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Editorial.

THE FAIR GROUNDS AND PUBLIC MORALS.

Last week we had something to say about the Dallas State Fair being a menace to public morals, and now we desire to go a step further and show that this menace is authorized by law. The Legislature has no right to delegate authority to a city government to suspend a State law by a city ordinance. This point has already been decided by the courts. But the Legislature has the right, by special act, to suspend a State law. Therefore, when the framers of the present charter of Dallas submitted that document to the last Legislature for approval they provided for the Fair, by direct legislation, to run on Sunday and to throw everything wide open. So that our State Sunday law is null and void so far as the Fair grounds at Dallas are concerned. Beer and liquor can be sold out there on Sunday, and there is no law to forbid it. They can run any sort of entertainment out there on Sunday and the Legislature has protected them in the city charter. Now let it be understood that to run things in this high-handed way during the two weeks of the Fair is bad enough, but this is not the worst. Things can be run in this way every Sunday in the year, and they are in progress at the present time. Light theatrical attractions, the skating rink performance, speeding autos, the scenic railway, the figure "8" and things to drink, if desired, are all in full blast on Sunday. And the work of Mr. Williams, whom the Park Commission recently appointed to work up Sunday excursions, and a part of whose salary is paid out of the taxes gathered from all the people, is expected and required to work up these excursions for every Sunday during the pleasant weather of the spring, the summer and the fall. As a result the News reported the other Monday that 15,000 people were brought into the city on the preceding Sunday. During these months our Sunday is to be made a day for hilarity, dissipation and desecration. The Dallas Fair Grounds are put to this special use in order to bring a great and promiscuous crowd of people into this city on Sunday. Our Park Commissioners are lending every effort to this end, and when the three Sundays of the Fair come round these hilarities and dissipations are to reach a grand climax. Since the Fair grounds are being made a means for secularizing and debasing our Sunday, Christian people all over the State ought to rise up and condemn these abuses, and they ought to withhold patronage from this institution until these abuses are corrected. If they do not take some such action, then we will have no Sunday in Texas within the next dozen years. And this is not all. Dallas has provided, by a vote of the people, to make a change in its city government when the next Legislature meets. They want to pattern after Houston, and instead of retaining their present form of government, they want the Legislature to give them a government by commission, the people electing their Commissioners. This will do away with the Mayor and the Alder-

men, and it will enlarge these special privileges. Therefore it behooves the people to see to it that the next Legislature does not grant to the city of Dallas immunity from the operation of our State laws. Why should Dallas be permitted by special act of the Legislature to run horse race gambling and to ignore and trample under foot our State Sunday laws? If we will keep an eye on the next Legislature when it comes to issue Dallas a new charter this fearful evil can be forestalled. Members of the Legislature will be slow to grant Dallas any such privileges if the people, whom they represent, will speak to them about this evil. As it is we have reached a period when we had just as well wipe all Sunday laws from our statute books, if by special act Dallas and her Fair grounds are to be made exceptions to these laws. It will be recalled that some years ago the Dallas Fair tried to inaugurate a prize ring, and it required a special session of the Legislature to prevent it. Now Dallas proposes to do away with our Sunday laws by getting the State to grant her such privilege in her charter. Let the Christian people of Texas take due notice of these things and govern themselves accordingly.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE ENCAMPMENT.

Within the next few days thousands of our young people will be gathered in their encampment at Corpus Christi. It will be a royal time and a great occasion. We rejoice with them that such an opportunity is afforded. Young people must have some relaxation and some legitimate recreation. The summer season is the time for it, and if the Church does not furnish them the opportunity for such needed diversion the world will supply the lack. It is a fortunate thing that the League authorities have thought out a plan for this relief, and they have done it well. No more beautiful place could be selected in our commonwealth for a summer encampment than the one down by the sea. The character of the entertainment furnished is of a high and moral tone. It affords not only the facilities for rest and diversion, but it also furnishes these under the most desirable circumstances. The mind is given opportunities for enlargement and for increased replenishment. Lectures and addresses and table talks by experts in literature and in the most improved methods of study are of the most excellent type. Sermons and Bible readings bring up the spiritual side of the occasion. The music will be grand and inspiring. All the environments will contribute to the helpfulness of the body, the mind and the spirit. At intervals and under proper influences the strolls by the sea side, the bathing, the fishing and the social communion will be fine. Where could we send our young people in the summer season for a little recreation to better advantage than to the League Encampment? And all these advantages will be under competent leaders and under good old Methodist control. It will not only be a good place and a fine opportunity for the young people, but for older people as well. And the latter class are already finding great pleasure and profit

at the encampment. This is well, for older heads make safe counselors for the young.

There is scarcely room for a word of admonition to your young people, yet we feel disposed to make a suggestion or two to them. A great company of them will be there for ten days far away from home, with the ordinary restraints of home life thrown off, and the temptation will be to take advantage of the freedom of the occasion to lay stress upon the social side of the gathering. To do this will be to turn the encampment, by and by, into a convocation of hilarity and pleasant excess. This would defeat the end of the encampment and lessen its beneficial influence upon the life and character of our young people. It is well, therefore, to bear in mind the thought that the encampment is not wholly for social recreations and pleasures. These, it is true, will be provided for normally, but the moral, the spiritual and the intellectual must be stressed. A proper balancing of these forces, giving to both their due consideration, is the end to be reached. With this point guarded and controlled there is no reason why the encampment may not become one of the permanent and dominant factors in the social, literary and religious life of the young people of our Church. We believe this will be its aim and its motive. May the encampment this year be the best and most successful gathering in its history, and its uplifting influence upon the thousands that go there, and may it be inspiring in everything noble, beautiful, true and good. To this end we pray a benediction upon the encampment at Corpus Christi.

RADICALISM IN CHURCH AND STATE.

Agitation is a sign of life and a prophecy of better things. On the other hand, stagnation is an evidence of death and the harbinger of sickness and dissolution. Revolution is the result of success, and rebellion the price of failure. Had the Revolutionary War been a failure for the colonies it would have been known in English history as the story of the great rebellion, and George Washington would have been the traitor, and Benedict Arnold the patriot. Had the Southern Confederacy been successful in maintaining its liberties the war of 1861 would have been a glorious revolution, and Jefferson Davis would have been the father of his country. All things are relative, and judgment is passed from that standpoint. The student of history, however, can not fail to see in all these movements one unvarying fact. We refer to the part that radicalism has played in every crisis in the history of the past. Radicalism drove George III until those patriotic heroes who followed Washington were ready to die rather than submit to his tyranny further. Radicalism plunged poor old France into her sea of blood, sent Louis XVI and his beautiful Queen to the scaffold, and finally sealed the destiny of the great Napoleon. Radicalism made our Southern leaders rush into that fratricidal strife that deluged our land with blood and left it in poverty and ruin. Radicalism sent the bullet into the brain of the great Lincoln and laid the foun-

dation for that era of reconstruction which has written the darkest and bloodiest page in the history of our Republic. And it has not been confined to political affairs. It is responsible for many of the woes and troubles in the Church of God as well. Radical men—men who think or act as if they thought that the world was going to the devil, and that they must save it without consulting the wisdom of any one else—have always been on hand; and be it said to the regret of us all, too often their enthusiasm has been taken for inspiration, and the Church has suffered more from this spirit on the part of her friends than from all the combined assaults of her enemies. The day of dogmatism and radicalism is past, however, and we had as well learn it now as at any other time. The *ipse dixit* of preachers and even conferences must be sustained by cool and dispassionate argument, or they had as well not be uttered at all. Most people are from Missouri at this point, and mere denunciation is a very poor reason to assign why people should not do this or that. We must learn to distinguish between the use of a thing and its abuse, and while being true to conscience, condemn the abuse without denouncing the proper and legitimate use. There are some things evil of themselves, perhaps, but there are many more which are only evil because of their abuse. Cool argument, dispassionate persuasion and respectful requests are the weapons we must use here. Baseball and football at our colleges and universities are, in the opinion of many of our best men, becoming perfectly abominable, but violent denunciation is not the best way to approach the managers of these institutions, if we really want to regulate them. Sunday games are monstrous, and gambling on them is certainly very objectionable, but we will not get any relief from officers, either in the Legislature or in executive place, by making dogmatic and insulting demands. It is a deplorable fact that our young people do many things which we older ones very much regret, but it is poor policy for the preacher to assume the attitude of a Czar in dealing with these young folks. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." These are wise words. Oh! for the power to adjust ourselves to them. Therefore let us learn moderation and meekness. Our cause is just, and it will prevail, but radicalism in our own efforts will delay its perfect triumph.

Christ found it necessary to often retire and pray all night on the mountain top. How much more is it necessary for his followers to do likewise? Yet many of us go all day, and sometimes many days, without our secret approaches to God. Without prayer we cease to cultivate intimate relations with the Father.

Elijah was in a fearful minority and he had the unpopular side of matters, but he remained true to his duty as a prophet of God. He did not consult his personal interest or his safety, and often he had to run for his life; but he never compromised his principles or stultified his conscience.

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. Ragsdale, Secretary, Dallas, Tex.)

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SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, CORPUS CHRISTI, AUG. 3-13, 1906.

THIS ISSUE OF THE ADVOCATE.

Through the kindness and consideration of the publishers, particularly Brother Louis Blaylock, this issue of the Advocate is practically an Encampment number, containing as it does, cuts of all the speakers which have not heretofore been published, and of the officers and committeemen of the State organization, together with the revised and final program for the second annual Encampment session, etc. This act is only another one of generous treatment toward the Texas Leaguers. It is the same as have characterized the attitude of the Advocate during all of the years in which we have had charge of the League department. In no instance do we remember that space or co-operation has been withheld in any measure affecting the interests of the Epworth League, and we are glad to be able to say this and to add our commendation. It is useless for us to suggest that our Leaguers should appreciate these things, for we know that they already appreciate them. The Advocate is the friend of the young people and the young people are all friends of the Advocate. In the eternal fitness of things this is as it should be.

In closing our fourth year as League editor we feel like saying just a word in a personal way to our readers. We are going to the State meeting with a desire to relinquish the active duties which have been ours for seven years, and which for the past four years have been extremely taxing upon us. It is too much for one to undertake to serve as President of the State organization and at the same time do acceptable service as editor of the League Department. One of these we must give up. We have our preference, of course, and with all the splendid material available in this State we see no reason why we should not exercise it. We trust that the coming conference may leave us free to de-



REV. STERLING FISHER, Member Assembly Committee.

vote our entire time to the oversight of this department. If it should, we shall try to give you a more readable page.

RESTAURANT NOW OPEN.

The restaurant at Epworth by the Sea is now open, ready to serve those already on the grounds and others who may wish to come in advance of the Encampment session. It was not contemplated in the beginning to open the restaurant earlier than a day or so in advance, but so many people came thus early that it was necessary to do this in order to accommodate them. There is a summer rate in effect of one and a third fare at all times, and those who go down for 30 to 60 days stay buy tickets at this rate. We make mention of these things because the inquiries we have received from some quarters indicate that others wish to arrange for a longer outing than the period embraced by the Encampment proper. Of course

with the preparations under way there is more or less confusion on the grounds at this time, and will be until near the date of the opening, but tent accommodations may be had, and also restaurant service, so that any who may wish to do so can hie away to Epworth by the Sea when they are ready. It will be well to notify Mr. A. K. Ragsdale that you are coming. His address for the present is Corpus Christi, Texas.

ENCAMPMENT STAFF.

Prof. Victor Howell, Musical Director, Texarkana.
 Miss Mattie Dunlap, Pianist, San Marcos.
 A. W. Fisher, Physical Director, Galveston.
 Miss Kate Corley, Stenographer, Corsicana.

general fund and helps to keep things going.

Don't fuss about the entrance fee. It is only 50 cents for the ten days, and helps to buy ice for the public drinking water, lights for the auditorium, etc. You get much in return. For three study courses, for instance, if charged for would be worth \$1 each or \$3 for the ten days. But no charge is made for either of them. We are only doing what all other well regulated institutions do, except that we have our fee at just half what the lowest of the others is. You never paid a fee and received so much in return as in this instance.

The program provides for adjournment at 12:30 every day. The restaurant will not begin serving dinner un-

immediately made of it to the President's office or the Keeper's cottage. A full detail of Encampment Guards in citizen's clothes will be on the grounds day and night, fully vested with police powers, and they will arrest at a moment's notice any person who creates a disturbance of any kind.

A "Lost and found" department will be maintained again this year in the President's office. Articles which go astray should be reported promptly.

An Encampment physician has been appointed. He will have regular hours on the grounds at an office to be provided for him. His name is Dr. W. E. Carruth. He will promulgate rules and regulations governing the sanitary conditions, which must be obeyed under penalty of expulsion from the



REV. G. S. SEXTON, Chairman Assembly Committee, Member Board of Trustees

Oscar W. Kendall, Keeper of Ground, Corpus Christi.
 Dr. W. E. Carruth, Health Officer, Corpus Christi.

NOTES.

Tickets will be on sale August 1 and 2. We urge everyone to purchase on the first day, so as to reach Epworth by the Sea on the evening of the second. This will enable us to assign you to your tent the night before the meeting opens, avoiding much confusion on the opening day.

Bring note books and Bibles. These will be indispensable.

Join the choir if you sing. Bring your stringed instruments with you if you play. Prof. Howell will have charge of the music and you should report to him as soon as possible after your arrival, so that he may assign you a place on the platform.

A week will elapse from the date upon which these lines will appear in print until the opening of the meeting, and those who have not already done so may have time in which to secure tent reservations in advance. Write to A. K. Ragsdale, Corpus Christi, enclosing \$2 deposit on each tent desired. This deposit will be credited on your bill when you settle. Do this, and save yourself and the committee unnecessary confusion at the last moment.

Don't worry, and do your best to keep sweet. This is not a money-making enterprise and if something should happen to go just a bit crossways, don't say ugly words about it, but help to adjust matters. If you are a Methodist and Leaguer you have as much interest at stake as any one of the officers and committeemen in charge.

The tents will all be up and numbered a week or ten days before the meeting opens. This much is assured. If you send in your order early there is no reason why you may not go immediately to your tent upon arrival. If you will notify the committee before you come, you will find it much more pleasant when you arrive.

A word about the baggage: Our keeper and his assistants will meet the trains several miles out and take the checks and delivery instructions so that all baggage will be carefully and promptly handled. The small charge made for moving baggage from the station to the tents goes into the

grounds. We propose to protect the health and comfort of every one who camps on the grounds. In case of sickness, the Encampment physician will serve you promptly.

A regular bar will not be established for delegates except on the day of the annual business session, when the election of officers, etc., will be up for consideration. A 15 minutes business session will be held each morning in order to have the minutes



REV. I. W. CLARK, Presiding Elder McKinney District.

read and transact such items of pressing importance, and delegates who have on their badges will be allowed to vote.

A word about delegates: Each chapter is entitled to one, no more, no less. This is a constitutional provision, which we nor anyone else have authority to change. It must be strictly observed. Where two or more Leaguers are present from the same chapter, in the absence of an election having been held, they must elect among themselves which one shall serve, and a badge will be issued to this one.

There will be thousands of people on the grounds and it is hoped that not a single act of disorder will mar the pleasure of the occasion, but in the event of any improper conduct of any kind at any time, report should be

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Mr. A. W. Fisher, of the Galveston Y. M. C. A., will serve again as Physical Director. He will supervise all games, such as tennis, basket ball, croquet, etc., will arrange for fishing contests and will give daily instructions in swimming for those who may wish his services. He will be in and around the baths at all hours and see that no serious accident occurs. He will establish danger lines in the bay, which must be observed by the bathers.

Two cases of material will be shipped from Nashville for a Missionary exhibit. These will be placed in the Fourth Vice-President's tent, and all who are interested in these things are invited to see them.

Every speaker on the program is a Methodist, and without exception is endorsed by his home Church.

The programs are to be distributed free, and the badges and song books are to be sold at nominal prices. Only a limited number of badges have been secured, and being of an exceptionally neat design and possessing historical value by reason of Bishop Key's picture which is on them, makes it important that those who wish them make their purchases as soon as possible after arrival.

Souvenir postal cards will be on sale by Mrs. Turner of the Local Improvement Committee. This good lady gave \$100 personally toward the improvement fund, and will turn in all the profits of the sale of these cards to this fund. Let our people make good use of the cards in advertising the Assembly Grounds. Incidentally, get acquainted with Mrs. Turner and you will learn to appreciate more fully what she is doing for us. She is a Methodist and an Epworth Leaguer.

We are to have an official stenographer for the first time. Miss Kate Corley, of Corsicana, will serve in this capacity. All the proceedings of the business sessions will be accurately preserved and outlines of all addresses will be kept. During the Encampment Miss Corley will make up the editorial matter in a large degree for the League page, and our readers will have a fuller report this year than ever before. We believe this arrangement will be very beneficial.

The Dallas News of July 29 will contain an extensive illustrated write-up of the Encampment. The press of the State has been most liberal in advertising our enterprise and have contributed in no small degree to the very large attendance of our gatherings. Bro. Bering writes that the Houston papers have devoted considerable space to the Epworth League movement.

The July issue of The King's Messenger, published by Mrs. W. H. Johnson, at Dallas, was an Encampment number, and contained column after column of matter pertaining to this favored resort. We estimate that the publicity given Epworth by the Sea among the good women of Texas who read this paper will be of incalculable benefit in attracting them to the place for their summer outing. Epworth by the Sea is no longer an Epworth League enterprise exclusively. It is a Methodist enterprise. We hope to see regular sessions held on the grounds by the Texas State Methodist Sunday-school Association and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, as well as other organizations. Then we should spend at least ten days each year in an old fashioned camp-meeting service, and this feature ought to be taken up at once by the preachers of the west Texas Conference, as we see it.

Some of our exchanges, notably the Louisville and Pacific Methodist Advocate, have been very kind of late in their editorial mention of the Texas League and of the work of the editor of this department. We appreciate the good opinion which our brethren hold of us and our work, and surely it helps one to know that those who bear like responsibilities find a measure of merit in one's efforts. We are receiving so far as we know every Advocate in our connection, save one, which maintains an Epworth League department, the one exception being the Florida Advocate, which for some reason will not exchange with us. In all this circle of League leaders we have none more capable and enterprising than Bros. Ricks and Caldwell of the two papers above mentioned, and their stamp of approval means the endorsement of critics who are not theorists. To both of them we tip our hat.

THE B. Y. P. U. ENCAMPMENT.

The State meeting of the Baptist young people was held at Palacios July 3 to 12, and the daily papers gave good reports of the meeting. The Baptist Standard reaches us with a somewhat fuller reports of the proceedings. We gather from its perusal that the attendance was quite 2000 up to the sixth, two hundred tents and one hundred rooming booths being filled on the grounds. The tide and breeze were against the campers for a while and fishing was not good, while mosquitoes were plentiful for several



D. H. ABERNATHY, President Texas Methodist Sunday-School Association.

days. This was an unusual condition, according to the residents of the town and a most unfortunate one for the visitors. The new auditorium, with its seating capacity of 1000 to 1500 and costing \$2500, was dedicated by Rev. George W. Truett, of Dallas, on July 4, which was a gala day for the Unionists. The services were all of a high order, and particular mention is made of President Kendall's address as being "spiritual and full of inspiration."

We were providentially hindered from attending this meeting, as we had hoped we might, having been cordially invited by Brother Kendall, but we rejoice to know that the occasion was one of much profit and pleasure. Our Baptist friends are forging to the front in aggressive methods, and no more intelligent body of young Christians may be found anywhere than those who compose the membership of the B. Y. P. U.

President Kendall and Secretary

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Coleman were unanimously re-elected, and in this we think the Union has acted most wisely.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE MEETING.

With a condensed program and a minimum representation, limitations made necessary by reason of the earthquake and the inability of any town in the State to entertain a large or extended gathering, the California Leaguers met in Stockton on June 23 and transacted the business of an annual session. President Noel H. Garrison presided, and some fifty-five or sixty delegates were in attendance. Although the conditions under which the meeting was held were unfavorable, an enthusiastic spirit prevailed and comprehensive plans were laid out for another year's work. The President's annual address was notable for its able review of the year's progress and practical suggestions for the future. The "State Policy" a plan for systematic reporting, seems to have met with a measure of success, although it had not been brought into full operation. The \$500 fund for Epworth Church, Berkeley, was reported well under way, and confidence was expressed that the full amount would be paid. Upon the feature of something to do the President recommended "organized effort for the relief and assistance of the Leagues and Churches which suffered from the earthquake; or some definite missionary enterprise or other well defined task." Stress was laid on the mutual relation which should exist between the League and the pastor.

The President dwelt at some length upon the matter of keeping League engagements. He severely criticised some of our preachers who "during the past eight years" have broken their engagements "with a consequent loss of prestige in the eyes of the constituency and of the community at large." The League officers themselves were brought in for some advice along this line, and an earnest plea was made for a more faithful observance of all promises for public service.

We note that the practice of sending fraternal delegates obtains between the State League and the State Endeavor.

A new departure was taken in the order to have the several papers read at the conference "distributed in summary or outline form" among the various chapters of the State. A tender reference was made to the death of Dr. J. C. Simmons and a committee to "draft appropriate resolutions" was appointed.

The following officers were elected, viz:

- President, J. Landrum Graham, 447 Wilcox Building, Los Angeles.
First Vice-President, Miss Kate Boyens, Hollister.
Second Vice-President, Miss Miriam McNary, Colusa.
Third Vice-President, Oscar M. Newby, 444, H. W. Hellman Building, Los Angeles.
Fourth Vice-President, Miss Maud Smith, 1325 Arnold St., Los Angeles.
Fifth Vice-President, Miss Maggie Lee Kenney, 2219 Fresno St., Fresno.
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mae M. Compton, 813 Humboldt St., Santa Rosa.
Santa Rosa was selected as the place for holding the next conference.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE MEETING.

The fifth session of the North Carolina Conference League was held recently at Wrightsville, with Secretary G. T. Adams in the chair. A very successful meeting is reported in the Raleigh Christian Advocate, and we note with particular interest the mention of the establishment of an Assembly. We quote from Brother Anderson's report touching this feature in this paragraph, viz:

"A movement should at once be inaugurated whereby the Sunday-school Institute and Epworth Leaguers of the State of North and South Carolina may erect a joint assembly hall and make Wrightsville a permanent place of meeting from year to year.
"The hotels and boarding houses could accommodate such as desired to board; others might rent cottages or tents and live almost as reasonably as if they were in their own homes, since such necessary equipments as they did not care to take with them could be rented at reasonable rates."
We are glad to see old North Carolina falling into line. From what we know of the leaders up to that way we predict a successful issue to any undertaking which claims their attention.

The following is a summary of League work in North Carolina as compiled by Jas. H. Frieze, viz:
"An examination of the conference minutes of our conference yields the following facts:
"Raleigh District has four Senior Leagues and three Junior Leagues, and eighteen pastoral charges.
"Durham District has five Senior

Leagues, one Junior League and eighteen pastoral charges.
"Fayetteville District has four Senior Leagues, three Junior Leagues and nineteen pastoral charges.
"Rockingham District has six Senior Leagues, no Junior Leagues and seventeen pastoral charges.
"Wilmington District has six Senior Leagues, no Junior Leagues and nineteen pastoral charges.
"Newbern District has six Senior Leagues, no Junior Leagues and twenty-one pastoral charges.
"Washington District has three Senior Leagues, no Junior League and twenty pastoral charges.
"Warrenton District has six Senior Leagues, one Junior League and twenty pastoral charges.
"Elizabeth City District has nine

eral development of our young people. -W. B. Ricks, in Louisville Advocate.

