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Editorial.

THE CHRISTIAN PHYSICIAN.

The Christian physician began his work about the time Christianity began to spread over the world from Jerusalem. Paul was the first great Christian missionary and Luke, the beloved physician, was his traveling companion and helper. He made note of the work of Paul and put it in permanent form in the Acts of the Apostles. In this wonderful record he did not confine his writings to Paul. In fact, he must have begun his work before he became Paul's traveling companion. Doubtless he was familiar with the teachings of Christ quite early, and he very probably got his information from those who were intimately associated with the Savior. At any rate, he has given to us not only the Acts of the Apostles, but also a most interesting production known as the Gospel according to St. Luke. He was therefore a most eminently qualified man to attend Paul in his great missionary work. We are left to infer that he ministered to the apostle as a physician and that he was very intimately acquainted with him and his efforts to spread the truth over all those regions. Just where he left Paul and the reason for it we do not know. He may have died before the martyrdom of Paul, but this is only a conjecture. That he remained steadfast in the faith of the Gospel and that his warm friendship for the apostle continued to the end of his life we do not doubt for a moment. Had he not been providentially separated from Paul we no doubt would have had an accurate account of the apostle's last years and of his imprisonment and death at Rome. However this may be, Luke, the beloved physician, has brought the world under lasting obligation to his profession, because of his companionship with Paul and the wonderful aid he gave to the cause of Christianity by his ministrations to the early workers of our religion and through his accurate records as a careful writer of important events in the lives of the apostles. From that time till the present the Christian physicians have been indispensable to the religion of Christ. This fact has never been more recognized than at the present time. We could not establish and carry on our work of humanity without their co-operation. Wherever we have projected hospitals and sanitariums the Christian physicians are the men to whom we look for success. They and the faithful missionary are our main stays. In our work among the heathen peoples of the world the physician is one of our most important factors. When his love for God and humanity prompts him to identify his life with that of the missionary to heal the bodies and save the souls of mankind he is in direct line with the Master. Christ himself was a physician. But not only in foreign lands, but at home we find the Christian physicians to be the best friends of the ministers and the Church. Where is the pastor's family in all this land that is not

the beneficiary of these devoted men? They come at our beck and call and do it because of their love for the ministers who are giving their lives to humanity. And they never make a charge or take a penny for such service. And whenever we have the poor who are unable to secure the service of a physician, how often we get our Christian doctors to go, free of remuneration, and minister to these needy and afflicted persons. In an experience of thirty years no physician every failed to listen to our plea and go to the help of the helpless. And hundreds of poor people, of whom the minister has never had knowledge, have found an unfailing friend in the Christian doctor. Such men have their names written high up in the Lamb's book of life. We never go to God in prayer that we do not remember the faithful man who ministers to us and our loved ones when the hand of affliction rests heavily upon us and them. God bless our Christian physicians!

SOME CHURCH STATISTICS.

Dr. H. K. Carroll, the great Church statistician of the United States, recently contributed an annual paper to the New York Christian Advocate on the statistics of this country. This is an invaluable compilation of very useful and correct figures and facts concerning this question. We note that the Roman Catholics number, according to their claim, 19,785,496 members; a gain of 192,122. Dr. Carroll admits that they have no definite and satisfactory statistical reports. They keep no rolls of members in their parishes, and they largely guess at their numbers. Hence, their claim is only based upon an estimate, and not upon actual figures. The aggregate number of ministers and members in the several Methodist organizations in this country is 6,429,815. These are actual figures taken from carefully prepared statistics. The Methodist Episcopal Church has 2,910,779 of this number, making it the largest Methodist body in the world. Next is Southern Methodism with 1,601,620. Next to the Methodists come the Baptists in their general aggregate. They number, all told, 4,974,047. Next is the Lutheran Church with a membership of 1,841,346. Then come the Presbyterians with 1,723,871. Following them are the Episcopalians with 827,127. The other sects keep dropping in numbers. All the Methodist bodies gained in membership for the year 192,000; the Presbyterians, 26,174; and the Episcopalians, 19,203. None of these figures take in members in foreign lands. They are confined to our own country. They show a wonderful growth for the Methodists. Our organization in this country is not an old one, but we stand at the head of the column in evangelical Christianity. The Catholics alone are ahead of us, but if their estimates were squared by actual figures, they would fall far below us. We have in this country 40,287 ministers, and we own 58,659 church buildings. With these numbers of members and ministers what is it that Methodism ought not to accomplish in the next few years? God will certainly expect great things of us in the way of service.

HELPS TO PIETY FROM UNEXPECTED SOURCES.

The worldly amusement question has of late taken on an unexpected aspect. In Denison the leading ladies of the town have a handsome club house. For some time they have been devoting certain days in it to card playing for prizes. Why the leading ladies of a town should want to spend their time in that sort of questionable amusement is astonishing. Maybe that they wanted to ape the men in the gambling mania. But to their utter confusion the Mayor of the town served notice on them that to play cards for prizes in a public building is gambling pure and simple, and that the laws of the State prohibited such uses of public buildings. He furthermore notified them that if there was any more of it in the club house he would have them indicted. They at once offered their confessions to the city Executive and claimed ignorance of the law. What a pity that good women will want to do wrong when there is no law to prevent it; and that they are willing to desist rather than meet their offense in the courts of the country. It must have been very humiliating to those good ladies to be jerked up in this style. But they deserved it. What is sauce for the gander ought to be sauce for the goose. So it is in the town of Denison.

Following this announcement, it is given out at Galveston that the ladies were contemplating a charity ball and card party in a public place. Then it was that the Brewers' Association came to the front and notified these benevolent women that such a thing could not take place. Then there was consternation. Think of the brewers having to interpose against the women in the interest of public morals! But this is what they did in Galveston, according to the daily papers. These brewers will be getting real lions the first thing people know. But we are glad that they rebuked the worldly minded women. Why should not the devil, occasionally, help out the morals of a community? The world is surely moving. These brewers are liable to break out in a good old religious revival one of these days. So mote it be!

Following this episode, Bishop Johnston, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and residing in San Antonio, came out in a caustic address to the lady members of his diocese on the card playing business. He evidently does not know the gaming laws of the State very well, for he told his people that card playing in their homes for prizes would render them liable to indictment on the charge of gambling. He is wrong in this; for the law only bears against playing for prizes in a public hall. But it shows the Bishop's interest in the matter and his desire to break up prize card parties among his people in their private homes. If the Episcopal Church would discipline and control its members on this question it would go a long way toward checking this form of gambling. For it is a notorious fact that lady members of that Church are the leaders in this sort of business. We are glad to see the interest being taken in this pernicious form of gambling. It shows that the public conscience

is being aroused on the subject. May the good work go on until gambling women see the error of their way and be induced to cease such offenses against the morals of society.

TEMPTATION AN ELEMENT OF EDUCATION.

Sometimes we get an idea that temptation is a real sin, and that because we are tempted we are sinners. This is a mistaken idea. There is no sin in temptation; the sin is in yielding. Christ was tempted and he was without sin. Temptation calls forth resistance and resistance develops character. We ought not to willfully seek or run into temptation; for in so doing we may encounter some form of sin that we are unable to resist. The ordinary course of life and the common duties that come to us will furnish all the temptation we are able to manage. When temptation comes to us in this way, God has promised that we shall have grace sufficient for such needs, and through his help we can safely count on overcoming. The effort we put forth to withstand temptation will strengthen us for greater emergencies that will necessarily confront us. This sharpens our alertness, it brings to us larger power and it thoroughly tests the genuineness of our characters. We never know how seaworthy a vessel is until it has encountered storms and been beaten by the ugly billows. If it meets these and successfully comes into port, we become willing to risk such a ship. It has been tested and has passed through the crisis in safety. So with our characters. When we have been tried at every point by the powers of evil, and our integrity remains unhurt, then we can rest assured that we possess the merit to succeed in overcoming and standing secure at last. We are thus tested and when we remain steadfast and pass the crucial points in life unscathed we are made strong and robust for life's sternest duties and responsibilities. In this way temptation becomes an element in our moral and religious education. It becomes a means to an end, and in striving to reach the end, the means gives to us training and growth in purpose and will-power. It is not pleasant to endure temptation. It is sometimes oppressive and often it is painful; but in the end its results come in well balanced and symmetrically developed manhood and womanhood. So the Apostle says, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptation," for out of it we emerge fitted for the burdens and rugged duties of life. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you," is the assurance given to us in God's book of promise. And if you ever reach a point at which you have no temptation, you can put it down that the devil finds nothing in you worthy of temptation.

The man whose head never yields obedience to his heart is a man of iron will and without much sympathy, but the man whose heart is always dominating his head has more sympathy than sound sense and he is not always to be trusted when great emergencies confront him. It takes both head and heart to run this old world.

MEXICO LETTER.

"Bad news flies fast," says an old adage; and now I want some good news to fly fast, too. About six months ago a few of the workers on the field banded themselves together to pray for a general revival throughout the Republic of Mexico. The truth is, this field has never known a real revival as you understand it in Texas. Our faith has increased as we have waited before God. Last month Brother J. B. Cox, during his quarterly meeting occasion in San Luis Potosi, prevailed on the brethren there to join with him in a real effort for souls. It was agreed, and Brother Cox took charge of the greater part of the preaching. God moved mightily upon his soul and he and Brother Reynolds agreed that they would pray all night or get the power of God on that meeting. The night was cold, and for their protection, they put a receptacle containing charcoal in the closed room where they were praying. About one o'clock in the morning Brother Cox had a strange feeling to creep over him, but thought it was a temptation from the devil, and said: "I'll not give up." He then felt that heaviness so augmented that he arose and started to open the door, and just barely succeeded in turning the knob, when he fell sprawling into the fresh air. After about two hours the doctor succeeded in restoring him. The atmosphere was poisoned by the burning coal, and came near getting the life of our brother. Now, the bright side of this stirring incident is that when Brother Cox came to his senses, he had such a baptism of the Holy Ghost that for the first time in his life he shouted. He reminded me of a little incident that happened at Corpus Christi at the League Encampment. It was Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour when Dr. McMurry was to preach. Brother Cox and I were sitting together. I discovered that I had forgotten my handkerchief, and said, "Jack, you never shout, lend me your handkerchief," and he did. A few days ago when I saw him dressed in a new suit of divine blessing, he said: "Frank, you'll have to furnish your own handkerchiefs now, I need mine."

Well, you can imagine how the San Luis Potosi meeting went after that. The power on the preacher soon overflowed and reached the people, as it will always do with an entirely spirit-filled man. I am told that the meeting was the greatest ever known there, and that scores of people heard the gospel for the first time in their lives. Praise the Lord!

On the 6th of this month I went down to Atoyac and we began a meeting the same night. The power of God came on us the first service and never left during the entire eight days. I have never in my life seen the power of God more manifest. The preacher received a wonderful baptism of the Spirit, and shouted like a Texas camp-meeting Methodist. The fire spread to the congregation, and O what scenes we had! The people never dreamed that religion was such a real and powerful thing. Many from the outside, hearing the noise within, came to see, and the Spirit pierced their hearts too. We get about ten new members as a result, and what is better, a Spirit-filled pastor and Church.

On Monday I reached Guadalajara, and the pastor, Brother Paz, assisted by Brother Nee Aguilar, had begun the night previous. Brother Aguilar did the night preaching, and the writer had charge of the 6 a.m. prayer-meetings. The very first morning we had a regular breaking-through time. The three preachers have wrestled in private and together for that power from above without which no man can do a regular breaking through time. The God's work, and praise His name, the fire answer came. Brother Aguilar is just overwhelmed by the blessing he has received, and is anxious to get back to his charge to spread the fire.

Our Church in this city is in a fine condition now, and I feel that this is just another step toward greater things the Lord has in store for us. We are

agreed that the day of Mexico's redemption draweth near, and we are believing that this movement will spread until the entire Republic will feel the power of God.

We are planning for a great revival campaign throughout the district just after conference (provided we are returned) and the first place we expect to bombard is El Cobre, where the generosity of Texas friends is making possible the construction of a neat little chapel. Yes, praise the Lord, before the dedication is a week old we expect to hear the shouts of new-born souls in the chapel.

I wish to say that in the revival closed here yesterday Miss Norwood E. Wynn and her entire flock of girls received a great blessing. May God bless this true little heroine; she is right down at the bottom of the situation, and with a heart as true as steel, and as loving as an angel, she is bringing things to pass. O that our Woman's Board could realize her opportunity and come to her help. She has applications for more fine girls, but no place for them. Brethren and sisters, join with us in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;" "And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen."

F. S. ONDERDONK.
Guadalajara, Mexico, Jan. 22, 1906.

HOMELESS METHODISTS.

For several years all those conferences contiguous to the Indian and Oklahoma Territories have been losing many of their members by a continual exodus to these Territories. In cases that I have known in the States some villages have been almost depopulated and many Church rolls badly depleted. The natural inference is that there must have been a very rapid increase in members in these Territories. The increase has doubtless been rapid, but as a newcomer in these parts my impression is that the increase has not been proportionate to the loss in the adjoining States. I suspect that Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas and other States have sent more Methodists out here than our present membership would foot up. Yet many souls are being converted out here and added to the Church on profession of faith. There is an evident leakage somewhere. I suspect the chiefest leakage is in the "homeless Methodists." Hundreds of Methodists do not identify themselves with the Church out here. Many do not bring their letters. Some who bring letters are slow to put them in. By this means we are losing hundreds and most likely thousands of members annually. Something ought to be done to prevent this. The aggregate increase in the Southern Methodist Church annually is not what the number of additions on professions of faith would suggest that it should be. It is high time for us to give more attention to keeping those who move from place to place in the Church. The pastors can do much in this direction. We ought to insist on those moving away taking letters with them. There are some sentimental reasons offered for keeping the membership at home for which I have not the least patience. I called on a lady recently who was boasting of her people all being such good Methodists. Said I: "Why don't you move your membership here?" "Oh!" said she, "my sainted mother is buried back there and I never expect to move my name from that sacred place." A strange way to honor the mother thus. Doubtless if the sainted mother could have heard the remark and could have seen the folly and danger of such a course it would deprive her of some of the joys of heaven. The best way to honor our sainted parents is to keep our Church membership with us and always be closely identified with the Church where we live. I said to this woman: "The plan you are adopting is the best and surest way to backslide that I know of."

Others say, "We are not settled yet. We may move back." It is certainly as easy to move a Church letter as

it is to move household goods. It does not add much to the freight bill. To live anywhere without putting your Church membership there shows either a light regard for one's relation to the kingdom of God or a misapprehension as to the meaning of Church membership.

If the pastor fails to influence the outgoing people to take letters with them, the next best thing is to write the pastor where they go and ask him to look them up. If any pastor who reads this has members living in Muskogee, I. T., and will drop me a card, either I or Bro. Roper, my co-laborer here, will certainly hunt up such stray sheep. Let us all co-operate that the "homeless" contingent may be reduced to a minimum. It shall be my fixed policy to advise, and urge if need be, all who move from my congregation to other places to take their membership certificates. Failing in this, I shall at once notify the pastor there and ask him to house my homeless sheep. By all pastors doing this we can stop this alarming leakage and save many to the Church.

O. E. GODDARD.
Muskogee, I. T.

BIRTHDAY THANK-OFFERING.

For a number of years the Sunday-school of which I have been superintendent has observed what we call the Birthday Offering, and all members of our school have gladly made their birthday offerings, and esteemed it a privilege to do so, contributing one cent for every year of age attained. Our school has a birthday bank (costing one dollar) and at the close of school we ask all of those who have birthdays the past week to come forward and make their birthday offering while the school is singing. We nearly always get an offering. Last Sunday four came forward. We have always turned this fund into the general missionary collection. It is lost sight of, and does not do that good that an organized effort will bring forth. Now, it seems to me, a wise plan would be to specialize the Birthday Offering, and get every school to observe this collection and use it for the same purpose. I prefer helping to build a church in one of our most needy mission fields. Just now there is an urgent call for help to build a church in the City of Mexico. The call comes from one of our own Texas boys, and I think we could do no better than direct it there this year. The Continental Savings and Loan Co., of Dallas, will act as Treasurer of this fund, keep an accurate account of same and remit it free of cost at the end of each year to the work we think most worthy.

Not only the members of our Sunday-schools, but many others no doubt, will be glad to send a birthday thank offering to the Lord's work of one cent for each year old; and while a very small amount to the contributor, will help make a great sum for a most worthy cause. I hope to receive a letter from everyone, especially in Texas, who reads this, whether pastor, superintendent, or layman, offering to join us in this work. On application, I will send printed blanks of instruction and for remittance to each superintendent for use in his school. Remittances should be made by schools at the end of each month, by individuals on their birthdays, or immediately thereafter. If only each Methodist in Texas should make a Birthday Offering, we would not fall short of \$40,000 a year.

Yours for advancing His work.
B. M. BURGHEN.

FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

The matter of a change in the boundary of the Denver Conference has been thought of and agitated for several years. During the past seven years I have often heard our connectional men, who have visited our annual sessions, speak of it. They all spoke in favor of it. And now as the General Conference is fast approaching, my leading brethren here are again talking it over. The time seems to be opportune now for the desired change.

I do not know how my Texas brethren

feel about us, but I judge they love us and are desirous of conserving our best interests, for every year they have been sending to us, in the person of Hon. W. C. Everett, a representative who has been seeking our welfare and carrying home our affections.

This courting has been going on so long, and so ardently, that now some of us are anxious to make a proposal. And that proposal is, that the Denver Conference shall be strengthened, fortified and enlarged, by the acquisition of two new districts. One district each out of Oklahoma and Texas would give us some numerical strength, and about forty new appointments. This territory is contiguous to us, and no farther from Trinidad, (our southern limit) than Denver is. In that case wisdom would compel us to change our name to "Trinidad Conference."

As it is today our conference covers the whole State and a part of New Mexico, while our last printed annual minutes report only seventeen pastoral charges; 1474 members; 8 local preachers; number of societies 20; 18 houses of worship; value of church property \$99,000; indebtedness only \$60,000; and only 45 adults baptized during the past year.

The above facts are not only valuable but very encouraging to everyone who knows the history of this field. I have never heard a doubtful note from any of my brethren who have labored in this field, and I have yet the first man to meet who was, or is, in favor of abandoning the work of the M. E. Church, South, in Colorado.

In a very recent editorial in the Texas Advocate I noted a careful summary of the strength of our Northern brethren in Texas. While in that great State their strength is double our strength in Colorado, yet the editor very wisely suggested the fact that they were weaker now than ten years ago, and it would be wisdom for them to abandon the whole state. While I have no figures on hand, yet from my personal knowledge of the strength of the M. E. Church in this State, I am not far from correct in saying that they are comparatively, as strong here, as our Church is in Texas.

While we shall have but two delegates in the next General Conference, and Texas over forty, yet we are desirous that the brethren shall overlook any personal feeling in the matter, in order that our interests here shall be conserved in Colorado and the best interests of the general Church considered.

Our annual session is over, but one of our general superintendents has advised us that if we think the time is opportune to have our three district conferences, which are soon to meet, to memorialize the General Conference, praying for a change in our boundary.

Our strongest and most desirable appointments are as follows: St. Pauls, Denver; Colorado springs; First Church, Pueblo; and Trinidad. Our leading men come and serve these charges, then look elsewhere, no other charge of sufficient strength being open in Colorado. Some additional strength being added from the source suggested above, the matter of exchange would be easy, and our strongest men would remain with us. Other strong reasons could be advanced for the proposed change.

H. A. WOOD.
Waisenburg, Colo.

FLORIDA WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE.

The third Annual Conference will open in the great Conference Auditorium in Gainesville, Florida, on February 11th, and continue until the 25th—to be followed by the Chautauqua Assembly which opens March 1st. The increasing attendance upon the conference from all parts of the Union, together with the added number of famous preachers to be present this year, assures by far the greatest attendance and most interesting session ever held. At no conference in America will greater and more celebrated men be found on the program. One can well afford to travel miles to such a conference.

The opportunity afforded by the

conference to hear such great men, and at the same time make a visit to Florida, escaping the cold of the North, should attract many more each year.

A more suitable place could not have been chosen for the conference than the beautiful city of Gainesville, with its wide streets, beautiful oak trees, pure spring water, splendid system of schools, hospitable people, etc. A most charming place to winter. The hotel and boarding-house rates are the most reasonable in Florida.

Among the speakers who are invited and expected to be present during the conference are among the most noted ministers and Bible teachers of America: Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, America's leading evangelist; Dr. James M. Gray, Dean of Morely Bible Institute; Dr. A. C. Dixon, the great Baptist preacher of Boston; Rev. John J. Tigert, LL. D., probably the greatest scholar in the South; Evangelist George R. Stuart, an original pulpit genius; Prof. J. R. C. Brown, one of the best Bible teachers; Mr. R. V. Miller, who delivers charming lectures on unfulfilled prophecy; Dr. Clarence B. Strouse, the director of the conference, and one of America's most successful evangelists, and a number of others.

Low tourist rates have been granted Gainesville, and tickets can be had from all parts of the country, good to return until the last of April.

For further information address Ferdinand Bayer, Secretary, Gainesville, Florida.

FROM OKLAHOMA.

We have our share of foreigners, Indians, and else. In Oklahoma, the two Methodisms are side by side, openly friendly, but secretly suspicious of each other. Most of the Church work of all denominations centers about the towns. I know of but one country church house belonging to our Church people in Pottawatomie County. Many country schoolhouses are without regular preaching. There is much Sabbath desecration, and careless living, and the "trunk brigade" of Church members in some places constitutes a majority. Such is this country, crying for the Gospel. It is a very inviting field—one truly missionary—to the preacher who wants to save souls, but to any preacher hunting an easy job, it is a delusion and a snare.

I am traveling in a section very much like the Texas "cross timbers," sand hills and post-oaks. Some of the land is exceedingly fine. A large per cent of the people own their homes. What a magnificent foundation for a future State! I have been here in Oklahoma a little over six months; have organized two Churches, picked up another class that was once thrown away, and am now on the circuit, with four appointments, and a local elder to help me, so that we will be able to give the town "station time." McLoud is thirteen miles west of Shawnee, where I worked last summer. There are five Protestant organizations in the town, and a Catholic plant, but only four church houses, besides the "negroes," maybe. Our Church has the lead, or can have, at will. But the commercial spirit so common here in the Territory has not spared us. Brethren, when you hear of a family coming to Oklahoma, please exhort them to bring with them their determination to be religious, and also their Church certificates. We might possibly overlook your carelessness about the latter, but God grant us more really religious immigrants to this country! I hope more of my old Texas comrades will come up this way. Preachers don't starve here, if they don't live on the fat of the land. Come and "grow up with the country."

J. L. JAMES.

Teacher: "What is the shape of the earth?"

Scholar: "Flat."

Teacher: "You know better. If I should dig a hole through the earth, where would I come out?"

Scholar: "Out of the hole."

