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## Editorial.

### A GRATUITOUS INSULT.

The Dallas News is noted for its uniform courtesy and respect to religious people. Its columns are open to them and the services of their Church organizations. For the most part the men who manage and control the News are Christian men; and Church people, generally feel very kindly toward the Daily News. Therefore, Church people are at a loss to account for the strange freak that possessed Col. W. G. Sterrett, the veteran correspondent of the News, the morning after the adjournment of the late Democratic Convention. He made a woeful departure, not only from the established rule of the News, but from his own accustomed style of writing; and said things about religious people not in keeping either with the truth or the rules of common respect. He was giving his conception of the causes which led to the defeat of three of the distinguished candidates for Governor, and in dealing with Judge Brooks he said:

"Brooks was beaten because he had management against him. Songs and tambourines, prayers and sermons bring tears to the eyes and contrition to the soul, but in the awful battle of life and the worse one of politics they do not win. Peter the Hermit preached through all the by-ways of Europe and a million men went forth to do a sentimental work. But each sentimentalist had a leader and each leader had an idea and in the end the Saracen cut them down as the reaper cuts his grain. Sentiment in politics must be backed by an individuality and a sword."

There is not one word of truth in this statement. Judge Brooks' campaign was not managed by the religious people as such. They never brought him out as their candidate and they had nothing to do with the conduct of his canvass. While he received the votes of thousands of them, because of his high character and outspoken conviction, yet the same can be said of the other candidates. Had the Christian people followed the fortunes of Judge Brooks with any degree of unanimity he would have been overwhelmingly elected. But there was no effort made, so far as we know, to unite such an influence upon him. To say that they "beat tambourines" in his behalf, or offered "prayers" for his success, or preach "sermons" in advocacy of his interests, or shed "tears" over his campaign, or in any other way put forth their effort to manage his political fortunes, is a misrepresentation of the facts in the case, to say nothing of the apparent effort of Col. Sterrett to hold them up to the contempt and ridicule of the public as a lot of whimpering ninnies and driveling idiots. And the ill-concealed effort of Col. Sterrett in the above paragraph to belittle Judge Brooks and to humiliate him, at the expense of the best people in the State, can be accounted for on no other ground than that he had been up over time at nights, and his brain was weakened by loss of sleep and overtaxed nerves. When in his normal condition he never

makes such unpardonable mistakes as contained in the above paragraph. It is to be hoped, therefore, the next time Col. Sterrett assumes to speak for seventy thousand of the truest and most conscientious voters to be found in Texas, and whose support gave to their candidate the second place in the popular vote, that he will, at least, accord to them a little common sense, discretion and sober judgment, instead of characterizing them as an unorganized mob of doleful simpletons and blubbing sentimentalists, especially when he is insulting the most intelligent patrons of the great paper he has the honor to represent. They are certainly entitled to more decency and respect than he gives to them in the above paragraph. The News is too good a paper to have its columns used in this way to the detriment of Judge Brooks and his valiant and courageous following. Personally we have great regard for Col. Sterrett as an experienced newspaper correspondent, and it is this that makes his offense so reprehensible.

### SENATOR CULBERSON ON THE WHISKEY TRAFFIC.

At the late Democratic Convention Senator Culberson was called to the platform for a speech. When he appeared he was given a great ovation. As he stood on the platform he faced one of the most magnificent audiences of his life. There were several thousand people from all over the State sitting before him, and it was one of the most representative gatherings that ever assembled in Texas. It represented the brain, the culture, the public sentiment and courage of this great commonwealth. No one dreamed of the turn his speech was about to take as he proceeded until he launched one of the most terrific attacks upon the "unwarranted interference of the liquor traffic in the politics of the State" ever heard to fall from the lips of a public man before a Democratic Convention. He declared himself a man of liberal ideas on this subject, had no sympathy with drastic sumptuary laws, and added: "But when the whiskey traffic becomes lawless, when it harbors the vicious and criminal elements, when it invades the residence districts of the towns and cities of the State, when it defies the will of localities legally and constitutionally put under local option, and when it seeks to dominate our political affairs, it will find no refuge in the Democratic party." Before the sentence had scarcely been finished the great audience went wild. They sprang to their feet, stood in their chairs, flung their hats and coats into the air, and their shouts were heard many blocks away. We have never seen such a demonstration, and it was all over the assembly. Here and there could be seen a bunch of brewers and liquor sympathizers, sitting with blanched faces and dazed expressions. The uproar lasted several minutes; and when the audience quieted down, the Senator, with a determined look on his face, continued: "I warn the whiskey interest of the State of Texas, as I have warned it before, that such a course as this will excite the people, and arouse in them a purpose to enforce the laws which nothing can thwart." This fearful warning was uttered with an emphasis that rang like

a thunder peal throughout the great auditorium; and again the throng was on its feet and even a greater demonstration followed. It was several minutes before order was restored so that the Senator could proceed. No Democratic Convention in this great State ever witnessed such a scene. It was enough to make the brewers and the liquor dealers turn pale about the gills. It was not so much the sentiment that called forth the outburst as it was the man who gave utterance to it. Everybody present knew the pent-up sentiment was there, but nobody dreamed that Senator Culberson would utter it under the circumstances with such dynamic power. It is a well known fact that he is a conservative man and that he measures his words with wonderful coolness and deliberation; and that he never goes off at a tangent. He is not a man of sentiment. And he is one of the ablest political diagnosticians in Texas. Therefore, he has been studying the progress and status of local option in Texas, and as it embodies the purest elements of local self-government, he appreciates the justice and righteousness of this cause and the determination of the people to support it. As a result he has placed himself squarely on the side of the people, and the brewers and the liquor dealers had better heed his note of warning. If they do not, they had just as well prepare to read upon the wall of public sentiment the handwriting of their impending doom. All hail to Senator Culberson! On with the battle!

### SABBATH DESECRATION.

The evil of this day is the growing disregard of holy things. Things once considered positively sacrilegious are now treated as a joke; and the Sabbath day, the bulwark of good morals, to say nothing of religion, has become the holiday of the whole week. Fishing and hunting parties think nothing of making plans to spend the Lord's day in the woods or at some club house, where not only fishing and hunting, but too often dissipations of a much worse character, are indulged in. And the worst part of this new custom is that it is not confined to men, but women, some of whom are Church members, allow themselves to be persuaded by godless husbands to thus trample upon the holy day. Women have come to us, apparently concerned for the salvation of husband and children, and asked for assistance in bringing them to Christ, and these same women have, within a few weeks, actually gone on these shameful Sabbath excursions. What respect can a husband or child have for the religious pretensions of a wife or mother who will thus allow herself to be untrue to her God? In fact, there was a time, and it is not so long since, when no one but negroes, and sorry negroes at that, would be caught fishing on Sunday; but now ladies, society ladies, many of them, think it but a harmless picnic. Of equal culpability with the evil is the Sunday baseball game. Grandstands are filled with good people, many of whom are ladies, who could not think of attending the services of the Lord these warm Sabbath days, yet they go, and in going influence others to go, to these Sunday games which ought to be ta-

