and paralytic effect which encourages crime, but in many localities it makes the pains and penalties of sitting on a jury almost as great as those provided by statute for the crime that is to be tried.

Notes From the Field.

San Saba.

A. L. Scarborough, Jan. 18: We began this conference year with devout prayer and plans for a genuine revival of vital religion in San Saba Station.

the very last, even through the last after-service, which lasted till 10 o'clock last night. As the fight continued some of the services became deeply spiritual in a peculiar way.

hurt. Keep all the secrets of your people. May God help you both and make this the best year of your life."

was a delight. A large number partook and we all rejoiced in the presence of the Lord. Carthage station is a pleasant charge and is getting better all the time.



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ishing valuable things for my wife and me to subsist on. We feel that we are in the midst of friends. I have an inviting field before me, and how I do long for grace, to enable me to make good use of the opportunity afforded.

San Augustine.

Jas. F. Carter, Jan. 22: We reached our new home a little late on account of bad weather and the good women not having the parsonage quite ready for us.

Madisonville.

J. C. Carr, Jan. 22: We are making some progress in this charge. Nine accessions to the Church since conference. Assessment for Orphanage (\$12) paid.

Cuero.

I. T. Morris, Jan. 22: This is my second year in this city. We are working under difficult conditions here, more so than any place I have ever served in 29 years of ministerial work.

Rockport.

M. T. Allen, Jan. 22: We are moving along quietly down here. These are a religious people, but many of our members are very cold.

Carthage.

A. A. Kidd: On Friday, Dec. 7, this scribe arrived at Carthage and was conducted to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Daniels, where we were kindly and pleasantly entertained until Monday morning.

Keltys Circuit.

M. I. Brown, Jan. 24: Keltys is situated two miles from Lufkin, on a branch of the Cotton Belt Railroad, and is headquarters for a good circuit.

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The Home Circle

A WONDERFUL WEAVER.

There's a wonderful weaver High up in the air, And he weaves a white mantle For cold earth to wear.

A VIOLIN.

On the edge of the Black Forest in Italy there once grew, near to a group of stately brothers, a stunted and deformed maple.

the little maple as if it had been his own child, though it was much older than he.

At last the audience was gone, the lights in the theater were extinguished, and the little maple, now an old violin worth its weight in gold, was lying in its plush-lined case.

TWO GIRLS.

"I believe I never was so tired in my life. I am almost too tired to go to bed."

The speaker sank into a chair and began languidly to disrobe. Her stock was thrown carelessly upon a near-by table.

"Oh, dear! I left my slippers down stairs, somewhere. But I'm too tired to hunt them up, I'd rather go without them.

"Oh, yes, sometimes; but I usually know just where to find my things, for I am in the habit of putting them where they belong as soon as I get through using them.

Down went the skirt of her dress in a billowy heap at her feet. She stepped out of it and left it there.

Meanwhile her friend was making more deliberate preparations to accompany her on a journey into dreamland.

"What are you doing, Elsa? It surely cannot be morning!" came from the depths of the pillow beside her.

"I hope not, dear. I want a few hours sleep," was the reply.

"Haven't you but just come to bed?" queried the awakened sleeper.

"Oh, putting my things away and straightening up a bit," was the answer.

"Well, I must say you are the strangest girl I ever knew. I'd rather sleep nights, and do my work in the daytime.

"Oh, no, I have only been trying to make tomorrow's work a little easier."

The breakfast bell was ringing when they awoke. Both girls instantly

jumped out of bed, knowing that the school hour was near at hand.

"Where in the world is my other stocking? Have you seen it, Elsa?" The voice was sleepy and fretful.

"You kicked it under the bed last night, if I remember correctly, was the answer."

"Oh, yes, here it is! But my shoe—where can that be? Exasperatingly strange that I can find only one shoe and one stocking.

"I shouldn't call it strange, if I had sent my footwear flying to opposite sides of the room, as I saw you do last night, was the aggravating reply."

"Oh, Elsa! you almost set me wild! Why don't you try to help me find my clothes instead of standing there so calmly superior?"