Devotional and Spiritual

THE ARCHITECTS OF CHARACTER

They are the thoughts we think. Those day-dreams in which you revel are silently, gradually building up the character by which you are to be known. See that mass of materials out of which men are building a house. Stones, bricks, iron girders, timbers, flooring—a motley mass they are, lying scattered indiscriminately about. But wait! Day by day you will see them grow into a building of strength and symmetry. The architect saw it first in his mind; then he drew on paper the plans and details, and now the workmen are putting the various kinds of materials in their proper places.

What the architect is to the building your thoughts and desires are to your character. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Your character will always follow the shape of your thoughts and desires. If they be pure and unselfish and noble, so will you be. No wonder that the apostle wrote, " whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

When the Gospel holds full sway over a life, it controls the thoughts, as well as its words and actions. One of the most searching of all descriptions of its power is found in 2 Cor. 10:5: "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." Elsewhere we are called upon to present our "bodies, a living sacrifice, acceptable unto God." Here we are told that the gospel brings every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; for if the thoughts be not under his control the life is not his.

In order that the thoughts may be led captive by Jesus, there must be that renewal of heart and mind of which he spoke to Nicodemus. If this man needed to be "born again," there can be no exception to the law there laid down by the Master. Nicodemus was no profligate. He had not dragged his humanity through the mire. He was a man of blameless life. He lived according to the strict law of the Pharisees. Yet he was no self-reliant, narrow-minded bigot. He came to Jesus with an

open mind and heart. He was a sincere seeker after truth. He was about the noblest example of what the law with its strict discipline could produce. Yet to this man came the imperative announcement: "Ye must be born again."

When city officials would clean a street or a sewer, they turn on great streams of water, which flush the section to be cleansed. There is no more effective way. And when a heart and life is to be purified, this can be accomplished only by turning on the stream of the water of life which flows from the throne of God, clear as crystal. There is no one who may not secure this cleansing, renewing, refreshing stream. "Who-soever will, let him take the water of life." And whosoever will may have the stream in such measure that it will sweep away all unholy, selfish thoughts, and supply instead that which is "pure and lovely and of good report."

The gospel has done much already to make pure thoughts, pure imaginations possible. To those who grew up under the influence of Roman and Greek mythology the very heavens were impure. According to this pagan teaching, the constellations represented gods and goddesses who were governed by base and brutal passions. To look up to the starry heavens, therefore, was to invite thoughts which were unholy and unlovely. All this the gospel has swept away. It has given us a clear sky. We look up to the firmament, and see countless tokens of the goodness, wisdom and power of God. We see continual proofs of the oneness of the God whom we worship. The same laws govern all matter, in all parts of the great universe. All the heavenly bodies move in obedience to the law of gravitation. And as this law is everywhere operative, the same Lawgiver must have universal sway. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." The gospel has given us a clear sky. The starry firmament looking down upon us declares: "Think pure thoughts, live pure lives."

The gospel also sets before us a perfect example. It has been the regret of many that our first parents fell so soon after their creation as to leave no example of what a holy human life should be; or at least there is no record of the manner of their lives between creation and the fall. But while they left no such an ex-

ample, there is One who has done so. Jesus was "holy, harmless, separate from sinners," though living daily among them. He stands forth an example of the possibility of living, amid the evil influences of a wicked world, and yet not yielding to these. Jesus is a perfect example, no matter what the angle of observation. As a son in the home, as a working man among his fellows, in his relation to the Church, to society and to his God, Jesus is our perfect exemplar. No one can study this model and find any encouragement to cherish a single thought which would make him blush if it were spread out before the world. And He who sets before us the perfect copy can give us grace to imitate it. The gospel furnishes both the standard and the inspiration.

Guard carefully the imaginations of the heart. The imagination is the creative faculty of the soul. The ideals which it sets before you day by day are the pattern after which your character is to be molded. You can not afford to cherish thoughts which you would not wish to see reproduced in the life. Be what you desire to seem to be.

"Think truly, and thy thoughts shall be the world's famine feed; Speak truly, and each word shall be a fruitful seed; Live truly, and thy life shall be a great and noble creed."

IN THE SCHOOL OF DISCIPLINE.

God's disciplinary work is an essential element in the heart of every true follower of his. Painful as they may be, his corrective strokes work wonders in the heart wholly resigned to his leading. The soul which would become "Christ-toned" must welcome their transforming power. It must nourish itself on the afflictive providences of God. It must place itself in a receptive and assimilative attitude toward the various disciplines of life. If it would "go all lengths with him," it must be willing to have its highest hopes and most cherished plans "smitten and bled." It must give free scope to God's inworking.

No burden ever comes to the soul in the nature of an accident. It is a Divinely ordered event of no small moment to him who so graciously designs only our good. It means strength, dignity, tone, color, and warmth to the Christian character. It is God's safeguard in keeping religion alive. It is his way of calling us away to himself. Without this interposition, what lapsing, what slumbering of love, what folding of hands, what confusion! Truly "men see not the bright light which is in

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the clouds," guiding and controlling their lives and acting as a pole-star to their souls. How superlatively happy the man who sees, not from a human point of view, but from a higher point, a point which penetrates all mists, and sees only the workings above the clouds! No sorrow can quite crush him. He can love and suffer. He can "look up, look away, and look on." And because he "comprehendeth all things in his will, and beholdeth all things in his light, he hath his heart fixed, and abideth in the peace of God." To him faith is "a living, bright reality."

But the faith which was strengthened must suffer. God must know the heart. It is said of Hezekiah: "God left him to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart." And now how desolate the heart vacated by the Divine presence! How sorely we miss the left hand under the head, the right hand holding us in embrace, and the banner of love above us! Our suffering becomes acute. And how keenly we feel the storm-blast. How we long to again enjoy the warm embraces of Divine love! But these would render the test unavailable. Like Peter, our protestations of love and loyalty are vehement enough when the Divine presence fills the soul, but in the absence of it now changed the condition!

But we are not quite forsaken, for above, midway between earth and heaven, is the angel of the Lord, with drawn sword, watching the interior workings, and soon the cheering words, "It is enough; stay now thine hand," renders the test decisive, and the soul, in happy relief, is again in the enjoyment of the Divine caress.

We come out of the test less masterful, in a greater degree "selfless," and more restful in the confidence of the wisdom of God's inworking. "We sleep, O Father, and dream that all is wrong, only to wake and find that all is right."—Selected.

WHEN GOD'S SERVANTS ARE CALLED.

"Don't object that your daily duties are so insignificant; they are to be reckoned of infinite significance, and alone important to you," says Thomas Carlyle.

It will be helpful for us to remember that the call to a higher place always comes to the one who is doing his best in the place where he is. Faithfulness to duty has always marked the men whom God has chosen to do something great for him; and that the "call" has

come generally at a time when they were doing their common, ordinary business in life, is shown by the following instances recorded in God's Word. Many more where the principle is implied, if not definitely stated like these, may be found:

- Moses, called while tending sheep—Exod. 3, 1.
- Joseph, called to preserve Israel from destruction by famine while on an errand of his father's sending—Gen. 37, 14; 40, 20.
- Gideon, called from the threshing-floor—Judg. 6, 11.
- Saul, called while hunting for his father's lost asses—1 Sam. 9, 3-20.
- David, called while keeping sheep—1 Sam. 16, 11.
- David, called again on a visit—1 Sam. 17, 17-50.
- Widow woman, called while gathering fuel—1 Kings 1, 9, 10.
- Elisha, called while plowing—1 Kings 19, 19.
- Nehemiah, called while bearing the cup to the king—Neh. 2.
- Zacharias, called from priestly duties—Luke 1, 8-11.
- Shepherds, called while watching their flocks—Luke 2, 16.
- Peter, Andrew, James and John, called while fishing—Matt. 4, 18-21.
- Matthew, called at "receipt of customs"—Matt. 9, 9.
- Ethiopian, called while on a journey—Acts 8.
- Paul called while on a journey—Acts 9.—Exchange.

Will the heathen be saved without the Gospel? That question is not so vital to us as the question, Will we be saved if we don't give them the Gospel?



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EDITORIAL.

THE MAKING OF A COLLEGE.

The college has stood through all the history of education in the United States as the institution which gave to the student the equipment which is essential to the higher work of life. The period of a boy's life which it employs is the most important in the formation of character and mental habits. The college leaves an impress which becomes determinative in one's earthly career and often decisive in the very destiny of the soul. The growth of the university and the high prerogatives with which it has been endowed have in no way lessened the importance of the college; but have, on the other hand, emphasized the necessity of the broadest and most thorough work in every college department. The university assumes that the college has laid the very best foundation in the knowledge of the branches taught and in the mental training required. The professions are demanding more and more that those who knock for admission shall have a college training that will prepare for the keenest intellectual insight and for the broadest reach of general and scientific information. The college graduate must have culture, knowledge, scientific spirit and mental power; and his alma mater will be fearfully discredited as an educating institution if it sends him forth illly prepared to fulfill these requirements. The college assumes far-reaching responsibilities, and it will be guilty of criminal procedure if it deludes the pupil or the public by any pretensions which it is unable or unprepared to realize. The university, the professions, the State, the Church, society demand that the college educate.

But who makes the college? Who is responsible for its making? If an institution fails to live up to its claims, who is at fault? It is not the teacher, as a rule. It is usually an indifferent, unsympathetic, penurious and close-fisted public. There are three things necessary to a college—equipment, a faculty and students. Money is essential to securing the first two and to maintaining the last. In the matter of equipment, there must be recitation rooms and lecture halls. That takes money. To-day science must be taught in laboratories and museums if it is worth anything. Physics and chemistry, geology and paleontology, biology and botany, can not be bound to a text book, but electric machines, microscopes, specimens, are absolutely indispensable. They cost money. No student can do the work of a college course without access to a first-class library. Not a thousand books, but thousands of books, in a building specially planned and built for library purposes, will be required for any student to meet the demands his subjects will impose. Then there is great need for a gymnasium and a physical director to keep the bodies of the students in good condition while they give their energies to mental pursuits. Furthermore, the student body should be adequately housed and fed, and the dormitory, correctly planned, is the only assured institution for properly caring for boys in their college life. We are speaking, not of the luxuries, but of the absolute necessities for doing anything like creditable college work. But money only can provide them. Who is responsible for such equipment? The men who have the money. No college can do what is required of it without as much as \$250,000 in the equipment, and then its facilities must be limited.

The second requirement in the making of a college is the faculty. What kind of men ought the public to demand shall fill the chairs in colleges? What salaries ought men who can fill

such chairs to receive? We are ready to say that it is a disgrace to any people to ask any man who is capable of filling a college professorship to work for less than \$2500 a year. A man of like equipment in business, or in the professions, would easily double that income. They must be college graduates of the highest rank, and often they are required to be university trained. They must be men of the very best character. They must be choice men in their dealing with young life. Such men require adequate support. How many professors ought a college to have? Let us count: The President, chair of physics, chemistry, Latin, Greek, mathematics, English, history and economics, modern languages, philosophy, biology. How can we get along with less than ten professors? Then there will be need for assistants in every department, if the college has a creditable patronage. But ten professors at \$2500 each would require \$25,000. The assistants and laboratory expense would add at least \$5000 more. Then the whole current incidental account must be met. No institution has ever done thorough college work and paid its way with tuition fees. A college education costs more than any body of students can possibly pay. Endowment is absolutely necessary. To support a good college faculty the income required would amount to 6 per cent on \$500,000, outside of the tuition fees. To make a first-class college—and no other kind should be tolerated—an endowment of at least \$500,000 should be provided. This can be obtained only through the gifts of men who have money. The preachers can not give it. The teachers can not succeed without it. The responsibility is with the man who has it.

The third element in the making of a college is students. Methodists can not make a Methodist college by sending their boys to a State or any other institution than their own. Here the trouble again is with the public. A college must have boys that are prepared to pursue its course of study. This preparation must be given by the secondary schools. Many colleges are held to indifferent work by the lack of thoroughness in the work of preparatory schools. The student preparation is a problem that must be solved by the establishment of first-class academies. So Texas needs to foster her secondary schools with just as much care as she does her colleges. The making of a college involves all of our educational workers and should receive the attention of every public-spirited man or woman. The man with money holds the key to the situation. Will he use it?

A WORD FROM DR. HAMMOND.

Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., Secretary of Education for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, writes a most interesting letter in the last Nashville Advocate regarding our Texas schools. We give space to a few paragraphs, that all Texans may see his viewpoint: "At a meeting of representatives of the Texas Conferences, held in Waco last December, it was decided to hold an Educational Convention in Dallas April 10-12 next. The General Board of Education was invited to hold its annual meeting at the same time and place, and has cordially accepted the invitation. The convention will be composed of representatives from the Churches throughout the State. The program will be full of inspiration. There will be papers, addresses, and discussions by leading educators and others, including several of our Bishops. The immediate object will be to quicken the interest of Texas Methodism in the work of its central institution, as well as in the fuller development of its whole educational

system; but it is confidently expected that the whole Church will feel the helpful influence of the meeting.

"The secondary institutions of our Church in Texas are in a better condition than ever before. Polytechnic, at Fort Worth, and the North Texas Female College, at Sherman, under the energetic management of their respective Presidents, are meeting with phenomenal success; while the Southwestern University, at Georgetown, by reason of its high standard of scholarship, easily takes rank amongst the leading institutions of the whole Church.

"While not in the least undervaluing any of its institutions, the Church in Texas feels the need of making just now a united special effort in the interest of the university. By reason of its position as the head of our educational work in the State, the university has demands made upon it by the Church and claims on the Church which especially justify this movement. Under great difficulties it is nobly struggling to meet the requirements of the age with reference to higher Christian education. It has entitled itself to be numbered in the elect circle of the few high-grade colleges of the land. But to hold this position it must draw more largely than ever before on the Church for resources. Great things have already been done, and these give assurance that yet greater will be done. Perhaps no institution is of more importance to the future of Southern Methodism. As it goes, so will Texas Methodism go."

IN A REVIVAL.

The North Texas University School is in the midst of a gracious revival. Rev. L. S. Barton, the pastor of the First Methodist Church in Terrell, is conducting the services and doing most of the preaching. Many of the pupils have already made profession of faith in Christ, and the work continues. This is a feature of the life of our Church schools which is of the highest advantage to the community and patronage and which brings great joy to all who are interested in the fullest development of the young student life. It is well to give the youth the very best mental training, but the exclusive emphasis on the intellectual is not warranted by the conditions of human life. Throughout our Church the periodical revival in our schools has proven to be a source of the greatest power in the furtherance of the interests of our schools. Many a father and mother send their son or daughter from home with much trepidation, but when they realize that the religious life is to be cultivated and enlarged, instead of starved and destroyed, they are filled with delight. Let all our school principals and college presidents look well to the revival. We congratulate President J. J. Morgan in the gracious outpouring of his school at Terrell. May the Lord bring salvation to every soul under his care!

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Bishop Key and Bishop Hoss issue this note:

"We heartily approve of the Texas Methodist Educational Convention to be held in Dallas, Texas, April 10-12, 1906, and the plan adopted for the representation in that body. We request the presiding elders and preachers in charge of the Annual Conferences in Texas to co-operate with the Executive Committee in making the plan effective, so that a large attendance may be secured of our representative and influential laymen as well as preachers and school men."

The newspapers report that Rev. J. D. Scott, presiding elder of the San Angelo District, has purchased ninety acres of land in the Fort Concho addition to San Angelo, which will be used as a site for a \$60,000 school building for the San Angelo Training School. This institution already has an excellent building, but it is not large enough to accommodate the rapidly-increasing patronage. The new site overlooks the city, and is considered an ideal location for the school and campus. This

institution is only three or four years old, but it has made for itself a large place in the attention and regard of that San Angelo country. The principal, Rev. T. F. Sessions, has been eminently successful in his management. His training at the Southern University and at Vanderbilt University has given him high qualifications for his work. Then, Rev. J. D. Scott does not know how to quit until he has finished his work. We could expect nothing less than success with such a combination.

The Student Volunteer Convention to be held in Nashville, February 23 to March 4 will be a great meeting of great souls to discuss great plans and to form great purposes. This is to be a delegated body, and will have 2500 to 3000 students in attendance from all the colleges of our great land. The visitors will have difficulty in gaining admission to the convention, as the seats will likely all be taken by the delegates. This is the first time this body has ever met in the South. The general theme of the program will be "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation." Once the call of the Boards of Missions was for men who will go to the foreign field. The responses were often from individuals who were grossly incompetent for the work. Then the thought came, let us sound the call in the ears of the men who are getting ready to do something and who have whole lives to give. The result was that all boards now have choice students—the very best material—to send in power to preach to the heathen. Such work is of God.

The Department of Superintendents of the National Educational Association will meet in Louisville February 27-March 1. The great subjects to be discussed are "Moral Education in the Schools," "Means of Improving the Grammar School," "Woman's Part in Public Education," "The Education Best Suited for Boys," "The Incurable Child," "Basis for the Promotion of Teachers," "Next Step in the Salary Campaign." Many of the leading educators of the Nation will be in attendance and will take part in the discussions. Such meetings as these shape the educational policies of the entire country. When teachers come together for the discussion of their interests, vital issues are involved. No class of public servants are so closely identified with the important matters of society and its every individual member as these men and women who train the emerging mind. When teachers speak, let the Nation attend.

By the invitation of Dr. A. E. Turner, President of Trinity University, located at Waxahachie, we had the privilege of speaking to the students of that institution on the morning of February 13, on "Success and Its Conditions." Dr. Turner planned in the early fall to have six men speak on this subject from the standpoint of the different professions—one each month. The reception given this speaker could not have been more cordial, and the student body could not have been more attentive nor more appreciative of the visitor's utterances. We were delighted with what we saw. There are about 250 students in attendance, 75 of whom are in the college department. The 40 to 50 girls are delightfully housed in an elegant new dormitory and are cared by as tender, considerate and helpful set of lady teachers as we have ever met. The faculty made the impression of being highly worthy of the positions they occupy. Dr. Turner has shown himself to be a master-hand in the management of a college. He is an educator of the highest class and a Christian gentleman of the truest type. We congratulate the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on the excellent condition of their central institution.

Dr. Jonathan Hammett, of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., celebrated his ninetieth birthday January 10. He has been connected with that in-

stitution sixty-five years. His anniversary was the occasion of a great college celebration. He was given a purse of \$1000 by the trustees and the alumni, and the faculty presented an engrossed tribute bound in morocco. The students gave ninety roses and in unison counted ninety, closing with the college yell. At the close of a reception that evening fifty freshmen unhitched the horses from the carriage and drew the Doctor to his home in royal fashion.

A new honor has come to Dr. Henry van Dyke. He has been chosen to deliver the oration on University Day at the University of Pennsylvania. Last year President Roosevelt delivered this oration and some years ago President McKinley was the orator of the day. University Day is celebrated on the 22d of February, Washington's Birthday, and the oration will be delivered in the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. Dr. van Dyke will speak on "Washington and the Men Who Served with Him."

CLARENDON COLLEGE.

By S. E. Burkhead M. A., Principal
Please say to Bro. J. L. James, who has an article in the latest issue of the Texas Christian Advocate on "A Call to Correlation," that Clarendon College is already correlated with the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and that her "courses are so graded that her students, upon completion of work in these courses, can pass to definite standing by certificate to the literary departments at Georgetown." Clarendon College is in close touch with our central institution at Georgetown and in perfect sympathy and harmony with all its wishes and endeavors, and sends every year, perhaps, more students to the Southwestern University than any other correlated school in the State of Texas. Clarendon College is full and running over. This college matriculated last year over 200 students, and will, without doubt, go beyond 400 pupils the present year.

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Notes From the Field.

Matador.
J. T. Hicks: We are starting on our third year. We were truly glad to return and the folks have acted as if they also were glad of our return. We serve a fine people. They have done everything to make us feel at home. Pounding, did you say? Yes; full weight, shaken down and running over. We are planning for more material improvement: have ordered new pews for Matador, also for Cottonwood. Other improvements are in our mind and we hope to bring them to pass. Last conference they cut this circuit, taking 99 members from us. Yet the stewards made our assessment the same as last year. We have a most excellent W. H. M. Society—best in the district, if not in the Northwest Texas Conference. They have made \$90 since conference; they are behind the seating of our new church and that means for it to go. Our new elder came and preached to our hearts' delight; took hold of the business in a way that showed he had filled that place before. Our hearts are yearning for a great revival. Much love to the best paper in Methodism—that means the best in the world.

Ponder and Krum.
J. D. Whitehead, Feb. 15: Notwithstanding the great amount of rain and the muddy roads we have had in this section this winter, we are not asleep to Church work. We have not only been kindly received by this generous people, but they have continuously remembered us by sending needful things to the parsonage. Even some at a distance from the parsonage have remembered us by loading things into our back which have contributed to the well being of this pastor and his family. But the storm came yesterday when the good people of Ponder and vicinity pounded this

preacher and his family in a generous manner. The Methodists were not alone in this worthy act. Members of other Churches, and some who were members of no Church, helped in this work. We feel that the lines have fallen to us in a pleasant place, and we pray our Father to abundantly bless all of the donors in this life and bring them at last to a saint's reward in heaven. We have organized a W. H. M. Society since we came here in December, which now numbers 13 active members who are willing to work for the Master. We are proud of our W. H. M. Society and feel that they are a fixed factor in this work. Since their organization there has been a coal heater placed in the church and a splendid cook-stove put in the parsonage, and they are planning some other work for the parsonage. Surely our good women are doing a great work. We feel that the outlook for spiritual development and material success for this charge is very patent. Our motto shall be: A revival at every Church in our charge and collections in full. To this end we expect to labor and pray.

Duffau.
J. H. Clark, Feb. 16: Our first Quarterly Conference was held on the 11th inst. Our beloved presiding elder, E. A. Bailey, was in the chair. We were very hungry for the gospel, and of course it goes without the telling he satisfied our longing souls. We had a pleasant time. Finances very well up. Everything seems to point to a good year for Duffau. 'Tis true we are doing our first work as a pastor, but these Duffau people seem to know just what to do for such a boy. We certainly have a very fine type of loyal Methodists to serve, and they have done and are doing all to encourage a beginner, for which we are profoundly grateful. One of the first things they did for us was to pound us the old-fashioned way. Pounded and pounded until the dining table, side table, cupboard and pantry were all groaning under their load of just such things as a preacher and his family enjoy. This is not all. Their tokens of respect and kindly feeling have been continuous; and in return for these material blessings we are earnestly praying that God will help us to minister to them out of the rich treasures of our Lord. Oh, may the hand of the good Lord be very much upon the preacher and people of Duffau charge this year.