From the Corpus Christi Caller.
When the ten thousand Epworth Leaguers through our portals, the people of Corpus Christi will have an opportunity to show the world what they really are. There will be opportunities for extortion and overcharge, but it is hoped none will be practiced. A reputation for "gouging" at every opportunity has injured many a resort, and it can be easily obtained. The Caller is proud of the fact that nothing of the kind has yet been practiced here, great as have been the crowds we have entertained, and it is to our



REV. YOUNG J. ALLEN, D. D., LL. D., Missionary in China since 1859.

Senior Leagues, two Junior Leagues and twenty pastoral charges.
"172 pastors and 9 presiding elders have 49 Senior Leagues, 12 Junior Leagues, 725 societies, 49 of them organized into Epworth Leagues; 676 Churches yet to organize.
"This is a wondrously fruitful field if our pastors and presiding elders would undertake it.
"Are we making an honest effort to organize and train for service the vast throng of young lives in these 676 Churches?"

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Epworth by the Sea, or the Corpus Christi Annual Encampment.

We have mentioned before the enthusiasm among our Texas Leaguers concerning their summer home at Corpus Christi. This movement, more than any other, led to the important legislation at the late General Conference relative to the holding of property in the name of the League. We are just in receipt from President Thomasson of a very neat folder giving information concerning this place of encampment, meetings, membership and various attractions that are slated for the summer. State Secretary A. K. Ragsdale is the author of the circular and has certainly spared no pains to interest his constituents

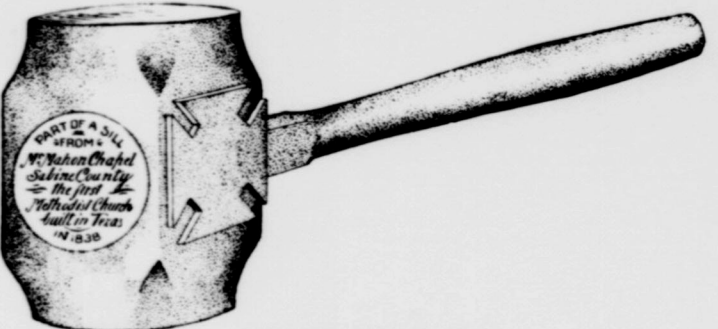
interest to keep a reputation for fair dealing.

Getting Much Advertising.

That Corpus Christi is one of the best advertised resorts in the South is being demonstrated every day by the numerous inquiries being received from people in all parts of the country asking for information regarding this section and the "Naples of the Gulf" in particular. Monday's issue of the San Antonio Express contained two large four-column views of our city—one a beautiful birdseye view of Corpus Christi from the bay and the other the ideal encampment site of the Epworth Leaguers, with many bathers making merry in the unsurpassable surf there. The Dallas News recently contained these same views, as did also the Texas Christian Advocate, all having descriptive write-ups accompanying them. There are some picturesque views to be had at Corpus Christi, the like of which cannot be secured elsewhere.

Epworth Leaguers Preparing for the Encampment—10,000 People Expected Here in August.

Mr. Allan K. Ragsdale, Secretary of the State Epworth League, arrived here Tuesday morning from Dallas accompanied by his family, who are now



THE OFFICIAL GAVEL.

This gavel was presented to the State League at the 1905 Encampment session by Rev. Charles A. Tower, then presiding elder of the San Augustine District, Texas Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who did the carving with his own hands, having once been a gunstock maker.

in this summer meeting. We hope some Californians may have the privilege of attending this delightful gathering.—H. N. Caldwell, in Pacific Methodist.

We have received from Gus Thomasson, the Epworth League editor, a little folder of "General Information concerning Epworth-by-the-Sea. Corpus Christi. It is strictly up-to-date, and shows that the League in Texas is indeed a big thing.
Rev. John M. Moore, of Dallas, Texas, recently elected to a position on the Nashville Advocate staff, is deeply interested in the League and the gen-

occupying their cottage at Epworth, where they will be for the next six weeks.

In speaking of the second annual Encampment of the League, which will be from August 3 to 13, Mr. Ragsdale stated that considerable advertising had been done and he had assurance that the attendance this year would be fully 10,000 if not more as special rates had been secured from all parts of the country.

This morning Mr. Ragsdale left for San Antonio, but before leaving made the following statement to a Caller representative:
"The League people are desirous of

securing the earnest and generous assistance of Corpus Christi people to the end that every visitor is accommodated this year. I have arranged to secure at least 400 tents; in fact, I have contracted for that many already. We will also get the entire camping outfits being used at the Presbyterian Chautauqua at Kerrville and the Baptist Young People's Union Encampment at Palacios. My object in going to San Antonio is to close the contract with parties there for the restaurant concessions at Epworth. It takes hustling to take care of the crowd we expect, and the people of this place are asked to lend us every assistance and see that everyone is cared for during the Encampment—everybody work in harmony.
"This is not a money-making proposition for either side—we don't expect to make money out of it, nor should the people of Corpus Christi. Things will be assuming shape at Epworth in a few days, and preparations for a big crowd will be pushed as rapidly as possible."

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Second Annual Encampment, Fourteenth Regular Session, at Corpus Christi, August 3-12, 1906.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

- 9:30 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
10:00 A. M.—Opening of Conference; Organization and announcements.
10:30 A. M.—Organization of Choir, Prof. Victor Howell, Texarkana, in charge.
11:30 A. M.—Opening Sermon: Bishop Joseph S. Key, Sherman.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
2:00 P. M.—Song Service.
8:30 P. M.—Address: Dr. R. S. Hyer, Southwestern University.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4.

- WACO DAY.
9:30 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
10:00 A. M.—Business Session; Appointment of Committees; Special Reports; Resolutions, etc.
9:30 A. M.—Encampment's Annual Address.
10:00 A. M.—Organization of Class in Church History; Miss Mabel Howell, Seattle, Wash., in charge.
10:20 A. M.—Organization of Class in Bible Study Course; Miss Elizabeth J. Sargent, Methodist Female College, Mississippi, in charge.
10:40 A. M.—Organization of Class in Mission Study Course; Mr. John W. Shackford, Secretary Committee of Direction, Young People's Department, Board of Missions, Nashville, Tenn., in charge.

DEPARTMENT WORK—THE JUNIOR LEAGUE—MRS. A. C. ELLIS, SUPERINTENDING, PRESIDING.

- 11:00 A. M.—Supernatural's Report.
11:00 A. M.—Talk: "Our Aim—To make the Child a Trained Worker," Hon. L. L. Lodge, Austin.
11:25 A. M.—Talk: "How to Interest Children in Missionary Work," Mrs. J. J. Arthur, Austin.
11:35 A. M.—Talk: "What and How Should the Juniors Read?" Prof. W. J. Fessler, Mason.
11:45 A. M.—Talk: "Can a Junior League be a Success in the Country?" Mrs. S. M. Lillard, Seguin.
11:50 A. M.—Talk: "Things Which Can Be Done Successfully by the Juniors in the Way of Charity and Help Work," Mrs. Augusta Saunders, Gatesville.
11:55 A. M.—Talk: "What Should Be Done to Interest Parents in the Junior League?" Mrs. C. W. Henry, Cleburne.
12:00 P. M.—A Sunday Afternoon's Lesson Practically Demonstrated, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, Gonzales.
1:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
8:30 P. M.—Address: "Worldly Amusements," Rev. J. B. Andrews, Siloam Springs, Ark.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5.

- HOUSTON DAY.
9:30 A. M.—Sunday School Services, conducted by Mr. D. H. Abernathy, Pittsburg, President Texas Methodist Sunday School Association.
11:00 A. M.—Annual League Sermon: Rev. Geo. C. Rankin, D. D., Editor Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
3:30 P. M.—Young People's Mass Meeting; Address: "The Ideal Leaguer," Rev. S. H. Werlein, D. D., Austin.
8:00 P. M.—Song Service.
8:30 P. M.—Sermon: Bishop Key.
MONDAY, AUGUST 6.
9:00 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
9:15 A. M.—Business Session; Reading of Journal, etc.
9:30 A. M.—Church History Course: Miss Howell.
10:00 A. M.—Bible Study Course: Miss Streater.
10:20 A. M.—Mission Study Course: Mr. Shackford.

DEPARTMENT WORK—WORSHIP—REV. A. D. PORTER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

- 11:00 A. M.—Report of First Vice-President.
11:15 A. M.—Address: "The Literary as a Feeder to the Devotional Department," Rev. Robert E. Goodrich, Alvarado.
11:35 A. M.—Address: "Difficulties of this Department and How to Overcome Them," Rev. T. S. Armstrong, Waco.
12:00 P. M.—The State League Converted into the Department of Worship for a Thirty Minutes Service, led by the First Vice-President.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
8:00 P. M.—Song Service.
8:30 P. M.—Address: "The Authenticity of the Scriptures," Rev. I. W. Clark, McKinney.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7.

- CORPUS CHRISTI DAY.
9:00 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
9:15 A. M.—Business Session.
9:30 A. M.—Church History Course: Miss Howell.
10:00 A. M.—Bible Study Course: Miss Streater.
10:20 A. M.—Mission Study Course: Mr. Shackford.
DEPARTMENT WORK—CHARITY AND HELP—MISS BELLE TAYLOR, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.
11:00 A. M.—Report of Second Vice-President.
11:10 A. M.—Address: "Finances; How to

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Raise Money for Charity and Help Work. Rev. Simeon Shaw, San Antonio.
11:30 A. M.—Address: "Visiting; I was a Stranger and Ye Took Me In," Bert C. Coe, Luikin.
11:50 A. M.—Address: "The Small Things that Count," Miss Dora Ryan, San Antonio Female College.
12:10 P. M.—Address: "And the Greatest of These is Charity," Rev. M. J. Hotchkiss, Tempe.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
8:30 P. M.—Song Service.
8:30 P. M.—Symposium: "The Epworth of the Future," Illustrated Talks by the Local Improvement Committee: Rev. S. B. Beall, Chairman; Dr. W. E. Caruth and Mrs. McNeill Turner.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8. SAN ANTONIO DAY.
9:00 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
9:15 A. M.—Business Session.
9:30 A. M.—Church History Course, Miss Howell.
10:30 A. M.—Bible Study Course, Miss Streater.
10:30 A. M.—Mission Study Course, Mr. Shackford.

DEPARTMENT WORK—LITERATURE. PROF. W. A. PALMER, THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

- 11:00 A. M.—Report of Third Vice-President.
11:10 A. M.—Address: "Literature in the Life of the Young," Rev. C. H. Booth, Bastrop.
11:50 A. M.—Address: "The Habit of Reading as a Source of Real Pleasure," Miss Nellie Williamson, Goliad.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
8:30 P. M.—Song Service.
8:30 P. M.—Address: "Literature as a Source of Power," Rev. E. D. Moulton, D. D., San Antonio.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9.

AUSTIN DAY.
9:00 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
9:15 A. M.—Business Session.
9:30 A. M.—Church History Course, Miss Howell.

10:30 A. M.—Bible Study Course, Miss Streater.
10:30 A. M.—Mission Study Course, Mr. Shackford.

DEPARTMENT WORK—MISSIONS—REV. C. A. LEHMBERG, FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

- 11:00 A. M.—Report of Fourth Vice-President.
11:10 A. M.—Address: "A Mexican Investigation," Rev. F. S. Underdonk, Guadalupe, Mexico.
11:50 A. M.—Address: Bishop Seth Ward, Nashville, Tenn.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
8:30 P. M.—Song Service.
8:30 P. M.—Address: Bishop Seth Ward.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10.

9:00 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
9:15 A. M.—Business Session.
9:30 A. M.—Church History Course, Miss Howell.

10:30 A. M.—Bible Study Course, Miss Streater.
10:30 A. M.—Mission Study Course, Mr. Shackford.

11:30 A. M.—Address: "The General Work," Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., General Secretary and Editor Epworth Era, Nashville, Tenn.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
8:30 P. M.—Song Service.
8:30 P. M.—Lecture: "From Dawn to Dusk," Hon. W. D. Fisher, Canadian.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11.

KIDD-KEY DAY.
9:15 A. M.—Annual Business Session; Election of Officers, etc.
9:00 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
8:00 P. M.—Song Service.
8:15 P. M.—Final Business Session; Reading of Journal, etc.
8:30 P. M.—Address: Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., Louisville, Ky.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12.

NORTH TEXAS DAY.
9:30 A. M.—Sunday School Services, conducted by Mr. Abernathy.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon: Rev. Alonzo Monk, D. D., Ft. Worth.
12:30 P. M.—Noon adjournment.
3:30 P. M.—Young People's Mass Meeting; Address: "Christian Citizenship," Hon. Morris Sheppard, M. C., Texarkana.
8:00 P. M.—Song Service.
8:30 P. M.—Closing Service. Address: "A Message from Beyond the Seas," Rev. Young J. Allen, D. D., LL. D., Missionary in China for Half a Century.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Resolutions in memory of Miss Blanche Lucas. Inasmuch as it has helped the all-wise God on June 12, 1906, to take from us the soul of Miss Blanche Lucas,

SECULAR NEWS.

Capt. Samuel Donelson, gallant Confederate soldier, former doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, Sergeant at Arms of the Democratic National Committee, died very suddenly at his home in Washington, D. C., July 23. He was 61 years of age. There was probably no man in Washington who knew more men, men of prominence, than Capt. Donelson. He was a man of very general popularity, and was beloved by all who knew him.

Secret service agents of the Government are making a rigid investigation into the personnel of the Federal Grand Jury, which met in Cleveland, Ohio, last week and failed to indict either the Standard Oil or any of the railroads for rebating. A secret service man named McAdams has been sent to Cleveland with instructions to look up very member of the late Grand Jury, ascertain what his affiliations are and whether his business or personal relations were such that he might have been prejudiced in favor of the railroads or Standard Oil Company. It is stated that he has secured evidence to show that seven men were either directly connected with the Standard Oil Company or were indirectly mixed up with Standard Oil interests.

Notwithstanding President Roosevelt's official assurance that the inspector of American meat exports will henceforth insure their purity, the German Government has decided to put a new and more stringent regulation in force Sept. 15, which will still further paralyze the Chicago packers' trade in the Fatherland.

The new regulation is contained in instructions requiring that the glands upon each piece of beef shall be examined for discovery of tuberculosis. When such glands are missing from the meat it shall not be allowed to enter. As the glands, the inspection of which is thus required, are taken off before shipment, and as it is doubtful whether the meat can be cut so as to leave them without spoiling other cuts which do not come to Germany at all, the new regulation will practically exclude the product in question.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is moving to make an investigation of freight rates to Texas points which may prove of great importance to certain Texas towns. The recent increase in rates to Texas points through the restriction of the common point territory is the immediate cause of the activity of the commission. The commission is having a map prepared showing the precise nature of this restriction, and the body will investigate the action of the Southwestern Freight Bureau in ordering that the restriction be made. The advance in rates to Texas points made by the roads three years ago was fully investigated by the commission and an opinion was rendered that such advances were unwarranted and unreasonable. However, there was no complaint before the commission and the formality of entering an order was dispensed with. It would have been nothing more than a formality, since the commission did not have the power to enforce its orders. It is different now. Senator Bailey has written to the commission transmitting the complaint of a big house at Abilene, and the Senator indicates there is ample cause for complaint.

The commission appointed to investigate the surrender of Fort Arthur has finished its labors and recommends that Lieutenant Gen. Stoessel, the former commander of the Russian forces at Fort Arthur, be dismissed from the army and shot; that Lieut. Gen. Fock, who commanded the Fourth East Siberian division at Fort Arthur, be dismissed from the army and undergo a year's hard labor; that Gen. Reis, chief of staff of Gen. Stoessel, be dismissed and banished, and that Admiral Alexief, former Viceroy in the Far East; Lieut. Gen. Smyrnel, commander of the Fort Arthur fortress, and Gen. Vernander be reprimanded. The formal trial of these officers will take place shortly.

An imperial ukase relieves M. Gorenkyin of the Premiership and appoints M. Stolypin Premier. He also retains his present post of Minister of the Interior.

Kentucky, famous all over the world for its whiskey interests, has during the past few months been swept by a prohibition wave until there is but one city in the state—Covington—where liquor is sold on the Sabbath. The movement has been led by Gov. Beckham, who had the support of some of the most prominent and influential people in the State. The saloonkeepers have attempted to frustrate the movement by compelling the enforcement of blue laws with the apparent intention of making the Sunday closing statute so odious that the people of the State will demand its repeal. At the instance of Gov. Beckham a fiat was issued by Mayor Barth, of Louisville,

some six weeks ago, calling upon the saloonkeepers and theatre managers to close their establishments on the sabbath. As a result the "lid" has been closed down tightly in this city on Sundays.

The Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's island is to be painted. The goddess is to receive a coat within as well as without. In the eighteen years during which she has borne aloft her torch she has been exposed to the salt winds of the Atlantic and their action has begun to affect her bronze plates. A coating of verdigris has spread over them and it is feared that unless something is done quickly they will be seriously weakened and the statue endangered. The torch will be increased from five to ten lights, but the power of ten lights will be three times greater, as it is intended to overhaul the electric lighting plant, which is now incapable of running its full capacity. An electric elevator will also be put in to carry visitors up from the base of the statue to the torch and otherwise rejuvenate the statue.

Russell Sage, the veteran financier, died suddenly July 22 at his country home, Cedar Croft, at Lawrence, L. I. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. He would have celebrated his 90th birthday on August 4. Russell Sage, multi-millionaire, and mentor of American financiers, was born August 4, 1816, in Verona, Oneida County, New York, where his parents, Elisha and Pendergast Sage, members of a little company of pioneers from Connecticut, had halted while on their westward march in quest of a homestead. At the age of 12 years Russell Sage began his career as an errand boy in the grocery store of his brother, Henry, in Troy, and at the time of his death he was an officer and director in twenty-five great railroad and telegraph corporations.

Russia's first experiment in parliamentary government came to an ignominious end July 22 with the promulgation of two imperial ukases, the first dissolving the present Parliament and providing for the convocation of its successor March 5, 1907, and the second proclaiming the capital of Russia and the surrounding provinces to be in a state of extraordinary security, which is infinitesimally different from all martial laws. This measure of safety is to provide for the outbursts which undoubtedly will be provoked by this daring measure. Terror is said to reign in the Court circles at Peterhof Palace. The Grand Ducal party, which approved the ukase dispersing the Duma, demands the annihilation of the whole scheme of popular representation and the appointment of Grand Duke Nicholas as dictator. They argue that the Czar's weakness is responsible for all the calamities that have befallen the Empire, and that it will inevitably lead to revolution and the establishment of a Republic. The Czar, however, is jealous of his power, and, fearing deposition, refuses to hand over the reins to the Court. A revolution is likely to break out at any moment. Nearly the whole empire is in a state of siege. Most of the Liberal newspapers have been confiscated and their offices sealed up. Railroads and factories are under martial law. Cavalry, infantry and gendarmes patrol the streets of St. Petersburg. Every courtyard is a military camp. Posters announce siege rules. The police have been empowered to imprison, expel and confiscate without appeal.

The conference on board the cruiser Marble Head has been concluded and the warring republics of Central America have agreed to forget all their past differences. The troops will be withdrawn and disarmed within eight days; the political prisoners will be released and a treaty of friendship and navigation will be negotiated at San Jose within two months. Guatemala cables that the peace is welcome there. There are universal demonstrations and rejoicing. Guatemala had not sought the war and readily accepted any honorable settlement. The conditions include no money indemnity. Both parties will withdraw all grievances against the other. Any future differences in the Central American Republics will be arbitrated by the Mexican and American Presidents, thus practically guaranteeing perpetual peace. The armies are already being disbanded. The coffee crops of both countries, representing \$15,000,000 of gold, are saved.

Lady Curzon of Kedleston, wife of the former Viceroy of India, who had been ill some days, died July 18 at her residence in London. She never quite recovered from her serious illness at Walmer Castle, Kent, in 1904, and the recent hot weather brought on a pronounced attack of general debility. Lady Curzon was Miss Leiter, daughter of the late Levy Z. Leiter, of Chicago.

It has been stated at the rooms of the Reclamation Service in Washington that the work of driving the Gunison tunnel, which has attracted even international attention, was be-

ing delayed by a most curious condition.

The tunnel, now more than a mile into the earth, has been driven with great rapidity through a hard black shale. But the heading has now advanced to a point where it is passing through a great accumulation of sea shells, deposited many thousands of years ago. Myriads of these shells imbedded in the rock are being dug out. Some of them are of gigantic size, measuring three feet and even more in diameter. The process of digging through the shells is comparatively easy, but the work is greatly delayed by the fact that they render the rock extremely treacherous. A few of these shells imbedded in the roof make a point of weakness, and without warning a mass of hundreds of pounds, or of several tons, of black shale carrying the shells may be precipitated upon the workmen. In order to escape this danger it is necessary to support the roof of the tunnel with timbers for every foot of advance. It is curious that these shells, deposited in the ocean millions of years ago, are now being brought to light and are endangering the lives of creatures hundreds of centuries younger than they. Each of the shells at one time held a living organism of sufficient size to furnish a meal for a dozen men.

An earthquake at Sorocco, New Mexico, caused much fright and damage to the amount of \$5000. The shocks were usually caused by slides of mountain masses in the Magdalena and Socorro ranges caused by heavy rains.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

I had the very great pleasure of attending the Summer School of Theology at Georgetown. Five years ago a small company of men met and listened to lectures from some of our best men. We were greatly benefited by this. From that session to this year the Summer School has been taking new form and force until it is now one of the best places for preachers to get impetus in their work in all this Southland. This year we had the largest attendance, the best lectures and the most thought-provoking session that I have attended. I have heard the school criticized, but only by those who went away to keep from thinking in examination or because of sudden headaches, heartaches or lack of gray matter or some one who has toured in other countries and need a panacea to heal his wounded conscience for failing to do his duty. Some one said there is too much higher criticism. To this I only have to say, every man who is a student is a critic. While we will never have a Bible, and cannot have a Bible, that is absolutely perfect in construction, the isms and modes and differences of creeds show this perfectly, yet a criticism of the Bible to a strong minded man only makes him the stronger, and if we have any preachers in our conferences who are so easily shaken from their foundations that they cannot bear a critical exposition of the Scriptures we sooner they go to selling patent medicine and patent churas the better for the Church.

So, brethren, let's not be like old women tattling around about every thing we know nothing of, but, like strong men, go next year to the Summer School and stay the session through and come back saying, Veni, vidi, vici.

Of course it goes against the grain sometimes to be the oracle in some circuit, small station or mission to have to be a boy again and listen to the other fellow; but, brethren, go and you will be stronger and better equipped for your work.

M. C. DICKSON, P. C.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

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Notes From the Field.

Mason Circuit.