bood by every man and woman who is careful about the future of Church or State. Baseball and fishing and hunting are all right if legitimately used, but when they become the occasion of Sabbath desecration they become nuisances that should be abated. A crowd of vigorous, healthy young men or boys, playing an innocent game of ball, is an interesting scene, and we sometimes enjoy watching it, but if there is one thing under the sun that makes a thoughtful man feel all out of sorts it is to see a great crowd of burly professionals, going about from city to city, spending their lives in this foolishness. An old father sends his boy to college, at great sacrifice, hoping to prepare his son for place and usefulness in the future. He leaves college a week or two before commencement, not a finished scholar with his degree, but the best ball player in his team. What a disappointment it must be to the old man! His son is not a polished orator, nor a finished graduate, but he is the best pitcher in the university. The only thing that keeps it from breaking his old heart is that many of his neighbors seem to think it is better to be a pitcher than President. These Sunday ball games are getting to be the curse of the day. Special trains are run and large crowds are attracted, and for what? To see a ball game. Not altogether, but largely for the purpose of gambling on the game. Eliminate this from this boasted American game and it would soon run out. It ought to be done. The next Legislature of the State of Texas ought to prohibit it just as gambling is prohibited on all other things. In the meantime let Christian people stay away from such places.

If you are any account the devil will often tempt you, but if you are indolent, trifling and wishy-washy he does not need to tempt you. In fact, there is nothing in you to be tempted. Christ was tempted all through his life, even while hanging on the cross; and any man who tries to do the will of Christ will not escape a like ordeal. There is no sin in being tempted. It is an evidence that there is something in you worthy of the severest test. The sin is in the yielding. A temptation, when resisted, makes you stronger for further battles.

The greatest compliment to a housewife is to eat her dinner and show her that you enjoy it. To speak good words about it and push your plate back without partaking of it is not a compliment. So when the crowds come to your service, listen attentively to what you say, and then repeatedly come back to hear you—this is a compliment to your ministry. It is proof that you are furnishing them something palatable and gratifying.

There are times when grave responsibilities confront us, and such are the complications that we are not certain just what step to take or how to act. Under such circumstances the wise rule to follow is to consult God's Word and conscience, and then give the benefit of the doubt to what we believe to be the right side of the questions involved.

State League Encampment

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Van Alstyne, Texas.

All communications intended for publication in this department, and all papers with articles to be commented upon should be addressed to the League Editor.

The following rule should be observed in remitting money on account of the State organization: Local Chapter dues should be sent to Frank L. McNeny, Dallas, Assembly funds should be sent to Theo. Bering, Jr., Houston.

IN PRIVATE RANKS AGAIN.

It is not in our heart to seem ungrateful for any kindness, consideration or honor which the Leaguers have shown us during the years of our service in the State Cabinet, but we feel privileged in being once again in the private ranks. While the responsibilities of the chief executives have been passed to other shoulders we do not intend to relinquish our interest in the work, but we shall to our very utmost stand by the new incumbent and aid him in every way possible. For many, very many years Brother Ragsdale and myself have been in League work together. Our relationship is almost like that of brothers. There is no one in whom we have a deeper interest and no one whom we would do more for in furthering this cause of our young people.

To the thousands of our Leaguers in Texas whom we have met in person and whose acquaintance we have formed in other ways, and all of whom we have learned to love, we extend our heartfelt thanks at this time for the co-operation given us, and we earnestly pray that the same degree of loyalty will be shown our successor. Knowing you as we have come to know you, we feel that you will do this. It is our sincere desire to see Texas Leaguedom take a forward movement as it has never done before, and to this end we call upon every young Methodist in Texas to do his or her part during the next twelve months. May God bless you all in prayer.

GUS W. THOMASSON.

IT HAS ENDED.

The fourteenth regular session, second annual encampment, of the Texas State Epworth League has passed into history as one of the most remarkable of all the brilliant series which have marked the growth and development of our Church. It was remarkable for the period of duration, a full ten days being devoted to study and recreation. It was remarkable for the exceptionally large attendance, the aggregate being conservatively estimated at 8000 people, while these figures were placed by some at full 10,000. From 1800 to 2500 campers were on the grounds. It was remarkable for the variety of subjects discussed and the great number of speakers of more than State reputation. It was remarkable for the excellent order maintained at all times, and the fact that the campers and visitors as well obeyed almost unanimously the request to keep out of the bay on Sunday elicited the most favorable comment on all sides. It was remarkable for the two very large Sunday-school sessions held, one by President Abernathy, of the Texas Methodist State Sunday-school Association, and the other by Brother W. E. Hawkins, of Fort Worth, one of the most untiring and most successful workers in our Church in Texas. At each of these sessions an attendance of nearly 1000 was had. It was remarkable in its culminating effect, the interest never diminishing, but gradually reaching a climax, so that on Sunday night, the 12th, when the close came the highest tide of interest and enthusiasm was reached.

This session of the conference was remarkable for another thing. A practical business policy was agreed upon by which the Assembly enterprise is to be put on a self-sustaining basis. It was decided to incorporate the Assembly and issue bonds in denomination of \$100 each to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, and to take this fund and equip the grounds for constant occupancy. This plan was the result of an extended consideration by the Board of Trustees, during which Bishops Ward and Key, Bankers Ayres, Walsh and Bolton, Schoolmen Harrison, Cody, Fisher, Boaz, and a vast number of ministers and laymen of experience and business integrity gave individually and severally their ideas as to what should be done and how it should be done. This much was agreed upon by everyone present, that Methodism must take hold of this enterprise and establish a resort for

State League Cabinet.

- President, Allan K. Ragsdale, Dallas.
- First Vice-President, A. H. McVeigh, Cleburne.
- Second Vice-President, Miss Laura L. Allison, Austin.
- Third Vice-President, Prof. P. W. Horn, Houston.
- Fourth Vice-President, Miss Mae Dye, Plano.
- Secretary, Frank L. McNeny, Dallas.
- Treasurer, W. E. Hawkins, Ft. Worth.
- Junior Superintendent, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, Gonzales.

visitation by our people at all times of the year. The schools, in line with this policy, decided to each establish headquarters, and we confidently believe that this move will result in the early institution of a summer school at Epworth-by-the-Sea, for what is more natural than teachers and pupils on their summer vacation desiring to pursue leisurely and systematically the study of plans and methods for their work at home?

Another remarkable feature of this conference was the voluntary filling in of every afternoon with some kind of special service and the attendance thereon of great numbers of our young people, showing conclusively that pleasure was not the only object in view. The program committee left the afternoons entirely open, continuing the regular services to the morning and evening periods, but, as stated, the Leaguers themselves filled in the afternoons. Class work was done in Bible study, for one thing, and in Church History and Missions. School rallies were held, the Woman's Home Mission Society conducted an institute, a Mexican service was held by Brother Onderdonk and every Mexican who could be reached in Corpus Christi and adjoining territory was brought in free of charge on a special train provided gratis by the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway. Another special service was held for the waiters from the dining hall and lunch stands, this one being most ably conducted by Brother Grover Robinson, the enterprising representative of the Publishing House, who was present. Other special services were held, and no one seemed to think their privileges or rights were in the least interfered with by reason of this arrangement.