"I see no necessity for our both being late for school. If you had taken as much pains as I did last night, you wouldn't be hunting now."

All the time the girl was taking she was quietly but rapidly making her toilet. Every article of wearing apparel seemed to be exactly where she expected to find it.

"Now don't you wish you were an automation," she quizzed, as she stood in the doorway.

"Poor Alice! It is a shame for me to be so flippant when she is so upset, but she needed the lesson."

Fretful and out of humor with herself and everyone else, Alice at last appeared at the breakfast table.

"I believe I never will invite Elsa here to spend the night again," she declared to her mother when the day was over.

"Why, what has Elsa done? I thought you were the best of friends."

"Oh, she exasperates me so with her methodical ways," was the flippant answer.

"Perhaps if my daughter were to imitate her friend's methods, she would not find her ways so annoying."

Alice looked thoughtful. "I understand now, mother, why Elsa is so different from me. I have always imagined that she must have been born that way."

"Resolve and practice are two excellent helpers," her mother replied.

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a full survey of his dignified form, which, from the carefully parted hair to the highly polished footwear, proclaimed him every inch a gentleman.

"My appearance is not at fault, certainly. What's the trouble, then?" Mr. MacKinnon complimented my fine penmanship.

Just then he heard the words, "You'll suit!" and gave a quick glance in the direction of the private office.

He was half-way home when Dr. Seymour's buggy drew up, and a cheerful voice said: "That you, Phil? Jump in, my lad!"

"Phil, my boy, what's up? You've evidently been in Dumpland, today."

"See here, Doc, do you see anything wrong with me, that would prejudice that old fellow against me?"

"Thumbs!" "Thumbs!" repeated Phil in a bewildered tone.

"Do you think, Phil, that Mr. McKinnon, or any other man of common sense, would prefer to employ a young man who is addicted to the cigarette habit?"

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It was a very different Philip Dalton who entered Mr. McKinnon's office a year later and expressed a wish to see that gentleman.

"It seems to me I recollect your face," said Mr. McKinnon, rising.

"Don't you remember? I'm the first young fellow you refused, when you were receiving applications for an invoice clerk."

"Well, to be sure! But I fail to see why you are indebted to me, since I didn't employ you."

"If you had employed me," remonstrated Philip, I might not be here now.

"They did, why?" asked the merchant in a tone of agreeable surprise.

Then Philip related the whole story of his disappointment, his chat with the doctor, and his resolution.

A LITTLE GIRL'S SUGGESTION.

An eight-year-old child, with a cut in her hand, was brought to a physician. It was necessary for the best results to take a few stitches with a surgeon's needle.

"That will do no harm," said the doctor kindly, "as long as you hold your hand still."

"I would rather sing," replied the child.

"That's beautiful," said the doctor. "I want to hear the whole of it."

"I am not sure," responded the doctor. "How does it begin?"

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GEORGIA LETTER.

I found among my old papers an article written twenty years ago which said what I thought then and what I think now. I said I was tired of hearing slavery denounced as a crime, and other things...

Some Changes.

"Allow me to say that I am not given to imitation, and have but little use for the monkey-like propensity of others, and I am not pleased with some changes. The people used to tell experience; but now we are having testimony meetings; I used to hear of getting religion, but now people are saved; I used to see people go to the altar, but now they will please hold up their hand..."

might find something we have not dreamed of. We may find some sappers and miners at work, who are working away, very quietly and very steadily at our very foundations.

"Mark my words; such men as Dr. Thomas, as David Swing, and as Dr. Heber Newton, are not without their duplicates in our Methodism both North and South."

FROM OUR CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

I send you the following items in regard to Church Extension in the Northwest Texas Conference for publication in Texas Christian Advocate: You are aware that I was not present at the recent session of that conference...

Praying the blessing of the great Head of the Church upon our Northwest Texas Conference, both preachers and people, I am, Yours truly, P. H. WHISNER, Cor. Sec.

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INDIGESTION

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North Texas

Female College and Kidd-Key Conservatory of Music and Art.

Sherman, Texas.