P. B. Summers, July 16: We had Children's Day yesterday. A good program was well executed, and no doubt good was done. Large congregations attended the preaching of the word in the morning and the children's services at night. The collection amounted to \$4.21. Have received thirteen new members since conference and lost by certificate and withdrawal, twenty. Held a meeting in Mason of ten days. The spiritual life of the Church was quickened, a few backsliders reclaimed, and five joined the Church. The Sunday-school is growing in numbers and interest. The finances of the charge are not up to date, but we are hopeful. The debt on the Church has been materially reduced, and we expect to close it out and dedicate in the near future. Rev. D. C. Ross, of Water Valley, assisted in the meeting, and did most of the preaching and did it well. He is as solid as a rock. This town has been blessed, or cursed, with a class whose teaching and antics would be laughable but for the seriousness of making a mock of the religion of our risen Lord.

Nugent.

L. G. R., July 16: We began our protracted meeting Friday night before the first Sunday in July. Bro. Peoples our pastor in charge, did the first preaching, as our big missionary Bro. J. A. Biggs, did not arrive until 11.30 the day following; after which time he conducted every service. After his first sermon he began to awaken the Church, which was not dead, but sleeping. He soon got into every heart, through the power of the Holy Spirit, who heard him. He is a mighty man of Israel; did much good in reviving the Christians and the sinners to realize their awful condition. He preached the last Sunday morning on the Church, and in the evening on Church Government, which was grand. There were four who joined the Church. If the meeting could have continued ten days longer, God only knows what the result would have been. But as he was on the committee to help locate the Methodist school, which is to be located somewhere in our Abilene country, he could not stay with us any longer. May God bless his work,

wherever he goes. The Baptists commenced their meeting the night he left, in our house and they too are greatly revived. They, with a few good Methodists, are trying to get sinners saved. Bless the Advocate and the great work it is doing. May it continue to grow in circulation until it is in every Methodist home.

Wayland.

H. H. Windham, July 17: Our first meeting has been held, but not closed, at Gunsight. We began on Saturday night before the second Sunday in July. Bro. Hamilton, of Breckenridge, came to us at the beginning of the meeting. He did most of the preaching. The meeting was a success from the start, but on Friday, at the forenoon service, the revival fire broke out; in the afternoon it broke out in the homes and at the grove meeting in the evening the climax was reached. We stood and watched the women and the girls come from one side of the mountain and the men and boys from the other side, singing and praising God as they came, and as they met at the altar. Well, we cannot describe it. We never attempted to preach. We did finally get a space cleared and announced that it was the altar, and without any more invitation they came until there was no more room. This has been repeated every service up to last night, Monday. We are forced to leave and go to our next meeting, at Necessity. We shall not try to close the meeting at Gunsight. Eight persons have given their names for membership in the Church, with more to follow.

Memphis.

Ben Hardy, July 17: We recently sold our old parsonage and two lots for \$900. Carpenters are now at work building our new one on the remaining four lots we owned. It will be a modern six-room cottage, well arranged in all parts; everything will be new, barn, lots, etc. When completed, our parsonage property will be worth upwards of \$2,000, and will be nice enough for anybody. Have not held our meeting yet; have received fifty into the Church, mostly by certificate. People are still coming here in numbers. Recent rain have put everything in fine shape. Another good crop is almost an assured fact. We certainly ought to be a grateful people.

Burnet Charge.

M. J. Allen, July 18: My meeting at Burnet closed last Sunday. We had a very good meeting, all things considered. We were hindered very much by the rainy weather. Had four additions and the Church wonderfully revived. I was assisted by Bro. Z. V. Liles and Bro. T. N. Barton, of Liberty Hill. Both of these brethren did some fine preaching. Have had twenty six additions, up to date, this conference year. I hope to be able to make a good report at conference. We were well pounded during our meeting at Burnet, and also a \$25 contribution by those of the town who belong to no church, as an expression of their good will and appreciation. We are now engaged in our campmeeting at Strickland. The rain and mud are interfering considerably. My next meeting begins at Sunny Lane, on the 27th inst., and then at Lake Victor, on Friday night before the second Sunday in August, each to continue ten days, or longer. All are invited to attend these meetings. Come, one and all, and enjoy the good camping grounds; plenty of water, grass shade, etc. Let's expect a great time. So mote it be.

Turkey Mission.

C. D. Pipkin, July 15: We closed our meeting at South Quitaque, which lasted eight days. Rev. R. L. Jameson, of Paducah, did us fine work. The folks like him. He was with us four days. Visible results, between twenty-five and thirty conversions and reclamations; nine joined the Church, with more to follow. On Saturday at 11 we had an old-fashioned Methodist class-meeting and God was with us in power. All the unsaved present decided for the right, except one boy, and he left the house. It was good to be there. The collection, cash and subscriptions, amounted to \$75.30. W. J. Whitworth rendered us valuable service in leading the choir. By the aid of the good women of the W. H. M. Society we will soon have a nice four-room parsonage. Turkey is on the upward move, with her wings spread for the top.

Winters.

R. B. Young, July 23: Our meeting at Winters has gone to record; and in a measure it was a success. We were disturbed by the rains almost every day during the meeting, but the people came notwithstanding. Bro. R. C. Armstrong was with us at the beginning for two days, and gave us some soul-stirring sermons. His preaching has the "old-time" Holy Ghost ring to it. Bro. F. M. Neal,

who had been employed to conduct the service, came in as Bro. Armstrong went out. Bro. Neal is a Gospel preacher whose trumpet gives no uncertain sound. The great Gospel truths in his sermons are interspersed with incidents and illustrations which make them very attractive to the majority of the people. He has a warm place in the hearts of the people, and will not be forgotten by them because of the work which he did. Another interesting and helpful feature of the meeting was a most excellent sermon preached by Bro. J. Sam Barcus at 11 o'clock on Sunday. We shall always be grateful to him for that sermon.

The visible results of the meeting were a greater degree of devotion and activity on the part of the Church, serious conviction among the sinners, twelve conversions and eight additions to the Church. We are on the up grade at Winters.

Alto.

J. I. Weatherby, July 21: We have just closed our meeting at Adam's Chapel, in the Alto charge, with good results; had seventeen conversions and thirteen additions to the Church, making twenty at that Church in the last two months. The best of all, there was a community disturbance that was settled, so the Church is in good condition. Bro. J. A. Carr, my local preacher, did good work in the first of the meeting. Bro. Shaddock, a licentiate in the Baptist Church, rendered some valuable service. We left the community on shouting grounds. On with the battle for the salvation of souls.

Mineola.

C. E. W. Smith: A three weeks' meeting in a big tent was begun at Mineola, June 17. Rev. T. G. Whitten conducting the services. Great good was done, chiefly among the Church members. Bro. Whitten is a man of great force and a preacher of power. There were about twenty-five reclamations and conversions. Many were refreshed and the tone of Christian living was raised.

Grapevine Circuit.

M. S. Leveridge, July 23: We have just closed a glorious meeting at Grapevine; twenty-four conversions, fifteen additions to the Church, baptized three babies and the whole Church greatly revived. Bro. C. W. Irvin, of Fort Worth, did the preaching, and he did it well. His earnest, plain, gospel sermons were helpful to the saints and lead sinners to repentance.

In the beginning of the services we divided the town into four districts, in which the ladies of W. H. M. Society organized prayer circles under the leadership of Miss Bertie Cate of the Scarritt Bible Training School, who is preparing for a Deaconess. These good women visited from house to house, prayed and enlisted many in the service of the Master, who have not been interested in the work of the Church for years.

It has never been my privilege to be associated in revival work with a more devoted and consecrated Christian character than Miss Cate.

We have a model W. H. M. Society of fifty-two members. Besides caring for all the interests of Church and parsonage, they pledged to bear half the expenses of Miss Elizabeth Smith, of South Carolina, in the Scarritt Bible Training School next year. Our Epworth League is doing fine work and they contributed much to the success of the meeting.

No preacher is blessed with a more faithful band of Christian workers than the one in the parsonage at Grapevine. Our second pounding for this Conference year has already passed into history; besides this some of the ladies have been especially good to us. We have raised more than \$200 for repainting and lighting the Church. Our free will offering to Bro. Irvin for service rendered in the meeting amounted to \$57.05. On the last Sunday of the meeting we presented our Conference claims and secured \$151 in good subscription, which is nearly half of our assessment on the charge. We are happy and expect to meet the brethren at Conference with a good report.

Crafton.

P. W. Byrd, July 19: Our Meeting at Crafton was a decided victory; thirty-two young men and women were converted. It was an old-time revival. Strong men and women mourned at the altar and arose with a new song in their mouths, even praises to our God. It was remarkable to see them work for the salvation of their friends. We received fifteen into the Methodist Church. Five joined the Baptist Church; others will likely join the Presbyterian Church. Unity of spirit and brotherly love prevailed throughout the entire meeting, which lasted sixteen days and nights. We were permitted to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Rev. J. G. Forrester, of Jacksboro Station, did most of the preaching. It was done with power and demonstration of

the Holy Ghost. We have battled hard against sin all this year. The way seemed dark. We are very thankful that the light has dawned upon us in our first meeting. We will take courage and press on. To God be all the glory. If any of the brethren have any spare time please come over and help. Five more meetings to hold yet. We are beginning at Friendship with good interest.

Amelia.

Pierce S. Wilson, July 19: Amelia charge is making progress on all lines; pastor's salary paid two-thirds to date. Have two Women's Home Mission Societies—one at Fannett, organized last February, with seven members. They have raised to date \$115; the other society is at Amelia, organized last month, with ten members. They have just organized and are in good working order. The society is composed of devoted and heroic Christian workers. We have never seen better or more heroic work than that done by the society at Fannett, and they are as true as steel to their pastor. We have three Sunday-schools, viz.: Fannett, Amelia and Port Bolivar. The latter has been organized only one month. They have forty scholars and are doing splendid work. The Sunday-school at Amelia and Fannett are moving along nicely and doing good work. Bro. W. W. Wiggins did us good, earnest preaching in our meeting at Nona. Ten conversions, and three accessions to the Church. Bro. S. D. Horger declared the whole counsel of God in our meeting at Sharon. Bro. Horger is as consecrated a man as we have, and is an earnest gospel preacher. Bro. Hotchkiss, our beloved, commenced our meeting at Fannett, and under his soul-stirring sermons the Church was revived and sinners were interested. Bro. Ritchie came to us at Fannett, after our beloved left. His sermons were practical, pointed and earnest. Received one member and the Church greatly revived. Rev. J. S. Wilson, my uncle, assisted us in our meeting at Amelia; forty conversions and reclamations, and twenty members were the results of this meeting. Rev. G. D. Wilson, my father, assisted us in our meeting at Port Bolivar. The Church was greatly revived, and fifteen members were the results of the Bolivar meeting. These good people, over the entire work, have been very kind, sympathetic and considerate to this boy-preacher. They have our prayers continually. We feel under lasting obligations to these good people on Amelia charge. May God bless all them. We have had a measure of success this year, for which we thank God and press forward.

Woodbine.

F. M. Sherwood, July 23: I have held two meetings—one at Sadler and one at Dixie. Rev. F. O. Miller helped at both places; had several conversions and reclamations, most of whom were already in the Church. Only received six members. We were rained out at Sadler, or would have received more. Will begin a tent meeting at Gordonville next Sunday at 11 a. m. D. V. Reys, W. T. Harris and F. O. Miller will help. Baptized four infants, one adult and sent four subscribers to Advocate. I have preached sixty-five sermons this year; made 283 visits. I am not well; have had two spells of nervous prostration this month. My fourth meeting at Basin Springs, second and third Sundays in August, at which place my third Quarterly Conference will be held August 12 and 13.

Rockport and Aransas Pass.

M. T. Allen, July 18: We are still here and busy. We were assisted in our meeting at Aransas Pass by Rev. J. P. Garrett, of Mathis charge, and he won all hearts by his faithful, earnest preaching. Two united with the Church by letter, and one girl professed religion. Rockport has turned out two new preachers this year—Bros. A. Guyon and George Kemp—and I think there is another prospective one. What little charge has done better? I have been assisting other brethren some this summer, and the good Lord has blessed us. Our Church here is loyal, but, oh, the worldliness of the place is simply "had enough." All things will be well by conference.

Durango.

J. B. Gregory, July 20: I closed my meeting at Durango on July 15, which lasted eight days, and it was a good meeting, for we had much religious feeling, from the first to the close. Shouts of praise to God were common. Truly the Lord was with us in convicting power, and it is said that such a widespread awakening among the people has not occurred for many years past. I was disappointed in promised ministerial help, so I had the battle ground to myself. The attendance was good, and the best of order prevailed. The choir did good service. The singing was good. Brother Goodman, our local preacher, did valuable service. There were some conversions and additions to the Church, backsliders reclaimed, the Church greatly revived, and the most profound seriousness overspread the entire ranks of sinners

for miles distant. The rains militated much all through the time occupied in the meeting against greater results. The choir was improved much by the presence and aid of Misses Etta and Nellie Boteler, of Memphis, Tennessee, sisters of the pastor's wife. The meeting closed with good interest, and we took up our conference collection and secured in cash and subscription the balance in full, due by Durango Church. I have added about twenty members since January. I think this work will pay everything in full. The work has been rising higher and higher all along. The Lord has been with us, and blessed us, "whereof we are glad." I've worked hard, and trusted in the Lord. I am nothing, but He is all in all, and the glory all be His. I have two meetings to hold yet. Begin at Blevins, July 29, with Bro. Watts, of Marlin, to assist me, and at Ceco, second Sunday in August, Bro. Gardner, of Kosse, to assist me. Pray for us.

Weston Revival.

Leonard Pen, July 22: We have just closed a gracious revival at Weston. We have been praying and working for this ever since we came to this work, and God has wonderfully blessed us and answered our prayers. We have had a hard fight against Satan and his army, but the harder the battle, the greater the victory, and, thank God we gained a glorious victory. While there are scores of the town and country who were not saved and it makes our hearts sad to think of such a thing, yet a great many found Christ precious to their souls. We had the old-time power with us, and, praise God, we got the old-time religion, that kind that makes us happy, soul and body that kind that makes us love everybody and work for God. We had deep conviction, and men trembled and shook as the faithful preacher told them of sin and its consequences; therefore we had repentance deep and strong, and clear-cut conversions, until we could see the glory of God in their very faces. Thank God for conversion that changes a man so completely that he looks like another person. That's exactly what true conversion does for us, and that is the kind we have. Some folks think that shouting and the "old-time fire" is a thing of history, but we folks over here at Weston can testify to the fact that these things are also present and experimental things. Thank God religion is the same "yesterday, to-day, and forever." God is just as powerful to save to-day as ever, and men need salvation as bad as ever before. Rev. J. M. Bond, of Weatherford, was with us and did the preaching, and he did it well. I have known Bro. Bond for a number of years, having been converted under his preaching, and I believe he did some of the strongest and best preaching here that I have ever known him to do. As he grows older he grows stronger as a preacher. He did us faithful work, and the good people of Weston presented him a purse of seventy dollars as a slight way of showing their appreciation. You may talk about good people, but I know we have some of the best people at Weston that God ever let live. There are a great many who are indifferent and some who actually call themselves Methodists are enemies to the Church, but, thank God, a great number are standing by the Church and would die for her. Thank God for such Christians. I love my people with a love that is inexpressible, and none can fully understand it except those who are pastors. I am so thankful for a place to work for my Lord, and for such people to work with. The results of our meeting can never be known this side of eternity, if then, but it might be well to give a few points: We had thirty-seven conversions. Twelve joined the Methodist Church, with others to follow, while some will join other branches of the great Church. We hope that all will join somewhere. The Church was wonderfully stirred and placed on a higher plain of Christian living. There is a fine Christian spirit among most of the members; I wish I could say all the members. I would rather be in a good revival meeting than anywhere on earth. I pray that I may be a soul-winning preacher. I had rather be a humble Methodist preacher than anything on earth. Before I close I want to tell you of my faithful band of workers. One by one they joined the ranks and went out after their friends and brought them in, and I tell you 'this is the secret of revival work. Get a good band of Christian workers where God can use them, and where they are anxious to see sinners saved, and God will save souls and the revival is on. The choir did some of the most faithful work I have ever known. God bless a faithful choir. We go next to Liberty, and we are going after victory. You will hear from there later.

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The Home Circle

REV. 7:13-14.

"Who are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? * * * These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

An exile from his native land,
St. John on Patmos stood,
The landscape o'er in silence scanned,
And reached beyond the flood.

The heavenly world to him appeared,
In all its glorious form,
Seraphs spake and angels shared,
In converse on that morn.

Multitudes passed to and fro,
Before the great white throne,
With palms of victories in their hands,
Their heavenly garments shone.

Who are these, in white arrayed?
Send one with harp of gold,
These are they who in prison laid,
And suffered, I am told.

Their hearts were by the blood of
Christ,
Made clean from every stain,
In this alone they found the price,
Eternal bliss to gain.

They walked, their Savior's hand to
feel,
Through years of heat and cold,
Their words and lives of holy zeal,
His cross to others told.

Their tribulations and their griefs,
For the cause of him they bore,
Nor ever murmured for relief,
And their sufferings sore.

Beyond the clouds they saw the sun,
In glorious splendor shine,
With steady march their journey run,
This world to leave behind.

Who are these, the angel cried,
In immaculate garments clad?
These are they who lived and died,
For Christ, the crucified.

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MINGLED YARN.

"The longer I live," said a man of ripe age and thoughtful mind, "the less I can arrange people under the two categories of 'good' and 'bad,' which seemed so simple and satisfactory in my youth. When I was twenty, people were either 'good' or 'bad' to my untutored eye. A thief was a bad man; a philanthropist was a good one—that was all there was of it. But the more I have learned of motives and of men, the less I can class humanity into 'saints' and 'sinners.' The thing which has puzzled me most of all in life is, not the origin of evil, but its endless combinations with good. I have found it equal folly to trust good people too far, and to distrust bad people too much. The unexpected always happens. And one's own self is the most unexpected thing of all."

With that last we can all agree, if we have any self-knowledge at all. The "mingled yarn, good and ill together," of motive and deed that our own mysterious personalities can astonish us with, is marvelous. "Judge not, that ye be not judged," is the soundest of doctrine in view of such personal experience. Yet it is probably because we are so tired of ourselves, so hopeful of something better, something clear and consistent, that we continually believe in the consistent individuality of others. The biographer, for example, studying the life which he is to write, has an instinctive, and what might in the interests of the truth be called a fatal, tendency to make the personality of his subject clear and consistent. He seeks the ruling tendency, the prevailing tone, and subordinates everything to it. He makes a hero, a heroine, an inspiration, a model, out of his subject. That is why we all love to read a biography so. A good biography, we say, is as interesting as a novel. It is, indeed, very much on the same plan. The novelist takes his type, and makes it consistent and artistically complete, omitting the glaring improbabilities of truth. Thousands of readers devour biography and novel, and sigh in admiration, "How true to life!" then, going forth into the confusions of life again, in-

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sist upon judging their fellow creatures by these consistent types of character, with the inevitable result of severe disillusionment in short order.

Human nature has not, really, the knowledge of itself necessary to judge human nature. We can approximate, and that is all. As Clough characteristically puts it:

"In men whom men declare divine
I find so much of sin and blot
In men whom others class as ill
I find so much of goodness still,
I hesitate to draw the line
Where God has not."

The like hesitation becomes us all. We are not meant to sit in judgment; our verdicts are hopelessly ignorant. It may not be true that sweeping saying of "Tout savoir, c'est tout pardonner," but it contains enough truth to give us pause. "The Lord only knows what is lying in the darkness of human nature," says Margaret Deland's dear old Doctor Lavender somewhere. "There is nothing more constantly astonishing to me than the goodness of the bad, unless it is the badness of the good. The enemy who wrongs us most, with whom we virtuously feel it good to be angry, will shame us by some delicacy of feeling or generosity of nature shown to another of which we ourselves are not capable. The weak brother we despise will reveal a moment of strength above our own level.

And yet, alas, weakness and wrong are not thereby changed, nor can these results toward us be transformed. Do not tell me of his unselfish benefactions," said a woman to whom a friend was praising the generalities of a millionaire. "He became rich by stealing my brother's patent in the very beginning. They say he is a good man. Perhaps he is now. Very likely he is sorry he ever cheated John; and John would never have made a fortune out of anything, and bears no malice. But don't you see that to have cheated a fellow workman and built up success on that foundation, remains always a part of his character? When I think of him, it is like a bad taste in my mouth."

In the infinite variety of life's viewpoints it is more than probable that each of us, to somebody, is an irredeemable defaulter in conduct. We may have done a thousand kind deeds, but some man or woman is meanwhile remembering the ungenerous act, the weak deceit, the ugly disloyalty back in the unchangeable past, which we may be endlessly sorry for, but never can make as if it had not been. To such lookers-on at our progress, our best and sincerest deeds will always seem the trappings of a hypocrite. The hero who is not a hero to his valet, the prophet without honor in his own country, is largely explained by this method. Some small, past, unforbidden circumstance turns prophet and hero into contempt, and negatives all that they are to the outsider.

Yet prophets there are, and heroes there are, in spite of the "mingled yarn." And after all, is it not a more wonderful development to have a man heroic in spite of ugly places in his nature than heroic without a flaw. That he who betrays us can yet stand true to another, is a thing to be thankful for, though we can hardly be expected perhaps to give the thanks. That he who has done harm in one direction should inconsistently, yet honestly, endeavor to do good in another is surely a gain, however inconspicuous it may seem to a strictly logical mind. The great thing for us all to do is to hold fast to the belief in good as overcoming evil. Then we shall see emerging in every personality the forces of good—often beaten, often baffled, often hardly recognizable, yet everywhere trying to assert themselves and develop into action. The greatest and most consistently good souls in human history have always believed most in the good in others. We shall be wisest when we follow their example; and though we shall find plenty of evil, it will be the hidden good that will most astonish us by its variety, its unexpectedness, and its eager response to our own poor little portion.—The Interior.

GRANDMOTHER'S TURN.

"It's my turn to have a party now," said Alice, "but I do not care the least bit about it. I haven't any new ideas and it's such a bother and no satisfaction to get up such a common party."

Mrs. Egbert, with her family of four lively girls and two lively boys, had to limit the number of parties, and each to give one in turn with a fixed interval between.

"Girls," said Hilda, suddenly, "let us let grandma have her turn this time." Hilda was the thoughtful one of the family.

"Why, do you think grandma would care for a party?" said Alice. "I be-

she would if we managed it right and didn't give her a lot of worry and trouble," said Hilda. "And grandma is getting very old and she sometimes looks tired and homesick. Perhaps we won't have a chance to do things for her much longer."

The girls all looked serious by this time, and Alice exclaimed: "Why, of course, grandma shall have a party, if you think she would care for it. I'm sure I shall be very glad to do all I can, and she is quite welcome to my turn."

After some consultation with their mother the girls decided that the party should be a small one and invitations were sent to six of grandma's friends. The china and silver that had been great-grandfather's gift to grandma when she was a bride were unpacked and got ready for service. There



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was an old yellow note book filled with recipes in grandma's neat handwriting before the day when printed books were common. With great diplomacy, Hilda borrowed the treasured book of grandma, and the girls practiced on some of the recipes before the day set for the party.