In all our years of experience in League work, we have never heard a program which so nearly filled our conception of the ideal as this one. Every speaker came prepared to deliver a great message upon a great occasion, and scarcely in a single instance was there disappointment. On every hand we heard expressions of genuine appreciation of the program as a whole.

We believe that the basis for the future work of the organization was in a large measure indicated at this conference, and that it will be that of a great school of methods. We believe that certain things were indicated as being absolutely essential and necessary to make the recreation feature ideal; among them being a commodious bath house and a number of rooming cottages, the sodding of the grounds in Bermuda grass and the erection of first class administration buildings. We believe further that with the \$25,000 fund mentioned all these things may be provided and that in the course of time every bond may be retired from the revenue, which will be derived from the profits of the enterprise.

OUR NEW OFFICERS.

For once in the history of the Texas State Epworth League a complete change has been in the officers. Only one member of the retiring cabinet is retained in the new, and this one was elevated to the chief executiveship. While this sweeping change has been made, none of the members of the present cabinet are without experience, but each one is more or less well known in League circles, and each one is well qualified from actual experience for the duties imposed upon him. At least three, possibly four, have heretofore served in the State work. We append a brief sketch of the newly elected officers:

A. K. RAGSDALE.

The new President, A. K. Ragsdale, is perhaps the best known man in Texas Leaguedom. His name has been associated with the movement since 1893, in which year he was elected State Secretary. He has four times since filled this position and went from it this year to the presidency. He is familiar with the needs of the League, is untiring in his efforts, resourceful in plans and methods for aggressive development, and is in thorough touch with the railroads of the State, being connected with one of them as City Passenger Agent. This fact is significant, since the question of rates is one of the most important in the solution of the Assembly enterprise. Brother Ragsdale was a member of the locating committee which selected Corpus Christi, and

served last year as a member of the Assembly Committee and of the Board of Trustees, in addition to filling the office of Secretary. He is close to our preachers, being personally acquainted with a vast majority of them, and this relationship makes him a valuable man for leader of the League hosts. He managed the business end of the Assembly this year, and gave some six weeks' time to preparing for and handling the great crowds which were in attendance. His election will be hailed with delight by all his friends throughout the State.

ARTHUR H. McVEIGH

Brother A. H. McVeigh was a member of the cabinet in 1903 and filled then the same position to which he has been elected this year, that of First Vice President. He has long been a moving spirit in the Northwest Texas Conference, and was a member of the first committee ever appointed to consider the advisability of establishing an Assembly. This committee reported favorably at San Antonio, and this report was the basis for the beginning of a more determined effort in the interest of an Assembly. The experience of the former service will be helpful to him now, and there is no reason why the department of worship should not be greatly increased in point of efficiency under his direction.

MISS LAURA L. ALLISON.

Miss Laura L. Allison is from the Texas Conference, and has been one of the strong leaders in the League for a number of years. She, too, has before filled the office in the State Cabinet to which she is now called, and is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the Charity and Help Department. During Miss Allison's former term, she organized and carried to successful issue a campaign in the interest of Miss Norwood Wynne's school in Mexico, in which something more than \$100 was contributed by the Leaguers of this State for special mission work.

PROF. P. W. HORN.

Prof. P. W. Horn was loaned to the Texas Conference last year by the North Texas Conference, where he had served two or three terms as Third Vice President of the North Texas Conference League. We are rather of the opinion that Brother Horn has also served in this capacity in the State work, but of this we are not sure. Suffice it to say, that no one in Texas is better qualified for the office than he. We have known him many years and can vouch for the character of his work. He is at present engaged as superintendent of the city schools of Houston.

MISS MAE DYE.

Miss Mae Dye, who is to serve as Fourth Vice-President and have charge of the development of the mission work, is well known up in North Texas, where she has long been an active League worker. She has had two or more years training at the Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, and this training will, no doubt, be of much benefit to her in the position which she is now to fill.

FRANK L. McNENY.

Frank L. McNeny is an active worker in the Dallas League Union, and has been prominent in the Dallas District work. He has also served in the North Texas Conference as First Vice-President. He is a pupil in League work under Allan Ragsdale, having been assistant to Allan in much of his secretarial duties. This fact insures good results from him as Secretary of the State League. He has a position with the Dallas News, in the manager's office, and is just across the street from Brother Ragsdale, so that he will be in close touch with the President at all times. Frank will make good on every point claimed for him by his friends.

W. E. HAWKINS.

When the Northwest Texas Conference League was in its prime, W. E. Hawkins was its President. He has been an active League worker almost since the introduction of the movement into this State. Of late years he has given much time to Sunday-school work, and in this has traveled extensively over the State. His interest in the League has not, however, waned in the least, and he has at different times contributed articles for the League Department on League work. That he will guard the cash box of the State League, no one doubts; and that he will do it well, goes without saying. Hawkins is a hustler on every inch of the ground.

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON.

Mrs. W. F. Robertson, elected Junior Superintendent, is the only one of the new regime with whom we were not personally acquainted prior to the State meeting. Of her reputation we know something, however. She has been successful in her work at home, and has been conspicuous in her own conference in the line of

work over which she is now called to preside. She caught the recent conference by her unique methods, giving in the way of a practical demonstration how to run a Junior League. From the moment she was introduced to the conference she was popular with the delegates, and her election to the principal office in the Junior field was not much of a surprise. Her friends claim for her that she will do much for the development and advancement of the State work.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The entire Board of Trustees was re-elected without change. The duties of this Board, however, are greatly enlarged under the new order of things, and the improvement and equipment of the grounds come directly under its charge. The Board met and organized by electing the following officers, viz: Chairman, Rev. G. S. Sexton, Houston; Vice Chairman, Gus W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne; Secretary, Rev. A. J. Weeks, San Antonio; Treasurer, Theo. Bering, Jr., Houston.

At the final business session of the board, held Saturday, August 11, the following resolution was adopted, viz: "Resolved, That the Texas State Epworth League Assembly Grounds be bonded for \$25,000 and the proceeds be expended in improvements thereon under the direction of the Board of Trustees."

Following the adoption of this resolution the following names were subscribed for \$100 each, viz: Gus W. Thomasson, A. K. Ragsdale, Theo. Bering, Jr., G. S. Sexton, W. G. Lee Woods, C. H. Beneke, C. C. Walsh, R. C. Ayres, J. E. Harrison, H. H. Hallsell, H. A. Boz, Mrs. W. A. Sampey, W. H. Vaughan, J. D. Love.

The following were appointed as an Executive Committee to represent the board between meetings, viz: G. S. Sexton, A. K. Ragsdale, A. J. Weeks, Mr. Ring, S. B. Beall. The matter of arranging for the issuance of bonds and the placing of same was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee, as was also the matter of the employment of a keeper of the grounds. Upon motion, it was decided that the Executive Committee should keep a record of its actions and report same to the full meeting of the board.