Haskell Mission.
M. M. Beavers, Feb. 17: Here we are—a new preacher, new work and a new country. We were here the next Sunday after conference adjourned, and have been busy ever since. We found no parsonage, but, thanks to a cotton crop we raised last year, we bought us a house of our own. I have found clever people everywhere; have organized two small Churches and two Sunday schools; have received thirty into the Church. The first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. The stewards are faithful men, and the preachers won't starve. Our presiding elder was on hand—the only John R. Morris. We would brag on him, but he knows what we think of him, anyway. A young ministerial sprout can't do better than have John R. Morris for his presiding elder. We are expecting a great year. Eggs, butter, sausage, and such like, frequently find their way to the preacher's home without money and without price.

Colfax Circuit.
B. C. Ansley, Feb. 15: We are on the second year on the Colfax Circuit. This is also the second year of the existence of the circuit, it being parts of the old Edom-Canton and Mt. Sylvan Circuits. Last year was a hard year on us on account of short crops, also on account of the new arrangement. But now we are better adjusted to the new situation, so hope for better results. We made some progress last year, but not what we wished. By the good Father's help, we will do better this time. Our people seem in

somewhat better spirits and show a disposition to move forward. Last year we lived in a rented house outside the bounds of the work, but since conference we have succeeded in building a nice little parsonage at Colfax. It took lots of hard pushing and pulling but it is almost complete, at least near enough so that we are now in it and are comfortably situated. When fully completed it will be O. K. We are proud of it, for our people are sore pressed from last year's failure of crops. Our people are proud of the preacher's home too, and showed their appreciation of it and us and the cause we represent by coming over yesterday afternoon through the cold—a goodly company of them, brothers and sisters, young men and maidens—and oh, my! the good things they left behind them when they went away. Almost everything eatable was included. One little girl brought a nice bar of soap, saying she wanted Bro. Ansley to have some to wash his face. Then Bro. John Kirkpatrick had the nerve to say it would take three efforts before it could be well done. We spent a social hour together, then all knelt and joined in an earnest prayer to God for his blessing on the work, led by Bro. John Kirkpatrick. How he prayed for the preacher and his work! Such prayers ought to call forth from any preacher the best that is in him, and the Lord helping us, it shall. This company and their much appreciated gifts were all from Tunnell's Chapel, one of the best village Churches we know of. We have four other Churches and we have heard some little, distant thunder, so you need not be surprised if it should rain again some day. Our presiding elder says we have one of the best circuits there is, and he ought to know, for his name is Solomon, E. W. Solomon, which means Eminent Wise. Pray for us and our people. We so much need a genuine revival.

Yowell.
C. P. Combs, Feb. 19: Our first Quarterly Conference, is a matter of history now. Bro. Pladger's wife being indisposed, he was not with us—something very unusual with him. The stewards made a good financial report. Some of them are using the disciplinary, or assessment, plan. They are highly pleased with it, as it is a success with them. Some others are going to try it the remainder of the year. Notwithstanding the muddy roads, a number of the good people from different parts of the work stormed the parsonage on Christmas night, bringing many good things to cheer the pastor's home. Such acts of kindness and thoughtfulness on the part of the people make the writer feel very humble and determined to minister to them in spiritual things to the very best of his ability. We are serving a good people. Now we need a baptism of the Holy Spirit, and an earnest, persistent effort to save the lost. Our "Preachers' Meeting" at Klondike, on Feb. 8, 9, was a spiritual feast. We are working, preaching praying and trusting for a revival over the entire district. If one and all will "walk even as He walked," it will come.

Portales, N. M.
S. E. Wilson, Feb. 5: Have been on my work since the first of October and can truly say that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. Our first work was to secure and forward all our conference assessments to the Conference Treasurer, which seemed to open the way for greater things. We next finished up the church, painting and papering it at a cost of \$200, making it as beautiful a building as there is in the entire conference, though not costing so much. Not satisfied with what had been done, the Home Mission Society purchased a lot near the church on which they moved the old parsonage, remodeling and building to it till we have as nice a preacher's home as any pastor could desire. When we consider the cost of lumber at from \$35 to \$40 per thousand and other materials in propor-

tion, we can realize and rejoice the more at what these noble women have accomplished. About sixty names are enrolled out of a little over one hundred members of the Church. We can see at a glance what this consecrated band undertakes will be carried through. If this scribe should never need this nice parsonage it will be here for one more worthy to come after me. Our Sunday-school is the largest it has been at any time. We lost our superintendent, Bro. W. O. Oldham, who almost from the beginning has served so faithfully and with satisfaction to all. Having so much work on his hands, so many business cares, he felt that a change was best, so we have found a worthy successor in Prof. C. E. Hall, son of Rev. R. A. Hall, of Northwest Texas Conference. Who started that old slander that preachers have meaner boys than anybody else? I have never so found it, but, as a rule, they love the Church and are among the most loyal and faithful workers. I hear of the noble work done by the other brethren of the conference; hope they will write and tell you about it. What Bro. Taffender said of Texico is largely true of Portales. The country is fast filling up, and we are glad to see that nearly every Methodist family from Texas takes the Advocate. We hope ere long to see it in every Methodist home.

Bartlett.
M. A. Turner, Feb. 19: Methodism is alive in Bartlett. All the arms of the Church in successful operation, save W. F. M. Society. This communication would be too long were I to give a detailed account of each department. Our motto is: "To every arm a hand, and for every hand some work." It requires no effort to love this people. Their manifold and multiform kindness would soften the heart and relax the expression of the most churlish. Of course they have pounded us. The stewards placed salary \$160 in advance of former years. May God help this preacher to measure up to his present opportunities.

Alex. I. T.
A. C. White, February, 7: We are praying for and expecting prohibition statehood this winter. I feel very grateful to the Methodists of Texas for help on the "little Oklahoma Church" that I built last year in Beaver County, Oklahoma. Bro. C. L. Canter, lately of Texas, is pastor there this year and doing an excellent work. We have about fifty members there already. Last year was a year of rich experience to wife and me, and we tried to be loyal to the Church. We gave up the chance of getting a home for the sake of building that church. We were read out to Alex Circuit last fall and came at once and did not find any church property of any kind. The work is composed of Alex and Bradley and country points in the rich Washita River valley, between Chickasha and Lindsay, I. T. Our Church is very weak here, but we hope to build it up this year. We have built a two-room parsonage at Alex and have it paid for. But owing to land titles, are unable to get deeds to lots; hence will not get to build churches this year. We are getting very poor support out of this kind of work, but we think this is the grandest work of the Church. Sin is well entrenched, but we hope to, yea, we must, possess the land.

Whitesboro.
B. T. Hayes, Feb. 12: Something out of the ordinary. Inasmuch as we have been visited by a number of persons, and severely pounded, and having recovered from the shock, and being able to be on duty, we feel inclined to write to the dear old Advocate. Notwithstanding the fact we are superannuated and are in our own little home, these good people have come and given us this glad surprise. It was a first-class pounding and called forth the gratitude of our hearts. Surely God will minister unto them in spiritual things as bountifully as they have to us in temporal. It is very

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evident that they are zealous of good works. They have built a beautiful house of worship provided well for both preacher and presiding elder, and have a fine Sunday-school and prayer-meeting. The Ladies' Foreign and Home Mission Societies are doing well. Surely Methodism will prosper here. We are praying that it will, and also that God will give us a glorious revival and save many souls.

Paducah.
R. L. Jameson, Feb. 15: Just a week ago to-day our new presiding elder held our first Quarterly Conference. Paducah charge made by far the best financial report they have ever before made the first quarter. The Lord has abundantly blessed this people the last year, both materially and spiritually, and they are not ungrateful. The gin here is still kept busy, much of the time running until nine or ten o'clock at night. Our farmers all have money, of course, and feed! feed! you just ought to see it. Cottle County is one of the finest counties in the State, and Paducah will some day be one of the finest towns, if we can just get a railroad. This is very much needed. The stew-

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Cancer of the Nose—A Grateful Patient. Cancerol Endorsed by His Physicians.
Galesville Ala., July 8, 1905.
Dear Doctors—It is with pleasure that I write you this morning. I can state to you that I went according to your directions in using the medicine you sent me. The oils I used as directed. I will state to you the sore is all healed over and seems to be all sound. I can't express gratitude and wishes to you for the want of language. I am going to do all that I can for you and for those that have cancer. Well, my doctor wants to white you a few lines, so we will get all the cases for you we can. I will close for this time. Yours truly until death.
H. S. DAVIS.
From Mr. Davis' Home Physician.
Galesville, Ala., July 4, 1905.
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And greatest loss proves greatest gain After His fingers mark their course.

Ordered my steps have been by Thee; I know it when the past is viewed;
Nothing of good hath failed to me, When least Thy way was understood.

Only when death invaded home, No token hidden there was seen,
Of good wrapped up in loved one's tomb, Yet faith's investment here gave ben.

For thus 'tis written in the Word: "What I do now thou knowest not
But over there"—His ben conferred Indemnity untouched by doubt.

All wealth is Thine—gold, banks, stocks, mines; Lend me their help, shouldst thou so busy,
When wrought out are Thy wise designs, No longer can distress dismay.

When darkest clouds beset my way— No cheer but to abide Thy will—
Then faith kept leaning on its stay, Bowled down, but all-expectant still.

When fruitless years appeared but loss, Because they led through deserts bare,
'Twas later found they led across To fields Thou didst for me prepare.

Thus mountain gaps to me unknown Were opened by Thy loving hands,
And to my wondering eyes was shown How deserts change to fruitful lands.

When work's cessation, hardest state, Fought only idleness enforced,
This seemed the bitterness of fate, For had not worst come to its worst?

Yet Providence was here most clear In multiplying promise fast,
Fulfilling those, now doubly dear, Held in abeyance all the past.

When to the bottom I have been, 'Twas privilege 'neath blasting woes
To find Thine eyes upon the scene, And feel how deep Thy rescue goes.

More than we ask or even think, From gulf or height this promise charms,
For when to lowest depths I sink, I sink but to press on Thine arms.

Thus paradoxes multiply, And wondrous blessings aggregate,
Till only He can satisfy, Who bids with heaven this lowly state.

E. M. SWEET. Georgetown, Texas.

LYNDA'S INFLUENCE.

"Come, girls; now that Nannie has come over, let's go into the parlor and have some music."

"All right! All right!" was the responsive chorus.

"Nannie, Kate and I have a new duet—it's so lively and pretty. Let's take along our fudge—you certainly know how to make it, Lynda," said Evelylin.

"Yes, Lynda does know—she does everything well. Now I've watched her, and have made it by her recipe, but I don't have anywhere near such success as a candy maker," said Kate.

"It's a knack—a real talent, in fact," commented mother; then she added, "Why, you are not taking all the fudge, are you, girls?"

"Why, the idea!" exclaimed Kate, turning back and leaving a generous portion on the kitchen table for Lynda. "How could we be so thoughtless—after you have been so kind to make it, too."

"Never mind. I don't care for it—I really don't," answered Lynda; but Kate laughingly pressed a piece between her teeth; then followed the gay group into the parlor.

Lynda watched them with wistful eyes; then she turned to the table, wiped off the bits of candy and sugar, washed and put away the utensils that had been used in the preparation of the fudge, and sat down to rest before the stove.

The cool fall evening had been so suggestive of the long winter evenings to come that the vivacious Kate had proposed a "cozy up" evening; and it had begun by the girls coaxing Lynda to make their favorite fudge for them.

Lynda was very tired, for the day had been a very busy one, as most days were in the household of Mrs. Myler; and Lynda was the only domestic help. She had never "worked out" before; but now it was a necessity, since Lynda's parents were very poor, and Lynda was working to earn sufficient to buy clothes that she might complete her course through the high school. Although she was

treated quite as an equal in her employer's family, she was not the girl to assert herself, and was liked all the better for her modesty. To-night she was tired and homesick; so when she was left alone it was not wonderful that she felt slighted; all the more so, that out of pure kindness she had kept about on her weary feet to make the candy for the girls; then when Nannie came in they had forgotten all about her, and gone off into the parlor to enjoy themselves. She longed to go, too, for she loved music; and its soothing influence always rested her.

So she was musing in a minor key when Mrs. Myler came into the room. "Why," she exclaimed, "why, Nannie, are you all alone, and without a light, too? I have been up stairs putting the little ones to bed, and thought you were having a good time with the girls until I looked into the parlor. Are you sleepy?"

"No, ma'am, not exactly." Mrs. Myler was interested in Lynda, because she respected her and the ambition that made her willing to work in order to fulfill it; so her motherly heart made her keen to detect the note of sadness in Lynda's voice. She lighted a lamp, meanwhile saying brightly, "The candy was a great success, wasn't it?"

"Yes; they—like my candy." "Come into the sitting-room with me, dear. We can talk there while I do a little sewing, and if we wish we can open the door into the parlor and listen to the music. Bring along some of the candy, too, for I want a bite now and then."

Lynda obeyed with a sigh of relief, for Mrs. Myler always made her feel brighter when she was inclined to be blue.

"Do you know, Lynda, that you are getting a great reputation in this family for doing things—everything you undertake—well?"

Lynda opened her eyes wide. "No, ma'am, I didn't know; but I feel that if I succeed I must always try to do my best."

"You will succeed, my girl; but you need to train yourself to a more cheerful disposition. I hope you don't mind my speaking to you very frankly about this; for it is your one failing—your inclination to low spirits; and it will grow upon you unless you continually and determinedly resist this habit. Yes; I know it is hard to work and wait for what we want, especially when we feel alone and neglected."

Lynda's eyes filled with tears. "Oh, it isn't that altogether, Mrs. Myler," she replied. "I do get blue sometimes, and think that—that people might be more thoughtful; but—but it's being where I can't have any influence for good. I wouldn't mind the work here, really; for you are very kind; and I do like to be with girls, not only for their company, but I like to—lead them in some ways—to have an uplifting influence, you know. I love that better than anything else. I think I shall be a teacher some day, or, maybe, engage in some kind of mission work."

"It is a noble ambition; but, Lynda, you are much mistaken if you think you are not wielding an influence right here in my family. One has an influence in the lowliest position, remember. Why, only the other day I heard Mr. Myler tell Kate that he wished she would take lessons of you in thoroughness; and for myself, I must say that our domestic machinery never ran so smoothly as it has since you came here. It is quite a remarkable record for so young a girl."

"Oh, Mrs. Myler, I thank you so much for telling me," Lynda almost sobbed with glad emotion. "I certainly will try to deserve your good opinion of me."

"Listen!" Mrs. Myler raised her finger smilingly, turning toward the parlor door that had swung half open. There was a lull in the music, and

Lynda heard her own name; then she heard Nannie's voice say: "Well, I think it is very unusual for a servant—"

"Oh, we don't call Lynda a servant," interrupted Evelylin, "though father says the word is too good a one to be perverted as it has been. However, Lynda seems wonderful to me; and we all love her almost as much as if she belonged in the family. You ought to hear what father and mother say of her. I wish they could say the same of me."

"Well, don't let her know, or it will spoil her." "I think you are mistaken there, too, Nannie. Lynda is not made of spoilable material; and what we shall do when she goes away—it just makes me sick to think of it; but one thing certain, however, she has taught me how to be more useful at home."

The music went on. Lynda took up her lamp, and bade Mrs. Myler a grateful goodnight, although she could hardly speak.

Mrs. Myler smiled a cheerful, hopeful smile that was a benediction; for the good lady understood that Lynda's heart was too full for expression. —Exchange.

THE GERMAN PRINCES.

What a happy, healthy, wholesome-looking lot of lads there are in the royal family of Germany! Emperor William may well feel pride in his six fine sons and the little daughter. Military training and discipline are a part of the education of every German prince, and even the youngest of the Emperor's sons already has a fine military bearing. The children of the royal family in Germany lead anything but lives of indolence and luxury. They rise promptly at half-past five in the morning, which is an hour earlier, I dare say, than many a boy rises who reads this. They take active outdoor exercise for an hour before their simple breakfast at seven o'clock. After breakfast they must go at once to their studies, and keep at them until afternoon. Their games, when their lessons are over, are all of an outdoor kind, such as cricket, tennis, or football. There is more study after dinner, and by nine o'clock all but Prince Augustus are in bed. Prince Augustus, being now eighteen years of age, sits up until ten o'clock. The Empress of Germany is one of the wisest and most devoted of mothers, the chief aim of her life being to make good men of her six sons, and a good woman of her one little princess. Each of the German princes holds a well-earned position in the army or navy, and all of them are being taught that "life is real, life is earnest," and that none of it must be wasted.—Standard.

WOMAN'S LOVE.

What is greater than woman's love? Nothing on this earth. What is deeper? Not even the deep, blue sea. What is more lasting? Not even the vaulted blue. What is more refining than woman's love? It has not yet been found. What lifts man nearer to his Maker? Nothing, unless it be the influence and power of the Christian religion.

A certain writer, who evidently knew whereof he spoke, had this to say of woman's love:

"The one thing in the world that is constant, the one window in which the light forever burns, the one star that darkness cannot quench, is woman's love. It is perennial of life and grows in every climate. Neither coldness nor neglect, harshness nor cruelty, can extinguish it. A woman's love is the perfume of the heart. This is the real love that subdues the earth; the love that has wrought all miracles of art; that gives us music all the way from the cradle song to the grand closing symphony that bears the soul away on wings of fire. A love that is greater than power, sweeter than life and stronger than death."

It is woman's love that brightens and glorifies home. It is woman's

love that sweetens the sorrows of life. It is woman's love that gives us strength and courage to bear the burdens of this sin-cursed world. It is woman's love that inspires us to do and dare, to struggle and suffer, to fight and die in the fierce battle of life.

Woman's love is not bound by any geographical limitations. It crosses rivers, mountains, plains, deserts, seas. Gulfs of sin and rough crags of violated law may be between her and the object of her affection, but what of that? Woman's love wades through or leaps over all.

Far, far out upon "the bleak mountains of sin" the prodigal may roam, but woman's love, like the Blessed Shepherd, will follow him, and, if possible, bring back the lost sheep to the fold.

Thorn-pierced feet, callous hands, heavy burdens, tear-bedimmed eyes, bleeding heart—what does woman's love care for these? They, in her sight, are only necessary incidents. They are trivial when compared with the joy of love realized.

Yes, woman's love follows man from the time "the light of heaven first blesses his infant vision," until the chilly hands of Death close his eyes forever upon the scenes of earth.

In youth, woman's love is an inspiration; in middle age, it is a consolation; in the evening of life, a sweet benediction. It follows man up the dizzyest heights, or down into the lowest depths.

Is there anything that surpasses woman's love?—Jesse P. Luton, in Bonham News.

SPELLING IN NEW YORK.

Catherine was a New York City child, and was looked upon as a superior being by the children of Little Falls, where she came to visit her aunt.

All matters of argument were referred to Catherine, who settled things by saying: "Well, I know, because I live in New York, where people know everything."

One day she went to the district school where an old-fashioned spelling-match was in progress. Catherine was very proud of her spelling and was glad that another chance was given her to show off her superiority. Imagine her disgust when in spelling "liberty" she was trapped, and by a red-headed boy, much smaller than herself, who had never been further than the "junction." Catherine refused to be trapped, and, raising her hand she said:

"Miss Jones, you may spell 'liberty' that way in Canaan, but it is spelled with two 't's in New York."

OUR WINTER NEIGHBORS.

It is surprising that there are birds which come to us only in the winter, leaving us again at the beginning of spring for northern lands and snow-banked hillsides, where the long day and pale twilight nights of the Arctic reign. Birds that raise their broods in the far treeless northland, where heather, grasses, and stunted alders grow on a shallow, soaking soil underlaid by a great depth of eternal ice, at the approach of winter gather into great roving flocks to surge southward to the gentler climate of our blizzardly "temperate" winters. Yet all young country folks have seen these restless, wandering flocks of winter lovers, and occasionally even in the towns and cities there arrive unfamiliar companies of fat, fluffy birds, busily opening the cones of the furs and spruces, or devouring the buds of the maples.

Many of these much-traveled little fellows are wonderfully tame, and seem not to experience fear of man so universal with animals that rear their young in his neighborhood. Pine grosbeaks and crossbills, whose real homes are in the silent, moss-filled spruce forests of the great North, will almost allow themselves to be caught in your hand. With the field-roving birds, like the snow-buntings, horned larks, and longspurs, this fearlessness is not found, probably from the

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constant lookout they are forced to keep against the cunning and hungry white foxes and the daring trap-jawed little ermine that persistently hunt them in their northland home. But the rosy redpolls, the creepers, kinglets, "little friend chickadee," as the northern Indians call him, and all the other deep forest dwellers, are as afraid of us as they are of the gentle porcupines and deer of their home woods.—St Nicholas.

SAVED BY HIS HORSE.

The intuition and sense of locality of the horse are well known, and are found invaluable at critical times, as illustrated in the following account of an actual occurrence sent to The Little Chronicle:

"My great-grandfather lived in Vermont in the days when, if one wished to go to Boston, the journey could best be made on horseback. One spring, just as the ice had cleared from the rivers, he was returning home from that noted place on his favorite horse. It was pitch dark when he reached the river below where his farm lay. He crossed where the bridge had always been, arriving home after all the household had retired, and did not disturb them. The next morning his wife asked him how he crossed the river.

"On the bridge, of course," was the reply. "Why, you are crazy! The bridge went down stream when the ice went out," exclaimed she.

"I don't believe it, and I shan't until I see for myself," said the worthy man, starting up.

He went directly to the river, and there, spanning the stream, was one rather narrow plank, beneath which a torrent of muddy water poured. His plucky horse had, in the inky darkness, crossed on that single plank.

BETTER THAN PIE.

Not Only the New Food But the Good Wife, As Well.

When they brought the new food, Grape-Nuts, into the house the husband sampled it first and said, "It's better than pie!" When it brought back the glow of health to the wife's cheeks, his admiration for it and her was increased, so she says, and the rest of her story follows:

"From childhood I was troubled with constant and often acute indigestion, and when my baby was born it turned out that he had inherited the awful ailment.

"A friend told me of Grape-Nuts and, I invested in a box and began to eat according to directions. It was after only a few days that I found my long abused stomach was growing stronger and that the attacks of indigestion were growing less frequent, and in an incredibly short time they ceased altogether. With my perfect digestion restored came strong nerves, clear, active brain, the glow of health to my cheeks, and I know I was a better wife and mother and more agreeable to live with under the new conditions.

"When the boy came to be 10 months old he developed such an appetite (his dyspepsia disappeared with mine) that his mother's milk was not sufficient for him. He rejected all baby foods, however, till I tried Grape-Nuts food, at Husband's suggestion. The youngster took to it at once and has eaten it daily ever since, thriving wonderfully on it. He now demands it at every meal and was much put out when he dined at a hotel a few days ago because the waitress could not fill his order for Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

THE CHURCH PAPER PROBLEM.

"The mind of man being very narrow, and so slow in making acquaintance with things, and taking in new truths, that no one man is capable in a much longer life than ours to know all truths, it becomes our prudence in our search after knowledge to employ our thoughts about fundamental and material questions, carefully avoiding those that are trifling, and not suffering ourselves to be diverted from our main, even purpose by those that are merely incidental."—John Locke.