They were not going to serve a fashionable luncheon, but an old-fashioned tea, such as grandma used to serve to her guests. Her buttermilk biscuits, cold roast chicken, sliced ham, pound cake and drop-cakes, and, of course, preserves and plenty of tea.

The work was divided. Hilda undertook to learn to make tea to grandma's taste. Alice was to practice until she had attained perfection in the making of biscuits. Clare knew she could roast the chicken properly, but to poor Maud fell the hardest task. She was to make the cakes, and the pound cake at least, was too expensive to practice on.

It was to be a surprise to grandma. It really was not necessary for her to make any preparation. Her room was always in company order, and grandma herself always looked like an old-fashioned picture. So there were no suggestions to make and grandma sat placidly knitting on the afternoon of her party.

When the first visitor came, Maud took her to grandma's room. Grandma was in a flutter of pleased excitement for her friends did not come often. When the second old lady arrived grandma was plainly very much



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surprised. "How fortunate that you happened to come to-day, Mrs. Lane," she said. "There are three of us now, quite a little party."

But when two more guests were ushered in, grandma looked about so helplessly that Maud felt that it was time for explanation.

"We thought it was your turn to have a party, grandma," she said, "so we planned one for you to-day." Then she hurried from the room.

The old ladies were left to enjoy the afternoon in their own way. Mrs. Egbert went in to add her cordial welcome to grandma's, but she remained only a few minutes.

"It's just too lovely to see them," Hilda reported. "They are sitting here so cozy and comfortable. Some of them brought their knitting along

and they are telling funny stories and laughing just as we girls used to do. I would liked to have stayed, if we had not agreed to relieve them of our presence."

When it was time to serve the 5 o'clock tea, the girls surveyed the results of their labor with justifiable pride. And grandma and her guests declared that it was just like the old times.

"I congratulate you, young ladies," said stately old Madam St. Clair. "If this is a sample of your skill, you will be as notable housewives as your grandmother was."

And grandmother beamed her delight at this.

In the evening, when the company was all gone, Mrs. Egbert came down stairs and told the girls that grandma wanted to see them before she went to bed. They found her sitting before the fire with a happy smile on her face.

"I wanted to tell you how happy you made me this afternoon," she said. "The party was delightful, just what I would have wished, and all the arrangements were perfect. But that was not the best part. I know now that my girls think of grandma, for they took the time to plan and work for me. It has done my heart good and I think we shall understand each other better after this."

They sat and talked with grandma for a half hour and then went down stairs.

"I'm very much ashamed that we never thought of that before," said Hilda.

"And to think that she cared for our company all the time," said Maud. "I thought we would only annoy her if we went to her room very often."

"Well, at any rate, we won't be so stupid again," said Clare. And the others echoed, "No indeed."—Christian Standard.

THE TEASINGS OF LOVE.

It is an interesting study to ascertain why those who love have a disposition to tease those whom they love. They take a certain delight in bothering and gently annoying them. They play little tricks upon them to cause surprise, and even to make them somewhat miserable is a delight. A young married woman told her mother that she thought Charlie did not love her quite so well because she could no longer make him miserable. This disposition of love to tease is due to the desire to test the love of the other when it is really known to be fixed; yet some expression of it is craved. If the loved one will bear these little tests and not lose temper or tongue it is regarded as a good sign, and yet love will go just as far as possible to find the limit of patience and then take keen delight in the discomfort of the one beloved. The security of love in its ownership and the sense of freedom and familiarity permits this playfulness, which would not be attempted with an acquaintance or even a friend. The closer the relation and the tenderer the sentiment the more likely is it that the spirit of playfulness will show itself. One would not mean to do real harm, and at the least sign of genuine injury is all distress and full of sympathy. This by-play does not mar the sweetness or closeness of love's relation, but gives it relief from the real seriousness of absolute devotion and brings out expression of love more fully. Love craves assurance of fidelity in every little sign of loyalty.—From The Watchman.

THE BOY WITHOUT A REFERENCE.

John was fifteen and anxious to get a desirable position in the office of a well known lawyer, who had advertised for a boy, but doubted his success, because, being a stranger in the city, he had no reference to present.

"I'm afraid I'll stand a poor chance," he thought, despondently; "however, I'll try to appear as well as I can, for that may help me a little."

So he was careful to have his dress and person neat, and when he took his turn to be interviewed, went in with his hat in his hand and a smile on his face.

The keen-eyed lawyer glanced him over from head to foot.

"Good face," he thought, "and pleasant ways."

Then he noted the neat suit—but other boys had appeared in new clothes—saw the well-brushed hair and the clean skin. Very well, but there had been others there quite as cleanly. Another glance, however, showed the finger nails free from soil.

"Ah! that looks like thoroughness," thought the lawyer.

Then he asked a few direct, rapid questions, which John answered directly.

"Prompt," was his mental comment; "can speak when necessary. Let's see your writing," he added aloud.

John took a pen and wrote his name. "Very well, easy to read and no flourishes. Now what references have you?"

The dreadful question at last! John's face fell. He had begun to



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feel some hope of success, but this dashed it again.

"I haven't any," he said slowly. "I am almost a stranger in the city."

"Can't take a boy without references," was the brusque rejoinder, and as he spoke, a sudden thought sent a flush to John's cheek.

"I haven't any references," he said, with hesitation; "but here's a letter from another I just received. I wish you would read it."

The lawyer took it. It was a short letter:

"My dear John: I want to remind you that wherever you find work, you must consider that work your own. Don't go into it, as some boys do with the feeling that you will do as little as you can and get something better soon but make up your mind you will do as much as possible and make yourself so necessary to your employer that he will never let you go. You have been a good son to me, and I can truly say that you have never shirked. Be as good in business, and I am sure that God will bless your efforts."

"H'm!" said the lawyer, reading it over the second time. "That's pretty good advice, John—excellent advice. I rather think I'll try you, even without the references."

John had been with him six years, and last spring was admitted to the bar.

"Do you intend taking that young man into partnership?" asked a friend lately.

"Yes, I do. I couldn't get along without John; he is my right-hand man," exclaimed the lawyer, heartily.

And John always says the best reference he ever had was his mother's good advice and honest praise.—Selected.

BACK TO PULPIT.

What Food Did For a Clergyman.

A minister of Elizabethtown tells how Grape-Nuts food brought him back to his pulpit: "Some 5 years ago I had an attack of what seemed to be La Grippe which left me in a complete state of collapse and I suffered for some time with nervous prostration. My appetite failed, I lost flesh till I was a mere skeleton, life was a burden to me, I lost interest in everything and almost in every body save my precious wife."

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

By Bishop E. E. Hoss.

In view of the continued discussion of the affairs of the Vanderbilt University in the editorial columns of the American, I make bold, as a party at interest, to set forth what I know to be the views of the great majority of the ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, concerning the same. This is my first appearance in any newspaper on the subject. What I have had to say heretofore I have said directly and explicitly to those in authority. From first to last I have spoken no word of which I am ashamed, and none for which I have the least disposition to beg anybody's pardon—least of all the American's.

In spite of the opinion which seems to be current in certain Nashville circles, that everybody has the right to be actively concerned in the university's affairs except the Methodist Bishops, I cling to the definite belief that Bishop McTyeire knew exactly what he was talking about when he said in a letter written on the eve of his departure for Europe in 1881: "I beseech the Bishops of the Church, as by charter they have a right, to lay their hands on this university for government and guidance."

It is easy for small-minded folk to make light of this great and good man, through whose influence the city of Nashville has reaped millions of dollars in money and vast advantages every way, but it is not easy for them to show that he was in error. If he could only get up out of his grave on the campus at the present time, he would doubtless utter himself in a manner so express and definite as to leave no room for further speech.

Matter at Issue.

Really the matter at issue is much larger than appears on the surface. It is nothing less than this: Has a denomination of Christian people the right to organize, direct and control an institution of learning? If it has the right, does it also possess the capacity for the task? On the first of these questions the American has been a little slow to pronounce itself; but on the second it has spoken with emphasis in the negative. The doctrine which applies to the Methodist Church is equally applicable to all the Churches, though, for reasons which remain hidden in the editorial breast, it has not yet advised the Episcopalians to give up their absolute ownership of Sewanee, or the Baptists to surrender their plant at Jackson, or the Presbyterians to cancel their claims at Clarksville.

Now, there may be some Methodists who are fond of eating humble pie, and are therefore ready to accept the American's dictum without hesitation, but as I was bred up in the creed that self-respect is a saving grace, I decline to do anything of the kind. It has never once occurred to me that I should go about softly, half apologizing for being a Methodist minister, and protesting that I really have no purpose of building up and strengthening my Church in every open, legitimate and honorable way.

Does the Methodist Church own Vanderbilt University? The American seeks to cast a cloud upon the title by saying: "It will probably be shown that history and sentiment, more than the legal phase of the matter, bind the university to the Methodist Church." The facts are, that the university had its origin in a convention of Methodist ministers and laymen held in 1870 in the city of Memphis; that, under the instructions of this convention, a number of gentlemen in 1872, not in their individual capacity, but as "representatives" of certain specified Annual Conferences, procured a charter from the Chancery Court of Nashville, Tenn., for the Central University of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; that this corporation in 1874, Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, having full knowledge of what he was doing, and being specially desirous to enlist the support of the strongest religious body in the South, gave the sum of \$500,000 in one gift, which he subsequently increased to \$1,000,000; that, after this gift had been made, and not before, the name of the institution was changed to Vanderbilt University, without any other slightest alteration in the terms of the charter; that till 1897 the trustees continued to "represent" the aforementioned Annual Conferences, and to be confirmed by them; that in that year, on the request of the Board of Trust, the Annual Conferences surrendered their rights in the university, with the distinct understanding and stipulation that these rights should be formally transferred to the General Conference; that in 1898 the General Conference, acting on a petition from the Board of Trust, which petition, in express terms, states that all the property of the university is held "in trust, for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," consented to take the place of the Annual Conferences, as soon as the nec-

essary legal steps should be taken by the trustees to effect the transfer; that since then, for reasons which the trustees no doubt consider good, no such steps whatever have been taken, though all the new trustees elected from that time down have been confirmed in their office, not by the Annual Conferences as theretofore, but by the General Board of Education.

Relaxed Their Relation.

It will be seen that the failure of the Board of Trust to complete the action, in the expectation of which the Annual Conferences relaxed their relation to the university, has issued in certain complications; and it is those complications which the commission of eminent lawyers has been appointed to adjust and settle.

For example, there were many gentlemen in the General Conference, including several lawyers, who



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held that, as the Board of Trust failed to make a legal transfer of the property, the Annual Conferences would be wholly within their rights in resuming by mere resolution their former position towards it. To provide against such action on the part of the Annual Conferences to clear up the whole field, the commission is expressly instructed "to take legal steps, if necessary, to perfect the transfer of the university from the patronizing conferences to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." The phrase "legal steps" is a wide one, and includes authority to go to any necessary length to secure the end in view. That a suit at law will be required to accomplish this end is not dreamed possible, as the trustees will not hesitate for a moment to recognize the power of the General Conference. But if so impossible a contingency should arise, then the commissioners will, of course, institute suit; and the Board of Education is instructed to pay all the necessary expenses.

Whether the university belongs to the Methodist Church is not a question. The General Conference delivered itself categorically on that point when it said: "There can be no doubt as to the ownership of the university by the M. E. Church, South, or as to the charter rights of all the Bishops." The work which the commission is appointed to do is to fix the point of ownership as between the General Conference and the Annual Conferences. The American's statement, that the preamble is not binding, and is of no special significance, except as an opinion that has to be investigated," is childlike and bland



REV. C. A. LEMBERG, Fourth Vice-President, Member Board of Trustees.

in its simplicity. This opinion is not to be investigated. When the commission meets it will do so with the whole report that was adopted at the General Conference before it. That report goes into the history, reaches a conclusion, and then calls for a commission to make that conclusion good by taking the requisite steps in law.

Have the Bishops Charter Rights?

Have the Bishops any charter rights in relation to the university? This, of course, is a distinct question from the one that I have just been considering. Even if the ownership of the Church were admitted, it would not necessarily follow that the Bishops were invested with any specific authority over it. But the following facts can not be successfully disputed: The charter embodies a series of provisions adopted by the

Memphis Convention of 1870 for the purpose of making forever clear the legal status of the university and the aims of its founders. One of the provisions unquestionably gives the Bishops co-ordinate power with the trustees in three respects, the election of the faculties, the fixing of the courses of study, and the determination of the plan of discipline; and, in addition to this, a general right of supervision.

It is contended by the American, however, which seems for the nonce to have turned lawyer, and which probably is a lawyer, that his part of the charter is "null and void," being in violation of the Constitution of Tennessee. The answer to the eminent jurist who sits on the American tripod is: First, this charter was given at a time when the State had no statutory form of charter, and when chancellors were put upon the necessity of prescribing the form in each separate case; secondly, it was given to a board that included such lawyers as Judge Milton Brown, Judge R. J. Morgan and others, who probably knew what they were about; thirdly, it was given by Judge Nathaniel Baxter, Sr., sitting in place of Judge E. H. East, who was incompetent; fourthly, it was accepted by the board without demur, and has been held sufficient for all particulars for thirty years; fifthly, it must be considered in full force and effect till the contrary has been declared by a Civil Court of competent jurisdiction; sixthly, it can not, especially at this late date, be torn to pieces by the board itself.

For the Sake of Argument.

One other thing deserves to be especially stated in the same connection. Admitting, for the sake of argument, what I do not at all admit in fact, that the clause in question is "null and voidable"—not void—the inquiry must still be raised whether the board has any moral right, on the strength of a mere legal technicality, to defeat and nullify the manifest and acknowledged intent of the projectors and founders of the university. Con-



THEO. BERING, Jr., Treasurer, Member Board of Trustees and Assembly Committee.

siderations of ethics as well as considerations of law are involved. Some respect is due to the wise and far-seeing men out of whose brains and hearts this university was born; some surely to Bishop McTyeire, through whom alone came the money that turned a glorious dream into a still more glorious reality; and some also to Commodore Vanderbilt, who was the last man in the world to throw down a million dollars into the lap of a corporation without knowing in advance all about its charter. To get rid of the Bishops it is necessary to ignore and defy the charter. This much, at any rate, is certain.

As long as Bishop McTyeire lived, seeing that as President of the board he was invested with an absolute right of veto, the Bishops did not feel it particularly incumbent on themselves to be present at the board meetings. After his death, however, and in compliance with a solemn and affectionate request made in his last will and testament, they began to do so with considerable regularity. But as Bishop Wilson, who had been a lawyer for some years, expressed a repeated desire for a closer definition of the word "supervisors," by which the Bishops were designated, the board in 1888 (I think) as an agreed interpretation of the terms of the charter, enacted a by-law making all the Bishops ex-officio trustees. That it was within the competency of the board to repeal this by-law, no sane man doubts; but that, under the circumstances, it was proper to do so, without courteously consulting the Bishops, and giving them an opportunity to express themselves, I can not believe, though I am not willing to waste time in arguing a question of courtesy with any gentleman who takes the opposite view.

Ejection of Bishops.

If the summary ejection of the Bishops from the Board of Trust had been all, the case would not have been so bad, for that would have left them with their rights as supervisors undisturbed. But it was determined to dispose of them in a more thorough fashion, by procuring a new charter, according to the terms of

which they should have no legal status of any sort, either as trustees or as supervisors. If this movement had been successful, no Bishop would thereafter have had any rights in the premises. A few of them might have been suffered to remain in the board as a matter of grace, but there would have been no guarantee that even this much of a concession would be made to them. My motives in opposing the scheme have not been personal. I am loaded with quite as many responsibilities of various sorts as it is convenient to carry. But I will not shirk or dodge a duty that came to me without solicitation on my part, and simply in the order of Providence.

The General Conference, as its unanimous action shows, also distinctly asserts "the charter rights of all the Bishops" in the university, and only asks the commission to "define"



HON. R. W. HALL, Member Board of Trustees.

exactly what these rights are. After this definition shall have been made, it further "instructs them"—and every Methodist knows what the "instructions" of the General Conference amounts to—to enter at once upon the exercise of these rights. In common with the large majority of my colleagues, I was perfectly content to abide in silence the commission's action. It goes against my taste to have a public disputation over ecclesiastical matters. But since the American, which certainly has no more warrant than I for ventilating the subject, has seen fit to criticize by construction the course which I have hitherto pursued, I do not feel at liberty to hold my peace.

Property or Charter Rights.

Whether the property rights of the Methodist Church and the charter rights of the Bishops shall be recognized, is one thing; and whether the university shall be administered on broad and liberal lines is quite another thing. Methodism has always been distinguished for its catholicity of spirit. When Dr. Adam Clarke was once asked: "Dr. Clarke, are you not a bigot?" he replied: "No, for thank God I am a Methodist."

In its management of Vanderbilt University, the Church has certainly shown itself to be free from sectarian littleness and narrowness. It has imposed no religious tests of any sort on either its teachers or its students, and has not desired to do so. At the present time, six of the seven Deans of faculties belong to other Churches, as do more than two-thirds of the members of the academic faculty. What more than this could be asked as a sign of freedom from denominational exclusiveness?



W. G. LEE WOODS, Chairman Board of Trustees.

I confess I am grown quite weary of the twaddle of men who know no more about a university than they do about the anatomy and physiology of the man in the moon, to the effect that the Methodist Church is too narrow to be intrusted with such a responsibility, and that Methodist Bishops in particular are so limited in their range of vision as to be disqualified for it. Neither contention is true. Both alike contradict the whole history of education in the United States. The University of the South at Sewanee is the exclusive property of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It has never concealed the fact, nor sought to do so. On the contrary it flies its flag in the face of the whole world. Everyone of the eighteen Bishops in the patronizing dioceses belong to its Board of Trust, and are not treated as though they were a negligible quantity and without capac-

ity for service. The result is seen in the constant and steady growth of the university, a growth which, considering its limited financial support, is a marvel. What reason is there for supposing that the presence of the Methodist Bishops at Vanderbilt would have any evil effect?—Nashville American.

PROPHECY OF THE BIBLE.

In this age of inventions and general improvements, in not only social relationship of nations on the globe, but also in the expansion of missionary movements of the Christian people, there seems to be a lack of interest shown toward a clearer understanding of prophecy of the Bible, which is seldom referred to in any of the religious papers of the present. The Advent Church may respond to this and say that the prophetic portion of the Bible has been their principal theme of investigation for the last fifty years. To my mind their investigation has been rather a hindrance to the general public, than an advance to a better understanding of the same. The Second Advent Christian Church, as well as those of the Seventh day branch look with pride upon Rev. Miller, as the chief trumpeter, herald and teacher of Christ's second coming unto the Christian people upon earth. The number 2300, found in Daniel 8:14, was Rev. Miller's main foundation of prophesy, which caused him to proclaim that the ending of days would take place in the Month of November, A. D. 1843. His reckoning of years was looked upon as beginning with the year 457 before Christ, when Ezra produced through his teaching a great reformation amidst the Jews in Jerusalem, and adding the number of years of the Christian Era of 1843 were to point to the ending of days. The prophecy of Daniel in the 8th chapter, with its wonderful chart of changes that were to follow after the Media Persian kingdom upon the earth, showing the rough coat of Greece, Alexander the Great would conquer that country, and that after his death the Grecian kingdom would fall into four separate divisions, which all the historians verify in history, the words of Daniel foretold that one of these kings would take away the daily sacrifice of the Jewish race in the Holy Land and city of Jerusalem. The words of Daniel were perverted by Rev. Miller in applying the number to 2300 literal years, when the language in the 8th chapter referred to so many sacrifices. Offerings were made in the temple, morning and evening, of lambs. The new version of the 8th chapter, verse 14, says the number 2300 should be reckoned by morning and evening. We find in the Apocrypha of the old Testament and history of the Maccabees, that the king, Antiochus, destroyed the temple in Jerusalem 168 years before the birth of Christ and established the worship of heathens. The interruption of Jewish worship continued for three years and ten days as given in the history of the Apocrypha. In following up the law of Moses in the 28th chapter of Numbers, we find the sacrifices corroborated with prophecy.

The 3 years and 10 days, counting 365 days to a year were in all 1195; sacrifices morning and evening in all 2210. An extra was given for 7 days, during passover, or 3 years, 21; in eleventh months, also on the 10th day, the 15th and 8 days on the Feast of Tabernacles, in 3 years, 36; one day each year for first fruits, 3; loss of sacrifices in three years and 10 days, in all 2300.

After the failure of A. D. 1843, manipulations of reckoning time was greatly on the increase, different writers resorting to reckon from different stages of time to prove also the ending of days. The number 1260 days, spoken of in the 11th chapter of Revelation was next the popular theme for manipulations, outlined in years as a divine key for reckoning.

This preconceived opinion of reckoning such numbers of the Bible in years has been in my judgment, the most misleading theory of prophecy. The number 1260 days, wherein two prophets were to prophesy harmonize with the history of the Reformation when Luther and Zwingle preached and labored together contemporaneously for near 1260 weeks before a Reformation was accomplished in the Roman Empire. B. E. EISENTRAUT.

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In this issue will be found the reply of Rev. G. W. Owens and J. M. Robertson to the communications of Rev. Jerome Duncan, Rev. James Campbell and Rev. J. S. Chapman anent the Episcopal Residence. Since these two brethren decline to discuss this matter further in the Advocate, and since the other three brethren have had their full say on the subject, the whole question is now referred to the conferences for adjustment. It can not be settled in the Advocate and our readers do not care to have it aired any further in these columns.

THE SUNDAY OF OAK CLIFF THREATENED.

Oak Cliff is now a part of Dallas, but prior to its coming into the corporation of the city it was one of the most quiet and desirable places to live anywhere near the city. A great many of its citizens opposed the movement to bring it into the city on the ground that their peace and quietude would be disturbed. They were even afraid that the saloon would be taken into its community. Now it develops that a great resort has been projected in Oak Cliff. A beautiful lake has been improved, buildings and tents have been inaugurated, many of the objects of which are wholesome and profitable. But the skating rink has also gone over there, and other amusements. So that the Sunday law is being violated and the peace of the community demoralized. They are even fearful that the "club" will be installed and that intoxicants will be sold. Such is the alarm felt by the citizens on account of the Sunday demoralization over there that a meeting was held last week and a committee appointed to bring the matter before the County Attorney, the Sheriff and the Police Commissioner so as to have the community protected against these depredations upon the sanctity of their Sunday. With these abuses left off we approve heartily the entertainments and recreations afforded by these attractions, but with these gross abuses it is time to call a halt. Better have no attractions than such as ignore the law and degrade our Christian Sabbath. The Oak Cliff people are right in demanding protection.

Because of its rapid growth of the past few years many people are under the impression that the Indian Mission is a new Conference. Far from it. It was organized Oct. 23, 1844.

ELECT GOOD MEN TO OFFICE.