In its growth and development society is an organism, each order having its infancy, youth, maturity and old age, finally dying to give place to a new. It is obvious to the most casual observer that this century will more than probably witness the dying of the old order and the coming in of the new. Let us hope that in this transition we see "the fair beginning of a time that will bring us nearer to the high ideals of the blameless King."

The most potent factor in bringing about this change is the new status of woman in the social, political and economic world. She has started from the orbit prescribed for her for so many generations by fathers, husbands and brothers, and has, in consequence, very much disturbed the equilibrium of this conservative old planet of ours. Whether this new influence is to be a destructive one or not, time alone can tell. Perhaps it is too late to talk about it; and however we might differ about the theory, the only practical thing is to face the condition and make the best of it.

Women all over the land are emphasizing the fact that they are no longer satisfied with being non-producers; even the "woman's rights" woman is giving precedence to this "productive woman," knowing full well that when she becomes a factor in the economic world, all other things—political and social rights—will be added unto her.

Perhaps the time has come when the question, "Is there no other light in which to view the beloved one than as the future mother of our children?" can be answered in the affirmative; and, perhaps, it is well that this time has come. But all the more is it necessary that we should not forget that she is "the future mother of our children," and since the perpetuating of the race, through its best and highest types, should be the first concern with every existing or incoming social order, it behooves us who have in charge the education of our girls to emphasize more than ever the "womanly woman." Let us send our girls out into the world physically, mentally and morally strong, self-respecting and self-controlled, feeling assured that thus equipped they will be able to work out their salvation here and hereafter under whatever social order the century may usher in and amid any environment.

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Secular News Items.

The steamer Valencia, which left San Francisco Saturday, January 21, was wrecked near Klanaway, 5 miles off Cape Beale, January 23. There were only 35 survivors out of 154 persons who were on board. Survivors of the wreck, who were picked up from a life raft by the City of Topeka, are of the opinion that Capt. Johnson, master of the Valencia, made no effort to save his own life even when a chance presented. According to their story Capt. Johnson was heart-broken over the great loss of life attending the loss of the Valencia. With tense-drawn face, Capt. Johnson, clinging to the rigging with the passengers, thought only of those with him and time and time again prayed for assistance. "My God, send relief to my passengers," Capt. Johnson was heard to say just before the life rafts left the steamer. Passengers and crew during the night prior to the departure of the life rafts, according to those saved, begged Capt. Johnson to place a life belt about his waist. This he persistently refused to do. In spite of the fact that those near him begged him to think of his family and friends, Capt. Johnson would not do a single thing to help his condition. Capt. Gibbs, who went from Seattle to the scene on the steamer City of Topeka, says: "We arrived at the scene of the wreck about 9 o'clock the morning of the 24th. At that time I had seen nothing of the Valencia. A thick fog was hanging over the straits and nothing but the white foam of the breakers could be seen from our decks. The City of Topeka steamed to about three-quarters of a mile of the Valencia. Owing to heavy seas it was not deemed wise to proceed further. We spoke to the steamer Queen and were in that about 9 o'clock there were estimated to be about sixty persons still clinging to the rigging of the Valencia. The City of Topeka then cruised about the entrance of the straits in the hope of finding survivors. At 12:30 o'clock we picked up the raft. The condition of the survivors was deplorable. All were so numbed that they could not stand on their feet and had to be hauled aboard the Topeka in the arms of our crew. The survivors informed me that the Valencia's officers did all they could to impress upon their minds the fact that there would be little chance for help after the last boats had gone. Still, the women refused to take to the life rafts, and, as a consequence, men took their places. That was one of the first questions I asked those on the raft when they came aboard the City of Topeka. All said that the best of order prevailed and that the men showed courtesy to the women. When the time came for the lifeboats to leave the Valencia, the officers ordered all the women to take to the rafts. The survivors state that in spite of the fact that the Valencia was beginning to break up, the women refused to go on the life rafts and on the life-boats, stating that they would take their chances with the ship rather than leave. A survivor says that men, women and children, singing 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' shivered and clung together on the hurricane deck of the Valencia when the steamer Queen hove in sight. The women on the ill-fated vessel took off their underskirts and saturating them with kerosene burned them as signs to attract passing steamers, but all in vain."