Ralph Waldo Trine, in his "In Tune with the Infinity," a book which I feel like asking his pardon for expressing my opinion of it, to me is captivating in style, logical in construction, elevating in thought, convincing in argument, chock-full of instruction, and last of all, and best of all, devotional in spirit and God-honoring and man-helping in purpose, calls our attention to a fact which meets scant recognition at the hands of many very worthy people! and that is, disease and death are not of God's ordering, but the result of man's violation of God's laws, intended for the prolongation of life, and the preservation of health. A man of bad habits can never find a healthful climate, and the lives of the family depend much more on the cook than the doctor. The mother grieving for her child complains that God has dealt hard with her, when the fact in the case is she murdered her own child by a criminal disregard of God's laws of life and health, and motherhood. A foolish girl laces and dresses herself to death, and we all weep while we listen to the senseless drivel if some soda fountain on legs, exhorting us to bear with true Christian resignation this seemingly cruel stroke of a mysterious providence. There is no mystery in the case. The girl, with the assistance of her fool friends, killed herself, and our only legitimate excuse for not inscribing "Suicide" on her tombstone is found in the fact that the law does not require us to give testimony that would incriminate ourselves. In a word ill health in any form is but the published declaration of the fact that the laws of life and health have been violated. This is both a physical and metaphysical fact, and being true in the material and mental world, it is bound to be true in the moral world as well.

For some time past our doctors of ecclesiastical literature have been in serious consultation. The trouble is they have discovered a sort of church paper carbuncle on the neck of Southern Methodism, and so far they appear to be more interested in the carbuncle than in the patient. At any rate, they are trying to prevent the carbuncle from injuring the health of the patient, entirely ignoring the fact that well people don't have carbuncles. Some would poultice this church paper carbuncle with a good, heavy, paid-up subscription list, and draw it to a head, and thereby make it equal to the great central organ of the Church. Yes, it will come to a head, but instead of a lot of brains encased in a well-formed skull, you will find about a pint of pus, wrapped in rawhide, not at all like the

head it sought to imitate, but by appropriating and consuming upon itself support that rightly and legitimately belonged to the natural head, has weakened the central organ without benefiting itself. But, lo! while the atmosphere in the neighborhood of this bursted carbuncle is redolent with the fumes of iodiform, another makes its hated appearance, and a second poultice like the first is called for, but the surgeon gets in his work this time and the hydra-headed, blood-poisoner is cut out, but the diseased condition of the blood, caused by the abnormal condition of the various organs of the body, sends out still others. So that in its last analysis the carbuncle is but the surface index to a deep-seated, wide-spread, hidden trouble within. Now, who did sin—this man or his parents? In other words, is the depravity in the case hereditary? or is it acquired? Is it an organic trouble? Does the seat of the malady find itself in the constitution of Episcopal Methodism or is it an abnormal condition resulting from a violation of the laws of Methodistic life and health and growth?

Protestant Christianity, in her continuously triumphant march to the conquest of the world for Christ, pursues two different lines of thought. Those two lines are:

1. A connectional Church, with a representative form of government presided over by Bishops who are elected for life by the people's chosen representatives.

2. A congregational Church with a democratic form of government and controlled by self-appointed leaders. Those two lines of thought are represented mainly by the Baptist Church and Episcopal Methodism. The other lesser bodies, like third parties in American politics, seldom come to the front, and when they do it is by reason of injecting some side issue into the controversy. Now and then the third party elects a congressman from some doubtful or disgruntled district. Occasionally they take advantage of financial depression or social disorder, and capture a State Government, but it is only the professional agitator whose frenzied mind so often recoiling upon itself has made him a monomaniac, whose imagination is lurid enough to dream of the full and final overthrow of either of the two great organizations, standing as they do as the representatives of the American idea of government, each after its own interpretation of the Constitution. So, by reason of some happy accident whereby the fundamental verities of our holy religion are brushed aside or obscured by an epidemic of social and ethical culture, or else under the hypnotic influence of some furious meeting of the soda fountain variety, no collections, no order, but an uncontrolled, uncontrollable aggregation of hot air and ignorance, where one's pity is graded according to the unreasonableness of the yarn he or she spun at the open-air, free-for-all, gabbing match, falsely styled a testimony meeting. Some fellow from away up toward the head of the branch will conclude that the Methodists and Baptists are just about out of business. But you had as well try to ditch a mogul engine by placing a parlor match on the rail, or to sink an armor plated battleship with a fire cracker.

For several years I watched the political fortunes of the country with a good deal of interest. I never knew the Democratic party defeated on a platform confining itself to a clear, bold, straightforward declaration of Democratic faith. Time and again I have known that same party "straddle" questions and spread drag nets to catch votes. From such campaigns they always returned by the salt creek route with their banners in the dust and their candidates in the soup. On the other hand, the platform that secures the smallest vote for the Republican ticket is the one containing the strongest, and clearest expression of Republican doctrine. The Democrats repudiated the platform on which Cleveland was elected; the Republicans adopted it and elected McKinley on it over the man the Democrats chose to haul their drag net. The Baptists very often adopt out policies very greatly

to their advantage; while we depart from the ancient ways and ignore the organic rules of Episcopal Methodism, always to our own injury. The Baptists deary the Bishop's office and straightway appoint a "Superintendent" of Foreign Missions. Their chief source of growth and success is the Superintendent of Missions, and the missionary receiving people into the great Baptist Church in order that they may resolve themselves into an independent Church with the exclusive right to vote upon the qualification of candidates for Church membership. The Baptists don't care where the paper is published; all they want to know is that the paper represents Baptist principles. The Baptist Church repudiates connectionalism, but in practice they are truer to the connectionalism of the Church than many people who call themselves Methodists.

The master said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." When the enterprising spirits projected the scheme that culminated in Fort Worth's present greatness and prosperity, they recognized the necessity for a great newspaper. Accordingly, a syndicate was formed and the Gazette was launched upon the sea of journalism. That paper was published for years at an annual loss to the stockholders, until they accomplished their original purpose. Fort Worth was on her feet, could stand without support. The Gazette being no longer necessary to the city, was left to its own resources, and died for the want of nourishment. We are doing the same thing with the Epworth Era, publishing it at a loss, for the very good reason that such a paper as is needed cannot live upon its earnings for years to come. But that is not the case with our conference organs, except it may be in the foreign field and in such an event the agents of the Publishing House should be authorized and instructed to establish such plants as may be necessary to meet the demand and the Board of Missions should make the needed appropriations to pay expenses.

The New Mexico Conference is one of the very weakest in the connection. Its official organ is one of the very best papers in Southern Methodism. There is connected with this fact no sad picture of martyred editors, bankrupt publishers, ill-clad widows, and hungry, ignorant orphans. That conference didn't appropriate a dollar, do a day's work, or lose a night's sleep. They only passed a resolution adopting the Texas Christian Advocate, subscription \$2.00 per annum; to preachers at half price. And Rankin's editorials are worth the money, without all the rest of it. Bishop Marvin said: "All books are the products of one of two causes—either the thought is in the man groaning for deliverance, or the man is groaning for a thought that he may be able to write a book." It is much the same with Church papers. Either the desire on part of the people for the paper relegates the question of expense to the shade, or the anxiety of the editor to get a living overshadows the merit of the paper.

I will close now with a very homely illustration: If a sow has more pigs than she has teats, the more sprightly ones will shove the runts away to starve, or be raised by hand; and thus by the law of natural selection, the Church paper problem will solve itself. The true "home" paper is the one that is of the greatest benefit to the home, no matter where it is printed. It is emphatically and intensely a question of "root hog or die."

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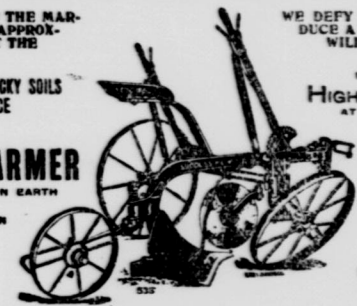
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NOT OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE.

In two or three weekly secular papers we have seen the following item going the rounds: "The Methodist Church in America is much agitated because of charges that its big printing house at Nashville is charged with doing printing for liquor houses and theaters. If this is true, the managers will hear something drop." When we read this we did not believe that it meant the Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Nashville. So we inclosed the clipping and mailed it to Smith & Lamar for answer. The answer came immediately and Dr. Lamar said that he went to all the heads of departments and made diligent inquiry and that nothing of the sort had gone out from their job printing presses. So we take pleasure in denying it, and hope the secular papers that have given currency to the item will do our house the favor of copying this denial.

NOTES IN PASSING.

The Houston Post was considerate enough to correct its false statement awhile back that the editor of this paper had tried to get the Executive Committee of the Local Option Association to indorse the candidacy of Judge M. M. Brooks, but that they had turned down the proposition. No such thing ever occurred at the Executive Committee meeting.

The Post had another spasm last Sunday and delivered itself of another outburst of abuse, slander and falsehood. The Post is too far gone from all that is decent and manly to be further regarded with seriousness by the Advocate. It is only an object of pity. Those who know its uncontrollable infirmity will make due allowance for its wild and turbulent brain. It can not help it.

The Arkansas Methodist and Western Christian Advocate have consolidated under the name of Western Christian Advocate, with offices at Little Rock, Arkansas, and Oklahoma City, O. T. Jas. A. Anderson and A. C. Miller, of the Arkansas Methodist, are continued as editors, and P. R. Eaglebarger is added to the force, and J. W. Sims of Indian Mission Conference, is corresponding editor. The consultation starts off with a circulation of 12,000, with the hope of raising it to 15,000.

A DAY IN TEMPLE.

At this writing I am in Bell County, where there is raging one of the hottest local option campaigns of the season. Local option went into effect in this county two years ago last September. The antis of Temple and Belton set themselves to work to make the law unpopular, and from that time on they have left no stone unturned to accomplish their end. They opened up clubs and cold storages, and the lower element of them engaged in boot-legging and other methods of openly or secretly violating the law. This went on until the people could not endure it, and they had their officers to take advantage of a statute authorizing them to break into suspicious places and seize liquors and arrest those engaged in the business of keeping it on hand for illegal purposes. This was a bomb in their camp. For several months it worked like a charm. But this law was taken into the courts and declared unconstitutional. Since there has been much disregard of the law by the antis.

They were entitled to call an election last fall, but they counted noses and found that the negroes had not paid their poll-taxes. So they waited, and last month they had every negro upon whom they could lay their hands to pay his poll-tax. Scores of them appeared at the City Tax Collector's office with the exact change to pay their county and city poll-taxes. Everyone of them had \$2.75—not one cent over and not one cent under. The Local Option Committee have affidavits of some of these negroes to the effect that this money was given to them by a certain white man, doing business at a certain place. Of course this money was furnished by the Brewers' Association. As a result, there are about four hundred negroes in the county holding poll-tax receipts. The most of these will vote the anti ticket. Therefore, the question before the people of Bell is, will they be dominated by four hundred ignorant negroes, or will the county be ruled by its white people? So the battle is warm.

I came down here last Saturday night. I preached to a full house at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. In the afternoon we had a great mass-meeting at the First Baptist Church. I spoke one hour and a half to them. It was a representative gathering and full of enthusiasm. I preached again at night. Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss spent Sunday at Brownwood in the interest of our educational work. He is back in the county and he is giving the weight of his influence to the campaign. So are all the ministers in the county. There is not an indifferent one among them. They are aroused and standing by their guns. I will be at several points in the county this week. I have been trying to get out of these local option campaigns, and confine my work to the columns of the Advocate on this subject. But the importunate calls are so urgent that I have not been able to resist them. So, for a few weeks, I will render what help I can in the field; and then, if possible, drop out of speaking campaigns. G. C. R.

PERSONALS.

Rev. J. W. Mills, of Willis Point, made us a pleasant visit last week. He has recently had a great meeting in his charge, and his Church is in fine spiritual condition.

Bro. Blackburn, now of Garden City, but formerly of Sterling City, made us a delightful visit the other day. He is a good Presbyterian, but says he can not get along without the Advocate. We saw much of him and his good wife a few years ago when we visited Sterling City. We enjoyed their hospitality.

Rev. G. B. Winton, D. D., editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, spent last Sunday in Dallas and occupied the pulpit of the First Methodist Church at the morning service. The sermon was good, and we heard many expressions of approval and appreciations from those in attendance. Dr. Winton was returning from a three

weeks' visit to the conferences in Mexico. He had attended his own conference—the Mexican Border Mission—which met in San Antonio. He is in fine health. The Doctor is a genial, companionable man, and it is always a pleasure to meet him.

Rev. E. L. Egger, our pastor at the South Ervay Street Church, received a kind remembrance from the Woman's Home Mission Society of his Church Saint Valentine's day. It was an elegant suit of clothes. He has been cordially received at South Ervay, as evidenced by this and other tokens of appreciation that have come to himself and family.

In a private letter from Rev. S. S. Keener, D. D., of Rayne, La., he says: "I want to thank you for your masterly article on my dear father, Bishop Keener. It was the best all-round summary of his life-work and analysis of his character and preaching that has appeared. He always held you in high esteem and admired your paper."

Bro D. M. Smith, of Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn., has been visiting for some two weeks in Mexico. He was accompanied by his wife. He attended our conferences in that Republic, and on his return stopped over at Dallas and made us a pleasant call. He had a delightful visit in Mexico, and was much impressed by what he saw. He goes back much improved in health. He reports everything in good condition at Nashville.

CHURCH NEWS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mehary Jeffers left at her death \$50,000 to Ohio Wesleyan University, the amount to be immediately available.

Rev. J. G. Montfort, D. D., the oldest religious editor in the world, died Feb. 1 in Louisville, Ky., aged 95. He was a Presbyterian and did his first editorial work in 1835.

Rev. Frank A. Carter, for the past six years with the Methodist Publishing House, has gone to New York City, where he has secured a position with Eaton & Mains.

Prof. Edward Everett Hale, Jr., of Union College, a son of the famous Edward Everett Hale, and like his father a Unitarian, has recently made a profession of faith in Christ.

Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt, was recently elected chairman of the State Child Labor Commission, whose object is to secure desirable amendments to the child labor laws.

Bishop Wilson said recently: "I complete my three score and twelve today, but am in good health and glad to have plenty of work to do, and have a more lively interest in our glorious Church than ever."

Rev. A. P. Parker, D.D., has resigned the presidency of the Anglo-Chinese College in Shanghai and Rev. J. W. Cline, the missionary sent out by the Church at Helena, Ark., has been elected in his place.

A. S. Wilson, son of Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of the M. E. Church, died of consumption January 19 at Baltimore, Md. On account of the son's continued illness the Bishop had cancelled all his public engagements, and Bishop Moore had taken his work in Mexico.

Through the co-operation and assistance of a number of prominent ladies of Chattanooga, a fund of nearly \$2,000 has been raised with which to establish, furnish, and properly equip a children's ward, in connection with which will also be fitted up a maternity ward in Erlanger Hospital.

The M. E. Bishops appointed the following fraternal delegates. British Wesleyan and Irish Wesleyan Churches, Bishop Burt and Dr. R. J. Cooke;

Canadian Methodism, Rev. W. V. Kelley, D.D., Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Dev. W. F. Matthews, D.D., Presbyterian General Assembly, Dr. W. H. Crawford.

Mrs. Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, who resides at Petaluma, Cal., is now in her ninety-first year, and is well preserved. She enjoys good health, though partially deaf and vision somewhat dimmed, she converses with comparative ease, and is a constant reader of her Bible and the Pacific Advocate, says that Advocate.

Rev. George H. Waddell, for the past several years publisher and editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, has, on account of ill health, sold his interests to the new editor and has retired from active business. Rev. S. A. Nettles, the editor, has had twelve years in newspaper work, and is one of the best business men in South Carolina.

The Wesleyan Advocate says that in a private letter from Dr. Allen received recently he says that he expected to leave for the home land about the first of February, and that Miss Leveritt, of Georgia, and Miss Nicholson, of South Carolina, will probably come at the same time, the former on regular furlough, the latter on account of health and by order of her physician.

Dr. H. D. Snyder, President of Wofford College, has announced that the General Educational Board of New York has appropriated \$25,000 to the endowment of Wofford, on the condition that the friends of the institution complete by June 15, 1907, the \$100,000 which Dr. R. A. Child is now raising. Dr. Child says that he has raised half of the necessary amount and that the other is sure to come.

DEATH OF MR. T. W. DEALEY.

After an illness covering a period of two years, Mr. Thos. W. Dealey died at Mineral Wells, Texas, on February 15, 1906. He was a life-long Methodist, and was for many years a steward in St. James Church at Galveston. He was liberal to a fault with his Church—always contributing freely of his means to its enterprises. A good man, and one who will be much missed in all circles, passed away in his death. Quite a number of his old friends went to Mineral Wells in a special car provided by the News to attend his funeral. Services were conducted by Rev. L. A. Webb, pastor of our Church at Mineral Wells. After services at the church the Masons took charge, and he was buried with the impressive ritual of that Order.

After the beautiful floral offerings had been placed on the grave Mr. F. W. Boyle, a life-time friend of the deceased, said:

Friends, were this grave in Galveston, where our friend lived out his busy life, it would be superfluous for me to speak to the host of sympathizing friends who would be gathered there—for they knew him. But to you of Mineral Wells, among whom he came but to die, I beg to say that this earth here has received into its embrace the remains of one who was, in no ordinary sense, a man. We who knew him intimately learned from his tender, considerate treatment of his parents what the Bible means by the precept, "Honor thy father and thy mother," for, as a boy, he threw himself into the task of ministering to his loved parents; and, as a man, he constantly sought their comfort and happiness. So, too, "Brother Willie," as he was known in the family circle, was always appealed to for advice and counsel in any crisis, and instantly he was all attention with his resources of mind and heart. Then as a friend, he was true as steel and as warm as a sunbeam. How unprofessional was his sympathy, how wise his advice, how substantial his aid, and unostentatious his many acts of charity, many have been made to feel! As a business man, the public knows his success; his compeers have testified how very much of a factor he was in the upbuilding of the work to which he gave the best years—the Galveston-Dallas News. But not only did his masterly intellect command success, but his high sense of honor left its mark on the character of those who worked in his shadow. T. W. Dealey stood for practical righteousness in

business, and leaves the heritage of a noble name to his family and friends.

But, with all these things true of him, if he could speak down to us now, he would tell us that the joys of heaven were not vouchsafed to him by reason of his home and civic virtues, but that he is there by the right purchased for him by the death of Jesus Christ. I know that in his early life he committed the keeping of his soul to the Savior of sinners, and, therefore, our grief is assuaged by the record, "He is able to save to the uttermost they that come unto God through Him." And our friend went that way into God's holy presence. Thus we turn our faces back to the beaten path of our busy lives, glad that T. W. Dealey lived and rejoicing that, beyond the curtain of blue which shuts us from him, his life-story goes on throughout eternity. May we live in the light of his virtues and die with his hope.

BROTHER OF BISHOP CAPERS.

H. G. H.

Some time ago there was in the secular papers quite a contention as to who preached the first Protestant sermon in Texas. In the opinion of some writers it was Henry Stevenson. Others contended it was Sumner Bacon. Mr. Bacon was once a soldier in the United States army. He came to Texas in 1828 a zealous member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He afterwards was ordained to the ministry. In 1832 he was a colporteur of the Presbyterian Tract Society, of Natchez, Miss., traveling extensively through Texas distributing books and holding meetings. Thrall mentions that on one of those trips he heard that a stranger was sick at a Mr. Townsend's, on Cumming's Creek. He visited the sick man and found that he was rapidly sinking into the grave in a backslidden condition. The sick man was reclaimed and died happy. His name was Capers, and after his death it was discovered that he was a brother of Bishop Wm. Capers, and that he had parchments as a local elder and a regular diploma as an M. D. Who can locate Cumming's Creek and the grave of this brother of the eloquent Bishop Wm. Capers?

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The following are the amounts received since my last report to the Advocate:

June 6, C. H. Hensch.....	\$ 8 00
June 13, G. G. Hamilton.....	4 80
June 20, S. P. Brown.....	18 30
Nov. 23, B. H. Woods, Waco.....	5 00
B. H. Woods, Weatherford....	6 80
B. H. Woods, Dublin.....	12 00
B. H. Woods, Corsicana.....	2 00
Dec. 4, L. L. Naugle, Kemp....	3 60
Total	\$60 50

Statement of G. W. Owens, Trustee and Treasurer of Episcopal residence: Purchase of Maple Avenue property for.....\$16,500 00 For which two notes were executed—one for \$8000 and one for \$8500.

Disbursements.	
Paid note	\$ 8,000 00
Interest on same.....	38 93
Paid on \$8500 note.....	1,831 75
Packing and storing household goods (Hoss).....	124 91
Packing and storing residence goods	123 45
Insurance	39 00
J. M. Slaughter, improve'ts ..	216 00
J. J. Madigan, plumbing....	280 00
Total	\$10,645 04

Sale of Property.	
Cash received from E. M. Reardon	\$10,099 72
Balance on \$8500 note, assumed by E. M. Reardon..	6,921 63
Total	\$17,021 35
Less rebate on insurance...	21 35
Total	\$17,000 00
Cash receipts, Reardon.....	\$10,099 72
Cash receipts, subscription.	10,189 17
Total	\$20,288 89
Less expenditures	\$10,645 04
Balance in bank	\$9,643 85

The brethren will remember that the matter of furnishing the parsonage was put in the hands of the ladies, and the purchases made by the committee were, in round numbers, between \$1800 and \$1900, and there is yet due on same \$1246.98, which is long past due, and something should be done to pay this debt.

G. W. OWENS, Treasurer.
February 16, 1906.

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THE TEXAS METHODIST EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

Dallas, Texas, April 10-12, 1906.

PROGRAMME.

Tuesday, April 10—7:45 p. m., Devotional Exercises; 8 p. m., "Methodism and Education," address, Bishop E. E. Hoss, D. D.; 8:45 p. m., "Relation of Our Church Schools to the Religious Life of the Church," address, Rev. W. H. La Prade, D. D.; 9:30 p. m., adjournment.

(All papers strictly limited to 15 minutes and set speeches to 10 minutes.)

Wednesday, April 11—9 a. m., Devotional Exercises; "Jesus the Teacher;" 9:20 a. m., Address of Welcome; From the city and from the Churches of the city; responses: From the Conference and from the Board of Education, by President Bishop C. B. Galloway, D. D.; 10:30 a. m., "Survey of Progress in the Educational World for the Last Twenty-Five Years," paper; "The Educational Policy of the M. E. Church, South," paper, Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D.; speech; "Our Educational System in Texas," paper; 11:30 a. m., "The Church and Higher Education," address, Rev. R. G. Waterhouse, D. D.