The following is the full register of the names of the members of the Board of Trustees: G. S. Sexton, Theo. Bering, Jr., W. G. Lee Woods, Rev. A. J. Weeks, Rev. L. S. Barton, Gus W. Thomasson, Rev. James Campbell, Hon. R. W. Hall, Rev. C. A. Lehmburg, C. H. Beneke.

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OFFICIAL MINUTES.

First Day's Proceedings.

The fourteenth regular session of the Texas State Epworth League Conference, being the second annual encampment, convened at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Friday morning, August 3, 1906, with President Gus W. Thomasson in the chair and the following members of the cabinet present: Miss Belle Taylor, Second Vice-President; Prof. W. A. Palmer, Third Vice-President; Rev. C. A. Lehmburg, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. A. C. Ellis, Junior Superintendent; A. K. Ragsdale, Secretary. The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Secretary A. J. Weeks, Rev. G. S. Sexton, Dr. Jas. Campbell, C. H. Beneke.

Beginning at 9:30 a. m. Prayer and Praise service was conducted by Rev. T. S. Armstrong, Pastor Morrow Street Methodist Church of Waco. The Scripture lesson was taken from the 10th chapter of John, and at the close a spirited testimony meeting was held, in which 36 talks were made in twelve minutes. The key-note of the conference was set in a high spiritual plain at this service. Promptly at 10 o'clock the President declared the fourteenth regular session of the conference in order, and a preliminary organization was entered into. It was decided that Dr. Alderson's Essentials of Parliamentary Law should be the rules of order governing the business proceedings of the conference. It was not thought necessary to fix a bar for delegates for the business sessions, and one was not established.

Upon motion and second a Credential Committee was ordered and the President appointed Mr. D. H. Abernathy, of Pittsburg, Chairman, with Rev. F. B. Buchanan, of Beville, Miss Clara Harris, of Dallas, members thereof. It was moved and seconded that a calendar be placed from day to day, and Rev. Sterling Fisher was appointed as Calendar Secretary.

The enrollment of delegates followed, and badges were assigned to such as were provided with proper credentials. The President announced that it was his desire to begin the services promptly on time, and to this end he had had installed a clock, and made request that the watches be set by it so that there might be no misunderstanding as to when the services would begin from time to time.

Prof. Victor Howell, Musical Direc-

tor, then took charge of the meeting and organized a choir consisting of something more than 100 voices. A short intermission was given, and at 11 o'clock Bishop Joseph S. Key delivered the opening sermon. The first lesson was from the 26th Psalm and the text was from Matthew 3:16, 17.

At the close of the sermon announcements were made concerning various matters in connection with the Encampment, and adjournment was had at 12:30.

Beginning at 8 o'clock p. m., a spirited song service was held under the direction of Prof. Howell, and additions were made to the choir, increasing the number of singers to about 200.

At 8:30 Dr. R. S. Hyer, Regent of Southwestern University at Georgetown, delivered an address on the subject of "Education." At the conclusion announcements for the following day were made and the conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The second day's session of the State League Conference was opened at 9 o'clock with a Prayer and Praise service conducted by Rev. J. B. Andrews, of Siloam Springs, Ark. He took for his text Romans 10:9, 10. At the conclusion of this service, as at the former one, a short testimony meeting was held. The business session scheduled for 9:15 was delayed until 9:30. At this time the following Committee on Resolutions was appointed: Dr. C. C. Cody, of Georgetown, Chairman; Miss Mary Decherd, of Austin; H. H. Hallsell, of Decatur; Miss Jennie Bering, of Houston; Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, of Mexico. Chairman Sexton, of the Assembly Committee, submitted his final report. The following ushers were appointed: Geo. A. Jones, Usher in Chief; W. E. Hawkins, Frank Reedy, Rev. Nath. Powell, Grover Robinson, Arthur Ayres. The President announced that the Committee on Nomination would be appointed at a subsequent meeting. At this juncture the following were introduced to the conference by Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, Chairman of the Assembly Committee: Mr. John W. Shackford, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Mabel Howell, Kansas City; Miss Elizabeth A. Streater, Meridian, Miss.; Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, of Mexico. At the request of the President Bishop Key took the gavel and presided during the remainder of the session.

The President delivered his annual address which was ordered referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The classes in Church History, Bible study and Mission study were organized, Miss Mabel Howell being in charge of the first, Miss Streater in charge of the second and Mr. Shackford in charge of the latter.

At the conclusion of the organization of these classes, Mrs. A. C. Ellis, Junior Superintendent, took charge of the meeting and presided during the period assigned to the Junior League work, during which the following program was carried out:

Talk: "Our Aim to Make the Child a Trained Worker, Hon. L. L. Holt, Austin.

Talk: "Can a Junior League be a Success in the Country," Mrs. S. M. Lillard, Seguin.

Talk: "What Should be Done to Interest Parents in the Junior League," Mrs. C. W. Henry, Cleburne.

Talk: "A Sunday Afternoon's Lesson Practically Demonstrated," Mrs. W. F. Robertson, Gonzales.

At 12:45 conference adjourned with the League benediction.

At 8 o'clock song service was conducted by Prof. Howell. At 8:30 Rev. W. B. Andrews, of Siloam Springs, delivered an address on the subject of Worldly Amusements.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The conference was organized into a Sunday-school at 9:30 by Mr. D. H. Abernathy, of Pittsburg, President of the Texas Methodist Sunday-school Association, assisted by the following corps of officers:

D. H. Abernathy, Superintendent in Chief; Frank Reedy and W. E. Hawkins, Assistant Superintendents; O. P. Grant, Secretary; Ed. Barcus, Assistant Secretary; F. C. A. Lehmburg, Treasurer; L. B. Newberry, Assistant Treasurer; Geo. A. Jones, W. E. Hawkins, Jr., Bert C. Coe, James Campbell, Jr., Ushers; Victor Howell, Chorister; Miss Mattie Dunlap, Pianist.

At the conclusion of this service the following report was made:

Total number of scholars present, 904; officers and teachers, 19; total attendance, 923; amount of contribution, \$20.18; number of contributors, 359; number reported as attending Church preceding Sunday, 650; number present belonging to no Sunday-school, 17; number of Bibles present 110. Perfect order and good recitation.

At 11 o'clock Rev. G. C. Rankin, D., Editor Texas Christian Advocate,

Continued on



H. P. Walker



H. C. Walker, Jr.



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#### MUSIC.

We offer full graduate courses in Piano, Voice and Violin. Our teachers are teachers with a reputation. A Grand Concert is now on our stage and a car of new Starr pianos made to our order will be in place September 1. Eighteen in our violin class last year.

#### EXPRESSION AND PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Our work in this department is up-to-date, and is emphasized as an important feature of a finished training.