Secretary Taft admitted to the Senate Finance Committee that the agreement with the New York bankers and the Panama Government whereby the United States pledges itself to maintain the parity of Panama's coins was without warrant of law. This agreement was brought to the attention of the Senate by Senator Bailey, who introduced a resolution directing the Finance Committee to investigate the matter. It was given out shortly after the resolution was introduced that Secretary Taft would defend that arrangement, so that his admission that the Executive Department had in this instance trampled upon the province of Congress occasioned much surprise.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the famous Confederate cavalry leader and a Brigadier-General in the United States Army since the war with Spain, died January 25 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn. Gen. Joseph Wheeler was retired from active service on September 10, 1900, after a long and notable career as a soldier. He was born at Augusta, Georgia, September 10, 1836, and therefore left active service on his sixty-fourth birthday. He graduated from West Point in 1859 and was Second Lieutenant of United States Cavalry from 1859 to 1861. At the outbreak of the war between the States he be-

came First Lieutenant of Confederate artillery, then Colonel of infantry, Brigadier General of cavalry, Major General and corps commander, and finally Lieutenant General. Throughout that memorable struggle he conducted himself with conspicuous gallantry. He was wounded three times and sixteen horses were shot under him. Eight of his staff officers were killed and thirty-two wounded. He received the thanks of the Confederate Government for his skill and gallantry in battle. After the war he became first a lawyer and then a planter. Then, in 1881, he was elected to Congress from the Eighth Alabama and held the office until 1899. He was re-elected for the Fifty-Sixth Congress, but resigned. He was senior member of the Lower House on the Democratic side. On May 4, 1898, when sixty-two years old, he was commissioned Major General of volunteers in the war with Spain and was assigned to the cavalry division of the United States Army sent to Cuba. He defeated a Spanish force under Lieut. Gen. Linares at Las Guasimas; was senior officer in immediate command of the field at San Juan, July 1 and 2, and was senior member of the commission which negotiated the surrender of Santiago. On August 18, 1898, he was assigned to the command of the United States forces at Montauk, L. I., and on October 5, 1898, was made commander of the Fourth Army Corps. He was honorably discharged from the service April 12, 1899, and on April 15 was commissioned Brigadier General of volunteers, commanding the First Brigade, Second Division, Eighth Corps, in the Philippines, fighting at Santa Rita, September 9 and 16, 1899, and at Porac September 28, and Angeles October 10 to 17. On April 29, 1900, he resigned from the Fifty-Sixth Congress, to which he had been unanimously re-elected. His volunteer commission was vacated June 18, 1900, by his appointment June 16 as Brigadier General of the United States Army. He commanded the Department of the Lakes until September 10, 1900, when he was retired. Gen. Wheeler was married at Wheeler, Alabama, February 8, 1866, to Miss Daniella Jones, of Lawrence County, Alabama. Of their children Joseph was graduated at the United States Military Academy in 1895 and served with the volunteer rank of Major in the Spanish and Philippine wars. Thomas Harrison Wheeler entered the United States Naval Academy in 1897, served on the Columbia during the Spanish-American War, and was drowned at Camp Wikoff September 7, 1898. Gen. Wheeler received from Georgetown University the honorary degree of L.L. D. in 1899, and was the author of "The Santiago Campaign," published in 1899.

swear or affirm a witness with uplifted hand, but it really has no significance to my mind. I would prefer to let every person tell his or her story without either oath or affirmation and then do the best I can toward ascertaining the truth."