Wednesday, April 11—2:30 p. m., Devotional Exercises; "The Holy Spirit in Education;" 2:45 p. m., "Christian Education and the Professions," paper, President W. D. Murrain, D. D.; 3 p. m., "A School of Divinity Necessary to a Great Church," paper; speech, Rev. S. C. Thompson; 3:25 p. m., "Educating the Christian Physician," speech; "A Hospital an Integral Part of a Medical College," speech; 3:45 p. m., "The Value of a College Education to a Business Man," paper, H. P. Hammill, D. D.; speech; 4:10 p. m., "The Necessary Equipment of a First-Class College," paper, President H. N. Snyder; speech; 4:35 p. m., "Southwestern University—Her History, Her Ideals and Her Needs," paper; general discussion (speeches limited to 3 minutes).

Wednesday Evening, April 11—7:45 p. m., Devotional Exercises; 8 p. m., "The Education of Women in the South," address, President W. W. Smith; 8:30 p. m., "College Endowment," address, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D.

Thursday, April 12—9 a. m., Devotional Exercises; 9:15 a. m., "The Boy and His Father," address; 9:35 a. m., "Our Relation to the Public Schools," paper; speech; 10 a. m., "The Future of Texas Methodism and Our Methodist Schools," paper; 10:15 a. m., "The Importance of Secondary Schools in Our Educational System," paper, Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, LL. D.; discussion, Presidents; 11:10 a. m., "Obligation of a Man of Means to a Boy of Brains," speech; 11:20 a. m., "The Investment of Money That Brings the Highest Dividends," paper; 11:35 a. m., "Wealth the Patron of Learning—Rich Men;" speech; 11:45 a. m., "Our Preachers and Our Laymen as Related to Our Church Schools," address, Bishop J. S. Key.

Thursday Afternoon, April 12—2:30 p. m., Devotional Exercises; 2:45 p. m., "The Christian Teacher—His Place, His Mission, His Compensation," paper, President W. R. Webb; speech; 3:10 p. m., "Recent Developments as Indicating the Trend of Edu-

ational Thought to Religion," paper, Rev. C. E. Downman, D. D.; 3:25 p. m., "Education and Mission," paper, Rev. Seth Ward, D. D.; speeches; 4 p. m., "The Influence of the Press in Our Educational Work," speech, Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D.; 4:10 p. m., "The Summer School of Theology—Its Object and Work," speech; 4:20 p. m., "Our Educational Waste," speech; 4:30 p. m., "Correlation of Church Schools," paper; speech, President John Massey, D. D.; general discussion, speeches limited to 3 minutes.

Thursday Evening, April 12—7:45 p. m., Devotional Exercises; 8 p. m., "The Opportunity of the Christian College," address, President J. C. Kilgo, D. D.; "The Duty of the Hour," address, Bishop C. B. Galloway, D. D.; the final adjournment.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Clarendon District.

The Clarendon District Conference will convene at Canadian March 8-12. Bishop Hoss presiding.

Committees of Examination: For License to Preach—G. S. Hardy, Thos. S. Barcus, L. Buford Sawyers. For Admission—C. N. N. Ferguson, M. E. Hawkins, W. B. Wilson. For Deacon's Orders—B. W. Dodson, Ben Hardy, C. L. Cartwright. For Elder's Orders—Samuel B. Sawyers, J. C. Carpenter, R. A. Hall.

The opening sermon will be preached by D. B. Doak.

The Missionary Institute from 9 a. m. until 12:30 Thursday, March 8. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Cuero District.

The District Conference will convene in Flatonia April 26, at 9 a. m. Friday, p. m., will be devoted to interest of women's societies and Saturday to Epworth Leagues. Programs of special interest. Let each society send one delegate and each Epworth League two delegates, with as many visitors as will come. Let pastors come to remain over Sunday. Local preachers will please make reports.

Committees of Examination: For License to Preach—L. B. Ellis, G. W. White, A. F. Jones. For Admission and Readmission—W. A. Govett, J. E. Martin, W. H. Nelson.

For Deacon's Orders—I. M. Carter, A. Y. Old, J. D. Burke. For Elder's Orders—I. T. Morris, C. Williamson, R. S. Adair. Preaching at 7:30 p. m., April 25, by R. A. Waltrip. J. C. WILSON, P. E.

Clarendon District.

I would be glad to have the names of all persons who expect to attend the District Conference at Canadian; also the time you will arrive. We extend to you a hearty welcome. SAM'L B. SAWYERS, P. C.

Gainesville District.

I am in receipt of a letter from Rev. J. P. Lowry, pastor, stating that the people of Nocona prefer to entertain the District Conference one week later than time announced. Therefore the time has been changed to meet their wishes and the conference will embrace first Sunday in May. Opening sermon Wednesday night, May 2, by Rev. W. T. Morrow, after which

the conference will be organized. This change necessitates a change in Quarterly Conference announcements for the second round. See Advocate notices. J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

Clarendon District.

The District Conference convenes at Canadian March 8, and will continue until the night of March 11.

Commencement exercises of Clarendon College May 25-28. There will be the largest class graduated in the history of the school. The school is getting a stronger hold on the Panhandle of Texas every day. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Georgetown District—Attention.

For good reasons and with the knowledge and consent of the places named, I hereby change place for the next session of our District Conference from Rodgers to Granger, Texas. Time remains as announced, April 3, 4, 1906; opening sermon by Rev. J. C. Mimms April 2, at 7:30 p. m. The Hargrove report blank will be used. Fill out blanks carefully that committees may have facts before them when they write their reports. We will meet in business session each morning at 8:30. Tuesday, 2 p. m. Sunday-schools, Prof. C. C. Cody in charge. Tuesday night, 7:30 p. m. Missions, Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss in charge. Wednesday, 2 p. m., Epworth Leagues, Rev. J. C. Mimms in charge. Wednesday night, 7:30 p. m., Education, Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D. in charge. We think the conference will be interesting, and we urge every member to attend. J. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

Vernon District.

Committees of Examination: For License to Preach—W. R. Thornton, J. T. Bloodworth, A. T. Culbertson. For Admission on Trial—L. W. Carlton, M. L. Moody, M. W. Clark. For Deacon's Orders—K. M. Van Zandt, R. B. Bonner, M. D. Hill. For Elder's Orders—W. E. Lyon, J. B. Wood, J. T. Hicks. W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension will meet in Wesley Church, Greenville, Texas, at 2 p. m., March 13. All persons applying for help from the General Board must have their applications in the hands of the Secretary by that time. Address Rev. W. T. Morrow, Gainesville, Texas, for blanks and for any needed information. J. W. HILL.

MINUTES OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

My attention has been called to the following errors in our last minutes: Names of A. P. Hightower and C. C. Williams do not appear on conference roll; they should so appear. E. M. Huff's name appears on roll of undergraduates and in list of classes as being in the class of first year, when he is in the class of second year. ROBERT GIBBS MOOD, Sec. Bowie, Texas, Feb. 12, 1906.

S. S. HOME DEPARTMENT, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

At the last Annual Conference I was appointed by the Sunday-school Board to look after the Home Department work. If the preachers who desire Home Department literature to use in their charges will write me and tell me how much they need I will give same prompt attention. A. B. DAVIDSON. 2902 W. Houston St., San Antonio, Tex.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

On the first Sunday of April, at 11 a. m., Bishop Hoss will dedicate our new church at Blanket. A cordial invitation is extended by Bro. Jackson and his people to all former pastors, presiding elders and brethren who may be able to attend. At night of same date, the Bishop will preach at Comanche. B. R. BOLTON.

Write Keating Implement & Machine Co., Dallas, Texas, and get free one of their 1906 Pocket Annals for Eggs, Butter and Cotton Record. Every farmer should have one of these, and they are free.

S. S. CONFERENCE.

All persons who intend to be present at the Sunday-school Conference of the M. E. Church, South, composed of Sunday-school superintendents, teachers and preachers, to be held in Austin, Texas, March 27, 28 and 29, are requested to write at once to Dr. S. Primer, 2709 Rio Grande Street, Austin, Texas. S. H. WERLEIN.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

Mortuary Call No. 33.

After a brief separation from his companion of less than a month, Rev. A. Davis has gone to join her company, and, reunited, they walk the streets of the City Beautiful. At 1 a. m. Feb. 13, he was translated. Your mortuary fee of \$2 is now due, and should be in the Secretary's hands before March 15. This call expires March 15. Please return your card with your remittance to be received. You need not write anything unless it is necessary. If you lose the card it will add to the expense of beneficiaries and the work of the Secretary. M. S. HOTCHKISS. Sec'y. Brotherhood.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Let all the papers to come before Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the West Texas Conference be in the hands of H. G. Horton before March 10. THEOPHILUS LEE, President of the Board.

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A good Methodist physician. Good opening in small town. Write immediately to NEAL W. TURNER. Evant, Texas.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Board of Missions, West Texas Conference, for January, 1906:

1. Amt. previously collected, Domestic	\$399 00
2. H. M. Whaling, San Marcos	46 25
3. S. C. Dunn, Sherwood	21 66
4. J. M. Lynn, Goliad	10 00
5. J. C. Russell, Staples	20 00
11. J. E. Buck, Welmar	26 00
15. H. M. Glass, Clear Creek	25 00
15. J. C. Russell, Staples	10 00
23. J. A. Foster, Kingsville	14 00
25. R. L. McIntyre, Willow City	30 00
25. T. G. Woolls, Cotulla	25 00
30. J. A. Pledzer, Bertram	25 00
31. E. T. Campbell, S. Heights	24 00
31. A. L. Scarborough, San Saba	25 00
Total to date	\$700 91
January	Foreign
1. Amt. previously collected	\$ 60 00
2. W. T. Renfro, Lampasas	7 50
4. H. M. Whaling, San Marcos	
S. S. for Cuban work	23 00
8. J. C. Russell, Staples	10 00
15. J. C. Russell, Staples	12 00
Total to date	\$112 90
J. E. PRITCHETT, Treasurer.	

Terrell District—Second Round.

Fate cir. at Mt. Zion, March 3, 4. Terrell sta. March 11. Forney sta. March 18, 19. Reinhardt cir. at Pleasant V. Mar. 24, 25. Garland sta. March 25, 26. Rockwall sta. April 1, 2. Elmo cir. at Able Springs, April 7, 8. Mabank cir. at Prairieville, Apr. 14, 15. Crandall, at Crandall, April 21, 22. District Conf. at Mesquite, April 25-29. Mesquite, at Mesquite, April 27. Pleasant Md. cir. at Mesquite, Apr. 28. Royse sta. May 6, 7. Kemp cir. at Wilson's Ch'l, May 12, 13. Colleze Mound, May 19, 20. Chisholm cir. June 16, 17. Kaufman sta. June 24, 25. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Feb. 1.—H. A. Matney, sub. W. B. Moon, sub. F. E. Luker, subs. J. H. Bowden, subs. R. J. Tooley, change. J. B. Cochran, sub. Ross Williams, sub. S. J. Drake, change. L. O. Rodgers, trial subs. W. W. Horner, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. W. A. Manly, sub. A. R. Nash, sub. A. L. Seales, sub. W. P. Garvin, sub. A. E. Carraway, subs. W. P. Edwards, sub. G. W. Harris, sub. V. H. Trammel, trial subs. B. H. Kennedy, sub. J. H. Bowden, subs. Feb. 2.—C. H. Adams, sub. W. E. Caperton, change. J. T. Hicks, sub. J. E. Buck, subs. have attention. J. A. Foster, sub. F. A. Downs, sub. J. A. Walker, sub. has attention, H. E. Carter, sub. M. C. Dobbs, subs. have attention. Walter Griffith, sub. S. S. McKenney, sub. W. T. Morrow, subs. J. D. Hudgins, sub. has attention. J. J. Murphy, sub. Lee A. Clark, sub. H. L. Hare, sub. S. L. Burke, sub.

Judge Charles F. Clint is now located at 356 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, corner opposite Post Office. He is giving special attention to examination of Land Titles, Will, Estate and Insurance Practice.

Write Rev. G. F. Boyd, Gatesville, Texas, about the cheapest lands in Texas according to location, population and quality. M. S. Leveridge, sub. J. M. Perry, subs.

FOR THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION, NASHVILLE, TENN., FEB. 28 TO MARCH 4.

The rate over the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. will be one fare plus 25c for the round trip, from all points in the Southeast, including St. Louis, Mo. Tickets on sale Feb. 26, 27 and 28, limited to March 10, 1906, with privilege of extension to April 10th upon payment of fee of 50 cents. From Arkansas, Texas, Indian and Oklahoma Territories the rate via Memphis will be one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale February 25, 26 and 27, limited to March 9. Through Sleepers to Nashville over the N. C. & St. L. Ry. from St. Louis, Memphis, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Macon, Jacksonville, Augusta, Knoxville, Asheville, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York. For maps, folders or further information write to POWELL PHILLIPS, T. P. A., N. C. & St. L. Ry., 49 South Main St., Memphis, Tenn.



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Epworth League Department

(All communications intended for this department and exchanges with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to Gus. W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Texas. Make all remittances for State League dues and Assembly pledges to A. K. Raggsdale, Secretary, Dallas, Texas.)

State Epworth League Cabinet.
 President—Gus. W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne.
 First Vice-President—Rev. A. D. Porter, Mt. Calm.
 Second Vice-President—Miss Belle Taylor, Houston.
 Third Vice-President—W. A. Palmer, San Marcos.
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 Secretary—A. K. Raggsdale, Dallas.
 Treasurer—Theo. Bering, Jr., Houston.
 Junior Superintendent—Mrs. A. C. Ellis, Austin.

SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, CORPUS CHRISTI, AUG. 2-13, 1906.

An invitation has been received from a convention company to hold the next encampment of the Texas State League in New York City.

Rev. F. B. Buchanan, presiding elder of the Beeville District, writes us: "I found a new League of 62 enthusiastic members at Karnes City, with an attendance of 125 at a devotional meeting on Sunday afternoon. This is a town of about five or six hundred people."

The first official act of our new Superintendent of Junior Leagues, of which we have notice, was the appointment of Bro. J. T. Robison as superintendent of the Tenth Street Junior League at Austin. Brother Robison is chief clerk in the general land office and a good Methodist.

Prof. W. A. Palmer, Third Vice President, writes us from San Marcos as follows: "We have a League rally on for to-night (Feb. 11) at which time we hope to raise our pledge of 50 for the improvement of the grounds at Corpus."

The League at Amelia, O., says the Epworth Herald, has adopted a new plan for its weekly devotional meetings. A monthly overseer is appointed who is responsible for the meetings for a month, either leading them himself or finding leaders.

The Leagues up in the Ottumwa (Ia.) District have just discovered, it seems, that it is a good plan to include a Sunday in the annual programs as the closing day. This fact is emphasized in the announcement of the meeting scheduled for June 22-24.

Hico League has elected the following officers: President, Frank Wilson; First Vice President, Miss Florence Gleason; Second Vice President, Miss Irene Porter; 3rd Vice President, Miss Myrtle McLaughlin; Fourth Vice President, Miss Isophene Tolar; Era agent, Miss Mae Goodrich; Secretary, Miss Ola Driskell; Treasurer, Wylie McLaughlin; Organist, Miss Eva Terry.

President J. C. Roper, of the South Carolina State Epworth League, in a recent issue of the Southern Christian Advocate, gives four specific reasons "why the League has not succeeded in South Carolina," viz: 1. Because the preachers have been unwilling to pay the cost of success. 2. Because the sentiment of the Conference is not strong enough in regard to young people's work. 3. Because preachers have waited to find ready made leaders instead of leading themselves until leaders were made. 4. Because the officers of the Church has not been used with the same force in behalf of the League as toward other departments of Church work. These are grave charges, and we should not quote them if it were not that President Roper is himself one of the preachers of the conference of which he writes. If these conditions prevailed in Texas we would feel like an old time Methodist camp meeting was the most important need of the hour.

We publish elsewhere a communication from the Junior League Superintendent. Mrs. Ellis is very desirous of getting in touch with the Junior League leaders and makes some very important suggestions regarding the general work. Look up her letter and read it.

JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS, ATTENTION!

As the District work is not well organized in all parts of the State, I am going to depend entirely on you for the annual reports. Watch the Advocate, and when I make my call for reports, which will not be later than July 1, it is my most urgent request that every Junior League superintendent in the State respond promptly, so that I will have all reports in my hands by the fifteenth of July, 1906.

If you are doing the work, we want you to have credit for it, if you are not doing the work, begin now, and see what a fine report you can send me by the first of July. I am ready to assist you in any way possible. Write me.

DALLAS LEAGUES.

On March 5 there will be held at Bush Temple under the auspices of the Dallas Epworth Leagues an entertainment, in which from sixty to seventy prominent young persons of the city will participate. The entertainment will be in the nature of a district school, depicting the joys and tribulations of students in a country school. The affair will be under the direction of Miss Annie Kelper. A similar entertainment was given in Fort Worth, and those participating were requested to repeat it. At the State encampment of Epworth Leagues at Corpus Christi the various leagues pledged certain sums for the improvement of the grounds at Corpus Christi. The Dallas Leagues will give this entertainment to raise their part of the amount.—Dallas News.

(The Dallas Leagues subscribed \$100 to the assembly improvement fund and will pay it. Many Leagues are delinquent on their pledges and prompt action should be taken to pay up. Improvements will begin soon and we must have funds.—Ed.)

FIELD SECRETARY IN NEW ENGLAND.

Some months ago we reported that there was a movement under way in New England for the appointment of a field secretary of the Epworth League in that section of the country. And our readers will remember that we expressed hearty sympathy with the movement.

Announcement is now made that Mr. William E. Oliver has been chosen for this new post of duty, responsibility and opportunity. We most cordially congratulate the Epworth League throughout New England upon this very happy selection.

Mr. Oliver is not new to work among young people. He has all the qualifications that should compel success in his field of Church life and endeavor. He has youth, culture, enthusiasm, enterprise, experience, and complete consecration to high ideals of service as part of his fine equipment for his new work. That he will succeed we have no doubt, provided he is accorded a full measure of cooperation by the leaders of the young people in our New England Churches. And this already has been promised him. Bishops, presiding elders, pastors, and laymen give him cordial welcome to his field of work and offer him the kind of help that will be needed to win the largest measure of success.

We give the new field secretary our greeting and bid him godspeed as he goes forth to arouse the young people and lead them into the inviting fields that are already white unto harvest.—Epworth Herald.

SECONDS THE MOTION.

Bro. Gus Thomasson rises to second our motion to let the Epworth League Board be given authority to

appoint a District Chairman, who shall take general supervision of the League work in his District.

He intimates that the presiding elders down in Texas do as they do in North Carolina—forget to "respect our authority" and fail to appoint them even when by resolution, the conference requests them to do so.

When we get the measure through, Brother Thomasson, we will "ring you up" and communicate with you, if we are not so overjoyed as to forget to.—H. B. A. in Raleigh Advocate.

(We did not mean to say that many of our presiding elders failed in this. Only a few. But we do endorse the movement to make the District Chairman an officer of conference authority.—Ed.)

NOTE FROM BRO JONES.

My wife and I both being under the weather, we came down for the benefit of the water here Saturday; and as is my habit Sunday I dropped into the M. E. Sunday-school and found a fine school, and learned that there was no Junior League. (Seniors organized last summer.) The Superintendent gave me four minutes to make a date with the children to meet me at 4 p. m. to organize a Junior League. The Senior League met at 3 p. m. and I was requested to make a talk to them which I did and to my surprise when I got the floor the house was nearly full; did the best I could. Afterwards organized a Junior League with 33 members—a splendid set of boys and girls and expect next Sunday to have 60.

G. S. JONES,
 Secretary N. T. Con. League,
 Tioga, Texas.

To remove the smell of onions from the breath, eat parsley and vinegar; from the hands, rub an outside piece of celery on them.

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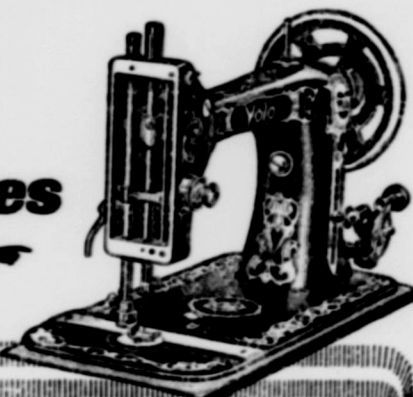
It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

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TENTH STREET CHURCH, AUSTIN.

Tenth Street Methodist Church, at Austin, has recently been blessed with a gracious revival of religion. By invitation, the evangelist, Rev. John E. Brown, and Prof. Curry came to us, and for seventeen days and nights preached and sang the gospel. Great congregations began to assemble, and in a few days the crowds were too large to be accommodated, and many were turned away. For eight days the evangelist devoted himself to the Church. With consummate skill he stressed the weakness and failure of many Christians, and awoke responses from many in the shape of resolutions to live more prayerful, godly and consistent lives. On the eighth day he preached to the unpenitent and unconverted, and seventeen persons were forward for prayer. Every night thereafter until the close of the meeting from fourteen to twenty persons walked to the front for prayer. We believe there were over two hundred conversions and reclamations. Eighty persons applied for membership in Tenth Street Church, and there were additions to other Churches. As a result of the meeting fifty-eight persons have already united with this Church, and others are to follow. The prayer-meeting following the revival was the largest, perhaps, ever seen in the church; the lecture room was filled. The women's societies have been increased in membership, and the Epworth League has had large additions. The Church membership has been largely quickened and a spirit of work has taken hold of many of the people. Rev. John E. Brown and Prof. Curry did not disappoint our expectations. If anyone is prejudiced against evangelists, Brown will disarm him, and Curry will sing his fears away. Evangelist Brown is young in years, but matured in thought. His diction is excellent, and his vocabulary is abundant. The body of his sermons is sufficiently strong to command the attention of the most thoughtful and cultured. His voice is trumpet-like. He is deliberate, yet animated; he is sympathetic and magnetic. The interest is cumulative from the start, until the large congregations are swayed by him. He plows deep, points out the old paths, and relates the customs and traditions of early Methodism. No one will make a mistake in securing the services of John E. Brown. We people at Tenth Street Church think we are good judges of preaching, but we have no doubt of our ability to pronounce correctly on Church singing. We boast perhaps the finest amateur choir director and singer in the State, and would not hesitate to put his voice against any baritone in Southern Methodism. I refer to the vocal excellence of Bro. W. H. Stacy, whose father was a Methodist preacher and college educator. He is a lawyer, and devotes much of his time and talent gratuitously to our Church music. He has a choir of a hundred voices in the church and when they let their voices out, the old church almost trembles with delight. A platform extending over the width of the church behind the pulpit has been erected for this great chorus, and at our Friday evenings' gathering for prayer and music we expect to learn the new melodies which are to be found in our new hymnal. The writer has been only waiting for the opportunity to say that he has never heard in any of our churches choir singing the equal of that which for two years past has been uniformly rendered in Tenth Street Church. This is only preparatory to what should be said of the singing of Prof. Curry. He is a magnificent choir director. His voice has not the power or compass of Sankey's or Excell's, but it has more sweetness, pathos and persuasiveness. His solo work is captivating and his presence adds much to the success and enthusiasm characteristic of their meetings. These two gentlemen are admirably and exceptionally fitted for this special work. They will do any Church good, and are qualified to conduct successful services in any congregation.