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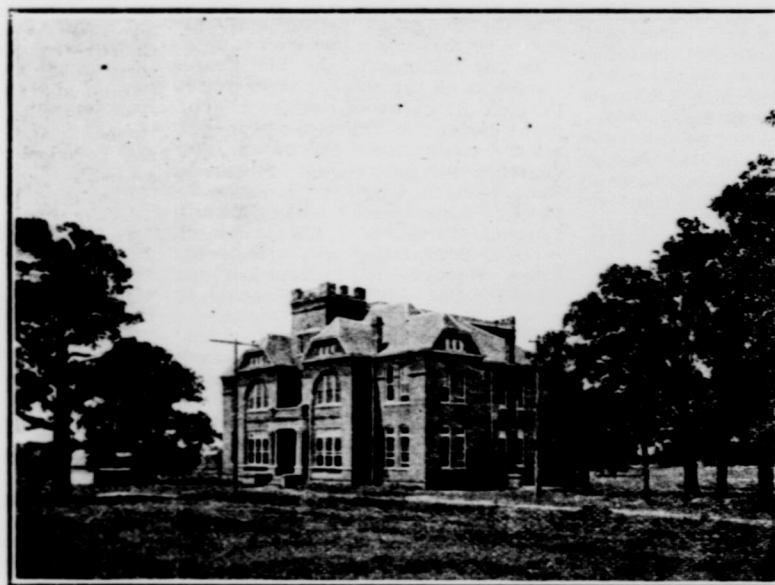


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Notes From the Field.

Oak Branch.

S. H. Morgan, Aug. 16: Our camp-meeting was well attended; twenty-five camps, thirty-five conversions and reclamations, fifteen additions to the Church.

Friendship.

Minor Bonds, August 12: We have just closed a fine revival at Friendship. The whole Church was revived.

Proctor.

J. J. Canafax, August 17: A great meeting has just closed here. We had thirty-five professions and twenty-seven additions to the Church.

Preston.

J. T. Turner, Aug. 16: Our camp-meeting closed Sunday night with twenty-six conversions and twenty-one added to the Church.

ful as the one just held, Preston will be able to assume the name circuit instead of mission next year.

Woodbine.

Frank M. Sherwood, August 14: The third Quarterly Conference of Sadler Circuit, Sherman District, convened August 12, at Basin Springs.

Birthright.

James H. Averitt, August 15: You have no doubt heard of Methodists uniting with other people in a meeting, but we united three small Methodist appointments.

School Hill.

D. A. Neel, August 6: Our meeting at School Hill has been a grand success. Our pastor, Rev. J. T. Owen, is loved by everybody.

Floyd.

J. C. Moore, August 13: We have closed our meetings for the summer. We began at Caddo Mills June 24, ran twelve days, had twelve conversions and seven accessions.

Pleasant Grove.

C. W. Godwin: The annual camp-meeting at Keglar Hill began July 20 and ran ten days. Rev. Sam J. Franks, of Fredonia did most of the preaching.

in Southern Methodism. Great good was done, which will abide. Weather conditions not favorable, but the crowd grew larger all the time.

Grapevine Circuit.

M. S. Leveridge, August 18: We have just closed a great meeting at Eulless. The presence of the Lord and the power of his Spirit was with us from the beginning.

Dickens.

O. P. Clark, August 15: Just closed a great revival at Wichita with seventeen conversions and seven accessions to the Church.

Bluff Dale.

S. P. Brown, August 20: We closed a good meeting yesterday at Tolar at the morning service. I asked for \$1500 with which to improve our church building at Tolar.

Tupelo.

S. J. Rucker, August 20: On last night we closed a good meeting at Tupelo. There were about fifteen conversions and reclamations and six additions to the Church.

Campbell Circuit.

C. W. Dennis, August 17: We have not been idle over here. We have had a very fine year so far. Have just finished our round of revival meetings.

Crandall and Seago.

R. B. Moreland, August 20: On the first Sunday in July I began a meeting at Combine under a brush arbor.

ing there in the spring. We had about twelve conversions, several additions and the Church revived.

Red Oak.

I. E. Hightower, August 20: We have just closed our round of protracted meetings for Red Oak Circuit. Our first meeting was held at Dixon Chapel, which resulted in about ten additions.

SOME IFs AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES.

While at Waller, Texas, with Bro. J. W. Hennessee in a revival meeting between the hours of service a spell of meditation gets hold on me.

If there is a God and a heaven, and a devil and a hell, they are vividly described in the King James' translation of the Scriptures.

If surviving, ignorant, skeptical and wicked attacks, defying the flames of Popish persecution and destruction, and trampling over the centuries of ridicule and criticism, are evidences of intrinsic value, then our present book of Holy Scriptures has considerable stratas of spiritual gold in it.

If the present ideas of some Methodist preachers are to be carried out, the Bishops, in their Annual Conference sermons, will soon have to cut out "who ever heard of Methodists revising their creed?"

If no man is so uncertain of his faith as the one who wants to dispute over it, then some Methodists need to be assured that they are Methodists. If the present Articles of Religion and doctrines of Methodism make men live righteous and "die well," and give them assurance of a bright future, to disturb them might be disastrous.

If our leading men will spend their forces against sin and for the revision of the moral creed of the world, revivals will follow sooner than from attacks upon the Bible and Church politics.

If one great man who believes immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism gets elected Bishop, all us little fellows of Methodism won't have to be immersed till after another General Conference any way!

If religion "crowns the gray head with honor, adorns the youthful character, tames the savage disposition of man, builds bulwarks of salvation around unprotected innocence, warms the poet's heart, inspires the tongue of the orator, soothes the sorrows of the bereaved, softens the bed of affliction, and points the dying pilgrim to his endless rest," then religion and not revision is what the world needs.

If the Devil and his crowd ever opposed new translating and revision committees, I never heard of it.

If the tampering with our Articles of Religion will go like "Laymen in the Bishop's Cabinet," some of us will rejoice.

If Bible revision goes on, we may look for an improved hell and a respectable Devil some day—a real fashionable outfit.

If the brethren want my help in meetings, they will have to hold after September. I am engaged till then.

One more "if." If prohibition would close the saloons in Brenham on Sunday, it would be a good thing for Brenham. D. A. GREGG. Lometa, Texas.

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# Devotional and Spiritual

## THE HOLY LIFE.

Why should it be thought a strange thing that men should attain to holiness in this present world? Do not the Scriptures command it? And does not a command of God imply the promise of its possible realization? Who is our God that He should mock man by calling men to impossibilities? And who is our God that, if holiness is desirable for man and a credential of the presence of God among men, it should still be an illusion and deception, at once a passionate desire on the part of man, a definite command on the part of God—and yet, from the cradle to the grave a will-o'-the-wisp which eludes and tantalizes even as you think you clasp it to your heart.

If holiness is the life of inward purity, the life of devotion and of a Christ-like love, if it is a purification of the gold from its dross, why should it be thought so novel or so rare? What less than a life of holiness really honors the sacrifice of Calvary? For what purpose was the blood of the Son of God poured forth on that altar of the cross, if not to make men holy, holy here, holy now? Is not holiness the goal and the explanation of redemption? Does not any teaching short of this "power in the blood" limit at once its infinite capacity and its infinite desire? Sometimes the soul, buffeted, beaten down, stained by base desire which leaps upon it with a tiger's spring, cries out: "O my father, is this the life of the Christian? Didst thou send thy Son to save us only in part, to leave us still to be beaten down, and finally to fall into hell?" Surely such a salvation can not be the measure of the capacity of Calvary.