Next Saturday there will be held primary elections which will determine the question of State officers for the next two years; for the men who secure the nominations will be elected later on—that is those who get a majority vote of the people. If they do not get a majority vote, then the convention to follow will make the nomination on the basis of the primary vote. With the politics of the men running for these different State offices we have nothing to do; but with the sort of men worthy of the votes of God-fearing people, we do have something to say. No man, whether he be candidate for Governor, Treasurer, Lieutenant Governor, Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, or for the Legislature, is worthy of your vote unless he be a man of good moral character, and perfectly reliable and trustworthy as a citizen. Not every man who asks your vote and who is willing to make good promises, is entitled to the suffrage of good people. How does the man stand in his community? Is he pure in his private life? Is he sober and temperate? Is he clean in his private conversation? Is he true to his home life? Of course it is difficult to find out all these points, but you can find out enough about some of them to guide you in the remainder.

However, there is another question, the answer to which will help you to decide these other questions. What does he stand for in his public utterance? Does he lean to the vicious element? Does he pander to them in order to get their votes? Does he come out squarely on the question of the saloon? Or does he straddle that matter? If so you had better let him alone. A man who is unsound on any public question of morals will not do to trust in public office. Now take these candidates and see how they stand on these matters. Take your candidate for Governor—what is his public and official record on these moral issues? Take the man who stands for Lieutenant Governor—does he run with the whiskey crowd? Is he their candidate? Are the brewers behind him? Take your candidate for Treasurer—are the sporting element back of him? Do they support him? Take your candidate for Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals—does he stand for law and order? Is he in sympathy with the best element of society? Take your Legislator—can you depend upon him to stand by the best interests of society when it comes to making laws? Answer all these questions and then vote in the fear of God, and you need have no fear of the result.

SALOONS HAVE NEVER KEPT THE LAW.

When the local option campaign was on in Bell County Mayor Hamel and those associated with him in the anti campaign promised the people that if the saloons were voted back that there would be no violations of the law, that the saloon men would observe it to the letter. Now what is the result? Why, the saloons have been ignoring the law as of old. They have gotten so bold in their defiance of law that the "Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association," whatever that is, has instituted suits against several of the dens for violating the law. Think of the liquorites prosecuting liquorites! Was the devil ever known to prosecute his emissaries very vigorously? When the devil sends out his cohorts to do his bidding he may wink with one eye when he thinks they overdo his work, but he is not going to punish them very severely. The liquor business has spent more than half a century in Texas in training its votaries in the science of law violations, and now that it has hundreds of expert graduates in the field it is hardly reasonable to even imagine that this same business is going to try to undo the work of all these years. No, sir! The liquor business in Texas was born in lawlessness, it has grown fat and flourishing in lawlessness, and the day is past for its change of heart. There is but one way to change it, and that

is to kill it. Temple, now in the tolls of the barroom evil, is having a carnival of crime and the saloons are responsible for it. And the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, the ungodly father of the outfit, is undertaking the work of reforming its progeny. Like father, like children, and there is no hope of improving either, until the death penalty is pronounced upon the business. On with the battle!

SOUTH ERVAY STREET CHURCH.

Nearly all our congregations in the city are now very well provided for in the way of Church buildings, except South Ervay. The members of that congregation have fully made up their minds to build on their present lot. They have virtually adopted their plans and have some of the material on the ground. They are people of determination, and they have shown wonderful enterprise, under all the circumstances, in holding to their situation, and they have made progress. But they are not able to bear all the burden by themselves. They need a structure that will cost not less than \$20,000, for they want to build not for the present only, but for years to come. It is the policy of our Methodism for the strong to help the weak, and that policy, no doubt, will obtain in this instance. First Church, Trinity, Grace and Oak Cliff are well organized and in good condition. Now it is their turn to give a helping hand to the South Ervay people. Grace and Trinity never could have succeeded as they have had it not been for the fact that the Methodists living round them gave to those enterprises hearty co-operation. When we get well established at South Ervay, then our Dallas Methodism will be well fixed to hold all points in the city. Rev. E. L. Egger, the pastor, is wonderfully adapted to lead in this movement, and his people are following his wise counsel, and with the help of the other congregations, South Ervay ought to move forward rapidly.

A FEARLESS PRESS.

One of our greatest needs is a fearless press—not a sensational press, seeking to explode the scandals of domestic and social life—but a press that does not hesitate to tell the people the truth about public affairs and public officials. That there is a great deal of what is popularly known as graft among the officials of many of our counties, can not be questioned. And we mean by graft, a disposition upon the part of officials to lay stress upon every possible opportunity for increasing their fees at the expense of the public or on account of the misfortunes of those who get into trouble with the courts. We have entirely too many Sheriffs and County Clerks retiring from office much more comfortably fixed than when they were elected. The salary allowed them is not exorbitant, yet we have heard of more than one of them leaving office much better off than when they were elected. When gambling dens run with practical immunity, and when Sunday saloons and joints have but little attention paid to them by officers, there is something rotten in Denmark. And this is going on in many counties in Texas today. Officers of the law do not shut their eyes to such things without a good reason.

We therefore need a fearless press to go into these official records and lay bare the facts in the case. We have two noted examples of the service that a fearless press can render the public in matters of this sort. In the course of the Sherman Courier and the Georgetown Commercial. These papers have rendered their constituents a valuable service in turning the light on their public officials. The Courier took up the official records of the County Attorney and the Sheriff of Grayson County and uncovered facts that have opened the eyes of the voters of that wealthy county. It did this by no appeal to passion, but to the acts of the officials and to the judgments of its readers. The Commercial took up the official life of the Sheriff of Williamson County and did likewise. If our county papers

would follow the examples of these two journals, we would have better enforcement of laws, and we would have more conscientious officials. There is no excuse for a Sheriff, a County Attorney, a County Clerk, or any other official growing rich at the expense of law and order. We have had enough of it in Texas.

A NEW SCHOOL ENTERPRISE.

For some time it has been felt that a first-class school should be established in the western section of the Northwest Texas Conference similar to the one at Clarendon. Such a movement has been under advisement for a year or more and at the recent District Conference at Stamford it took definite shape. A committee was appointed to visit the different points making propositions for its location, and that committee has acted. After considering all the bids for the school, the committee has decided on Stamford, as the people of that town offered a bonus of \$20,000 in advance of any other other community. Colorado offered \$27,000; Abilene, \$47,000; and Stamford, \$67,000. In addition to this bonus, Stamford offers a campus of twenty acres. We presume that the enterprise will at once be projected, and that the buildings will soon be under way. We congratulate the people in that section on their contemplated enterprise. It will meet a long-felt want, and put good school advantages within the reach of all that rapidly improving section of country.

BISHOP WARD MAKES REPLY.

As we noted in a previous issue, the Trustees of the Episcopal Residence extended to Bishop Ward an invitation to occupy the home, subject to the approval of the several conferences, and the following is his reply to the invitation:

Nashville, Tenn., July 16.—Messrs. J. M. Robertson, G. W. Owens and others, Trustees Episcopal Residence, Dallas, Texas: My Dear Brethren: Your communication of June 20, tendering me the use of the Episcopal Residence in Dallas—such offer being subject to ratification by the conferences in Texas—came duly to hand. Please accept my very sincere thanks for your words of cordial greeting and brotherly esteem.

Texas is my home. My life, with the exception of the last four years, has been spent in that State. The associations of years bind me to the Church and the people there. I confess that my first and strongest inclination has been to make my home in the State of my birth and among my life-long friends. However, my duty to the whole Church, as well as my interest in Texas Methodism, and whatever else relates to my future ministry, must be considered. I have been in no hurry to determine the place of my future residence, desiring to take ample time in order to reach a wise conclusion. I am not now ready to make a final decision. I must, therefore, inform you that I cannot at this time entertain any proposition with reference to my future home, as it is not at all probable that I shall decide the matter for some months yet.

It is also due to you and to myself that I should make this further statement: Wherever I locate it would be my preference to secure a home for myself, believing that that course would be most conducive to the happiness of my family and to the usefulness of my ministry. In the meantime, I beg that you, and the conferences you represent, will feel free to make other disposition of the Episcopal Residence as though this offer to me had not been made.

Again expressing my appreciation of the spirit that prompts your very kind offer, and assuring you of my abiding interest in all that pertains to the welfare of Texas Methodism, I am sincerely your brother,

SETH WARD.

PERSONALS.

Rev. H. A. Bourland, D.D., pastor of First Methodist Church, spent a few delightful moments with us this week. He starts off well with his new charge.

In a note from Rev. Gibbs Mood he says: "Am back and at work. Am getting strong fast, and have had a warm reception by my people." We are glad to record the recovery of Brother Mood.

Rev. Robert Paine, of Sonora, was in the city recently and made the Advocate a delightful visit. His people are very fond of him. Some years ago Brother Paine had the misfortune to lose one of his limbs, and since then

he has had to get along with one. So his people concluded that he must have another one, and they made up the money and sent him to Dallas to have a cork limb fitted to him. Through their kindness he is now practically all right when it comes to locomotion. Nothing like having a good people devoted to you.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Rev. J. Sam Barcus, of Southwestern University. He made a visit to his brother, Rev. Ed Barcus, at Oak Lawn, and he preached at Trinity Church last Sunday morning.

Brother D. W. Boliver, editor of the Cresson Courier, was in the city the other day, and he made the Advocate a delightful visit. He edits a sprightly weekly, and he fills it with good matter.

CHURCH NEWS.

Dr. Paul Whitehead has a book on "The Recreation of a Presiding Elder."

The Southern Christian Advocate has entered upon its seventieth year.

Two of our Baltimore Churches have determined to unite and erect a \$150,000 building as a memorial to Bishop Wilson.

Rev. Ed F. Cook, of the South Georgia Conference, has been elected Secretary of the Young People's Missionary Department of our Church.

Bishop Galloway continues to improve, and his physicians assure him that he needs only to rest during the summer to bring back his strength.

Stockport, England, has the largest Sunday-school in the world, which lately celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. There are five hundred teachers and six thousand pupils.

A commission representing the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church of Canada and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Buffalo, New York, last week and unanimously adopted a resolution to the effect that the mission stations in Japan which have heretofore been supported by the three separate Churches be consolidated. The union is to be effected in May, 1907, at a general conference to be held in Japan. The Church will be known as the Methodist Church of Japan. A Superintendent to serve for eight years will be appointed at the conference in Japan next year. Among the members of the commission which met here were Bishop Galloway, from the Southern Church; Bishop Earl Cranston, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Dr. A. C. Carman, Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

H. G. H.

Why should a distinguished gentleman deliver an address to the graduating class of Chappell Hill Female College and speak of the great Dr. Alexander as the first missionary to Texas? There were near a dozen regular missionaries operating in the field of Texas before Dr. Alexander crossed the Mississippi.

On the last page of the Texas Advocate of July 19 is printed the report of the committee on periodicals and literature, San Antonio District Conference, signed J. H. Harrison, for committee. In commenting on only forty Nashville Advocates being taken within the district the committee seems to think that it is caused "perchance" by "a local dissatisfaction concerning the management and quality of the general organ, amounting to an effective condemnation."

The committee seem to have found a "mare's nest." What do the mass of the people know of the "management and quality" of the Nashville Advocate? Not one in a hundred ever laid eyes on the paper. How could the people at large pronounce an "effective condemnation" upon an interest of which they are not informed? When the preachers of the district speak in public it is in the highest terms as to its quality. Smith & Lamar manage the paper in a very satisfactory manner. The committee honestly sought a season, but certainly failed to find the right one.

Newspaper men and publishers know how difficult it is sometimes to circulate even the highest quality of literature among the mass of the people. Hundreds of people utterly refuse to subscribe for or even read the Texas Christian Advocate. The management and quality of the paper have nothing to do with the matter.

There are hundreds of members of the Church who do not read our Church papers, nor the Bible, nor the Discipline, and who sleep through the best sermon preached. How they will appreciate the management and quality of heaven deponent sayeth not.

THE REPLY OF G. W. OWENS AND J. M. ROBERTSON.

To Bros. Duncan, Campbell and Chapman. We most respectfully decline to discuss the troubles of the Church any further in the Advocate. We gave the facts as we understand them some three weeks ago in the Advocate for the information of all concerned for re-investing the money in another Episcopal Residence. And in view of the fact that other places than Texas were preparing to invite Bishop Ward to locate in their midst, we thought it due Texas Methodists and Bishop Ward, himself, to let him know that our Texas people desired him to make his home in the State of his birth. The invitation which we extended to him was signed individually by the members of the board, themselves, except Bro. Garrison, who was absent from home, but he authorized his name to be signed to the invitation, this invitation to be approved by the several conferences. The reply of Bishop Ward to the invitation appears in this issue of the Advocate.

G. W. OWENS. J. M. ROBERTSON.

AN URGENT APPEAL.

Our University at Su-Chow, China, reached a point of development where another building, a student dormitory, is imperatively needed at once, and the Chinese, (non-Christian) challenge the missionaries by an offer of \$5000, if they will secure as much more from the home Church. Not to meet their challenge would be something worse than the loss of the building; it would discredit us before them.

The Board of Missions has, therefore, laid before me, during my brief stay in the home land, the task of raising this amount. I wish to complete the matter in time to be present at the China Conference at Hu-Chow, on October 3rd, and lay the money down then. To accomplish this I must get our \$5,000 within the next thirty days.

Now, my dear friends and brethren, please help me. Personally I have carried this great scheme of a University, with correlated schools, on my mind and heart since the year 1881, the date of its projection, a period of twenty-five years, and this present appeal is in behalf of the completion of the University, which will give us a permanent place among the great factors and forces now shaping the destinies of the new China.

YOUNG J. ALLEN.

The Non-Christian Challenge To Our Liberality.

We cheerfully surrender editorial space to the above "urgent appeal" from Dr. Allen in behalf of our Su-Chow University—an institution in which many liberal Georgia Methodists already have an investment.

Surely our Church only needs to know of this generous challenge from some non-Christian gentlemen of the literary class in China, to meet it. Abundantly blessed, as we are with the things of this world, assurances of the payment of the amount asked by Dr. Allen should reach him almost with the speed of the light of the morning.

Within twelve hours from the time this appeal goes forth from the press, Southern Methodism—Georgia Methodism alone—could give this \$5,000 and not make a single sacrifice of a single moment's duration. And it should be done.

The Chinese who make this conditional gift to our institution have personal knowledge of the work it is doing—they realize what the University stands for, and they know what a power it can be in "shaping the destinies of the new China," and they cannot bear to see students turned from its doors for lack of room.

What will they think of us, knowing our wealth, and knowing our professed anxiety to Christianize China, if we now pass by an opportunity of doing so much for it? In no unimportant sense the sincerity of our missionary purpose and effort is involved in the way we treat this offer of help from a non-Christian source. We cannot afford, for \$5,000 to save the sincerity of our missionary motive and movement brought under question or suspicion. Better, far better, giving to impoverishment than question of our honesty of motive at such a time in China's history.

Added to this we should consider the opportunity this response to Dr. Allen's appeal gives us. That cannot be estimated in terms of money, but we may be assured it is not less than great and golden.

At once let us raise this \$5,000 and throw from the shoulders of the "greatest man in China" a burden he has been carrying for twenty-five years.

Remember Dr. Allen wants it.

pledge of this \$5,000 within the next thirty days.

Will our pastors call attention to this matter—read from their pulpits Dr. Allen's appeal, exhort after its reading, if exhortation is needed, and give our people an opportunity to meet the challenge of the non-Christians with a Christian gift. The situation known to our people, we believe they will, in less than thirty days, pledge this \$5,000. Shall the non-Christians surpass us? Shall they out-give us, and that in our own institutions— Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH—LAYMEN'S VIEWS.

At the recent session of the Paris District Conference Bro. Casey appointed what for our District Conferences is rather a new committee—a committee on the spiritual state of the Church. He selected some of the leading laymen of his district and requested them to deliberate and pray over the question and bring in a report setting forth the layman's conviction on this important subject. These laymen are all intelligent, consecrated, loyal, spiritual men, and men who have the Church's best interest at heart. Bro. Doak read the report, and I wish all could have heard and seen him. That big-hearted, intelligent, devoted Christian man shook with emotion, and tears freely bathed his face as he read it, and then spoke to it. It all came from the depths of a heart touched by Divine love.

It cheers the ministry to see how nearly this report reflects their own convictions on this matter. We can clearly see that our devout laymen are standing by our side in this conquest of the world for Christ.

By a unanimous vote the conference requested this report published in the Advocate and so it is here given.

ATTICUS WEBB.

To the Presiding Elder and Members of the Paris District Conference: Dear Brethren—We, your Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, beg to report:

From our own observation, and from what we have heard while here through reports made by our preachers, we feel constrained to say that our Church in this district is not, by much, as fully alive to its God-given mission as it should be. We think and know that it is our privilege to be more active, and aflame with the love and spirit of Christ. For the last few years it appears to us there has been not only an apparent but a real lethargy, a partial death in our Church. We need more religion.

Second, we would in earnest sympathy with our preachers urge them to press vigorously the early education and training of our children and young people through our Leagues and Sunday-schools, and not forget to begin with the cradle.

Third, we further believe that all of our Churches, the individual membership should be every-day reading and studying of God's Word; beginning, especially, with the life of Christ on earth, as given by the four evangelists, and to press upon us laymen the blessings to be had by home piety, which springs from the family altar.

Fourth, we would further suggest that wherever and whenever it is possible that our station preachers, who are usually older and of more experience, assist more our younger circuit preachers in their labors to build up our Churches, and thus save souls for Christ.

Fifth, that they give us not so much form, science, rhetoric and ancient history, but continually tell more of the story of Christ, his life, death, resurrection, and his wonderful promises told by the evangelists and apostles, chiefest of which promises is, "If I go not away the Comforter will not come, but if I go away I will pray the Father and He will send Him in my name." "And He shall abide with you forever."

Yes, continually tell us all about Christ, his sympathy and perfect life on earth, his tragic death, and his resurrection from the tomb and his wonderful promises. This never grows old, but is text for victory.

Respectfully submitted, N. P. DOAK, JOHN A. CATON, J. S. GARLAND, LOSS CAVINESS, L. B. WILLIAMS, C. R. CALDWELL.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed by the Paris District Conference in its recent session at Annona:

Whereas, our presiding elder, Rev. E. H. Casey, is now serving his fourth year consecutively on this the Paris District, and, by the law of the time limit of our Church, cannot be returned to our district; therefore

Resolved, (1) That as pastors and laymen, we hereby express unstintedly our appreciation of Bro. Casey's efficiency as a presiding elder, having found in him one of the most painstaking and thoroughly up-to-date presiding elders that has ever served our district.

Resolved, (2) That should he be continued in the presiding eldership, we most heartily commend him to the people whom he may be sent to serve, and equally so if placed in the pastorate.

Resolved, (3) That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and that a copy of them be furnished Bro. Casey, and one also to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication. (Signed) J. A. WYATT, ATTICUS WEBB, C. R. CALDWELL, IRA BISHOP, CLARENCE SPERRY.

THE SUMMER REVIVALS AND THE STATION PREACHERS.

I love the polity of the Methodist Church. It has been said the glory of Methodism is in her connectionalism. We have the best system for spread-



NEW CHURCH AT MT. CALM

The accompanying illustration is of the new Methodist Church building recently completed in Mt. Calm. The building presents a handsome appearance, inside and out, and is most favorably located in the central part of the town next door to the parsonage. Some time ago when the demands for a new building became imperative the building proposition was taken up by the pastor, Rev. A. D. Porter, and pushed to a finish. He was assisted by the following brethren composing the building committee: Dr. H. E. Barrett, Chairman; E. T. Nickels, W. C. Coates, Dr. O. D. Rodney, W. B. Garrison and L. R. Ferguson. Their labor was done in harmony and dispatch, the people responding nobly to their calls for aid. The church is simply a little beauty and stands as a monument to the unceasing labors of our pastor, Bro. Porter. It will be dedicated to the Lord sometime soon, which time we expect to have a great time. S. J. C. Mt. Calm, Texas.

ing scriptural holiness over these lands of any Church in the world. When Methodism began in America, the Episcopal Church had been here one hundred and sixty years. The Baptists came in 1639, the Presbyterians in 1648, while John Wesley preached his first sermon in America, in 1736. The Methodist Church, with its constitution, dates back to the Christmas Conference of 1784. Then we had only eighteen thousand members and one hundred and four itinerant preachers. But what hath God wrought through these faithful sons of Wesley in a hundred and thirty years! Now we are first in numerical strength among the Protestant Churches of America, numbering now more than seven million members.

Where do we find the secret to such marvelous progress? Has it not been in our connectionalism? To be sure, we have the doctrines and they have been properly stated by Wesley, Watson, Fletcher, Clarke and others, but our plan to make the stronger take care of the weak, and from the stronger centers send out men and means to build up the needy places has been the glory of Methodism during her phenomenal growth through the past decades. Now, we have set the pace for nearly every evangelized Church of our commonwealth. They are adopting our methods. It was only to-day I picked up a secular paper and read, in three different places, instances where other Churches were bringing from their strongest charges their best preachers, and holding meetings in the neglected places in the rural districts. Everything that tends to build up our work, whether in city, town or country, is but the strengthening of our Church in all our borders.

How many of our best and most sacrificing preachers are now all alone preaching the blessed gospel to the hungry multitudes, while many of God's most effective ministers are not using their talents in revival work!

Many of our city pastors are voted a month's rest by their officials. Where do they spend this vacation? Would it not be good for them to go out to the country and help the poor fellow who is preached to death? Would they not go back to their pulpits with the fires of heaven in their souls and believing too, that as God has blessed their labors in saving souls elsewhere, he will do so in their own churches? Of course many of our station preachers get out and help all they can, and speaking from the experience of a circuit man, I want to say their labors are always appreciated. During the last three days I have received four invitations, and urgent

they were, to come and help in my meeting. Two of them said I am getting old and am nearly broken down. This morning two of the brethren, by phone said: "I am alone, come and help me." Two station preachers had promised these brethren, but at the last hour wrote: "I cannot come." I am sure these brethren had an excuse. I am sure that every pastor, who is the pastor of but one Church, has a similar experience. But now, while I write these lines, I see these good men all alone, and with more meetings still to follow. How my heart is moved toward them, but we can be in but one place at a time. I know, to be sure, every pastor has his own parish, but there are times when he can turn loose.

Just as long as the call comes for help, just so long ought the man of one Church to go to the brother who struggles alone. I would not by any word written wish to leave the impression that the town preacher is the stronger preacher, for some of the best preachers among us preach to several congregations, but only wish to put in a plea for the rank and file of the army.

If a fishing trip, mountain scenery, or visit to the seaside is good for the city pastor, would it not be good for the other fellow? God bless the faithful pastors in the rural districts, who will bring in the best reports at the conference. J. W. FORT, Comanche, Texas.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

This is my second year on Austin District and I have just finished my third round. During this period there has been a good, healthy advancement in nearly all the charges. Several old charges that had been declining for years have taken on new life, both spiritually and materially, and there is a disposition on the part of the people to meet all the financial obligations of the Church. In many charges parsonages have been improved and churches renovated. An elegant new building at Elgin is nearing completion. This building completed and furnished will cost about \$10,000.

The building committee has accepted plans for a new Church near the University in Austin. This building to cost \$25,000 or more.

I am also glad to say that in most cases the pastors and their people are working in perfect harmony for the upbuilding of our Lord's kingdom. In fact, never before during my six years in the presiding eldership have I found such universal satisfaction with the preachers. But I began writing this in the main for the purpose of asking all the charges in our district to encourage their pastors to attend the Encampment at Corpus Christi, not only by giving them leave of absence, but by seeing to it that they have the necessary expense money in hand. The hard working pastors need the recreation and the charges will be more than compensated by the better work the refreshed preachers can do.