They are gentlemen who win by their ability in the public service, and in the parlor by their urbanity and cordiality.

The present church edifice was erected in 1883 under the pastorate of the Rev. A. E. Goodwyn, formerly of the Louisiana Conference, where I first met him. It is one of the kind of our church structures which was built for only one generation. It is doomed to be torn down some day and give place to an edifice which will cost possibly twice the amount expended on it. We have reached that period in the history of church building when in cities of 25,000 population and upwards only structures which will last for centuries should be erected for our strong congregations. Tenth Street Church has been making steady progress for some time past. Under the pastorate of W. D. Bradfield it forged forward and the impulse given by his able minister has not been arrested during the period of the present pastor's incumbency. It now has a membership of nine hundred and twenty members. In its membership are to be found the Governor of the State of Texas, and a large number of State officials, university professors, and men of eminence in their respective professions. It is a pleasant charge. The people are cordial, frank, appreciative. Austin Methodism has a great future. The city of Austin grows annually in population. It now claims about 30,000. It is conservative and not sufficiently progressive from a business standpoint. It is a city of homes, and many of the residences evince great taste and fine architectural skill. Street paving is being introduced and there is talk of modern business houses soon to be erected.

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A man never blows his own horn until the silence has become more than he can bear.—Ran's Horn.

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The Woman's Department

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 170 Maasen St., Dallas, Texas.

THE REBECCA SPARKS DEACONESS HOME.

There is a woman at the beginning of all great things.—Lamartine.

The Deaconess Home at Waco was named by the Northwest Texas Conference for Mrs. Rebecca Sparks, whose devotion has made it possible. Years ago Mrs. Sparks' heart was "strangely warmed" when she thought of the helpless children whose mothers were bread winners and thereby forced to leave their homes. Through her efforts the City Board purchased on Feb. 10, 1900, a property on South Sixth Street, where a day nursery was established. This smaller property became the nucleus from which our present plant has grown. The Home is now situated at 1118 Franklin Street, and its title is vested in the General Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society, with headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee.

The local work is in the hands of a deaconess, appointed by the General Board at their annual meeting.

The City Board of Missions consists of six members chosen by the Home Mission Society of Fifth Street Church and six members from Austin Avenue Church, and this Board co-operates with the deaconess in the management of the home.

The primary meaning and utility of a Deaconess Home is to provide a residence for the deaconesses of a city. Not having but one deaconess we have found other use for it. We have established, on the co-operative plan, a home for young ladies. It is the policy of the management to make it self-sustaining. Rates are charged, which, together with subscriptions collected by the members of the City Board, provide means for meeting current expenses. By this arrangement the young ladies have the comfort and safety of a Christian home at a cost of about \$2 per week, which includes fuel and lights. Our work, in this line, was begun in 1903, and has steadily grown, reaching the highest number this year, there being as many as sixteen young ladies at one time at the home as boarders.

We have a seven room cottage on a large grassy lawn. Nearby, in the same yard, we have recently erected a neat building of two large airy rooms, and a vestibule, at a cost of about \$800, which is to be used for a day nursery.

Our deaconess has opened an industrial school for girls, a mothers' club, and a boys' club, meetings to be held weekly; also a free kindergarten.

We have collected and paid out as follows:

Year 1903-1904	\$856 85
Year 1904-1905	752 25
Year 1905 (1/2 year)	921 39

Total \$2,530.49

Our fiscal year ends March 31.

Waco has the distinction of having furnished the first Deaconess Home in the Southern Methodist Church. The Home Mission Societies of the Northwest Texas Conference, at their annual meeting in Waco two years ago, pledged themselves to raise \$2,000 for the benefit of the Home, if located within the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference. Of this amount \$826.51 has been paid over, and has been used for building purposes. The General Board makes an annual appropriation to the home of twenty-five per cent of the amount expended for current expenses, which will reach this year about \$200.

It is the intention of the City Board to use the money which is to be paid by the Northwest Texas Conference Home Mission Societies for permanent improvement only.

Our buildings and furniture are fully protected by insurance.

Before closing this, our first printed report, we desire to thank all who have in any way assisted us. Their names would make a long list—but long for mention here—but record is

made on the books of the society.

We have had good results from our efforts and see only promise for a bountiful harvest if we continue in well doing.

Officers.

Mrs. May Lockard, Deaconess Board of City Missions.—Mrs. W. L. Perry, President; Mrs. F. M. Allen, Vice-President; Mrs. H. W. Hubby, Secretary; Mrs. J. P. Sample, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. H. Mackey, Treasurer; Mrs. Lina Lewis, Mrs. D. P. Lowery, Mrs. H. C. Lazenby, Mrs. T. P. Sparks, Mrs. Jerome Duncan, Mrs. M. B. Willis, Mrs. C. R. Wright.

To the Auxiliaries W. F. M. Society of Dallas District.

Dear Sisters:

This is the last quarter of the fiscal year, ending March 1. The Treasurer's book closes on the 10th of March. Are we all ready for the books to close? Have we paid our assessment? If not let us have a called meeting and see that all dues, local and conference contingent and specials, are paid in full. I ask as a great favor of all Corresponding Secretaries to have their reports sent to me by the first of March. Let us not fall short of our obligations.

MRS. N. A. SEARCY.

Dallas, Texas. Dist. Sec.

To the members of West Texas Conference Society W. F. M. S.:

I suppose the members of our auxiliaries all know that this month of February will wind up the missionary year of 1905-06. I wonder how many will be able to report "all claims paid in full." Of course we expect all dues and the conference expense fund to be fully paid, but how about the pledge thank offering and other specials? If, for any cause, you are behind in these matters I hope you will take advantage of the few remaining days to square up. Be sure you have all funds now on hand and to be collected, in the hands of your conference Treasurer in time for her to settle her accounts with Miss McTyeire, General Treasurer, by March 1.

Another thing: I would remind you that the time for holding our annual meeting is growing nearer and nearer. I do not think the exact date has been settled upon, but it is full time for us to be getting ready for it. Many matters of importance will be presented for your consideration, no doubt.

The past year has been a test year in West Texas Conference Society—a test as to your ability to give and to raise money for this great work. The faith of some has been tested, as a number of our members thought it would be impossible to raise the amount called for. How happy will we be, and what gratitude to God will fill our hearts if we find that effort has been crowned by achievement.

Let all of the societies, adult, Junior and golden link be represented at the annual meeting. If you have not already done so, elect your delegates at once, and make your arrangements to defray their expenses.

We of San Antonio are looking forward to the assembling of our representatives in our midst with high hopes that great good may be accomplished. Let us all strive more earnestly this year than we have ever done in this work of foreign missions, remembering that "God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." Let us also be more liberal, for "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth liberally, shall reap also bountifully."

May the New Year be fraught with much of joy and happiness to all, and much of cheerful and profitable work for the Master.

MRS. E. C. NICHOLS.

San Antonio, Texas.

We are glad to note the organiza-

tion of an auxiliary Woman's Foreign Society of twelve members at New Prospect, Texas Conference, January 25, 1906, with the following officers:

Mrs. Floy Smith, President; Mrs. Della Darnell, Vice-President; Mrs. Mattie Hendrick, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Emma Hendrick, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. May many blessings come to the members in this work for Christ.—Ed. Woman's Dept.

ASPERMONT HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

There are people, even in the Northwest Texas Conference, who do not know where Aspermont is. Aspermont is the "capital" of Stonewall County, and is about eighteen miles (please note that it is no longer forty miles) from the Orient railroad. Aspermont was reported last fall at conference as the banner appointment in the Abilene District, having paid more money per capita than any other in the district. But this paper is to report the doings of the W. H. M. S. at Aspermont. Our Society was organized several years ago, but about one year ago we took on new life. Our President, Mrs. D. T. Averitt is the right woman at the head, and understands the work thoroughly. One year ago we owed about \$60 and our treasury was empty. We had very few members. We now have twenty-three members, with average attendance of fourteen. We are out of debt. Our dues, expense fund and Deaconess Home assessment are paid. We have put a new cook stove, dining room chairs and carpet in the parsonage; also repapered one room. We intend to ceil the kitchen and still have money in the bank. We take eleven copies of Our Homes and The King's Messenger.

We have paid everything asked of us, except the \$1 for deaconess scholarship and I think that will be paid soon. We are trying to live up to our motto in all things: "Trust in the Lord and do good."

MRS. NAT. G. ROLLINS.

Cor. Sec'y.

The above has a ring of business that is infectious. It makes one feel a desire to fall into step with those wide-awake women. If a thing is needing to be done, what better than to go to work and do it? Mrs. Rollins' enumeration leaves out mention of the canvass. My book reports ten new members for them. Another town reports the canvass begun and thirty-four new members so far. Be active, dear sisters, ours is a high calling. "How speaks the present hour? Act!"

Walk upward glancing; So shall thy footsteps in glory be traced, Slow, but advancing."

MRS. S. C. FOLLIN.

Press Supt. Conf. Society. Fort Worth, Texas.

WEST TEXAS HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Program for Baby Roll Day. Opening Song, 680 Methodist Hymnal; Scripture Lesson, Mark 10:3-16; Prayer; Paper, A Sketch of John Wesley's Mother; Question, Is it a Sacred Privilege to be a mother? by all ladies present; Dialogue, on Baby Roll, (leaflet); Solo by small child, No. 65, Children's Praises; Recitation, "Two Little Lips." Children's Praises; Opening Mite Boxes; Enrolling New Names; Prayer for Baby Roll and Superintendent. "Children's Praises," 15c, may be obtained from our Publishing House Smith & Lamar, Dallas.)

MRS. I. WERLEIN.

Austin, Texas.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

My dear Auxiliaries:

It has hardly been possible for me to write a letter separately to you, hence I take advantage of the Woman's department in the Christian Advocate to address you. Now if this grand paper was circulated as its merits demand, and the Woman's department read as it should be, every woman in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, (North Texas Confer-

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\$10.00 Fall or Spring Suits at	\$7.25

All Our Children's Overcoats

Have been proportionately reduced. Take advantage of our grand offers, this opportunity will soon be a thing of the past.

SANGER BROS.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

ence), would read this little article. I can hardly realize that the accounts for another fiscal year are soon to go on record. How about this past year in the Supply department? Are its pages clean? Or, are they blotted and blurred with the neglect of sending boxes, or after sending them have you neglected to report them? I am more eager, if possible, to receive your report for this quarter than ever before, because I have had so few up to this time. Now we do not know whether to cry or laugh over this meager report. We think may be we have no needy preachers; we rejoice in that thought and feel like laughing, but on the other hand we know that our Orphanage, Settlement Home and Mission Home are always in need. Therefore we feel sorry that no more boxes are reported. But we are very grateful to the auxiliaries that have sent boxes, and, personally, let me say "thank you" for sending report of same to me. In this article I make my last appeal to you for this fiscal year. If you have sent supplies anywhere and your report is not in the list below, you may be assured the report has not come to me.

McKinney, one box to a preacher; Honey Grove, one box to Mission Home, Dallas; Honey Grove, one box to Orphanage, Waco; Era, one box to Settlement Home, Dallas; Maple Avenue, two boxes to Settlement Home, Dallas; Maple Avenue, one box given locally; Chisholm, one box to Orphanage, Waco; Detroit, \$2.25 for needy preacher; Detroit, one box to Mission Home, Dallas; Detroit, one box to Settlement Home without value reported, would like so much to know value of it; Sherman, Travis Street, one box to preacher; Sherman, Travis Street, one box to Mission Home, Dallas; First Church, Dallas, one box, but did not say where it was sent; Trinity Church, Dallas, one box to Mission Home, Dallas.

The reports from the two last named places, were sent to me by the district secretary. Thanks, Mrs. Ragdale. I shall address every district secretary separately. If you read this, please send me reports if you have any that are not in the above list. Oh, to think we have 118 auxiliaries

and only 14 boxes reported for this quarter, and only two more weeks to report in; but I hope in that time to receive many reports, for I am almost sure the boxes have been sent. Dear sisters, let us do better next quarter, let us not be selfish Christians, seeking only our own happiness. If we will discharge our duty as working Christians, keeping ourselves in constant self-denial and activity, happiness will come to us through the consciousness of having discharged our duty.

MRS. W. W. WILLIAMS.

Supt., Supply Dept., Conf. So. Decatur, Texas.

COLORADO DISTRICT NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

It has been my pleasure and privilege for one year to serve as District Secretary for our Foreign Mission work in the Colorado District. Our fiscal year closes with the coming in of March, 1906, and will we meet the New Year with rejoicing or will we meet it with sorrow? I meet it with both; I am glad the Lord has used me as his child, and I am glad it has been my privilege to serve so dear a people as I have. I am sorry we have not been able to do more for the advancement of the work, but I know that the Father who pitieth his children will forgive me if I have unconsciously let some of His precious time go by unused. We have organized one new society of seventeen members at Union, eight of this number being honorary. This place is just a country neighborhood, and they have not done as much in the cause as they want to on account of the distance from the Church. They observed Easter and sent a nice little offering to Anadarko. They are a fine people and hope to keep alive the missionary sparks, and do more in the future. They have a nice new church, which was dedicated by Bishop Hass.

We reorganized at Midland with eleven members. Their work has not been what they desire it to be, but we will not despise the day of small things, but look forward to a brighter future. Big Springs has a splendid society. I do not know the exact membership for the President tells me they have several new members; had twenty-two

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

Sherman, Texas.

On the evening of the 16th Mr. Krueger gave a recital in Denison with the following program:

- Sonata op 53 C Major (Waldstein Sonata) Beethoven.
- Waltz op 34 No. 1.
- Nocturne op 15 No. 2.
- Etude op 10 No. 7.
- Etude op 19 No. 3. Chopin.
- Etude op 25 No. 9.
- Ballade op 47 No. 3.

"Hark, hark! the lark"—Schubert Liszt. Intermezzo en Octaves op 44 No. 4. La Source op 36 No. 4—Leschetzky. Marche Militaire—Schubert Tausig. Lacampagna—Paganini Liszt. Rhapsodie Hongroise—Liszt.

This varied program gave large opportunity for that remarkable versatility that characterizes Mr. Krueger as an artist. The "Rhapsodie" was given with the frenzy of motion and emotion that the name implies and which is so often missed in the playing for a lack of clean cut technique sufficient to take the furious tempo with enough of restraint to preserve the clearness of the melody. The "Waldstein Sonata" was a great piece of interpretative work, and the entire program was given with great beauty and artistic finish. Mr. Krueger is a master of his instrument and his art.

The Sherman Nursery Company, under the direction of Mr. Mayhew, has taken charge of the lawn of the conservatory building and will make it a model piece of landscape gardening. A large variety of roses, bulbs and shrubs have already arrived.

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in December. They observed Easter and Training School day, helped on Miss Mann's expense at Denton, and altogether I call them a loyal band of Christian women.

Colorado Juveniles are a fine little band of little Christian workers, and they are money makers too. In the last two years they have put two chandeliers of six lights each in our church and have paid twenty-nine dollars on our scholarship in that time at Scarritt, and have paid some this year on Miss Mann's expense at Denton. Perhaps some other society would like to know how they make their money, so I'll tell you a few of their ways. They buy sugar and make candy and sell it, make doll clothes, plant gardens, give ice cream suppers, and many other nice little plans they have.

Colorado Auxillary one year ago had twenty-three members, now we have thirty-seven. It has never been my pleasure to work with a more superior band of women than this Auxillary contains. I suppose Colorado being my home until recently, has made them doubly dear to me. A few members have moved away, and one young mother and wife has been called to her reward, to her home not made with hands.

I did the press work while there, but the President tells me she has not been able to get any one to take it up yet. This Auxillary observed Easter, Training School day and sent a neat little sum to our scholarship. Helped on Miss Mann's expense at Denton.

We have been rather handicapped all the year in the way of finances, for nearly every one of the members of the Foreign Auxillary belong to the Home Mission, and our pastor needed more room for his family, so the Home Mission made a record for so small a place by putting more than six hundred dollars worth of improvements on the parsonage, which good Brother Vaughan and his excellent family are now enjoying.

Brother Griswold, our warm hearted presiding elder, tells me everything in the District is moving along very nicely. The preachers who go only by train from one charge to another have no idea what your brother on the plains must endure for His sake, going from twenty-five to fifty miles to meet his appointments, perhaps facing a cold bleak norther, rain or snow in the winter, and the hard winds and blistering sun in the summer. But the Father's business must not be neglected. As I have now moved to Fort Worth, I must soon resign my place to one, whom I trust, will fill it more satisfactory than I have. May the one who never sleeps be her guide and strong hold.

I am most sincerely—in His name, for the work.

MRS. J. W. E. GILLILAND.

EMMA W. H. M. Society.

Our society has been and is doing as good work as any its size and environments I have ever known, and I have had occasion to investigate several in this state, and two or three other states besides Oklahoma. Being new workers for the most part, we have not succeeded with the work as we could and will, with more experience. At our last meeting we elected new officers, and had a thorough report of last year's work. Considering we have less than 20 members, (I have not the exact number for this year,) I think it might be encouraging to other societies to report what our little band in this frontier village, 135 miles from the railroad has done the past 10 months. The society has paid out on seating church and buying stove for same, and smaller items for parsonage, \$170, less a few cents, and have on hand quite a neat sum for future emergencies. We are fortunate to have again our former president, Sister Childers, who understands the work and the needs of a western people and Church, and we hope to see much good accomplished during the year. The society is a benefit in every way, mentally and spiritually and one feels there is always "a corner in which she may shine," no matter how small her talent, and there is always a way for every one to gain other talents as we are commanded,

against the coming of our Master. We hope to see no stone left unturned for the good of the Church and people during this year.

MRS. J. WILSON BOYLE, Cor. Sec.

Greenville District—Second Round.

- Wolfe City, March 4.
- Floyd, at Caddo Mills, March 10, 11.
- Kavanaugh, 7:30 p. m., March 11.
- Merit, at Bethel Grove, March 17, 18.
- Lone Oak, at Miller Grove, Mar. 24, 25.
- Fairlie, at Wesley Chapel, March 31, April 1.
- Quinlan, at Cash, April 7, 8.
- Greenville mis, at Bethel, April 14, 15.
- Wesley, 7:30 p. m., April 15.
- Campbell, at Friendship, April 21, 22.
- Leonard, at Orange Grove, Apr. 28, 29.
- Kingston, at White Rock, May 5, 6.
- Lee sta and Jones Bethel, at J. B., May 12, 13.
- Commerce mis, May 19.
- Commerce sta, May 20, 21.
- Celeste and Lane, at Lane, May 26, 27.

J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Houston District—Second Round.

- Rice-ton, March 3, 4.
- Brunner Avenue, March 10, 11.
- Washington Street, March 11, 12.
- Tabernacle, March 17, 18.
- McAshan and Harrisburg, Mar. 18, 19.
- Bay City and Matagorda, March 24, 25.
- Wharton and Lane City, March 25, 26.
- Columbia and Brazo'a, Mar. 31, Apr. 1.
- Shearn, April 3.
- Cedar Bayou, April 4.
- Rosenberg, April 7, 8.
- Richmond, April 8, 9.
- League City, April 14, 15.
- McKee Street, April 15, 16.
- Galveston, First Church, April 18.
- Galveston, West End, April 19.
- Angleton and Velasco, April 21, 22.
- St. Paul's, April 25.
- Humble and Katy, April 26.
- Houston Heights, April 27.
- Alvin, April 28, 29.

District Conference will meet at Brunner Avenue, Houston, June 20, at 10:30 a. m. Opening sermon Tuesday evening, June 19.

SAM R HAY, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.

- Gorman, at Kokomo, March 3, 4.
- Hico, at Hico, March 10, 11.
- DeLeon cir, at Downing, March 17, 18.
- DeLeon sta, at DeL., p. m., Mar. 18, 19.
- Huckabay, at Hannibal, March 25, 26.
- Stephenville cir, at Sylvan, Mar 31, April 1.
- Stephenville sta, at S., p. m., April 1, 2.
- Green's Creek, at Bunyan, April 7, 8.
- Dublin sta, at Dublin, p. m., April 8, 9.
- Iredell, at Oden Chapel, April 14, 15.
- Eastland, at Pleasant G'Ve, Apr. 21, 22.
- Fairy and Lanham, at L., April 28, 29.
- Glenrose, May 3.
- Granbury mis, May 5, 6.
- Granbury sta, at G., p. m., May 6, 7.
- Carlton, May 12, 13.
- Duffau, at Clariette, May 17.
- Carlton, at Olden, May 19, 20.
- Cisco mis, May 26, 27.
- Cisco sta, at Cisco, p. m., May 27, 28.
- Bluffdale, June 2, 3.
- Desdimona, June 9, 10.

Delegates to the District Conference will be elected this round.

E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

- Chillicothe sta, Feb. 14.
- Chillicothe, at Big Valley, Feb. 17, 18.
- Quanah cir, at Kirkland, Feb. 24, 25.
- Quanah sta, Feb. 25, 26.
- Vernon sta, March 4, 5.
- Quail, at New Hope, March 10, 11.
- Wellington sta, March 11, 12.
- Seymour cir, at Truskett, March 16.
- Knox City, March 17, 18.
- Munday and Goree, at M., March 20.
- Seymour sta, March 22.
- Spring Creek, at Round T., Mar. 24, 25.
- Childress mis, March 31, April 1.
- Vernon cir, at Thalia, April 7, 8.
- Estelline, at Union Chapel, Apr. 21, 22.
- Crowell, at Black, April 30.
- Paducah, at Union Corners, May 12, 13.
- Matalor, at Cottonwood, May 19, 20.
- Turkey, at Turkey, May 22, 23.
- Missionary Institute at Quanah April 25, 8 p. m. Opening sermon by L. E. Riddle.

District Conference at Quanah April 27-29.

W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Colorado District—Second Round.

- Clairemont, at Jayton, March 10, 11.
- Dickens, at Wichita, March 13.
- Emma, at Farmer, March 15.
- Floydada, at Harmony, March 17, 18.
- Hale Center, at Lamb S. H., March 21.
- Plainview mis, at Runn'g W., Mar. 22.
- Plainview sta, March 24, 25.
- Lubbock, at Block 20, March 30.
- Gomez, at Meadow, March 31, April 1.
- Gaines Co., at Gaines, April 5.
- Stanton and Lamesa, at L., April 7, 8.
- Tahoka, at McDonald, April 19.
- Gall, at Prairieview, April 13.
- Dunn, at Centerville, April 14, 15.
- Snyder sta, April 21, 22.
- Colorado cir, at R. Bar., April 28.
- Big Springs sta, April 29.
- Colorado sta, April 30.
- Midland sta, May 5, 6.