In the course of an official inspection in Boston United States Commissioner of Immigration F. P. Sargent expressed the opinion that the public health was menaced by the existing condition of immigration due to the exposure of healthy aliens to aliens that are diseased. Mr. Sargent said that the only adequate method of dealing with the problem is for the United States to place competent medical in-

A New York dispatch says that Justice John M. Tirney of a municipal court in the Bronx has abolished the use of Bible in his court. Explaining his action, he said: "I have removed the Bible from use in my court. It was a desecration to use it there. Lying words from the mouths of witnesses made its use a mockery and a travesty. I was brought up to regard it with veneration and reverence as the word of God. It is shocking to find men calling upon the Deity to witness the truth of what they say—'so help me God'—with a lie in their hearts and upon the lips upon which they profaned the good book. I now

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YARBROUGH.—Mrs. Martha A. Yarbrough, daughter of Capt. Thomas and Mary R. Hines, was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, February 21, 1831, and departed this life from the home of her son, Thomas H., at Ennis, Texas, December 28, 1905, at 1:39 p. m.

GOVETT.—Mrs. Hepzibah Govett was born at Taunton, England, in the year 1833; was married to Edwin Govett in 1854; moved to Texas in 1882.

BENETT.—Mrs. Anna B. Bennett was born Nov. 16, 1827, in Halifax, Virginia; joined the Methodist Church, South, in her teens; was married to Steven Bennett in 1843, and came to Texas in 1877.

T. W. SHARP.

ATKINS.—Mrs. Mary Atkins died in peace at the home of her son, Samuel Atkins, January 10, 1906.

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FARE.—Bryan Fare, eldest son of Lula M. Fare, was born at Cuero, Dewitt County, Oct. 6, 1896, and died at Riddellville, Texas, Dec. 13, 1905.

WARREN.—A. J. Warren was born December 19, 1839, in Tennessee. He moved to Kentucky, where he was happily married to Miss Rachel M. Foster, August 22, 1853.

SMITH.—Rev. W. A. Smith, a local preacher for more than forty years, died January 11, 1906, very suddenly.

HUTCHINSON.—In the death of Mrs. F. M. Hutchinson, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Anderson, on Cottonwood, Sept. 4, 1905, Seguin has lost another of her old settlers.

BOND.—J. C. Bond was born November 28, 1841, and died of pneumonia, January 2, 1906, at 7 o'clock a. m., near Bethesda Church, Parker County, Texas.

WOOLSEY.—John B. Woolsey, son of W. S. and Mattie Woolsey, was born at Oakland, Colorado County, Texas, Aug. 6, 1872; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. H. D. Kneckerbocker in April, 1893.

HENRY.—P. G. Henry was born in Maryville, Blount county, Tennessee, December 19, 1836; died December 29, 1905; was married February 14, 1856, and to this union twelve children were born.

BALLARD.—Mrs. Clemantine Texas Ballard (nee Ingram) was born in Cuthbert, Georgia, March 20, 1839, and departed this life at her home at Sexton, Texas, July 1, 1905.

L. R. BROOKS, L. D.

BURNS.—Mrs. Mag. Killough Burns, wife of Judge Waller T. Burns, of Houston, Federal Judge of S. W. District of Texas, died in San Antonio, January 29, 1906.

PRICE.—J. T. Price was born in 1853 in Tennessee, joined the Southern Methodist Church in 1876, and died in Walker County, near Old Waverly, January 14, 1906.

W. N. CURRY, P. C.

W. S. EASTERLING.

BEASLEY.—December 18, 1905, the home of R. M. and Sallie Beasley was saddened when God saw fit to take from them little Raymond Mobley, aged six months and 24 days.

Barelay, Texas.

WILLIAMS.—John Benjamin Williams was born in South Carolina in 1824; was married to Miss Kate Munberry in Marrion County, S. C., in 1850; moved to Texas in 1858, and died at his home near Elm Mott, Texas, October 29, 1905.

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promptly on hand and preached us a very thoughtful and lucid sermon. The Board of Stewards made good provision for their pastor. They fixed the salary the same as last year notwithstanding one strong appointment was taken from the work and made a station at the last Annual Conference. Nearly one-fourth of the salary has been paid to date. These are a thrifty, aggressive and progressive people. The future of the Church looks bright. Our lines have indeed fallen to us in pleasant places. We left many good friends at Douglasville and on the Linden Circuit, but we are finding good friends here, who will in the course of time, be bound to us by the strong ties of friendship and Christian love. We pray God's blessings on the pastor and good people of Linden Circuit and wish for them a very successful year. We were loath to leave them, but still think it was best. May the Lord grant us a large ingathering of souls this year. We already feel quite at home in the Northwest Texas Conference.