Also I am anxious that all our Leaguers make a special effort to attend the Encampment for I know of no other place within easy reach where recreation, entertainment and good, wholesome religious instruction are more happily combined.

I am sorry that circumstances are such that I cannot attend, for I am heartily in favor of the Encampment but my wife and I want to take this time to visit our aged parents in Kentucky. The only time possible for me to make this trip is between my third and fourth rounds. My post office address until August 15 will be Scottsville, Ky. JOHN M. ALEXANDER.

NOTICE THIS.

We need a preacher for a small station close to the Bay of San Francisco. There is a neat parsonage and the salary is \$500 a year. Address M. HODGSON, P. E. Chico, Calif.

A CORRECTION.

We published some weeks ago that Dr. John R. Nelson had declined the office of Secretary of Home Missions—an office created by the General Conference—and that Dr. W. L. Nelms of Texas had been elected in his stead. Dr. Nelms writes us that neither statement is correct. We, therefore, make the correction, with the explanation that the mistake was not primarily ours—we saw it in one of our exchanges and published as a news item.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

The announcement of Mr. Monroe Ferguson for Constable of Precinct No. 1 appears in this issue. Mr. Ferguson, his friends say, has had a great deal of experience as an officer. He served five years as Deputy Sheriff of Dallas County, and for the past three years has been on the police force of Dallas. It is said that during those years he has had the good will and esteem, not only of his brother officers, but of the public generally.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

July 19—C. D. West, subs. J. J. Creed, subs. Ben H. Bounds, subs. July 20—J. C. Moore, sub. July 21—J. D. Hudgins, sub. July 22—Thos. R. Moreland, sub. M. P. Morton, subs. July 23—J. W. Patton, sub. R. W. Nutton, subs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

STATE SENATOR.

We are authorized to announce W. C. MCKAMY as a candidate for re-election second term State Senator for district composed of Dallas and Rockwall Counties, subject to Democratic primaries, July 28, 1906.

REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce V. F. PACE as a candidate for Representative (place No. 2), Dallas County, subject to Democratic primaries, July 28, 1906.

We are authorized to announce MILTON EVERETT as a candidate for Representative, nomination No. 1, subject to Democratic primary, July 28, 1906.

We are authorized to announce THOS. B. LOVE as a candidate for Representative, nomination No. 1, subject to Democratic primary, July 28, 1906.

DISTRICT JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce W. M. CROW as a candidate for Judge of the Forty-Fourth Judicial District, subject to action of Democratic primaries.

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT.

We are authorized to announce MARCUS M. PARKS as a candidate for Judge of Criminal District Court of Dallas County, subject to Democratic primary. Election July 28, 1906.

SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR LEDBETTER as a candidate for re-election second term Sheriff of Dallas County, subject to Democratic primaries, July 28, 1906.

We are authorized to announce J. ROLL JOHNSON as a candidate for Sheriff of Dallas County, subject to Democratic primaries, July 28, 1906.

COUNTY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce JOHN D. COCHRAN as a candidate for County Clerk of Dallas County, subject to Democratic primaries, July 28, 1906.

We are authorized to announce H. L. ERWIN as a candidate for County Clerk of Dallas County, subject to action of Democratic primaries, July 28, 1906.

We are authorized to announce JACK M. GASTON as a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Dallas County, subject to action of Democratic primaries, July 28, 1906.

TAX COLLECTOR.

We are authorized to announce J. W. SKILES as a candidate for Tax Collector Dallas County, subject to Democratic Primaries, July 28, 1906.

We are authorized to announce HENRY W. JONES as a candidate for Tax Collector of Dallas County, subject to the Democratic primary, July 28, 1906.

CONSTABLE.

We are authorized to announce MONROE FERGUSON as a candidate for Constable of Precinct No. 1, Dallas County, subject to Democratic Primary

Advertisement for 'A Happy Home' featuring a woman and child, with text: 'To have a happy home you should have children. They are great happy-home makers. If a weak woman, you can be made strong enough to bear healthy children, with little pain or discomfort to yourself, by taking'

Advertisement for 'WINE OF CARDUI' featuring a woman and child, with text: 'A Tonic for Women. It will ease all your pain, reduce inflammation, cure leucorrhoea, (whites), falling womb, ovarian trouble, disordered menses, backache, headache, etc., and make childbirth natural and easy. Try it. At all dealers in medicines, in \$1.00 bottles.'

Advertisement for 'DUE TO CARDUI' featuring a woman and child, with text: 'DUE TO CARDUI. In my baby girl, now two weeks old,' writes Mrs. J. Priest, of Webster City, Iowa. 'She is a fine healthy babe and we are both doing nicely. I am still taking Cardui, and would not be without it in the house.'

Advertisement for 'DOCTOR WANTED' with text: 'I would like to correspond with a good Methodist doctor who would like to locate in a small, but growing railroad town. The town has a good telephone system, bridge across river and has no doctor at all, at present. Fine country, church and Sunday-school. If you are interested write me at once. A. G. WHITE, P. O. Alex. I. T.'

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

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one of our much loved members, our chapter has lost a noble and influential member, a constant worker, a lovable character; and our chapter desires to put on record our high appreciation of her as a Leaguer and a consistent Christian; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to God, who is infinitely wise, and offer a prayer of gratitude that it is in our hearts to say, "Thy will be done." The Lord is so good to us, as this dear one so often said on her bed of affliction; an example we desire to maintain.

2. That we have consigned to God one who had the Lord's interest at



HON. W. D. FISHER.

heart, one who longed to aid her pastor in his noble work, one who builded for herself a monument not made with hands, but of noble deeds.

3. That we shall cherish the memory of her noble deeds and draw inspiration from her pure life that will enable us to so live that we may render our souls to God as spotless as when received.

4. That in her departure the world has lost the human form of a beautiful, lovable and faithful young lady, but not her holy influence by which the world is made brighter and better.

5. That her kind remembrance to Pecan Grove Church during her last days will prove a great incentive to the members to improve their opportunities, seeing and knowing great good can be accomplished even while laboring under great disadvantages.

6. That those resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Pecan Grove Epworth League and that a copy be furnished the bereaved family of the departed, with assurance of our love and sympathy.

MRS. TAIS, MRS. T. W. LOVELL, MR. DYER ELKIN.

NOTES FROM SECRETARY.

We are now in camp at Epworth-by-the-Sea. The breeze is delightful and the bathing and fishing excellent. Our restaurant was opened July 20 and we will be prepared to care for all who desire to come in advance.

Misses Harris and Brown, of Dallas,



REV. JAMES CAMPBELL, D. D., Presiding Elder Waxahachie District, Member Board of Trustees.

will arrive tonight to occupy their new cottage, and a number of others will be here by Monday. Mr. Halsell's cottage is nearing completion.

We have the grounds cleaned off and are erecting additional dining-room space, lunch counter and concession buildings.

Indications are that we will have a very large attendance and we are doing our best to prepare for them.

The people of Corpus Christi are making active preparation to do all in their power to accommodate those who desire to remain in town and have opened up an information bureau to list up accommodations.

We would urge upon all who come to bring bedding—a small supply at least—with them, as our supply of

blankets is limited to about three hundred and these will not go round. It is easy to make up a roll of sheets and a cover or two and bring them on the train with you and you will add much to your individual comfort by so doing.

We have arranged to use all the tents in use at Palacios—about 212—and the 200 used at Westminster, making over 400 tents on the grounds this season. Our Leaguers and Methodist people are showing their appreciation of Epworth-by-the-Sea, and will come in car loads this season where they came by ones and twos last year. There is no coast point in Texas that will compare with our location on the beach here. So far we have had no mosquitoes to trouble us, and have had a strong breeze from the Gulf all the time.

We are looking for a car of Leaguers from Bryan, Llano, Miles, Austin, Longview and several other points, and two or three cars from Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

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Be sure and bring with you "A sunshine smile," "a disposition to make the best of things" and a resolution to do all you can to see that others are pleased with Epworth. In addition to this you will please provide yourself with all the essential features for personal comfort, such as sheets, a quilt or blanket, bathing suit, towels and toilet articles.

If you are a grumbler or expect to find things in camp on the beach like you have them at home, please do not come, for we all want to enjoy the outing and a few people of this disposition will spoil the whole thing. We will do our best for you and want you to do all you can for us.

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run under the Secretary's personal supervision, running them in the interest of the League and with a view to giving full value for all money spent, and to see that things are handled right. We will be glad to have a number of young men or ladies help with restaurant, lunch stand and other places, and can at least furnish your meals, if not more. If you would like to lighten the expense of your trip in this way drop me a line before you come.

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EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA.

The following parties will be at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Others are going. Why not you? Write, or wire A. K. Ragdsdale, Corpus Christi, Texas, for accommodations.

Misses Clara and Mattie Harris and Miss Lettie Brown, of Dallas. Mrs. R. C. Ayres and party of six, Dallas. W. C. Everett and four young men, Dallas.

Mrs. J. N. Makeley and Miss Anna Tugwell, of Dallas. Mrs. E. K. Sandell and three, Dallas. L. Blaylock and family, Dallas. J. A. Grant and family, Dallas.

Frank Reedy and party, Dallas. J. G. A. Frank, Houston and three. H. Porter, Cason, Texas. Robert Sweeney and family, Bonham, Texas.

Rev. J. A. Foster and party, Kingsville. Miss Reba Burnett, Kerrville. Rev. B. W. Allen, Mt. Selman. Rev. E. D. Mouzon and large party, San Antonio.

Rev. A. J. Weeks, family and friends, San Antonio. Mrs. H. C. Craig and family, Georgetown. G. A. Mohle, Eagle Lake, Texas.

Mrs. R. H. Overall and others in party, Coleman, Texas. Mrs. J. D. Ford and family, Timpson, Texas. Rev. V. G. Thomas and party, Laredo.

Miss Margie Webster and party of four, Paris, Texas. J. G. Hoffman and family, Texarkana. Rev. J. B. Turrentine and party, Texarkana. Rev. M. H. Neely and wife and others, Plano, Texas.

Mrs. C. L. Hewitt and three, Victoria, Texas. S. D. Doggett and four, McKinney, Texas. Miss Elizabeth Howell, Houston, four in party.

Mrs. W. W. Meek and family, San Diego. Rev. J. D. Dorsey and party, of Miles, Texas. Mrs. J. S. McNulty and family, Dallas.

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H. A. Platt and family, Groveton, Texas. Misses Minton and Norris, of Kosse. Rev. W. D. Wendel and family, of La-Grange.

Miss Daisy Fisher and party, San Marcos. Rev. Sterling Fisher, of San Marcos, is working up a big crowd. Jno. G. Wiley and family, of Justin, Texas.

Miss Alma Pearl Jack and party, of Alvin. Mrs. L. H. Kidd and family, of Wills Point, Texas. W. E. Hawkins and family, Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. Starboard and party of seven, Cuero, Texas. Mrs. Julia Pence and family, of Brady, Texas.

H. H. Halsell and party, of Decatur. Mrs. L. M. Flournoy and party of eight, Edna, Texas. Mrs. W. Y. Westmoreland and party of three, Eagle Lake, Texas.

Mrs. J. W. Roark and party of four, Roanoke, Texas.



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Mrs. A. C. Ellis and party of sixteen, Austin, Texas. Raymond Hubert, Coleman, Texas, two in party.

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Miss Edith Slaten, Wichita Falls. Miss Josephine Yarbrough, Ennis. W. T. Campbell and party, Loco, Tex. Rev. R. J. Birdwell and family, Weatherford, Texas.

F. W. Michaux and family, Houston, Texas. D. A. Peoples, Jacksonville, Texas. Mrs. J. O. Stroud and party, Collinsville, Texas.

Miss Georgia Bowman and three, Mooreville, Texas. T. A. Fannin, of Winters, and party. Mrs. C. C. Armstrong and party, of Weatherford.

Mrs. Emma A. Steadman and party, Taylor, Texas. Miss Emma Perry, Dublin, Texas. Mrs. Andres Poulson, Lott, Texas. Mrs. Musa Dunn, Waxahachie, Texas.

J. E. Brown and party of six, McGregor, Texas. J. F. Sallsbury and family, Cuero, Texas.

Mrs. W. R. McClellan, Coleman. Frank Teich and family, Llano. Mrs. Eudora Turner and family, Marshall, Texas.

Prof. J. E. Harrison and party of young ladies from S. A. Female College. Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Waco, is trying to fill two cars.

E. J. Jenkins and wife, Bryan, Texas. Miss Laura L. Allison and party, Austin, Texas. Fred Lowrey, Hillsboro, Texas. Miss Mattie Dunlap, San Marcos, Texas.

Miss Winnie Robinson, Temple. W. R. Sharpe, Wolfe City. Miss Kate Corley and one, Corsicana, Texas.

Mrs. G. F. Nolen and party, of Canton, Texas. Rev. M. L. Lindsey, Jasper, Texas. Mrs. T. B. Saunders, San Augustine, Texas.

Judge A. J. Booty and wife, Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Wm. Will and family, San Antonio.

Rev. M. A. Hines and party, of Kennedy. H. Burgoon, Grand Prairie, Texas. Rev. T. S. Armstrong and family and others, Waco.

Rev. W. A. Govett, of Runge, engages nine tents for his party. A. W. Fisher and party, Galveston. Miss Mary Fisher, Alto, Texas.

C. F. W. Lehmsberg and party, Plehewille, Texas. H. P. Mathews and nine, Beeville, Texas.

Ed Maloney, Forrester, Texas. E. R. Greer, Pittsburg, Texas. W. D. Fisher, of Canadian, Texas. Miss Dora Brack, of San Antonio, and large party.

Mrs. J. T. McGee, Austin, Texas. R. M. Kelly and party, of Longview. Mrs. R. C. Porter, of Llano, and party of thirty or forty.

Milton Ragdsdale and family, Dallas. These are definite statements from all of them that they are coming. I have had a large number of inquiry letters, but the actual "engagement of accommodations" this year runs more than three times what it was last, which would indicate a very large attendance. Usually about one-fourth of them reserve tents before coming down.

To Members and Friends of the Epworth League: This is to advise that all San Antonio and Aransas Pass trains will stop at Epworth station immediately at the Encampment Grounds. People can purchase their excursion tickets to Epworth station or to Corpus Christi, both at the same rate.

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grounds without change, August 1-2. I understand most of the Leaguers will leave on August 1st.

In addition to this there will be special low rate popular excursions from all roads on August 10th, tickets to be limited to August 13th.

The San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway will also sell at one-half of the one-way rate for all trains arriving in Corpus Christi on Saturday, August 4th, limited to August 7th and on Saturday, August 11th, limited to August 14th.

I will say that Mr. A. K. Ragdsdale is now, and has been for some time, on the Encampment grounds and is putting everything in fine shape for the pleasure and comfort of all who attend the Encampment.

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LLANO DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Attention, Leaguers and Preachers: The Llano District Epworth League Conference will be held at San Saba, August 31st to September 2, inclusive. Rev. B. L. Glazener, of Bandera, will preach Thursday night, the 30th. FRANK C. ALLEN, Pres. Johnson City, Texas.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AT EPWORTH.

Arrangements have been made to maintain Southwestern University headquarters at Epworth during the entire encampment season. This will be a convenient place for all old Southwestern students and friends to meet. Prospective students may also call here and get all needed information about the school. Some member of the faculty and reception committees from among the old students, will be on hand to extend a hearty welcome. On Saturday, the 4th, a Southwestern University rally will be held, at which short talks will be made by distinguished alumni of the institution. Let all students and friends of the University take advantage of the excursion rates of August 3rd, hear Dr. Hyer speak Friday evening, and attend the rally on Saturday. Meet me at Southwestern headquarters, at Epworth-by-the-Sea. J. SAM BARCUS.

ANSWER TO THE REV. W. H. H. BIGGS.

Dear Brother Biggs:

Your "open letter" in the Advocate of May 17 has been read with interest; but it seems to me that we are drifting away from the main point of issue, which is based on that part of Matt. 16:18, which says, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Now, the question as to whether or not God had people before the descent of the Spirit is not in dispute at all. This I freely admit, but you seem not to understand what is meant by the "descent of the Spirit."

Heavenly Father, I am sure that you are not alone in your opinion. I am sure that you are not alone in your opinion. I am sure that you are not alone in your opinion.

You ask "what kingdom of heaven was it that these Scribes and Pharisees were shutting up if it was not the Church?"

Allow me to say again that the Church and the kingdom of the heavens (for so it is in the Greek) are not the same. The kingdom of the heavens is broader in its scope than the Church.

45, or some other such prophecy, and identify the fulfillment of that prophecy with Christ's first coming? I should be truly grateful if some one would reconcile this contradiction and prove, not assert, that the kingdom and the Church are the same, then prove that the kingdom was "set up" in the Garden of Eden, or some where thereabouts, and then explain those numerous promises of a kingdom to come, all of which prophecies were uttered long after the kingdom had been established.

But back to the "kingdom of the



MRS. A. C. ELLIS, Junior Superintendent.

heavens." It is found, if I mistake not, exclusively in Matthew's gospel, and is easily understood when we remember that Matthew's is the gospel of the King.



MISS BELLE TAYLOR, Second Vice-President.

28; Luke 22:29. How thoughtlessly this is made to apply to the Church in this dispensation. The Church is ecclesiastical in its economy, not regal.

Church is the spiritual kingdom. But this is entirely without scriptural proof. God's word knows no such thing as a spiritual kingdom. Rom. 14:17 is quoted to show that the kingdom is spiritual: "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The Church occupies a place in the parenthesis between the rejection of Israel and the establishment of the kingdom, and is frequently alluded to as a mystery. Paul, addressing the Church said, "I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery."

The gospel (enagellion) belongs to the New Testament. It synchronizes with Christ sufferings, which come between his first and his second coming. All the prophets spoke of the "sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow."

The gospel, or the glad tidings of the grace of God, is not the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant. The gospel, which is the equivalent of the "blessing of the nations," is only one of the many terms of the Abrahamic covenant.

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I agree with you that the "organism was not made up of Gentiles exclusively;" but the Jew ceases to be a Jew as the Gentile ceases to be a Gentile when they both become "recon-

ced into God in one body by the cross."

I will ask you again to please show when and where the Church began her history, and give the scriptural proof. And if the Church and the kingdom are the same, give the evidence from the word of God.

In obedience to your request, I again read Watson on the word "Church" and find that I had previously marked a number of passages.

I accept our twenty-five Articles of Religion, the seventh not excepted, and that part of the seventeenth which says, "The baptism of young children is to be retained in the Church."

May we have the guidance of the Spirit in the study of the word. Fraternal yours,

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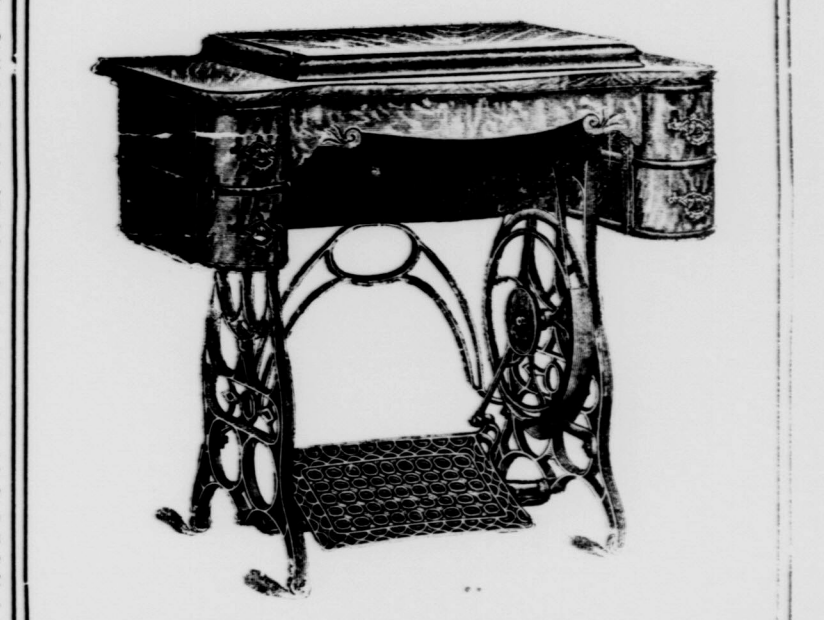
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THE MISSIONARY BULLETIN FOR JULY, 1906.

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ALL FOR LOVE.

"To serve with lofty gifts the lowly needs
Of the poor race for which the God-man died,
And do it all for love—O, this is great."

Some one has said that the vastness of the field tires the wings of thought, but one need not try to dwell upon the vastness of the world of heathendom without the Holy Spirit's power. We can do all things through him; with him, the survey is possible, the means of bringing the whole wide world to him is possible. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, which adjourned May 29 after a most interesting and inspiring session, was notable for the number of returned missionaries and missionary candidates present.

Three missionaries from China, four from Brazil, and one from Mexico added much to the interest of the daily sessions.

On Monday evening the missionary candidates were received. The sight of nine consecrated, bright young lives, ready to go to the uttermost parts of the earth, was inspiring. To equip them and sustain them and pray for them seemed a joy to those who looked into their attractive faces. The charge was given by Miss Gibson, their beloved Principal at the Training School and President of the Woman's Board.

Already Conference Secretaries are sending in reports of new organizations from the Louisville, Texas, and Alabama Conferences.

China will have four new missionaries; Korea, three; and Brazil, two. These will take joy to the tired missionaries, but these do not meet the needs of the field.

Our societies will continue to work under the old Constitution, with a few amendments granted by the General Conference at its last session. The officers are a President, three Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, etc. Miss M. L. Gibson is President; Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. P. A. Sowell, and Mrs. F. W. Barnum are the three Vice-Presidents; Mrs. A. W. Wilson for the eastern section of our work, Mrs. Sowell for the central, and Mrs. Barnum for the western and southwestern.

The amount necessary to maintain the work for next year will require much work; but the Woman's Board has always met its appropriations, and every one who reads these lines will say in her heart: "We will, with God's help, meet them this year."

The Woman's Missionary Advocate, so helpful heretofore, will be more so, since it will be enlarged. The price will remain the same.

Our China schools are taking the midsummer vacation. Bishop Candler will visit Japan, China, and Korea in a few weeks and preside over the conferences.

Miss Harbaugh, who retires from the work of this Board, is now at home, but will continue in the Korea Mission, after her return, under a new name. She will do well wherever placed.

Mrs. C. A. Wheeler, nee Miss Geraldine Dessau, of Macon, Georgia, has been secured as assistant in the Young People's Department. She is eminently fitted for this work by natural gifts and by training. A woman of charm-

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ing personality and deep consecration, she has spent two years in the Scarritt Bible and Training School and one year in city mission work in Macon, and has labored most effectively as an officer in the South Georgia Conference League. In the fall Mrs. Wheeler will visit our colleges with the object of turning the thoughts of the girls to the foreign field and of making them realize their obligation to the heathen world. She will also show them the advantages of a course in the Scarritt Training School. The Golden Links that wish Mrs. Wheeler to visit them will please write to Mrs. J. B. Cobb, 2202 Elliston Place, Nashville, Tennessee.