District Conference will convene at Lubbock June 20, at 11 a. m.

J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

- Amarillo, March 4; business meeting 29th.
- Memphis, March 17, 18.
- Clarendon, March 21.
- Canyon City, March 21, 25.
- Claude, March 31, April 1.
- Hereford mis, at Summerfield, 11 a. m., April 7, 8.
- Hereford sta, 7:30 p. m. and 9, Apr. 8.
- Hereford sta, Apr. 8, 7:30 p. m., and 9.
- Channing, at Middle Well, April 12.
- Stratford, April 14, 15.
- Hansford, at Huff's Chapel, April 18.
- Dalhart sta, April 21, 22.
- Plemons, at Leib, April 25.
- Umberger, at Wamble, April 28, 29.
- Higgins, May 4.
- Canadian, May 5, 6.
- Miami, May 19, 20.
- Panhandle, May 21.
- McLean, Shamrock, 11 a. m., Jun. 2, 3.
- Broncho, at Broncho, 8 p. m., June 3.
- Rowe, at Rowe, May 12, 13.
- Tulia, June 7.
- Silverton, June 9, 10.

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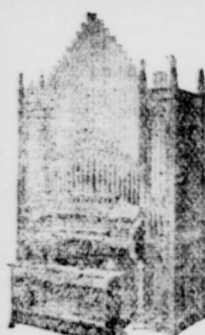
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HOLMES.—Rev. David Thomas Holmes was born in Green County, Georgia, June 16, 1832, and departed this life in the home of his son-in-law, Dr. C. H. McCollum, at Hico, Texas, June 16, 1905. Brother Holmes was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1844; was licensed to preach in July, 1853, and was admitted on trial in the Georgia Conference, December 24, 1853. His first appointment was junior preacher on the Dalonega charge in 1854; and in 1855 he served as junior preacher in the Eatonton charge. He was received into full connection December, 1855, by Bishop Early; in 1856 served Hancock Circuit. In 1857 he served Savannah City Mission. In 1857 he was transferred to Kansas and stationed at Leavenworth, by Bishop Pierce; was ordained elder December 19, 1858, by Bishop George F. Pierce. At the close of this year's work at Leavenworth, on account of failing health, he was granted a location. In 1858 he was re-admitted into the Florida Conference; in 1861 he was transferred to the Georgia Conference; in 1865 he was superannuated; in 1871 he was placed in charge of Asbury Manual Labor School in the Indian Mission Conference. In 1874 he was readmitted into the Little Rock Conference, and appointed to the Amity Circuit; in 1875 to the Rockport Circuit; in 1876 to the Amity Circuit; in 1877 he was stationed at Malvern; in 1878 at Tulip; in 1879 at Social Hill; in 1880-81 he was presiding elder on the Arkadelphia District; in 1882-84 he served the Washington District; in 1885 and 1886 Emmet Circuit; in 1887-1889 he served the Dessare Circuit; in 1890 he was transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference. Brother Holmes served the following charges in this conference: Santa Anna Circuit 1891; Hamilton Circuit, 1892; Indian Creek Circuit, 1893. In November, 1893, he was granted superannuated relation; and in said relation he was continued until he was called from his labor to his reward. Servant of God, well done; thy glorious warfare past; thy race is won, and thou art crowned at last. Brother Holmes was married three times. His first marriage was to Miss Rachel R. McCless, September 20, 1855. This wife lived but a short time. His second marriage was to Miss Martha E. Tighee, February 3, 1858. Of this union were born six sons and five daughters. Three sons and two daughters survive him; whose lives reflect credit upon their Christian parentage. Brother Holmes was last married to Mrs. Emily E. Baker, September 12, 1893; who proved true to him to the day of his death. As a citizen he was always ready to do what he could for the betterment of his community. In his home he was a devoted husband, patient and loving father. He was a strong gospel preacher, an Israelite in whom there was no guile. Having once been a pastor, he knew how to be helpful to his pastor. He was faithful in his attendance at Sunday-school, prayer-meeting, and at preaching services. He was taken sick March 16, 1905, and from the first he had but little hope of getting well. His sick room was the scene of many sad hours, and also of seasons of deep spirituality. His doctors and other friends who were with him in his sickness were impressed with the fact of his sweet communion with God. His pastor, a few friends, and about forty children of the Junior League, in their visit to the sick, went to Brother Holmes' room. The little children placed their flowers around him on his bed, and then they sang "I am the Child of a King;" and "Tell it to Jesus." While the children were singing, Brother Holmes said, "I believe I will get shouting happy." He then said, "I want to pray for these children;" which he did most earnestly. He expressed his love to his ascended Lord, his Church, and his family. He was ripe for the garner; he was in the true sense a Methodist preacher; he being dead, yet speaketh.

S. P. BROWN.

DAVIS.—Mrs. Andrew Davis has passed away. The life of such an one deserves more than a passing mention. Her name is enrolled among the heroines of an early day. She was the daughter of Judge B. F. Lynn and his wife, Julietta, who for many years were among the standard bearers of the Church in Limestone County, Texas. Sister Davis was born in Carroll County, Tennessee, September 12, 1828. Her father and mother moved to Texas in the fall of 1834, and, crossing Red River Dec. 12, settled on Pecan Bayou twelve miles from the river. Her training was of the best type of the time. The foundation of her education was laid by an uncle, Mr. Finley Moore, who with the help of a few settlers built the first log school house in the Red River region. Later on, she was taught by Rev. Sam Gorley, a preacher of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at a camp ground near LaGrange, a village at which there was a store, a blacksmith shop and a saloon. There the Indians would gather, get drunk and yell until the people were terrified. There the Church and school began their united efforts for the overthrow of sin in that section of the State, and Judge Lynn was in the forefront of the conflict. Later, in 1845, he moved to McKenzie College, where she received the impress of Dr. McKenzie's great mind and heart. Then she entered a school for young ladies taught by Mrs. Weathered, on Pine Creek. In 1848, her father determined to move to Tehuacana Hills, in Limestone County, which he did, and remained in that community the rest of his life. While this move was in contemplation, she was married to Rev. Andrew Davis, a young preacher on the Bonham Mission. She left a comfortable home and almost immediately started to conference, one hundred miles away, on horseback, the bride of a boy whose salary that year was \$26.25. The unaccountable courage that leads a brave woman to encounter the perils and toils of such a life is a wonder unto many. But she had the elements that make the world's heroes. Her parents were pious and prayerful Christians, and in an atmosphere of faith and courage she had grown to womanhood. Her courtship was partly carried on while she was at the loom making the shuttle fly, weaving clothing for the family. For although her father was in comfortable circumstances, the girls were taught to work. She and her mother spun and wove the grey jeans, and made the suits of clothing for the preachers on the Clarksville Circuit. And the fit was good and the suits were counted beautiful. For forty years Sister Davis has been a constant sufferer. Her health gave way, I think, in 1864, and she has been an invalid most of the time since. Because of this she has been seldom seen in Church or in any social functions. But her heart and purpose have remained true to her early espousals, and with her honored husband, she has endured as "seeing Him who is invisible." For fifty-nine years and five days she was faithful to him whose life had been blended with hers. Together they fought the spiritual battles that conquered this country for us to occupy. She was the mother of eleven children, only three of whom survive her—B. L. Davis and Mrs. T. G. Brooks, of Corsicana, and Mrs. A. Laswell, of Waxahachie. She is with the rest. On the 19th of January, 1906, she fell asleep. She rests in the cemetery at Corsicana. The old battle-scarred veteran who kept company with her for nearly sixty years is bowed with grief. But he looks forward with confidence to the reunion where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying. It was my privilege to stand with him in the home of their daughter in Waxahachie, who had the pleasure and honor of caring for the departed saint in her last illness, and to talk to them of their inheritance. The man of God has for more than sixty years preached the gospel and comforted the bereaved in this country. Now he receives the consolation which so often he has given to others. When the roll is called up yonder, he'll be there.

HORACE BISHOP.

MILLER.—In the silent and lonely night of November 21, 1905, the spirit of Bro. I. H. Miller peacefully and calmly passed into that realm of peace and joy which has been prepared for all who love and serve their Lord. Bro. Miller was born in Hinds County, Miss., in 1850. On April 4, 1876, he married Miss Cornelia Rawls. To them were born ten children—seven boys and three girls. Bro. Miller had been a member of the M. E. Church for twenty-five years. We will miss him. He was a good man, a tender, loving, husband and father. He is gone from us, but we mourn not as those who have no hope. Look up, dear wife and children, we will meet him again where there will be no more sad parting and will never say good bye.

A TRUE FRIEND.

TERRILL.—Miss Ella Terrill, daughter of Dr. J. H. Terrill, of Dallas, was born in Pennsylvania. About five years ago the family moved to Dallas. Three years ago Miss Ella joined Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by profession of faith. This last item is the record of the most important event of her life. The "great transaction" between the soul and Christ whereby the spirit enters into "contract," or covenant relations, with Jesus is forever the greatest event in the soul's history. It proved to be no meaningless vow in Miss Ella's case. Her faithfulness and interest were abiding. Always delicate, about a year ago Miss Ella was stricken with tuberculosis of the throat, and suffered much till God, on January 28, 1906, laid his hands on the throbbing nerves of pain and stilled them. I have never seen greater heroism, patience and Christian fortitude than she exhibited. Her whole attitude and development was a beautiful exposition of those words of scripture—"perfected through suffering." It takes not length of days but depth of days to ripen the soul, and nothing deepens days like the sharp share of pain. As I visited her from day to day, her cheerfulness and confidence in Christ were an inspiration to me. At the end, for weeks her experience was that of slow starvation. It was as if she was bound on the edge of the grey sea of death and was watching and feeling its inexorable tides rise higher and higher to take away her life. And yet she saw across the grey sea One glorious and bright, her soul's Pilot, and was not afraid. By her request we read Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" at her funeral services. There was no moaning of the tide for her, but, lifted by the buoyant waves, her life, like a guided vessel, swept out to the safe harbor of heaven and home. We earnestly commend her loved ones to the Christ of her salvation. That inexorable tide is going to rise about the helplessness of us all at last. May we so live that, when we come to die, there shall be nothing between us and God but love.



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WALTON.—Brother William C. Walton was born in Warren County, Ky., in 1832, and departed this life at his home, four miles from Hamilton, Texas, September 27, 1905. Brother Walton was converted and joined the Methodist Church in his eighteenth year; was married to Miss Ina Wood in 1865. He moved to Texas in 1891. He was a very active worker in the Church for many years. He had special gifts as a layman in revival work in song, prayer and in talking to sinners. He was fond of the experience meetings and was always an inspiration to them. He was one of the most punctual members of the Church in his attendance upon the preaching services until his health failed a few years before his death. Brother Walton was a true Christian, a good citizen, a devoted husband and a loving father. He leaves wife and eight children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Wipe away your tears, for there is a happy meeting awaiting us all over yonder by and by.

S. P. BROWN.

SMITH.—Little Neal, the infant son of Bro. and Sister W. W. Smith, of Anderson, Texas, departed this life November 22, 1905, at the age of 10 months and 24 days. He lived just long enough to entwine himself about the hearts of his fond parents. He was indeed a sweet, sunshiny baby. His bright little face sparkled like the dew on a bright morning, always ready to laugh. How hard it was to give him up. Sometimes we are prone to question the wisdom of God, but He knows best. The parting was indeed sad, but the meeting "won't it be joyful!" And that gives the heart consolation in the hour of grief. It is the Christian's hope to know that death does not end all. May the Lord bless the parents of little Neal and help them to so live that they may meet him in that land where parting is not known, is the prayer of their former pastor and friend.

C. H. ADAMS.

CRAIGER.—W. C. Craiger was a native Texan. He was born in Red River County, and died at his home in Vernon, Texas, January 17, 1906. He only lacked one day being sixty-six years old. In his sixteenth year he professed conversion and joined the Church. For nearly fifty years he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. He was a positive character. When trouble arose between the States in 1861 he enlisted in the Sixth Texas Cavalry and fought bravely to the end. Fourteen months ago a prohibition campaign was forced upon us. Feeble as he was Bro. Craiger took his stand and never ceased fighting till he claimed the victory.

He loved his Church. He was devoted to his family. God blessed his home with five sons and one daughter. He lived to see them all grown. One son, E. T. Craiger, died eight years ago. On January 17, 1906, his spirit went home to God. He leaves his truly bereaved companion, four affectionate sons and one loving daughter, who, together with a host of friends, mourn his departure. The writer conducted the funeral service at the home and the Masons buried him.

W. R. THORNTON.

SHARP.—Mabel Sharp, baby girl of M. D. and Annie Sharp, was born January 16, 1901, and died January 13, 1906. Her stay here was short, lacking three days of being five years. She was sick eight days. Notwithstanding the unceasing medical skill and all that loving attention could do, and as hard fought battle for life as the writer ever saw, at 5-30 p. m. the eighth day her sweet little spirit was by the angels winged away to Him who said: "Suffer them to come unto me." She has gone to be with the little brothers (two), who preceded her to the city whence cometh no sickness, sorrow nor death. She has gone to wait the coming of the sorrowing mother, father and sister left to miss her more than any one else. While we condole with the sorrowing and try to console them in the hour of grief, we commend to them the Word of promise. They can go to them and be reconciled to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

A. G. SCRUGGS.

JACKSON.—Susan Cornelia Jackson (nee Robbins), was born in Smith County, Texas, October 8, 1864; was married to O. A. Jackson January 12, 1882. She joined the M. E. Church, South, at the tender age of thirteen and for nearly thirty years lived a consistent Christian life. Like many others, Bro. Jackson had moved West and settled in Hardeman County, near Chillicothe; but they had not been in their new home long till the place of wife and mother was made vacant. "In the midst of life we are in death." Sister Jackson passed peacefully away February 3, 1906, leaving a husband and seven children to mourn their loss. May the grace of God comfort and sustain her relatives and friends.

A. T. CULBERTSON, P. C.

ANDERSON.—Mrs. Susanna L. Anderson, daughter of Dr. William Dixon, of Virginia, and Malinda Cartwright, of Kentucky, was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, Aug. 20, 1821; came to Texas with her father (her mother died on the way) in 1846; was married to Dr. William N. Anderson in Navarro County, Texas, Jan. 3, 1847, and lived there the remainder of her life. She was the mother of five children, three of whom survive her. Sister Anderson was converted in her youth, and joined the M. E. Church before the disruption in 1811. On coming to Texas she joined the M. E. Church, South, with her father and remained an acceptable member of the same till death. She was a woman of more than ordinary intelligence and possessed noble traits. She was kind-hearted and sympathetic, always ready to minister to the sick and needy. She loved the Church and was always ready and willing to contribute of her means to the support of its institutions. She died in her eighty-fifth year at Richland Texas, Jan. 2, 1906. Her son and two daughters, and her only living sister, (Mrs. Dr. Shegog, of Ennis), were with her in her last illness, ministering to her wants. Upon her dying bed she was made very happy, and shouted aloud the praises of God. No doubt she went rejoicing through the gates into the city of God. J. J. DAVIS.

MCKINLEY.—Sister Annie McKinley was born October 10, 1841, and departed this life November 13, 1905, in her home at Hamilton, Texas. She was married to Charles McKinley. To them was born one daughter. Sister McKinley joined the Methodist Church about twenty-five years ago. She was an intelligent woman, very pleasant in social life. She gathered about her a large circle of devoted friends who ministered to her in her two years of suffering. It was my pleasure as her pastor to sit by her bedside and hear her talk. She loved God, her Church and her family. She said: "If I could get well I would like to stay with my family." Yet she was not afraid to die. She was ripe for the garner. She has left behind a devoted husband and one daughter, Mrs. B. B. Beck, and a host of loved ones and true friends. Sister McKinley lived a pure Christian life. Loved ones, you know where to find her. Sweet be thy rest. We shall all meet again.

S. P. BROWN.

BOLDING.—Uriah Bolding was born June 20, 1846, in Decatur County, Ga.; was married November, 1868, to Mrs. C. Williams. He departed this life in Hamilton, Texas, October 15, 1905. He was an old Confederate soldier. He was a true and faithful soldier. He was a devout Christian—a Methodist in every sense of the word. The last prayer-meeting conducted by him in the Methodist Church in Hamilton just before his death will never be forgotten by those who were present. His talk was inspiring and he was one of the best stewards I ever knew. He was teacher of the senior class in our Sunday-school at Hamilton. He prepared himself for his work. Brother Bolding was a devoted husband and an affectionate father. He leaves behind an aged wife and one son, Dr. W. T. Bolding. He was much loved by both old and young. Brother Bolding was one of the best friends I ever had; I miss him so much. We shall meet again some sweet day.

S. P. BROWN.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Llano District—Second Round. San Saba, Feb. 24, 25. San Saba Cir., March 3, 4. Cherokee, March 10, 11. Willow City, March 17, 18. Johnson City, March 22, 23. Blanco, March 24, 25. Kingsland, March 31, April 1. Theophilus Lee, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round. Utopia Circuit, at Sabinal, 4th Sun. Feb. Moore Circuit, 1st Sun. Mar. Devine, 2nd Sun. Mar. Hondo, 3rd Sun. Mar. Del Rio, 4th Sun. Mar. Eagle Pass, Mar. 26. Rock Springs Circuit, 1st Sun. April. Laredo, 2nd Sun. April. Prospect Hill, 11 a. m., 3rd Sun. April. Sherman Street, 7:30 p. m., 3rd Sun. Apr. So Heights and Comal, at So Heights, 11 a. m., 4th Sun. April.

Cuero District—Second Round. El Campo, Feb. 24, 25. Gando and Louisa, at L., March 2, 3. Palacios and Markham, March 9, 11. Edna, March 14. Shiner, at Moulton, March 17, 18. Cuero, March 20. Leesville, March 24, 25. Nursery, at Fordtran, April 1. Clear Creek, April 7, 8. Port Lavaca, at P. L., April 14, 15. J. C. WILSON, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round. Manchaca, at Shapard's, Feb. 24, 25. Webberville, Haynes, Mch. 3, 4. McBade, at McD., Thursday, 2:30 p. m., March 5. West Point, at Winchester, Mch 10, 11. Tenth Street, 11 a. m., March 18. South Austin, 7:30 p. m., March 18. LaGrange, March 24, 25. Weimar, at County Line, March 31, April 1. Eagle Lake, at Rock Island, Apr. 4, 5. Columbus, April 7, 8.

Beeville District—Second Round. Beeville, Feb. 24, 25. Alice, at San Diego, Mar. 3, 4. Pleasanton, Mar. 10, 11. Lavernia, at Parita, Mar. 17, 18. Kingsville, at Nuecestown, Mar. 24, 25. Mathis, at Ramirena, Mar. 31, Apr. 1. Oakville, at Clareville, Apr. 7, 8. Rockport, Apr. 14, 15.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Buda Cir., at Lytton S., Feb. 24, 25. Kyle, Mch. 3, 4. Dripping Springs, at F., Mch. 10, 11. Pleasant Grove, at P. G., Mch. 17, 18. Luling Cir., at Prairie Lea, Mch 24, 25. Tilton Cir., at T., Mch 31, Apr. 1. Belmont Cir., at Nixon, Apr. 7, 8. Lockhart, Apr. 14, 15. Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., Apr. 21, 22. San Marcos, Apr. 28, 29. D. K. PORTER, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round. Sherwood, at K. 4th Sun. Feb. Sonora, at Eldorado, 1st Sun. Mar. Miles Sta., Mar. 7. San Angelo Sta. Paint Rock, at Eden, 2nd Sun. Mar. Center City, at Mullen, Mar. 14. Goldthwaite, Mar. 15. Lampasas, Mar. 16. Lometa, at Ogle, 3rd Sun. Mar. Milburn, at R. S., Mar. 22. Brady Cir., at C. C., 4th Sun. Mar. Pontotoc, at Conchis C., Mar. 28. Menardville, at Little Saline, 1st Sun. Mar. Junction City, at Bode, Apr. 3. Mason, at Loyal Valley, 2nd Sun. Mar. District Conference, at Sherwood, Wednesday, 3 p. m., Apr. 18. J. D. SCOTT, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE. Waco District—First Round. Fenelope, Feb. 24, 25. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. Glen Rose, at Glen Rose, Feb. 24, 25. Bluffdale, at Bluffdale, Feb. 27. Deaddeona, at Deaddeona, Mar. 1. The District Stewards will please meet in Dublin, Wednesday, January 24th, 3:00 p. m. E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. Red Oak, at Red Oak, Feb. 24, 25. J. S. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Farmer, at Farmer, Feb. 24, 25. Elbasville, at Fish Creek, Feb. 28. Throckmorton, at T., March 3, 4. E. F. BOONE, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round. Blanket, at Zephyr, Feb. 24, 25. Wingate, at Wingate, Mar. 3, 4. Olga, at Decker, Mar. 6. Robert Lee, at Hayrick, Mar. 7. Winters, at Center Valley, Mar. 9. Ballinger, Mar. 10, 11. Cross Plains, at Burkett, Mar. 17, 18. Pioneer, at Salt Tank, Mar. 20.

Rising Star, Mar. 21. Sipe Springs, at Sand Hill, Mar. 22. May, at Holder, Mar. 24, 25. Gustine, at Fleming, Mar. 30. Comanche Cir., at White Pt., Mar. 31. Comanche Sta., April 1, 2. Proctor, at Graham's Chap., April 7, 8. Indian Creek, at Bethany, April 14, 15. Bangs, at Mount Zion, April 15, 16. Coleman Mis., at Rockwood, April 17. Glen Cove, at Rough Creek, April 20. Santa Anna, at Santa A., Apr. 21, 22. Coleman Sta., April 25. Missionary Institute, Coleman, Apr. 26. Dis. Conf. at Coleman, April 27, 29. B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round. Quannah Cir., at Tenn. Vly., Feb. 24, 25. Quannah Sta., Feb. 25, 26. Vernon Cir., at Tralia, Mar. 3, 4. Vernon Sta., Mar. 4, 5. Quail, at New Hope, Mar. 10, 11. Wellington Sta., Mar. 11, 12. Seymour Cir., Mar. 16. Knox City, Mar. 17, 18. Munday & Goree, at M., Mar. 20. Seymour Station, Mar. 22. Spring Ck., at R. Timbers, Mar. 24, 25. Dist. Conf., at Quannah, Apr. 23, 8 p. m. W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Abilene District—First Round. Lawn, at Jim Ned, Feb. 24, 25. JNO. R. MORRIS, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round. Tulla Mission, Feb. 24, 25. Silverton Circuit, Feb. 27. Memphis, 8 p. m., Jan. 2. JAMES M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Colorado District—First Round. Colorado Sta., Feb. 24, 25. The District Stewards will meet at Colorado, January 5, at 2 o'clock p. m. All of these officials are earnestly requested to attend this meeting. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Milford, at Lakenon, Mch. 4, 5. Italy, Mch. 5, 6. Ferris, Mch. 10, 11. Ennis, Mch 17, 18. Alvarado, Mch. 24, 25. Venus, at Cahill, Mch 25, 26. Waxahachie, Apr. 1, 3. Midlothian, Apr. 1, 2. Lovelace, at Lovelace, Apr. 7. Line Street, Hillsboro, Apr. 7, 8. First Church, Hillsboro, Apr. 8, 9. Bethel, Apr. 14, 15. Itasca, Apr. 21, 22. Grandview, Apr. 22, 23.