No; man was made to feel the full power of an indwelling God and Savior—to put sin away by the expulsive power of the Savior's love. "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us," says the epistle of John, "because he hath given us of his spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him because he first loved us."

What becomes the experience of the holy life has been by many beautifully set forth. But we today select this testimony of Dr. James H. Potts, who says:

"When the soul takes God at his word, and believes unto the gaining of a clean heart, the load of guilt removes. Then the Sun of righteousness bursts forth and causes a heavenly day. Then comes peace like a river, deep and strong. The world is beautiful. The goodness and glory of God seem impressed upon every object. The soul is filled with love. Friends are more precious than ever, and even enemies are loved. Jesus is the chiefest among ten thousand. The Bible is the one book in the world; religion is the only blessedness. The desire increases to live entirely for God, to do something for His glory. Every day is a Sabbath. The whole life is a consecration and blessing. The soul strives to carry out religion in business, in society, in dress, in conversation, in every-day duties, in home affairs—in short, in all things. The cry is 'O Lord, show me Thy path! What wilt Thou have me to do?' Death loses its sting; for the sting of death is sin, and sin is

gone. Pride is gone. Unbelief is gone. The future is glorious with promise. Often in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ. Communion with God is close and fervent. At times the soul almost meets him face to face, and talks to him as with a friend. It sees such loveliness in his character, such goodness in his dealings, such wonders in his bounty, that it is completely absorbed. The conversation is in heaven, and the life is hid with Christ in God. Contentment follows contentment, with all the allotments and dispensations of divine Providence, whether in themselves prosperous or adverse, joyous or afflictive. Temper is controlled; appetites, propensities and passions are in subjection. A sacred respect is felt and paid to all the laws of God, moral and physical. Wrong habits are corrected; a victory over the world, the flesh and the devil is realized. The desire is unto God. The Spirit's help is ever sought. The divine baptism is craved and felt, in which the choicest influences descend even as the dew of Hermon and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

Any series of glimpses of the holy life which we hope to spread before our readers as the weeks pass by are of course but partial. But it must ever be borne in mind that, as this experience of the holy life may be attained, so it may be lost. John Fletcher says he attained and lost it four times. Many do lose the grace, doubtless, for it is not a package; it is a heart life. Let him therefore that standeth take heed lest he fall. Let him that professeth to-day what he professed on some yesterday, beware lest into his profession there creep some spirit of boasting or criticism, which is the birthday of hypocrisy and the Pharisee.

But the holy life is the heritage, the lawful possession of every son and daughter of Adam. It is practical, scriptural, psychological, sensible, available—now. O breath of God, breathe upon the valleys of dry bones that they may live, and fully live in Thee.—Central Advocate.

## KEEP NEAR TO GOD.

The more earnestly and constantly one prays, the closer will be the approach to God. Prayer is not only asking for blessings, it is in itself a blessing and a privilege, and when one truly prays he is aware of uplift, of strength, of courage and of power. "Enter into thy closet, and shut thy door, and pray to thy Father; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

After aspiration what? Naturally in sequence, endeavor. Doing the will of God, doing it in little things, doing it wherever he has placed us; in the shop, in the kitchen, on the highway. Not always is the service one we would choose, but if God choose it for us, we are not reluctant; we try to obey. Often the task is set for us in a lowly place, a place of great obscurity. No matter. If God sent us down in the dark, his candle will light our every step. What does it mean to you or me that day by day we find opportunities growing out of the soil of humility, like forget-me-nots on the bank of the rippling stream, if not that God is assigning us the daily work, and that in his view every place is honorable in which he uses our hands? What cheer and gladness we find in following the Master, even when the clouds gather thickly and the cross weighs heavily! For, dear friends, when the cross is most a burden, it is also most a lever, lifting us skyward.

The temptation to seclude one's self from the activities and contacts of the world, and to step aside and stay in the cloister has come to many

a child of God. But unless he himself shuts the door, and puts a hedge around one, nearness to him is not thus surely found. The devil can penetrate into the cells, and thoughts wander even in the brooding hush of the sanctuary. Rather shall we win our way to him by placing ourselves at his disposal, and discover new surprises of his love by living where we may bring others to know the fullness of the Lord's kindness.—"The Joyful Life."

## THOU SHALT KNOW HEREAFTER.

God keeps a school for his children here on earth, and one of his best teachers in disappointment. My friend, when you and I reach our Father's house, we shall look back and see that the sharp-voiced, rough-visaged teacher, disappointment, was one of the best guides to train us for it. He gave us hard lessons; he often used the rod; he often led us into thorny paths; he sometimes stripped off a load of luxuries; but that only made us travel the freer and the faster on our heavenward way. He sometimes led us down into the valley of the death shadow, but never did the promises read so sweet as when spelled out by the eye of faith in that very valley. Nowhere did he leave us so often, or teach us such sacred lessons, as at the cross of Christ. Dear old rough-handed teacher! We will build a monument to thee yet, and crown it with garlands, and inscribe on it: "Blessed be the memory of Disappointment!"

## HELPED TO BE GOOD.

In an interview on his religious life, a young man thus spoke: "When I was ten years old, I wanted to be a good boy, and I believed Jesus Christ would help me; and thus without any theological knowledge and with little knowledge of what it is to be a Christian, but with a strong desire to be a good boy and a prayer to Jesus to help me, I started, joined the Church, and have been going ever since; and I find about all I need to know is to be sure that I want to be good, and ask constantly for divine help, and I get it." These are words to set one thinking. They are words of wisdom, and their wisdom grows out of a rich spiritual experience. They do not scorn theology as a science; they simply rise superior to it. In them is shown a glimpse of the secret of the truly religious life, which so ultimately knows God through Jesus Christ that the life is filled with him and his thoughts. The experience of this young man throws light on the question of the relations of child life to God. His words make the matter so very simple. One careful reading of them with a prayerful heart should drive away all uncertainty. Little children belong to God. They are the models for all true living. Jesus told us that when he said that to be a Christian one must "become as little children." The child knows nothing of theology, but it desires to be good, and in its simplicity asks Jesus to help, and he does. If men would get nearer to God, let them learn his secrets as the little ones learn them.—Selected.

## NO MORE SEA.

The sea is the symbol of separation. It separated John on Patmos from his friends in Ephesus. I think that is his first thought here. But, he says, this is not for long. Continents, and seas, and misunderstandings, and sins, and prejudices sunder us here, but not there. The friends who fell asleep not long ago are separated from us; but when we follow them, and get where the redeemed are, and look upon the well-remembered faces, there will come to our memories like the words of some old sweet song—"there is no more sea." United never more to be separated!

But the separations of time by lake and sea and river and conti-

nent and condition and death are but pale, unsubstantial ghosts compared with the separations of eternity. Like Judas, each of us shall go "to his own place." Not the place God has made for us, but the place each has made for himself—where character, formed here, puts him. The streams which have made that sea of separation have had their source in human hearts impatient of restraint, thoughtless as to the future, indifferent as to God and the soul.