Chillicothe.

A. T. Culbertson: We hated to leave Estelline, as we had a fine people and best of all a fine set of W. H. M. Society women who had just furnished the parsonage till it can now be said the preacher who lives there will have as nicely furnished home as any itinerant in the district. But when we arrived here we soon knew that we had another set of first-class Home Mission women. Part of them greeted us at the parsonage soon after our arrival to see if we needed anything in the way of keeping house. We found a very nicely furnished home. They have had parlor, hall and dining room repapered and are now getting ready to give the outside a fresh coat of paint. O if our women could only realize how much good they can do at large, and how much they can make the new preacher and his family feel at home, they would be more of them to join the H. M. ranks than we now have. We, too, have had the much written-of pounding and are grateful to all those who so kindly remembered us. My prede-

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May.

Mac M. Smith: Our first Quarterly Conference convened at May, January 10. Bro. B. R. Bolton, our prompt presiding elder, drove twenty miles through snow and against a stiff norther, but reached us in due time and preached to us a most practical and helpful sermon on the Master's statement to the Disciples, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate." After refreshments a few friends gathered at the parsonage to witness the solemn scene of the ministration of the sacrament of baptism to George Rankin, a recent visitor to the Smith family. The Quarterly Conference was called to order and a good representation from each appointment responded to roll call. The presence of some of the elect women was highly appreciated. A reasonable salary was assessed for presiding elder and pastor. The outlook for the year is hopeful. Pastor and family have been kindly received and made to feel that we have fallen among a goodly people. One of the pastor's New Year resolutions is to get the Texas Christian Advocate in more of Methodist families.

Salado.

R. J. Tooley, Jan. 25: We have been very kindly received on this charge. Our people at Salado and Cornhill have not forgotten the old custom of pounding the preacher and his family. It was done in a very handsome way, both in quality as well as quantity. We are also indebted to some of our members at Bell Plains. It isn't necessary to call names, there are too many. We are expecting a good year. The most of our people want it and I believe are ready to stand by the pastor in a forward movement. More prayer, more faith and more work, with less fault-finding, will bring the blessing. Let everybody say amen.

Santo Circuit.

A. D. Livingston, Jan. 23: We think it about time we sent our report to the Advocate. How can I avoid a sameness? It must not sound like the other brethren's. Well, we were returned to the same charge, and were glad of it; for when people are so good and kind we are loath to leave them. We have four appointments, four church buildings and four Sunday-schools that are booming in the winter-time. We are making Sunday-school work a

specialty this year. Want our Sunday-schools to raise the missionary assessment. We have a fine Senior Epworth League and a very helpful missionary society. Poundings? Yes, we have had that since conference. I shall not say we appreciated them much, for everybody knows we do. That's not all—Santa Claus brought us nice and substantial things. I shall not tell of that bushel of potatoes I found in my buggy, or the ham under the seat, when I started home the other day; or of eggs and chickens. You can ask Bro. White and others about that. Finances: By reference to the journal you will see we were among the elect whose reports are all o. k. and more. Expect to do better this year. Have taken three into the Church since conference and have taken four subscriptions to the Advocate. We need more Advocates taken.

Quinlan

Mrs. J. W. Beckham, Jan. 18: At the last session of our Annual Conference we were sent to this place. We were kindly received. Many kindnesses have been shown to us, for which we are very grateful to the good people of this charge. Thank God for the privilege of being among these good people. We are starting off very well on this charge. The people of Quinlan are generous-hearted. Their generosity was shown by the great pounding that took place at our home in the night of January 16, when a large company, composed of men, women and children, came in bringing all kinds of good things—such as sugar coffee, canned fruit and many other good things—for which we are thankful. After singing some sweet songs we had prayers and after a social time, the crowd dispersed, leaving the preacher and his wife to praise God that our lines had fallen in pleasant places. God bless these good people, and may this be the best year of our lives.

Leon Mission.