N. B.—Where the day is divided the services will be held in the chronological order of this table. The District Conference will begin Tuesday, April 24, at 10 a. m. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round. Richland, at Grape Crk, Mch. 24, 25. Corsicana cir., H. Chapel, Mch. 25, 26. Horn Hill, Horn Hill, Mch. 31, Apr. 1. Thornton, at Thornton, Apr. 1, 2. Groesbeck, April 2. Irene, at Rienzi, April 7, 8. Brandon, at Brandon, April 8, 9. Rice, April 14. Alma, at Alma, April 16. Corsicana, First Church, April 16. Mexia, April 18. Barry, April 21, 22. Blooming Grove, April 22, 23. Kerens, April 24. Corsicana, 11th Ave. April 25. District Conference at Blooming Grove, beginning at 8 o'clock p. m., April 27. Delegates will be elected on this round. J. M. BARCUS, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round. Temple, First Church, Feb. 24, 25. Taylor, Bohemian Mis., March 10. Taylor Sta., March 10, 11. Bartlett Sta., March 17, 18. Hutto Cir., at Hutto, March 24, 25. Granger Cir., at Jonah, Mar. 31, Apr. 1. Florence Cir., at Florence, April 7, 8. Salado Cir., at Prairie Dell, Apr. 14, 15. Holland Cir., at Wilson V., Apr. 21, 22. Temple, 7th St. Church, April 22, 23. N. Georgetown Cir., at S., Apr. 28, 29. Georgetown Sta., May 5, 6. Belton Cir., at Leona, May 12, 13. Belton Sta., May 11, 13. Moody Sta., May 19, 20. Troy Cir., May 21. Rogers Cir., May 22. Bruceville and Eddy, May 26, 27.

District Conference will meet at Rogers, Texas, April 3, at 9 a. m.; opening sermon at 7:30 p. m., April 2, by Rev. J. C. Mimms. The following committees are hereby appointed: License to Preach: M. S. Hotchkiss, J. H. Wiseman, J. S. Huckabee; Admission: M. S. Turner, J. B. Berry, C. E. Gallagher; Deacons' Orders: J. C. Mimms, J. J. Pollard, J. J. Rape; Elders' Orders: E. Hightower, J. F. Tyson, R. J. Tooley. J. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round. Mansfield, Feb. 25, 26. Grapevine, at Euless, March 3. Arlington, March 3, 4. Azle, at Harwell, March 10, 11. Peach Street, March 11, 12. Godley, March 24. Cleburne, North Side, March 24. Grandview, March 25, 26. Cleburne, Main Street, March 25, 26. Blum, March 31. Joshua, April 1, 2. Cresson, April 7. Covington, April 8, 9.

Polytechnic, April 11. Mulkey Memorial, April 12. Kennedale, at Handley, April 14, 15. Central, April 15, 16. Missouri Avenue, April 17. Riverside, April 18. Glenwood, April 20. Rosen Heights, April 21, 22. First Church, April 22, 23. North Fort Worth, April 24. Smithfield, April 28. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round. Mt. Calm, Mar. 3, 4. Lorena, Mar. 10, 11. Hewitt, Mar. 11, 12. West, Mar. 17, 18. Aquilla, 11 a. m., Mar. 21. Bosqueville, Mar. 21, 25. Whitney, Apr. 1. Morgan and Walnut, 11 a. m. Apr. 4. Peoria, 11 a. m., Apr. 6. Waco, 5th St., 11 a. m., Apr. 8. Waco, Elm St., 7:30 p. m., Apr. 8. Abbott, 11 a. m., Apr. 9. Mart, 8 p. m., Apr. 11. Penelope, Apr. 14, 15. Riesel, Apr. 21, 22. Hubbard City, 8 p. m., Apr. 23. Waco, Morrow St., 11 a. m., Apr. 29. Waco, Austin Ave., 7:30 p. m., Apr. 29. District Conference will convene at Hubbard City, April 25, at 9 a. m. Missionary Institute will convene at Hubbard City, April 24, at 9 a. m. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round. In Part. First Church, Mar. 11. Courts Memorial, Mar. 11. Mineral Wells, Mar. 18. Weatherford Mis., at Lambert, Mar. 24, 25. Santo, at Santo, Mar. 31, Apr. 1. Aledo, at Benbrook, Apr. 7, 8. Millsap, at Brock, Apr. 14, 15. Gordon, at Strawn, Apr. 22, 23. Wayland, at Gunsight, Apr. 28, 29. Breckenridge, at P., May 1. Crystal Falls, at Grogan, May 3. Ranger, at Mt. Zion, May 5, 6. Palo Pinto, at Oran, May 12, 13. Whitit, at Whitit, May 15. Peaster, at Central, May 19, 20. E. F. BOONE, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Bowie District—First Round. Giltwon, Feb. 24, 25. Decatur cir, March 3, 4. Decatur sta, March 4, 5. The District Stewards will meet in Bowie, in the Methodist Church, Jan. 4, 1906, at 2:30 p. m. T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round. College Mound, Feb. 24, 25. Kaufman, at night, Feb. 25. Chisholm, at Poetry, Mch. 3, 4. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Emberson Circuit, at Sunset, Feb. 24, 25. Paris Circuit, at Hopper, Feb. 25, 26. E. H. CASEY, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round. Southmayd, Feb. 24, 25. E. W. ALDERSON, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Purley, at Pleasant H., 4th Sun. Feb. Bonanza, at Shurley, 1st Sun. Mch. Sulphur Bluff, at S. B., 2nd Sun. Mch. Comu cir., at Forest, 3rd Sun. Mch. P. E. C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Commerce mis., at Mt. Zion, Feb. 24, 25. Commerce Sta., Feb. 25, 26. Conference on Mondays will convene at 9:30 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. We earnestly request all the officials to be present at their first conference of the new year. Much depends upon it. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

McKinney District—Second Round. Copeville, at Clear Lake, Feb. 24, 25. Wylie, at St. Paul, March 3, 4. Allen, March 10, 11. Frisco, at Frisco, March 17, 18. Prosper, at Elm Ridge, March 24, 25. Celina, at Celina, March 31, April 1. Weston, at Cottage Hill, April 7, 8. Anna, at Chambersville, April 14, 15. McKinney, April 21, 22. Farmers Branch, at F. B., May 5, 6. Irinceton, at Blythe's Chapel, May 12, 13. I. W. CLARK, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round. Nocona Cir., at Sp. Fort, Feb. 24, 25. Saint Jo, Feb. 26. Montague, Mch. 3, 4. Woodbine, Mch. 10, 11. Broadway, Mch. 11, 12. Ponder and Krum, at K., Mch. 17, 18. Sanger and V. V., at S., Mch 18, 19. Wesley and Bethel, Mch. 24, 25. Denton Street, Mch. 25, 26. Rosston, at Hardy, Mch. 31, Apr. 1. Greenwood, Apr. 7, 8. Justin, at Roanoke, Apr. 14, 15. Era and Bolivar, at B., Apr. 21, 22. District Conference, at Nocona, Apr. 26-29. Opening sermon, Wednesday evening before, by Rev. W. T. Morrow.

Bonham District—Second Round. Whiteoak, Feb. 24, 25. Bailey, at Bailey, Mar. 3, 4. Gober, at Crandall, Mar. 3, 4. Honey Grove Sta., Mar. 10, 11. Honey Grove Cir. at Floyd, Mar. 10, 11. Brookston, at B., Mar. 17, 18. Dodd, at Dodd, Mar. 24, 25.

Laninus, at Laninus, Mar. 24, 25. S. Bonham, at R., Mar. 31, Apr. 1. Trenton, at Marvin, Apr. 7, 8. Ector, at Savvy, Apr. 7, 8. Ladonia Sta., Apr. 14, 15. Lamasco, at New Hope, Apr. 21. Bonham Sta., Apr. 22. Randolph, at Randolph, Apr. 28, 29. JNO. H. McLEAN, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Beaumont District—First Round. Liberty, at Liberty, Feb. 24, 25. Wallsville, at Wallsville, Feb. 25, 26. Call, at Call, Mch. 3, 4. Jasper and Kirbyville, Mch. 4, 5. Saratoga and Batson, at S., Mch 10, 11. Corrigan, at Corrigan, Mch. 17, 18. Laurelia, at Laurelia, Mch. 18, 19. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Houston District—First Round. Galveston, First Church, Feb. 24, 25. Galveston, West End, Feb. 25, 26. District Stewards will please meet at Shearn, December 28, at 10 a. m. S. R. HAY, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round. Minden, at Redland, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24, 25. The District Stewards will meet at Timpon, Thursday, December 28, in the Methodist Church, at 7:20 p. m. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round. Emory, at Emory, Feb. 24, 25. Alba, at Alba, Feb. 25, 26. Tyler Cir., at Starrville, Mar. 3, 4. Cedar St., Mar. 4, 5. Wills Point Cir., at Alsa, Mar. 10. Wills Point Sta., March 10, 11. Canton & Edgwood, at E., Mar. 11, 12. Edom, at Shady Grove, March 17, 18. Colfax, at Oakland, Mar. 18, 19. Meredith, at Phil. Chap., Mar. 24, 25. Athens, Mar. 25, 26. Brownsboro, Mar. 26. Mt. Sylvan, at Harris Chp., M. 31, A. 1. Mineola Cir., April 1, 2. Big Sandy, Apr. 7, 8. Troup & Overton, April 14, 15. White House, April 15, 16. Marvin, April 21, 22. Malakoff, at Chandler, April 22, 23. Grand Saline, April 28, 29. Missionary Institute meets at Troup February 20, 22, and all the preachers are expected to be present. E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round. Millican cir, at Millican, Feb. 24, 25. Waller cir, at Waller, Mar. 3, 4. Cleveland and Waverly, at C., Mar. 10, 11. Cold Springs cir, at C. S., March 17, 18. Dodge mis, at Dodge, March 24, 25. Prairie Plains, March 31, April 1. H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round. Calvert sta, Feb. 24, 25. Franklin sta, Feb. 24, 25. Petteway, at Petteway, March 3, 4. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Henderson cir., at Carlisle, Prl., Feb. 23. Church Hill, at Oakland, Feb. 24, 25. Henderson sta, Feb. 25, 26. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. Rockdale, Feb. 24, 25. Cameron, March 4, 5. CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round. China Springs at China S., Feb. 24, 25. Crawford at Compton, March 3, 4. Ogleby, at Station, March 10, 11. Evant at Shive, March 17, 18. Gatesville Sta., March 25. Jonesboro, at J., Mar. 31, Apr. 1. Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, April 1, 2. Copperas Cove, at Maxdale, April 7, 8. McGregor, April 14, 15. Hamilton, at Prairie View, Apr. 21, 22. Killeen & Nolan, at K. Apr. 25, 3:30. District Conf. at Killeen, Apr. 25, 29. Pearl, at Cox Chapel, May 5, 6. Brookhaven, at B., May 12, 13. Sunday-school and League Conference at Crawford, May 16, 17. The new church at Jonesboro will be dedicated on Sunday, April 1. Former pastors and friends invited. S. W. TURNER, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round. Buckholts, at Ad Hall, Mar. 3, 4. Milano, at Prairie Pt., Mar. 10, 11. Maysfield, at Sneed's C., Mar. 17, 18. Thorndale, at Thorndale, Mar. 24, 25. Davilla, at Tracy, Mar. 31, Apr. 1. Fulshear and B., Patterson, Apr. 7, 8. Sealy, at Felip, Apr. 8, 9. Lexington, at Early, Apr. 14, 15. Bellville, at Buckhorn, Apr. 21, 22. Chappell Hill, Apr. 22, 23. Caldwell, Apr. 27. Caldwell Mission, Apr. 28, 29. Somerville, May 5, 6. Giddings, May 12, 13. Brenham, May 13, 14. Rockdale, May 21, 22. Cameron, May 28, 29. CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

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ards came up to the Quarterly Conference in fine spirits, and of their own accord raised the salary of the preacher in charge and the presiding elder \$88 above what it was last year, notwithstanding the fact that one point was taken off of this charge at the last Annual Conference that was assessed \$115 (and paid \$125) last year, virtually making an advance of \$203. This is our third year on this charge, and it is with gratitude to God that we say the general state of the Church is better than it has been before. The Lord has been very good to us, and we are praying that we may be able to render unto him and this people better service this year than we have either of the two preceding years. The first year we were here I traveled 210 miles each month just going to and from my appointments. This year I only travel 110 miles. Almost a station. See? We have two Sundays at Paducah this year. Bro. Howard captured the people at this place. I'll not say what kind of a "patch" he caught them in, but I think it was by the sermons he preached Wednesday and Thursday nights. They were fine. We loved our former presiding elder, but now that we have a new one—we are Methodists.

Myra and Marysville.

W. B. Bayless, Feb. 13: This is a new charge formed at the last session of the North Texas Conference. This is my second year on the most part of it. This is a fine belt of country, mostly black land. We have a refined, religious people, clever as could be. The people at Myra, Hood and Van Slyke belonged to this charge last year. So as soon as conference was over and they found out the arrangements they set to work at once and bought a nice parsonage in the city of Myra, well located in the central part of town for which they paid one thousand and fifty dollars. It is very conveniently arranged and very comfortable. This parsonage is very much in keeping with the new and beautiful church which was built by Bro. A. P. Hightower two years ago. Our first quarterly conference is over. The reports were all good. We have a good and efficient board of stewards here. The good ladies have furnished the parsonage with good, substantial furniture and pounded us just the same with many good things that we needed. They will put down carpets

right soon. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Stafford, has been with us three times since conference, preaching some for us and looking after the business of the Church. We all like Brother Stafford and as soon as his four years are out I think I will be most likely to swap him Myra for the district. I have just closed a meeting at Marysville. We had a good meeting in some respects, but did not do as we hoped to do. Lots of sickness and bad weather hindered us in some measure. We were very ably assisted by Rev. J. K. McMillan, former pastor of Marysville charge. We have a goodly number of Advocates taken on the work and am getting subs and renewals when I can. The Advocate is in high favor with everybody that reads it. Remember us when it goes well with you.

Edna.

R. A. Waltrip: The revival, conducted by Rev. A. P. Lowery, of Waco, at this place for the past two weeks, was the greatest victory for Christ that was ever witnessed in Edna by the oldest inhabitants. It seemed that the Spirit of God was plainly manifested from the beginning of the services and continued to grow stronger and more powerful until the very close of the meeting. When we came to Edna, at a glance we saw that something must be done, and that at once; so we summoned the Doctor and thanks be to God, his remedy worked well. It seemed just a little bitter at first, but it was not long before they were calling for it to come straight. I never heard a more practical man than Brother Lowery. We are sure that the good seed sown will still continue to bring forth fruit meet for repentance. The good work done by Brother Lowery and his consecrated wife will live long in the hearts of this people. His earnest and prayerful efforts were rewarded by a thorough awakening of God's people in Edna, and the restoration of a large number of strong men and women that had wandered away from God, and were living without Christ and without hope in the God of love. Sinners by the dozens came to the altar, crying as they came for mercy and salvation. We heard the shouts of many. This was the greatest victory I ever witnessed. The outpouring of the Spirit of God was felt by every one. There were about 115 conversions and reclamations. Sixty-three united with the M. E. Church, South, and quite a number went to other Churches.

This victory was by no means an easy one. It seemed that two mighty armies were in the very heat of battle. The devil with his servants did all they could, and many were the difficulties, yet God's people were all the more determined by the help of God, and at last victory came. The young men have organized themselves into a Bible study class. Thirty-three united with this class, and it will continue to grow. At the prayer-meeting we had a conversion, and at our young men's Bible study class there was deep interest. The young ladies have organized and are now ready to press the battle on. Our children—it would make any heart glad to see them. We now have over fifty in the missionary society. Our Sunday-school is one of the best in the conference. The Home Mission Society has ordered a new iron fence for the church, and they are already planning to repaint the church. As an evidence of the appreciation felt by the people of Edna for the good work and faithful services rendered by Bro. and Sister Lowery, I collected as part pay, and that without the least amount of trouble, \$188.00. God bless the liberal-minded people of Edna! They can at all times be relied upon to do that which is right. There is no one better calculated to know than this preacher, for at the closing service of the meeting when, by reason of the weather, the congregation was small, Brother Lowery started a free-will offering for the benefit of the pastor, and there was a general move toward the pulpit, and I do not think there was over a half dozen in the house but what contributed something, for all of which we are grateful to them and praise God. It amounted to over \$50. The great victory is gained, the people of God are happy, and we are sure that still greater things will happen in Edna. Brother and Sister Lowery left for Runge tonight. They are to begin a meeting there Sunday at 11 a. m. We are listening to hear of great things happening over there, and many are praying in Edna that they may have the victory there like that God gave us here.

Queen City.

T. B. Vinson, Feb. 14: We reached this charge on Dec. 15, and found a good, comfortable parsonage, and it well furnished; a good church building that had been enlarged and nicely arranged inside for the choir and Sunday-school under the management and faithful labors of Bro. A. A. Kidd, my predecessor, and the co-operation of his faithful membership. On our arrival at the parsonage the pounding began, and it has been a continual pounding to this good day. Soon after our arrival we called our official board at this place to meet with us in a general council meeting, and in that meeting we decided on a revival meeting, and at once, so we arranged to commence at 11 a. m. the third Sunday in January, and to continue two weeks, if necessary. We secured Rev. T. N. Lowrey, of Merkel, to assist us through the entire meeting, and, according to arrangements, he was on hand at the appointed time, and at the appointed hour he opened fire on sin in its many forms. The sleet and snow and extreme cold weather hindered us much the first week, but amid it all the congregations and the interest increased from the first to the last service, which was the 3 o'clock service the first Sunday in February. A severe, rainy norther came upon us and we had no service that night. There were eleven accessions to our Church, and eleven went to the Baptist Church, and there are others that will join us later on. Bro. Hagaman, pastor of the Baptist Church at this place, with his people, fell into line with us and unreservedly worked for the salvation of men. Under the strong, plain, gospel sermons of Bro. Lowrey strong men and women, young men and ladies and a number of children broke down and wept on account of their sins, and upon their knees in the altar, calling upon God to have mercy, were happily converted and arose from their knees shouting praise

to our God who sent his beloved Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. We had in all thirty-two bright conversions. To God be all the glory, both now and evermore. Bro. Lowrey is a plain, gospel preacher, fearless in his attacks upon sin, yet gentle and loving with the sinner. He sticks to the old Bible doctrines of repentance, faith, regeneration and the witness of the Spirit, and the Spirit sets his seal upon his ministry. He believes in a regeneration that makes one indeed a new creature in Christ Jesus our Lord. In other words, a religion that rights up a fellow and makes him an upright creature. We are now raising our collections ordered by the conference, and our motto is: Everything up in full (real old Methodist measure) and a gracious revival in every Church in our charge. The Lord grant us all of this.

Preachers' Meeting.

Atticus Webb, February 10: Our presiding elder, Brother Casey, arranged for a preachers' meeting for his district, to be held at Roxton Feb. 5-8. On account of bad weather only those preachers who live on the railroads could get there. A splendid program was well carried out. Prominence was given to doctrine. Bros. Montcastle, Wyatt, Pierce, Williams and Webb each preached a sermon on some distinctive doctrine of Methodism. It being very cold, not many of the people of Roxton came to hear them, but those who did, seemed delighted. The occasion was also delightful to those preachers in attendance, and very profitable, as questions of vital interest to our work were discussed. These were pastoral visiting, general Sunday-school interests, Missions, and our need of a revival, and how we may promote it. Brother Casey is thoroughly alive to all the interests of the Church in his district, and is initiating some new and wise moves to advance the cause of Christ. Now, let his preachers heartily second his efforts and something is going to happen. Last year his preachers sowed their charges down with forty-five thousand tracts on missions. This year we have ordered more than ten thousand. We are endeavoring to create a missionary conscience. We believe the work will bear fruits in the years to come. The good people of Roxton gave us magnificent entertainment, and simply won our hearts by their many kindnesses and their appreciation of our presence. The writer, with Brother Wyatt, was entertained at the home of Brother Bywaters, and those who know them can but imagine the warm hospitality, and let their mouths water as they think of the good things to eat.

Meredith.

L. B. Saxon, February 10: The first Quarterly Conference of Meredith charge for the current year has passed into history. Our esteemed presiding elder, E. W. Solomon, came at the appointed time and transacted the business of the conference in the best of spirits. We find people at each place on the work who are devoutly religious and people who have the interest of the Church at heart. We have two pressing needs in this country. (Henderson County) 1st: A sweeping revival of religion. 2nd: A prohibition election. And we believe by the help of God and the Terrell Election Law that we can have both this year.

Reinhardt.

W. A. Pritchett, Feb. 12: When the appointments were read at Sulphur Springs we were read out for Reinhardt Circuit. So we bade farewell to our old charge, and turned to the new. This is almost a new circuit, Reinhardt being the only place on it that was on last year. The circuit was made up of parts of three works, so we follow three preachers instead of one. Brothers Moreland, Holder and Davis wrought well last year and we only hope that we may take up the work where they left off and go



forward. It has rained and the roads have been so bad that we have not been able to do a great deal; have missed several appointments. We have let the contract to seat our new church, Cemetery Chapel. It will be seated with nice church pews. It rained out our Quarterly Conference the first time we had set for it and the next time the weather and roads were so bad that only two churches were represented. Hence the answers to the eight questions were rather weak. Bro. Thomas, our presiding elder, came Friday evening before the Quarterly Conference, but did not get to preach for us on account of the weather. Well, yes, we have been pounded. It struck us last Friday night. The good people of Reinhardt and surrounding community came and left us all sorts of good things to eat. We certainly appreciate this expression of kindness and interest in us, and we hope by the help of the good Lord we may help them in return for what they have done for us.

Holland Circuit.

W. A. Stewart, Feb. 13: Our good pastor preached for us on his regular appointment, and a more touching sermon could not have been delivered. We were also expecting a glorious meeting in the afternoon at Little River, but the blizzard interfered. Bro. Gallagher was with us last year, and we are indeed glad to have him with us this year. We are all expecting and praying for a great revival this year. We have a fine Sunday-school and prayer-meeting planted at Wilson Valley. God being our helper, we will never retreat, but stand firm in him who loves us and win the victory. Bro. C. S. Cameron was our former pastor, and did much good on this circuit. We all felt as if we had lost our protector, but thank God, the good Methodist Church has sent us another.

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