The butterfly life—motto, pleasure; the mole life—motto, care of the world; the swine life—motto, lust; streams from them all flow continually into that dark sea. No ships on its bosom. Raging winds of the sea sweep over its waters, an eternal tornado, a storm which no bark from the shore of the separated can hope to weather.

Alas, for the things which might have been! They stand upon the jagged rocks, the gloom-clad cliffs of the farther shore, and contemplate their doom. "There at length they shall judge themselves as God has always judged them."

Their lost or misused opportunities; their forfeited birthright—their glorious possibility ineffable in its glory, their awful actuality ineffable in its awfulness; the nature which God gave them, the nature they have made themselves; the destiny for which he designed them, the destiny to which they have doomed themselves—these will fasten upon their thoughts, till the contemplation must terminate in madness, were not madness a mercy belonging to the world of flesh alone.—Selected.

## THE RAREST AND CROWNING GRACE.

Mr. Alexander MacLaren says: "Giving is essential to the completeness of Christian character. It is the crowning grace, because it is the manifestation of the highest excellence. It is the result of sympathy, unselfishness, or contact with Christ; of drinking in of his Spirit." Mr. Speer says: "We can not serve God and mammon, but we can serve God with mammon." Doctor Chapman urges Christians to "give until it hurts, and then keep on giving till it does not hurt." There is needed one more revival among Christians," declared Horace Bushnell, "a revival of Christian giving. When that revival comes the kingdom of God will come in a day." The great Apostle Paul said: "As ye abound in love, see that ye abound in this grace (of giving) also." And He who gave all, even to the sacrifice of his own life, said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Selected.

## THE TEST OF SUCCESS.

We all chafe at times under the sense of outward limitations. We are hampered by precedents, by repute, by the peculiarities of our co-workers, by the conservatism and inertia that often mark otherwise excellent institutions and organizations. We think that our field of labor affords hardly scope enough for our powers of initiative and achievement. How much we would do if circumstances were otherwise! But would we? How do we know that we should write that great book, paint that worthy picture, carry this or that enterprise to its highest point of development, attain our ideal, if we were free from all trammels? Perhaps we would not accomplish one whit more than we are doing now. A story in a recent magazine, powerfully delineated the surprise and disappointment that were the lot of a man who gave up an honorable breadwinning profession to indulge his desire to write. He thought that when relieved of his routine labors he could realize his highest ideals, and yet, he was not keen enough to see his mistake even when his fond, but discerning wife, replying to his querulous assertion, that he was born to write, said: "Never; I am here to live and to

love and to work and to help." Eternally true were her words. The test of a man's success is what he can do within his limitations and not what he might do, were every outward condition favorable. The Apostle Paul, who did as large a work as almost any man ever did, did it conscious that he "was pressed on every side."

## THE COST OF SERVICE.

No man can be thoroughly furnished in order to be a success as God wants him to be until he has paid the price. It costs something to let the Lord "purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

First, the price. We must, like the man who bought the "pearl of great price," "sell all" that we have. It means entire consecration. No man can reach the highest point of efficiency until he has entirely yielded himself and all his powers to God, and is willing to be and do and suffer the will of God. It is like turning over dull tools to a master mechanic to have them tempered and sharpened.

Second, what the bargain brings us. It brings the destruction of the carnal nature. This is the great hindrance to successful service. It is the impediment that hinders the flow of the power. It causes selfishness, timidity and indifference to the welfare of the cause of God. When the old carnal nature is dead, then we lose these things, and our soul is all on fire to do the will of God. As soon as we pay the price we shall get what God has for us.—Christian Witness and Advocate.

"The secret of a pure life is a pure heart. Clean lives, noble deeds, Christlike characters, are the incarnation of pure thoughts. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." The man of impure thoughts will not long speak pure words. If, then, our lives are to be clean and sweet, we need to think often of God and his holy attributes, his mercy, his truth, his compassion, his goodness, his fatherly care, his protection and his perfection."

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THAT LAREDO MISSION SCHOOL.

Again we call attention to the Laredo Mission School. We are receiving contributions to replace it. It was destroyed in the great storm of a year ago. It is necessary to the work we are doing on the border, and our good women are anxious to rebuild it. They can not do it by themselves, so the Advocate is calling for contributions. Send us your amount at once, and let us help those women to save these Mexicans right here on our border. We have received a few contributions, but we want others immediately. Send to us and it will be acknowledged in the Advocate.

One of the hopeful signs of the times is the improvement noted in the habits and characters of politicians. We had thousands of them in Dallas for several days recently, and we mixed with them generally and we are prepared to say that we saw less drinking among them than was ever observed in such a gathering before. Of course there was some drinking, but it was exceptional. The great body of them were sober Christian men, and demeaned themselves like gentlemen. They were, in the main, representative men and a credit to the State. To meet them was a pleasure, and to mingle with them a delight. We heard no profanity and saw but little ungentlemanly conduct. It speaks well for the moral sentiment of the State when such a body of men can be thus spoken of and commended. A great many of them were young men, intelligent and in the forefront of political counsels. The man who says that the manhood of Texas is not moving toward a higher plane ought to have been in Dallas last week and mixed with that great gathering.

FIFTY-TWO YEARS OLD.

The Advocate in this issue completes its fifty-second year. Its career has covered a good portion of the history of Texas, and been an important factor in the moral and religious development of the State. It started as the Wesleyan Banner, and no one is now living who was connected with its editorial management at that day, and only a few subscribers are now living who took the paper from the first. Now and then we meet one, but they are few and far between. During its early years, the Advocate had a hard struggle to live, and its ups and downs were many; but it has always been true to the Church and the moral welfare of the State. For a great many years it has been on a successful basis, especially since the present publisher has had charge of its management. Today the Advocate is regarded as the strongest single moral force in Texas, and it is far-reaching in its influence upon public sentiment. As it starts out on its fifty-third year, we pray for it a useful career, and we know that thousands of its readers will say amen!

DEATH OF REV. M. A. BLACK.

Rev. M. A. Black, of the West Texas Conference, and stationed at Floresville, died last Monday after a severe illness of several weeks. He was a prominent member of his conference and filled a number of its leading appointments as preacher in charge and as presiding elder. He was past middle manhood, but still in the prime of life, and, until his last illness, was capable of fine work in the pulpit and pastorate. He was held in high esteem by his brethren and loved by a large host of friends and acquaintances. He was a man of good endowments and useful gifts, and he was possessed of a royal nature. He had a great big body, but a big body was needed to carry his great big heart. In his home he was a model husband and a worshiped father. Bro. Black will be greatly missed at the sessions of his conference, but he has had a hearty welcome to the membership of the conference beyond the river. He died in the faith and passed triumphantly to his reward. The Advocate extends sympathy to his family and to his brethren in the ministry.

A SORROWFUL ACCIDENT.