Four worn-out missionaries are waiting to come home for rest from Brazil when those return whose furloughs expire.

Miss Norville, of Laredo, is entering upon a furlough of some months for study.

Mrs. Carney will assist Miss Roberts next year in Saltillo, and Miss Wynn will have charge in Guadalajara.

Is there a Mission Study Class in your Auxillary?

An informed Auxillary is a transformed Auxillary. There is no better way of becoming informed than to take up the United Study of Missions. Form a class at once, study "Christus Liberator" the remainder of this year, and be ready to begin "The Island World" or "Christus Redemptor" with the new year.

Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, of Rochester, New York, the author of "Christus Redemptor," taught this book at Montecle, Tennessee, during missionary week, July 3-7.

In the May number of Missionary Tidings, the organ of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, there is reported the gift of \$6,600 made by eight persons; also the fact that two Auxillaries have each assumed the support of a missionary. How happy our hearts would be if our next Bulletin could report some such gifts!

METHVIN INSTITUTE.

(The following interesting letter has been delayed somewhat in the publication, but we bespeak now for it a careful reading, and hope speedy and generous help may be extended to aid in the good work there.—Ed. Woman's Department.)

A short while ago I was most pleasantly entertained at the Methodist Mission in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

It was their regular missionary service in the evening; forty-five were present, and as they sang song after song I thought I had never, in all my life, heard children sing so lustily. For some little time I could not join with them in song, for the fullness of my heart, somehow, got into my throat as I listened to those queer, dear little creatures—knowing, too, how they first had to learn our language before they could learn the songs. About a dozen stood and read from the latter portion of the first chapter of St. John; Mrs. Sankey (matron) conducted the meeting, asking questions on the Scripture just read, and a talk on the work of these first missionaries.

Then followed a talk by Miss Swanson, how by living consistent Christians in their homes they would be doing the work of missionaries. She then told of an Indian father who was led to see the evil of gambling, simply by watching the daily Christian life of his little daughter, and hearing her arguments against sin. He went to Bro. Methvin and told him all about it, and of his determination to quit gambling. He quit, and became a converted man. "And a little child shall lead them."

I did certainly enjoy the meeting, and met almost all present; they came up to speak and shake hands. Among the number was Annie, sister to our "Jennie Barnum"—Wy-Ishie. Miss Swanson remarked: "Now that you have seen Annie, you will no longer wonder at the measurements we sent you for Jennie's clothing."

I am sure Sisters Booty, Massie, Bales, O'Donaho and Barnum, and others, will be glad to know that Jennie, after the nine years spent in Methvin Institute, is in a home of her own, living a beautiful Christian life. She was married about two years ago.

Some of the older boys were away for a while, assisting in their farm work at home.

To instruct the small boys in gardening—and encouraging habits of industry—each had been allowed plots of equal size—all planting same variety of seeds—and each cultivating their own beds.

There was not a weed or blade of grass among all those patches. One corner of that garden, especially, I want to tell you of: Why none of the boys wanted that particular spot may never be known to any one except themselves, and, I doubt, if they could explain satisfactorily why they did not.

First one boy, then another, refused that corner, assigning no reason whatever for doing so, until it seemed as if it would go untended; finally a boy agreed to take it; now it is the very nicest looking little garden of all.

They have one native preacher, Bro. Kickingbird, a Kiowa, who has one regular appointment for each month in the chapel. His daughter, Belle Kickingbird, is a pupil in the school, also a music pupil. Although she had been taking music only three months she played well, memorizing her pieces after having been over them three or four times. She played three or four pieces for us.

The next morning as we stood within the students' dining-room, and heard them read from memory, in beautiful concert, the Shepherd's Psalm, I was inspired with a more definite interest in the missionary work among the Indians.

Long before this school's history, Bro. Methvin traveled all over this country, going from one tepee to another, yet never knowing whether he would be received with stolid indifference or unvelled hostility. The conditions respecting sanitation were bad, and more often than beef, dog-meat was eaten. He seldom lodged elsewhere than under the stars. Opposition to religious teachings, the difficulties of the language, of ignorance, of misunderstood purpose, were ever present. They are not absent even now, but Bro. Methvin has accomplished much—how much can be appreciated only by those who are able to make comparisons between present conditions and those of the early stages of this mission's history. Slowly but with unmistakable sureness prejudices were overcome by an indefatigable earnestness, and by unselfishness that disarmed fears.

Quite frequently his knowledge of household remedies saved the way, for often while ministering to their souls' needs, he was called upon to prescribe for their bodily ills, and to disprove to them that the Indian Agents' medicines were poisonous.

During those years there were some who loved and trusted Bro. and Sister Methvin; these were persuaded to put by money, until a sufficient sum was saved, to build houses to live in; the plan was: Two rooms with a chimney in the center. Some of those houses are to be seen to-day round about Fort Sill and Anadarko. Now, when the Indians build they follow that plan, adding more if they choose, but always using that first pattern.

Transformations of such conditions was a slow, day by day process, until now, should you become the guest of some of these people—most of them—you will find your bedroom furnished with an iron bedstead, clean bedding, a washstand, bowl and pitcher, clean linen and the fare would be clean and wholesome.

They are becoming civilized. Now to reach and Christianize is to be through their children, and they must be educated and given Christian training ere habits are formed or character established.

I understand the Board could not meet the requirements of the school last year, and for the past two years Bro. Methvin has given all his time and labor, superintending the farms, without remuneration.

I am sure the board knows and appreciates Miss Swanson's presence there. For thirteen years she has given entire satisfaction as teacher; last year she was appointed Superintendent of the Institute. Her efficient and painstaking work there will stand for time and eternity.

In this field we have opportunities. Shall we stand less eager, and courageous, and self-sacrificing than those who have braved the hazards and hindrances, making the way easy for us? If your Societies have no part in this field, take it up. If you have all you can do, turn to your Sunday-schools, awaken their interests in behalf of this school.

The young people and the children love live missionary work, and having a part in the great plan of making those Indian children self-respecting and self-helpful will meet the approval of our Lord.

When a society, Sunday-school, or an individual fully decides to take a part in this work, write to Miss Ida M. Swanson, care of Methvin Institute, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

If we neglect this opportunity, what account can we render for our Stewardship? "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

MRS. E. R. McBRIDE,
Vinson, Oklahoma.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Auxillary Treasurers of the Conference Society—Greeting:
As many of you have doubtless

learned ere this, the Treasurer, who has so faithfully and efficiently served you for the past seven years, has been called to other work and your representatives at the annual meeting placed the honor and the responsibility of this office upon me.

I shall try most faithfully to discharge the duties of this office and take this means of asking each Auxillary Treasurer to lend me her personal aid, and may we, by prompt reports, earnest work and consecrated effort, make this year among the best in the record of our history.

MRS. D. L. STEPHENS, Conf. Sec.
Anson, Texas.

TEXAS CONFERENCE W. F. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Report of Treasurer for Quarter Ending June 1, 1906.

Adult auxiliary dues.....	\$ 217 95
Juvenile auxiliary dues.....	33 11
Conference fund.....	104 25
Pledge.....	42 67
Easter offering.....	7 50
Scholarship.....	7 50
Minutes.....	49
Total.....	\$ 413 28

MRS. C. C. STODDARD, Treas.
Per Mrs. J. E. Green, Cor. Sec.

McKINNEY DISTRICT W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the McKinney District met at Anna on Friday, June 30, in the Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by the District Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Stiff, she appointing Mrs. J. M. Berry, of McKinney, Secretary of the meeting. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the President, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Hanson, who offered a very fervent prayer for spiritual guidance during the meeting.

The ministers present were Bro. Hanson, Anna; Dr. Neely, of Plano; Wright, of Allen, and Crowson, of Farmers Branch. Their encouragement in our work was indeed much appreciated.

The Secretary called the roll and quite a number of delegates answered with a fine full report. The District Secretary read her report, showing a gain of 100 per cent in most all the lines. Rev. Crowson gave a short talk on the work of the auxillary at Webb's Chapel, although a few in numbers, they are full of enthusiasm and are well up on all lines, especially tithing, there being ten members and nine tithers. This brought forth a short discussion on tithing, several delegates making short pithy talks on this important topic. Rev. Crowson read a fine paper on tithing which was a benefit to all present. Mrs. Stiff read a leaflet on a "A nickel for the Lord," which was in connection with tithing.

Mrs. Wilson, of Allen, read a leaflet on "Why Have Home Missions?" A leaflet on "Why Aid Societies Should be Connectional" was read by Mrs. D. S. Archer, President of the Anna Auxillary. Rev. Hanson delivered the very cordial and eloquent welcome address, which made each one feel more than welcome, and this feeling grew as the day advanced. Mrs. P. C. Archer, Secretary of the North Texas Conference Society, responded in her own gracious manner, always saving the right words at the right time and in the right place.

After a short devotional exercise we were dismissed for dinner—and such a dinner! The good ladies had prepared a veritable feast. Tables were spread in the coolest part of the church, and, after thanks had been returned by the pastor, all were bidden to help themselves, which, however, we were not allowed to do as everything was so rapidly passed to the visitors, that they had time only to eat.

The afternoon session met at 2 o'clock and short devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Wright, of Allen. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The paper on "How Can the Members Benefit the Auxillary?" which was written and read by Mrs. S. J. Smith before the W. H. M. Society, of Dallas District, was read by the District Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Stiff, and was highly enjoyed. Mrs. Frank Emerson, of McKinney, read a paper on "Our Homes," which was followed by a discussion on "The Benefit of Our Homes," and it was conceded that a large per cent of the negligence of duty by Church people was due to not reading the Church literature.

The Question box leaflet was read by Mrs. Bates, of Anna. The Home Mission tree, gotten up by a Georgia lady to raise funds for her Auxillary, was very fully explained by Mrs. Archer. A short discussion of best means of raising funds for District Parsonage was held and a motion made and carried that \$50 per year be pledged to the support of the same.

Then came the sermon by Dr. Neely, and each word of it was as a feast for us. Very appropriate it was that he should be invited to deliver the sermon, being an original member of the Board of Church Extension, when the society was formulated by the General

Conference, under Miss Lucinda B. Helm, and has been a member of each board appointed since that, and is at present serving in that capacity.

After the sermon a rising vote of thanks was extended to the good people of Anna, and the Anna Auxillary, especially, and to all who had in any way assisted in making this the very best meeting of McKinney District. The meetings was closed by singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." After adjournment we were served to delicious cream and cake by the ladies and when the train came, which was to bear us to our respective homes, it was with regret we said good-bye. MRS. J. M. BERRY, Sec. McKinney, Texas.

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DISTRICT MEETING.

The W. H. M. Society of Abilene District, met at Anson, Texas, at the same date of the Abilene District Conference, June 22, 1906. The presiding elder kindly gave us the afternoon of Friday, and the preachers and lay members nearly all gave us their presence most of our session.

Mrs. D. L. Stephens called the society to order, and, after public prayer, Miss Barrett, of Anson, Texas, gave the delegates and visitors a very fine address of welcome, which was delightful to all who heard it. Response by Mrs. R. F. Brown, of Albany, which all enjoyed.

The beautiful solo rendered by Mrs. Butler in her own sweet way did not fail to charm the audience. We then had the report of our District Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Stephens, who gave us a charming address on our growth and success in a brief talk, which made us all thank God and take courage. Four new auxiliaries were organized during the year. The next on the program was a very fine piece "Why Should We be Connectional?" Mrs. D. T. Averitt, Aspermont; "How Does the Home Mission Help the Pastor?" Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Aspermont, which was very instructive. Mrs. F. W. Chatfield, of Abilene, very ably showed in her paper that the work of our society was a means of spiritual development. Mrs. N. G. Rollins gave us echoes from the General Conference, which was a most enjoyable thing and very instructive. We then closed our Friday evening exercises and repaired to the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Shapard, where the W. H. M. Society served refreshments.

Saturday Morning—Devotional, by Mrs. Chambliss; "How to Make an Auxillary Grow," a paper by Mrs. Alexander, which was very instructive. I hope we all may take the good advice given us. A very fine solo, "Just Today," by Mrs. Wright, of Anson. The delegate from Sweetwater failing to be present, sent a very fine paper, which was read by Mrs. R. J. Rollin, of Anson, to the delight of all the audience. Little Miss Eva Mae Stephens acted as page during the last session of the meeting. The exercises closed with a good consecration service, led by Mrs. Field, of Merkel, which was very much enjoyed by all present. Closed to meet the next year in Albany.

MRS. J. A. HYDER,
Press Supt.

Anson, Texas.

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THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

The recent session of this school at Georgetown was by far the best yet held. It had a swing about it not before acquired. It was as the steady march of an army who knew where they were going, what they were going for, and knew what to do when they got there. The lecturers and faculty caught the interest of the students and held it to the last. The students could be seen coming in eagerly, and frequently there would be no seat for those who were a little tardy. Dr. S. K. Sanders is a master in his field, and had a grasp and sweep of his subject that was invigorating, and begot in his hearers a determination to know more of the literature and teachings of the Old Testament Scriptures. His subject was the "Growth of Religious Ideas in the Old Testament."

He perhaps jostled some of us a little who are afraid to get out of the old ruts, and do a little independent thinking. It was to us a delight to see the patience and love of the guiding providence of God, in developing the Jewish nation and leading them up to an understanding of revelation of Himself he desired to give them. Those who had been accustomed to regard Abraham as the paragon of religious knowledge and the Alpha and Omega of the conception of revealed truth were a little timid in coming in proper rapport with the speaker on the "growth of religious ideas." We came away with a deeper love for God and a fuller confidence in his providence.

Dr. Shaler Mathews on "Jesus: The Land to Which He Came, the People to Whom He Came, His Methods, His Message," was superb. Dr. Mathews is scholar enough to be simple and natural, and a teacher that instructs. What a delight to study with him, in an easy, simple, conversational method of the land and people to whom Jesus came. His lectures on "His Method and Message" were a worthy tribute of a great, devout scholar to the "Great Teacher." We got material here for some gospel sermons.

What we shall say of Dr. C. M. Bishop may be colored by the friendship of other days. We have watched with pleasure the growth of this great and good man. The Church will hear from him later.

His lectures on the "Poetical Books of the Old Testament" were just what was expected from him. They were classical, critical, scholarly and religious. How helpful to take away the "halo" which fiction has wrought about the heads of these old writers, and the cloister walls, which false sanctity has built about their writings and study them as they are. Religion in cloistered walls is not the religion Christ gave us, and the Bible as a closed book against devout study and investigation is not the book God would give us. "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is true" is the direction given to students of the word.

We came away with a better understanding of the Book, and a more intelligent faith in it as the Word of God. Dr. Solomon is one of the most conscientious teachers I ever listened to; he does thorough, hard work, he knows his book and his subject, and gives his class the sifted wheat. The study of "Sabbatarian Religions of Authority" was helpful and we came away with the profound faith in the religion of the Spirit as the only religion of authority. Dr. Bishop on "Missions and Modern History" was indeed helpful; it is as interesting as

a romance to see the hand of God and the influence of the religion of our Lord shaping the periods of modern history and fulfilling the promise of the Father to his Son, "the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession."

It made us feel like going as a missionary. Dr. Mouzon, in the study of the "death of Christ," was unique, as he followed no man's "ipse dixit," nor the accepted theory, unless it comported with his view.

He did not agree with Dr. Denny, the author, nor with any of the usually accepted theories and a great many of us agreed with him, and some of us did not. He is all right on the doctrine of the atonement, but some would call him "heretical" on the theory. As we see it, we can shut no man up to the necessity of believing some theory and call him a heretic if he don't. Such intolerance as this led Calvin to burn Michael Servetus at the stake because he did not accept some of Calvin's theories. We do not believe all of the "Penal Substitution" theory, nor the "Governmental" theory, nor yet the "Moral influence" theory. Now some one brand me as a heretic. We believe in the atonement and trust in the fact, but we cannot think that we must accept some given theory of it, or be branded a heretic. We shall have something to say on the atonement later. Now what shall we say of Hill and his class in the study of the "Life of Paul?" There is only one "Hill," and if he keeps on growing on us as he did in his masterful handling of his subject we will have to call him "Mountaintop," if not a "Volcano," for there is fire in this "Hill" now, with some "eruptions" now and then, but as yet no "explosion." We all said when he came from his class, "Hill knows a lot about Paul and has got religion." Dr. Hyer did the Church a valuable service in delivering some lectures on hypnotism and exposing frauds palmed off on the public by so-called "wonders." He showed all the wonders they performed were based on the frauds they were able to perpetrate on the public by clever tricks, which deceive the eye. His lectures on electricity and wireless telegraphy were worth the time and cost of the trip. Most all the undergraduates signed for full four years course, and this course of study will develop some men from whom the Church will hear in the future. Our great school at Georgetown is doing valuable service for the Church, and no service rendered is of more value than this Summer School of Theology. The undergraduates will have a broader view of the course, and our preachers will be directed to read great books and think on great themes.

And best of all the Spirit of our Lord was in it all; many times our "hearts burned as we mused." Every preacher in Texas should be there next summer. Our people are thinking and the preacher who is left behind will be to blame. Come and study and think and grow.

L. B. ELLIS.

Yoakum, Texas.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The dormitory moves steadily onward towards completion, and shows more beautiful with each development of its architectural design.

The agents in the field are meeting with decided encouragement. The correspondence indicates a successful opening.

Rev. O. S. Thomas was here during the last week, and had a most satisfactory meeting with the Board of Trustees. He is enthusiastically under our enterprises now and we are looking for a forward movement.

As Miss Boyer will remain in Europe for another year we have been compelled to fill her place again. We think we have been very fortunate in securing Miss Antoinette Huncke for the position. She was fortunate in securing Miss Antoinette Huncke for the position. She has had the very best opportunities offered by America, together with several years in Europe.

The Summer School and Summer Normal come to an end this week; so from now on examinations will be the order of the day, and long faces will be the prevailing rule among the pupils.

The demand for Southwestern university students for all sorts of school work is indeed surprising. We have had many times more applications for help in filling positions than we have and the material which we could recommend.

Miss Alma West, the only graduate of our Art department last session will be with Clarendon College next year, and we can heartily commend her to the people up that way.

Dr. Hyer is absent just now on a trip which will include Brownwood and San Angelo, in each of which places he is expected to preach. We congratulate those folks.

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Parties have written me that they have noticed in the Dallas papers that there was a danger of an uprising against Americans in the Republic, and wish to know as to the truth of this. From all the best sources of information at my command, I will say that there is nothing whatever in this talk. It is newspaper gossip and grew out of a little misunderstanding in some of the mines in a distant part of the country, and also from a few jealous workmen. Such stuff is laughed at down here. I trust that no one will sacrifice a delightful trip to Mexico on this account. The weather is ideal this time of the year. My thermometer to-day at twelve o'clock registered just 75 F. Arrangements are being made to run a special train as far as Monterey if one hundred and fifty can be secured. Make your arrangements to come with us.

FRANK S. ONDERDONK.

NOTICE.

For the information of certain Presiding Elders who wish to adjust their third round to the time of its meeting, I will write this to say that the Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate will meet at First Church, Dallas, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1906, at 9 a. m.

J. W. HILL, Pres.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round. Buda Cir., at Buda, Tuesday 3:30 p. m., Aug. 16.

Staples Cir., at Staples, Aug. 18, 19. Seguin and Mill Creek, at S., Aug. 25, 26.

Dripping Springs Cir., at D. S., Sept. 1, 2.

Gonzales, September 8, 9. Pleasant Grove Cir., at Maxwell, September 15, 16.

Kyle, September 22, 23. Tilton Cir., at Clark's Chapel, Sept. 29, 30.

Luling Cir., at L., Oct. 6, 7. Belmont Cir., at B., 9 Monday morning, Oct. 7, 8.

Welder and T., at T., Oct. 13, 14. Lockhart, Oct. 20, 21. San Marcos, Oct. 27, 28.

D. K. PORTER, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Ferris, August 25, 26.

Wilford and Midway, Sept. 1, 2. Early, Sept. 2, 3.

Janis, Sept. 9, 10. Venus, at Venus, Sept. 15, 16. Alvarado, Sept. 16, 17.

Millboro, First Church, Sept. 23, 24. Millboro, Line St. Church, Sept. 23, 24. Lovelace at Union Valley, Sept. 29.

Wasca, Sept. 29, 30. Grandview, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Bethel, Oct. 6, 7.

JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

MARRIAGES.

Smith-Smith.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith, Mr. Will D. Smith and Miss Lida Smith on July 11, 1906, Rev. M. C. Dickson officiating.

Foreman-Baker.—At the parsonage in Evans, Texas, on July 13, 1906, Mr. Edgar Foreman and Miss Bertha Baker; both of Shive, Hamilton County, Texas, Rev. Neal M. Turner officiating.

Fairly-Fore.—Mr. D. H. Fairly and Mrs. Lula May Fore were united in marriage at the home of the bride at Gillett, Texas, July 15, 1906, at 8 p. m., Rev. J. W. Black officiating.

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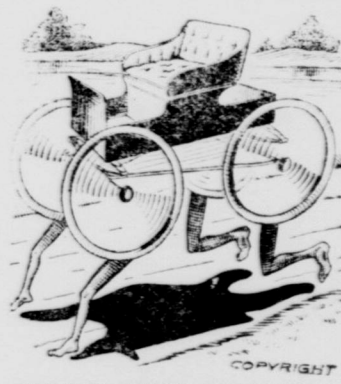
Sweet Briar Institute will be to the South and West what Wellesley, Vassar and Bryn Mawr are to the North. The work to be done in this school will be of a grade equal to that of the best woman's colleges in the country, and the requirements for admission are the same as those held by any of the great Northern Colleges. There will be also courses in Domestic Science and Domestic Art, which will better help to make the school fit young women for life in the home. Provision is made for a sub-freshman class which will receive students not ready for the collegiate work.

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Dr. Mary K. Benedict has been elected President. She is a Vassar graduate and took her doctor's degree in Philosophy at Yale. Communications regarding more detailed information as to examination for scholarship and remission of tuition should be addressed to the President, Sweet Briar Institute, Sweet Briar, Virginia. Catalogue and Book of Views will be sent on application.



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GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS GRAHAM.

The venerable and worthy subject of this biographical notice was one of the pioneers of Young County and one of the founders of its county seat. His citizenship here covers more than a third of a century and with the various civil and social affairs of the town and county he has borne a modest and unassuming part. After life's activities have passed, we find him, in his declining years, surrounded by the comforts of a hospitable but lonely home and fixed in the regard of his community.

The name of Graham has been indelibly fixed upon the history of Young County and upon the hearts of its citizenship. The present reverie it for the personality of its worthy founders, and the future will honor it for the memories clustering about it.

It was established in Young County in the fall of 1871, when the subject of this sketch came hither to cast his fortunes and his all with the future of the frontier of the great undeveloped Northwest. Mr. Graham was a Kentucky immigrant to Texas, having migrated from Mead County, where he grew up and began life. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, June 17, 1836, and was a son of Gen. Robt. Graham, Commander in Chief of the Kentucky militia during Gen. Lafayette's visit to the United States and upon the occasion of his entertainment by the State of Daniel Boone. The latter and his posterity made the name famous in Louisville, Grahamtown and Rockhaven in Kentucky and in several localities of the State of Texas. Bro. Graham was the eighth of a family of ten children of Robt. Graham and Roxanna Winchell. He obtained a limited education in the town of Grahamton and Rockhaven, where he grew up. He began life as a farmer and continued it as such, in the main, till his advent to Texas. In sentiment, he was strictly and positively Southern during the events leading up to the war, and while he was not officially connected with the Confederate armies, he acted as a spy for it and passed and repassed the Federal lines without once being intercepted.