D. Q. Owen, Jan. 22: The last conference threw the Leon Mission away. We are still holding out the light. If ever there was a country that needs a mission, it is this. There is a vast territory here that no Methodist preacher ever sees. We organized a Church last May, got it put on the mission and was to have the fourth Quarterly Conference at Bliss Creek, which was the new Church, but failed. But we had dinner on the grounds and services. I am still holding on, hoping that the Lord will send the presiding elder our way, or give us a preacher. I am still preaching at that place; am keeping up two monthly appointments—one at Bliss Creek and the other at Corinth. While the conference has left us without a preacher, we feel to thank God that when John sent his disciples to Jesus to know if he was the Christ or not, he said that the poor have the Gospel preached to them. I sometimes think if it had not been for that statement we who live in the rural districts would hear but little preaching. You who have the pure Gospel preached to you, remember as down in Leon Mission, who have to famish or graze in other pastures.

DeLeon Circuit.

J. W. Price, steward, Victor, Texas, Jan. 22: We are moving along very nicely on DeLeon Circuit with Bro. D. C. Ellis as pastor. We are looking forward for great results during this conference year. On last Saturday all of the official members were cordially invited to take dinner at the parsonage, and about eleven of the stewards, local preachers, superintendents and trustees began to arrive. After we had talked, joked and had a lively and sociable time we were asked out to dinner and here found our pastor's good lady had prepared a nice, good dinner for us. After feasting upon the good things found on the table we retired to the sitting room where Bro. Ellis read from the sacred word, "I beseech ye, therefore, brethren," commenting as he read, then leading in an earnest

prayer which was uplifting and soul-stirring to us all. And then we had what you might call an old-fashioned class-meeting, Bro. Ellis calling on each one of us for our experience, hope and expectation. To say we had a good time would be putting it at a low rating, for we all received blessings from the presence of the Lord. And 'twas good to be there. Bro. Ellis is a man that wants to do something. He has his work at heart and we believe there will be a great ingathering of souls for the Master this year. Oh, that God in his goodness and mercy would visit DeLeon Circuit with a great sweeping revival! We have a good man and a fine preacher for a pastor.

Milburn.

M. K. Fred, Jan. 24: After spending three years at Pleasanton amongst as fine a class of people as rarely ever get together in one community, we were sent to Milburn by the good Bishop Key, who meets all the wants of his preachers, provided they do not want too much. We find here an excellent people and a big, five-cornered work; with work to do galore, and we are happily engaged in the same. Our people have received us very kindly, and many nice things have been done to make us grateful. Yes, we got the pounding, and it was in due and modern style. Our people have made such proficiency in religious affairs in previous years that they are brought into the light of the fact that as they abundantly supply the pastor with their carnal things it serves as a fire to stir his energy, and by his efforts bring to the Church a richer spiritual harvest, and this preacher is at work. Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past, but we shall not forget it. The Board of Stewards assessed the preacher's salary at six hundred dollars, and we believe they will pay every dollar of it. Bro. Scott was on hand and looking after the affairs of the Church. He was not well, but he preached well. His picture of Methodism almost made others wish they were a part of the concern. We are starting out to make our work what it ought to be. A new parsonage would add to the work wonderfully, and that we may have when our report is read out at "Angelo." And we want a long list of conversions in due and ancient form—a list who have received direct testimony of God's Spirit of their regeneration. May the Lord help us all to have a good year, and, if we do, the Advocate will get its share.

Dripping Springs.

J. S. Simmons, Jan. 29: I have been well received; preaching to large congregations. Prospects good for a good year's work. Salary was raised.

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A. W. GIBSON.

A dispatch from Chicago says: The startling revelation that more than 1,100 persons under indictment in the criminal Court are at liberty untried, and unlikely to be tried for months, even if they can be arrested by the Sheriff, has brought to light a more alarming condition of affairs. Among the number are scores of professional criminals, many with police and penitentiary records in various sections of the country who are preying on the public apparently without regard for the fact that they stand technically in the shadow of the law. Twelve alleged gamblers indicted nearly two years ago have never been arrested or brought to trial.

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