Journeying to Texas, Bro. Graham brought his family down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, and over the Gulf to Galveston and by rail to Corsicana, and by stage to Weatherford and to the Salt Works, where Graham was later located. The salt industry with which he was connected, as a partner with his brother, existed for something like two years, and Bro. Graham's next permanent active connection was with the farm. In 1874 he moved to Hampton Heights, overlooking the town of Graham from the West, and upon this promontory he has since made his home. Upon the organization of Young County, Bro. Graham was made its first surveyor. He was associated with his late brother, Edwin S. Graham, in the laying out and building of the town of Graham, and was postmaster of the place when the salary was only \$13.00 a year.

On Nov. 20, 1853, Bro. Graham married Miss Edmonia Woodfork, a daughter of Willis Woodfork, of Kentucky. This union produced eight children, six of whom are now living. I took great pleasure in visiting him frequently and always met with a cordial and hearty reception.

He was always diligent in his inquiries about the Church, and always expressed an earnest wish for its welfare. He was sick just one week and died sitting in his chair and went away so easily and quietly, without relaxing a muscle, that we could not believe our eyes and had to put our hands upon him to be sure.

At 5 p. m., before he departed at 11:30 p. m., he gave a clear and strong testimony that the way to the heavenly world was bright and clear. After prayer he remarked that he wanted to live until the train came in to see his children and he did. Mrs. John R. Nelson, Mrs. Stewart, Frank and Harry, with his wife, were with him at the last. He died June 30, 1906.

May heaven's richest blessings abide on the sorrowing ones. He was a great blessing and comfort to his pastor. E. V. COX.

BALLARD.—When the last rays of the setting sun were gilding spire and housetop, June 7, 1906, Mrs. Wesley Ballard (nee Gussie Valliant) daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Valliant, of Youngsport, Texas, breathed her last, at the age of twenty-seven, and with a sweet smile she closed her eyes and was ready for her spirit to be wafted above. She spoke of death often; her only sorrow was to leave her children and her loved ones. She was surrounded by her children, a loving father, mother and husband, who nursed her so tenderly all during her illness. She was a true Christian and her life was Christlike, and when the door of opportunity to do good was opened she never failed to enter. She possessed the greatest love for childhood. When but a child she was found teaching in the Sunday-school, and with tireless zeal she spent her young life for others, forgetting self. For hours she would read to her little son and daughter, and never failed to point out the moral. The gentleness and beauty of her life, the many sweet courtesies which manifested themselves by tender and affectionate looks and kind acts of attention, made for her lasting friends. "None knew her but to love her." A loving wife, a dutiful daughter, a sweet sister has gone to join loved ones gone before. Our eyes are dim with tears, yet we see the Master's hand. Can we think it pleases his loving heart to cause us a moment's pain? Ah, no, but he sees through the present cross the bliss of eternal gain. HER SISTER.

HALL.—Mrs. Mary Ann Hall (nee Randle) was born near Decatur, Georgia, January 17, 1823; professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about ten years old, in which Church she lived a consecrated Christian life to the day of her death, which took place at 3:30 p. m. May 13, 1906, at the home of her son, Dr. J. A. Hall, Commerce, Texas. October 4, 1849, she was married to Barnabas P. Hall, who died December 22, 1879, in Alabama. Three children survive her—Dr. J. A. Hall, of Commerce, Texas; Mrs. Stocks, of Atlanta, Georgia and Mrs. Daniels, of Cherokee County, Ala. all of whom are staunch members of the Methodist Church. They have always been loyal and devoted to the Church, thus demonstrating the true and noble character of their mother. Her son, William Hall, long deceased, was as consecrated and as devoted to the Church as those that survive. Her father, Newton Randle, was a local preacher, and a very useful man in his calling. He so trained his daughter that she was all her life a zealous working member of the Church. I have been her pastor, in fact I have been in sight of this noble, Christian woman for over fifty years, and all that time has been hearing one way and making herself useful in her family and in her Church.

W. L. CLIFTON.

WRIGHT.—Sister Auce Wright, daughter of Brother and Sister T. R. Boney, was born August 10, 1882 and died July 2, 1906; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Brightwater, Choctaw County, Alabama, twelve years ago and was a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Blevins, Texas, when she died. Her warning was short—only two days. Alice was a lovely young woman and admired universally; was reared in a religious home and we trust she may now be in a home of everlasting rest, joy and peace. She will be sadly missed by relatives and friends. We deeply sympathize with Brother and Sister Boney in this their sad bereavement. This is the second daughter to die in less than a year. May God bless and comfort them in their distress and may their children all live so that they may all get to heaven, where no sad farewell shall ever be heard. We feel sorry also for the grief-stricken husband, who seemed so heartbroken and may he be submissive to God's will and be prepared when God shall call for him.

J. B. GREGORY Pastor.

CRAVY.—John C. Cravy, son of Mr. J. and Mrs. Mary Cravy, was born in Clark County, Alabama, December 10, 1829. The family moved to Texas in 1846, and after three years in East Texas came to Milam County and settled on the San Gabriel River in 1849. He lived here in the same settlement until death, which came June 14, 1906. Bro. Cravy was converted and joined the Methodist Church at twenty-one years of age and lived fifty-six years a consistent Christian life in Lebanon community—the most influential man for good in his Church. He was married to Matilda Whittington in 1854 and unto them were born five children—all of whom live to mourn the loss of a wise, loving father. He was laid to rest with Masonic honors in Lebanon Cemetery June 15, 1906. May the good influence of his life abide with those who knew him.

G. W. RILEY, Pastor.

FAUBION.—Elizabeth (Stephens) Faubion was born near Newport, Cocke County, Tennessee, December 24th, 1808, and was married to John Faubion, Sr., in 1850, being his second wife. She moved with her husband to Bagdad, now Leander, Williamson County, Texas, in 1852. One child was born to this union, which died in infancy. She endeavored to be faithful in assisting to rear and train the five sons and two daughters of her husband. They were prosperous and well-to-do and lived in one of the finest homes ever built in Williamson County. Their home was one of the landmarks on the Austin and Lampasas roads for many years, and was the hospitable shelter and resting place to many Methodist itinerants and other ministers, as well as to hundreds of travelers in the early days. Their magnificent old home was destroyed by fire a few years ago. Since which occurrence Aunt Bessie, as she has long been familiarly known, resided in Leander, where she quietly passed into the beyond June 2, 1906, at the ripe old age of 97 years, 5 months and 8 days. She first joined the Methodist Church, South, about 1860. But fifteen or twenty years ago, for reasons she never explained, she withdrew from the membership of the Church. However, she has remarked to this writer several times that she never ceased to love and trust Christ as her personal Savior. She said that very few people understood her, but it was always her desire to do good to others and to help every one she could. For more than a year prior to her death she had contemplated reuniting with the Church, and only a month before the day of her burial she sent for me to come and receive her back into the Church. After reassuming the vows she sang and rejoiced until the large company, friends and relatives present, were all moved to weeping and rejoicing. She was in some particulars one of the most remarkable women I have ever known. Until the very last she seemed to possess all the faculties of her mind. And on all subjects of history and the progress of the Church, could converse with unusual intelligence. Perhaps very few if any funerals have ever been attended at old Bagdad cemetery by so large a company of friends and acquaintances, which shows the very high esteem in which this pioneer citizen was held. Her pastor.

Z. V. LILES.

SMITH.—Little Winnie May Smith was born in Ennis, Texas, May 11, 1906, and died July 7, 1906. She was permitted to stay with us eight short weeks, but how sweet is the memory of that time to her loved ones! She, being the only girl in her family, was naturally idolized by her father and mother and two little brothers, but God saw fit to call her to a better world, where there is no more sorrowing. May her loved ones so live that when this life is over, they may meet little Winnie May in a better world. Her aunt, NORA PERRY.

McELYEA.—Byron S. McElyea, son of Y. B. and Leah McElyea, was born November 4, 1892; was baptized in infancy by the writer of this sketch, and died July 4, 1906. Byron had just reached the point in life where he was very hopeful and interesting to the family. He was polite and kind to his sisters and brothers and was devoted to his sister, who was older than himself. He was sick only a few days, but they were days of intense suffering; but, thank God, he will suffer no more. Dear father and mother, you will no more have to fan the fevered brow or rub the aching limbs. Byron has gone where the people are never sick. Thank God for the hope of a reunion in heaven that shall never adjourn. J. T. OWEN, P. C. Desdemona, Texas.

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TROTMAN.—William Travis Trotman, son of Thomas and Sallie Trotman (nee Barber) was born in Alabama, May 19, 1829. He was married to Miss Mary E. Puckett in 1854, and from this union two boys and one girl were born, all of whom are living and have families. Thomas Trotman's mother was a sister of our late lamented J. D. Barbee, D. D. Brother Trotman was converted in 1855 and at once became a loyal member and supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He moved to Texas in 1868, locating first in Upshur County, but the next year settled near Poetry, in Kaufman County. Here after the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Lucy Wallace. To them came one son, who died in infancy. Brother Trotman filled faithfully every office to which his Church elected him. He was a leader in his community. In his heart his family held the first and his Church the second place. Brother Trotman went to heaven from his home near Poetry, June 17, 1906. He leaves behind a wife, three children, and two step-children and a great many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Look up, weeping ones; the gates are open, and Christ is the way.

J. R. SMITH, P. C.

HUGGINS.—Mrs. Rachael Huggins (nee Wade) was born in 1835 and died February 17, 1906. She joined the Methodist Church when a child and ever after lived a consecrated life. She was married to Mr. B. E. Huggins, who preceded her some twenty years to the home beyond. Sister Huggins leaves four daughters and five sons and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She trained her children in the way they should go, leaving them all on the way to the home where partings come no more. By her death the Church lost a faithful member, her children a devoted mother, but our loss is her eternal gain. May the God of comfort, who, by the administration of his righteous providence, has caused this bereavement and dug deep graves in the hearts of so many, fill up the graves with flowers and write upon them the sign and seal of a glorious resurrection and reunion in the home beyond, where sickness and sorrow and death can never come, and where God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

J. D. DORSEY.

Miles, Texas.

GARNER.—Sister Addie Garner was born in Tennessee, January 1, 1830, and passed to her reward in Corsicana, Texas, June 12, 1906. Sister and Joel P. Garner lived together more than fifty years, both being faithful members of the M. E. Church South. Giving their lives to God in their youth, their whole lives were given to Christ and the Church. Seven children were born to this happy couple and six survive. Tuesday morning we said "good-bye, precious mother," and as she fell asleep in Christ it seemed to us that we could almost hear the angels say: "Lift up your head, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and let the daughters of the King come in." Children, she is not dead, but at rest. Oh, loving mother, your presence illuminates our homes and your love made easy our burdens. We will miss you so much, but we are sure you will carry sunshine to the home above. May her beautiful Christian life, like a silent angel, draw the family and loved ones nearer and nearer to God. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Hamilton cemetery by her dear ones. W. VINSANT, Pastor.

WHISENHUNT. — Died July 10, 1906, Alice, wife of N. See Whisenhunt, aged thirty five years, 11 months and 28 days. Her husband, one son and four daughters, one a babe a few hours old, survive her. She was buried two miles north of town on July 12, her thirty-sixth birthday. She was born near Pittsburg, Texas; raised near Bonham, Texas, and removed to Keokuk Falls, Oklahoma. She was converted at the age of twelve, and at the time of her death was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. We mourn our loss and are thankful for the hope of meeting above. Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned.

GEORGE O. JEWETT, P. C.

ADAMS. — Little Pauline, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Adams went away with the angels July 14, 1906. We laid her to rest in Greenwood Cemetery Sabbath afternoon. One year and five days she brightened the home and won the hearts of all the family. Her brief life was not in vain, for her bright eyes and sweet smiles linger like the sunset glow in the evening time. We gave her to God in holy baptism, July 3rd, not knowing how soon he would claim his own. So frail and beautiful was she that she seemed more like some celestial spirit than an inhabitant of earth, and heaven will always seem nearer since she is there.

H. A. BOURLAND,

SWALLOW.—Louisa Adaline Swallow (nee Mathews) was born in Shelby County, Republic of Texas, June 26, 1858; was converted in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, living a consistent and zealous member of same until life's ending; was married December 31, 1857, to Abram R. Swallow, whose death preceded hers less than three years. To this union were born seven children, six of whom survive. She died in Rosen Heights, Fort Worth, the triumphant death of the righteous, April 1, 1906, and was buried the day following at Veal's Station. Her childhood was spent in a home of religious atmosphere, whose memory was ever afterwards a sacred shrine to which her weary soul returned. Here she learned the law of mercy and the shining deed which even now cause many to rise up and call her memory blessed. Here she trusted for religious refuge from the storms that were afterward to break over her head, in the clefted "Rock of Ages." Of the many Christians graces she possessed, that of self-denial stands out in bold relief; and was not this one of the most sublime virtues of her Lord and Master? That she was faithful as a wife, mother, friend and servant of Christ many will attest. Many a weary itinerant minister of the gospel found a restful home beneath her roof; she ministering to them as ambassadors from her Lord. Unknown to fame, our mother was one "of whom this world is not worthy." A sufferer during much of her life, and though at times despondent, through prayer her faith triumphed gloriously, for she "endured as seeing him who is invisible," singing "Come, oh thou traveler unknown." Then before her vision arose the towers of the city where there is no more pain or sickness, but eternal felicity abounds when our bondage shall end." As the time of her departure drew near she expressed herself as ready for the home journey, saying that she saw the face of him in whom her soul had so long trusted. The spotless soul of the faithful pilgrim was already attuned to the immortal music of the Spirit's Eden. Winter was on her head, but eternal Spring was in her heart. A "prisoner of hope," her long imprisoned spirit, freed from its earthly confines, ascended on high until drawn by the angels into the light of God's presence. There is a shout gone up until the dome of heaven is ringing, for a redeemed spirit, "washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb," has entered in, and with a faint glimpse of her triumph, through faith, we cry: "Good night, sainted mother., until God's golden morning.

ELMER M. SWALLOW.

COX.—J. Fred Cox, son of J. F. T. and Mary C. Cox, was born in Coryell county, near Pideoke ranch, July 30, 1888, and departed this life July 6, 1906. He united with the Methodist Church at the age of 9 years and was a faithful Christian and Sunday-school worker. He was a noble young man—one who had lofty conceptions of life. On the 4th of July he attended a picnic at Killeen, given by the fraternal orders. He was lively all day and seemingly enjoyed the association of friends and loved ones. The morning of the 5th he plowed till noon, at which time he went to bed, and departed this life the next evening. A short time before he expired his father went to his bed, weeping, and Fred said, "Papa, what are you crying for," and then looking up into his father's face, smilingly, he said, "My suffering is just about over." While the father and mother and one brother are left behind, with a host of relatives and friends, to mourn, their grief is not like the unsaved. There is not a shadow of a doubt as to where they will find Fred. We laid Fred's remains to rest in the Pleasant Hill cemetery to await the resurrection. May the comforting influence of the Holy spirit abide with us. W. P. EDWARDS.

ASTON.—Mary Joe Aston was born at Grady, I. T., February 24th, 1891, and died there June 10, 1906. She was ready to go. Words are inadequate to express the sadness of her bereaved ones, who compose not only her family, but all who knew her. No girl ever had more friends. To know her was to love her. Affable, pure, noble and even beautiful, yet so unconscious of these many charms, who could fall to reverence her? She was so popular with all that almost daily the writer was asked by her solicitous friends, "How is little Joe Aston today?" We tried to cheer her (for cheer is tonic) and we all wanted her restored to health, but the Ruler of the universe knew her to be too pure for this sordid old world and He transplanted one of earth's sweetest flowers into the garden of God. On the lonely prairie and among the lonely tombs of Grady cemetery lies all that is mortal of little Joe, but she is not forgotten. In the hearts of her host of friends (no enemies) her excellencies are imperishable. This entire community tenders profound sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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BARBER.—Little Lena May Barber, the little darling babe of Mr. G. T. and Nettie Barber, was born February 25, 1905, and left us for heaven June 15, 1906. Oh how we miss her! Mamma feels out for her sweet little presence unconsciously at night and hushes to hear her little voice in the day, but she is gone over to the other side of the river. She is looking this way, and waiting for mamma to come home. Oh that papa and mamma may join of her some sweet day. What a joy it will be. She just stayed long enough to win our hearts, then He who gave claimed his own, but He beckons for you to come, dear parents. Then look up. He who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not," is waiting for you also. We can take the sweet babe in our arms again, and never say good-bye any more. Her grandpa,

S. N. ALLEN.

PAFFORD. — Eugenie Burny Pafford was born in McNairy County, Tennessee, November, 1835; died at her home, in Center Point, Texas, July 24, 1906; married to W. E. Pafford, July 22, 1857. To this union were born eight children; five preceded the mother to their home above. Converted and joining the Methodist Church in young girlhood, she lived a faithful Christian life and died in the triumph of a living faith in the Savior she loved. She was an excellent woman, a good neighbor and friend. Her fidelity in all the relations of life impressed all who came in contact with her. The preachers received a hearty welcome to her hospitable home. Sister Pafford had been failing for several years, so that while her departure was sudden, it was not unexpected. All was done for her that loving hands and medical skill could do, but it seemed God had called, and she must go. How her husband and children miss her. Faithful in life, her reward is sure. Her body was laid to rest in the Center Point Cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of people. Where the weary are at rest she is gathered unto God.

F. A. WHITE.

ROPER.—Mrs. Mary Roper was born in Alabama, June 8, 1840. In 1857 she joined the Methodist Church. In 1859 she was married. In 1883 she moved with her faithful husband to Texas, and in 1886 settled in Smith County, near Bullard. That same gentle spirit that had won so many friends in Alabama was still beaming in Texas. Not many days had passed till the people about her began to realize the importance of having a woman like her in their midst. Her sweet disposition and gentle nature seemed to impress people with the importance of becoming religious. January 7, 1906, at an afternoon prayer-meeting at a neighbor's home they were having an old-time religious experience meeting. Sister Roper stood and said: "My way is clear; the highest aspiration of my life is to serve God. I am just watching and working to see my friends saved." Just then she sank in her chair and fell asleep to wake no more. She has ten children, three of whom preceded her to the great beyond. The Lord hath said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

THOMAS R. MOREHEAD, P. C. Jacksonville, Texas.

LYNN.—W. T. Lynn was born in Hopkins County, Kentucky, December 22, 1857, and moved to Texas in 1860; he died at his home at Caddo in Wilson County, January 23, 1906, leaving a wife and seven children to mourn their loss. He was a good man and enjoyed a large measure of the confidence and friendship of the people among whom he lived. Twenty-two years ago he was converted and united with the Methodist Church. His death came as the result of an illness, protracted through many months. The end came peacefully. Shortly before he died he expressed his willingness to go, and gave a bright, Christian experience. May the God of all hope and grace comfort the bereaved family.

J. W. BLACK.

Stockdale, Texas.

LACONEY.—Brother S. Laconey was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 4, 1832. He was married to Mrs. Robb, in 1878. He was converted early in life, and lived a consistent member of the Methodist Church until his death, which took place July 11, 1906. He was seventy-four years old. He was a Mason and in good standing. They cared for him during his long illness. He leaves a wife and two step-children who were devoted to him. The many friends at his funeral attested the appreciation of his life. Another old landmark has gone, which should be a warning to us.

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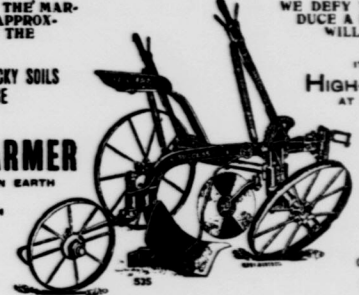
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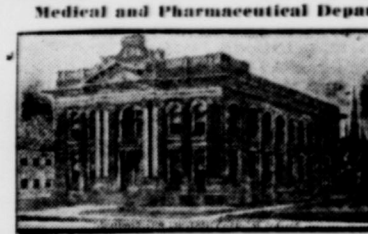
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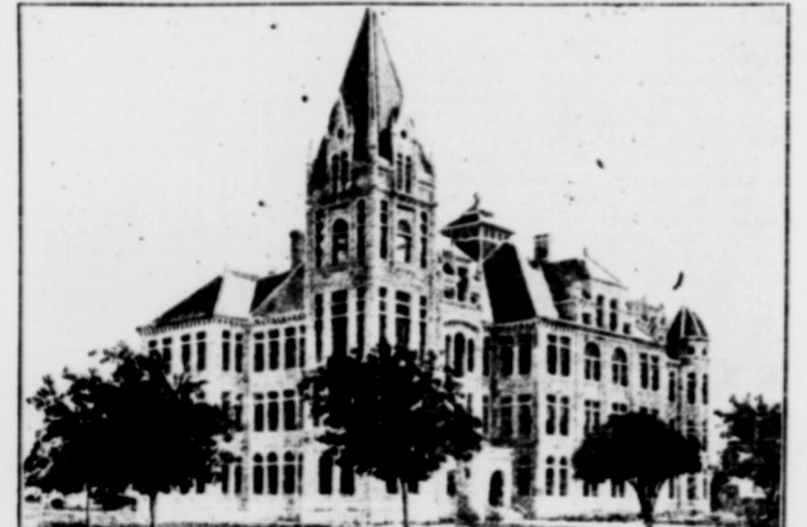
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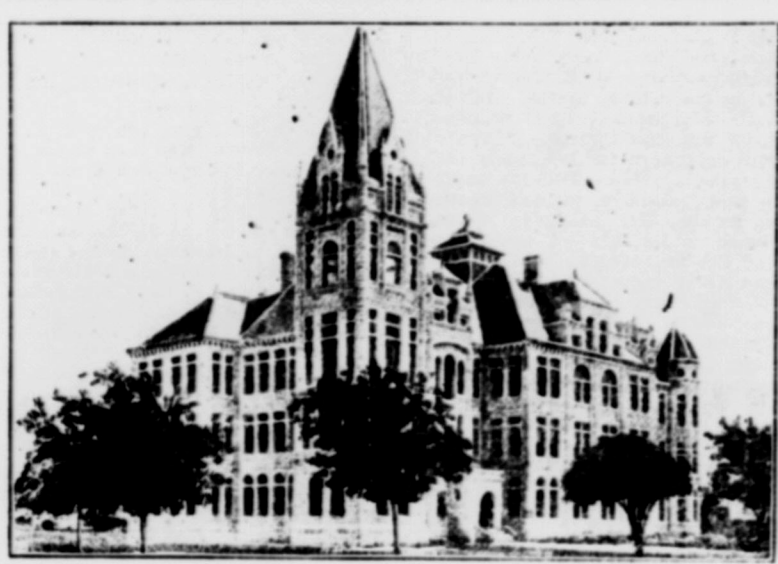
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