Last Saturday evening Thos. A. Manning, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Manning, of our First Church in this city, was drowned in the Oak Cliff Lake. He was one of the finest young men in the city, a member of First Methodist Church, possessed of exemplary character and model life. In mind he was very superior, and a very promising student in Yale University. He was the idol of his father and mother, the pride of a host of relatives and a general favorite among a great company of friends. Had his life been spared he would have become noted as a man of scholarship. He had laudable ambition and brightest prospects. The young man had just finished his work in his father's office late Saturday evening and went over to the lake for a little recreation with his friends. While in bathing he was seized with cramps and before help could reach him he sank in twenty feet of water to rise no more in life. The accident was a shock to the whole community, and the sympathy of a wide circle of friends was poured into their aching hearts. They are sadly stricken, but do not mourn as those without hope, for Thomas was a good and noble young man, and a consistent member of the Church.

GOVERNOR LANHAM AND THE CONVENTION.

During the progress of the late Democratic Convention a motion was made to invite Governor Lanham to address that body, a very proper thing to do under the circumstances. When the motion was put, there were a few thoughtless members who shouted, "No, No," but the motion was carried by a large majority. As the

Governor proceeded, there were a few who persisted in interrupting him with impolite demonstrations, and finally the Governor took his seat, to the mortification and humiliation of the great majority of the convention. Such treatment is without excuse and deserves the severest rebuke and condemnation of all well-thinking and well-bred people. Governor Lanham is a high-toned gentleman a life-long member of his party, a patriot and a Christian, and he has given to the State a clean, straight-forward and honest administration. While he has not been very aggressive or spectacular, nevertheless he has done his duty faithfully and with a good conscience. The great body of Texas citizens will not approve the conduct of the few who reflected upon themselves and their State by their utter lack of good breeding and common politeness. But they were following in the wake of one of the late candidates for Governor who made it his especial business to ridicule and humiliate the State administration during the progress of the heated canvass. Hence these persons in the convention thought it the proper thing to hoot the Governor when the convention invited him to speak to that body. But they do not represent the bone and sinew of the people of Texas, for that is not the habit of genuine well-bred cultured Texans. Governor Lanham will go out of office with the respect and good wishes of the great majority of the people of Texas as an upright man, a good citizen and a faithful official.

We have been asked to state the law passed by our recent General Conference giving authority to unordained ministers to celebrate the marriage ceremony and to administer the rite of baptism. The following is the law: "Question. What are the duties of a preacher who has charge of a circuit, station or mission? Answer. To preach the gospel; to celebrate the rite of matrimony, provided it does not conflict with civil laws; in the absence of an Elder or a Bishop, to administer baptism; and in the absence of the presiding elder or Bishop, to control the appointment of all services to be held in the Church; in his charge, with the understanding that no permanent powers of ordination are conferred until the same shall be granted by the laying on of hands after he shall have met the Disciplinary requirements." This section applies to any unordained minister who is supplying an appointment by the authority of the conference, or who is a probationer on trial in the conference. No unordained preacher, not in charge of a work, has the power to celebrate the rite of matrimony, or to administer baptism; and when he is in charge of work by the appointment of the conference, he only has this power in the absence of an elder or a Bishop. It is the purpose of this law to meet emergencies in the work of the Church where an unordained man is in charge, and at the same time to carefully guard the sanctity of Church ordination.

The great speech of Senator Chas. A. Culberson before the recent State Democratic Convention, in which he scored the impudence and aggression of the liquor traffic, and which speech created the wildest demonstration of approval, was only made possible by the manly and heroic campaign waged by his life-long friend, Judge M. M. Brooks. The effect of that campaign in the interest of the enforcement of law and the maintenance of order, the purity of home and the nobility of citizenship will continue to bear fruit for years to come. It has placed the cause of good public morals ten years in advance of what it was when his campaign began. And had that contest gone on two weeks longer, the result would be very different today in the politics of Texas. The wisest of the leaders who were not supporters of this brave and noble jurist concede this fact. He handled these questions in a way that is causing people to

think on them more seriously than ever before. As a matter of fact we are face to face with the questions of obedience to law or the reign of anarchy, the home or the saloon. And Judge Brooks is the first public man to stand for this high office who has ever walked boldly up to these questions and treated them like a statesman; and when his friend, Senator Culberson, stood before that great body the time was ripe for that magnificent deliverance which has made him famous in Texas. And Texas will never forget her two bold and courageous friends. The future will disclose the fact that Brooks and Culberson are permanently fixed in the public opinion and moral sentiment of this great Commonwealth. Great moral questions are the burning issues before our people. Mark the statement.

One day last week we found ourselves at the Oriental Hotel in a strange company of men. It seemed to happen accidentally, but it happened. Among them were Roger Burnes, Senator Stafford, John Onion, Major Gresham, Mr. Wourmond, Mayor Hammel, Governor Pendleton, Mont Moore and old man Johnston, of the Houston Post. They met us most cordially and really seemed glad of the opportunity. We reciprocated their greetings, fired a few sharp shots at them, admonished them of what they might expect and separated. Who says that the friends of the liquor and beer interests are not taking a profound part in the politics of Texas? They are giving to this feature more study than to any other part of the political life of Texas. They are organized, they vote, they attend conventions, and they are suspicious of the growth of moral sentiment. They know what is going on and they keep an eye on the movements of the leaders of public thought. And nearly every one of them is a close reader of the Texas Christian Advocate. We were surprised to find all these men and others of their kind so thoroughly familiar with the teachings of our Church organ. They are not asleep—they are wide awake and watching with keen interest everything that is said or done touching the relation of Church people to the liquor and beer business.

THE NEW BOOK OF DISCIPLINE.

The new Discipline for this quadrennium is out and we have a copy of it before us. It is a superb piece of work, handsomely gotten up, and it contains all the new legislation enacted by the last General Conference. It comprises the decisions of the Board of Bishops on all questions of law. In many respects it is an improvement on the old edition, and it ought to be in the hands of our preachers and people.

The Hon. Thomas M. Campbell, who received the nomination for Governor at the Democratic Convention and who will be elected to that honorable position, is a native Texan and a lawyer of distinction. His home is Palestine, where he has accumulated a substantial fortune, and he is a citizen of whom his home people are justly proud. He is in the prime of life, has a robust constitution and is well-equipped for the responsible duties of life. He would hardly be ranked as a great man, but he has excellent ability, is very self-possessed, and he is a master of details when it comes to handling an executive proposition. He has behind him a large following of mixed interests and a variety of supporters; and to properly attend to them all and please everybody who is claiming to have contributed to his success will be an undertaking of huge proportions. But he is a patriotic citizen, knows the needs of the State, and he will no doubt make a good Chief Executive. On the local option question he has a consistent record; but during his campaign he made no special concessions to that question. He received a good deal of support from whiskey and beer sections, but we hardly think that he made any

explicit concessions to that business. Of course, as a politician, he wanted all the votes he could get, and now that he has the position he sought, we hope for him success in guiding the affairs of the State.

PERSONALS.

Rev. S. L. Crowson, of Farmers Branch charge, made the Advocate a brotherly call last week. He will soon have a new church to dedicate at one of his appointments, and his work is prosperous.

Rev. F. M. Neal, of Rosen Heights, near Ft. Worth, preached most acceptably for the Trinity Church people last Sunday morning and night. On Monday he made the Advocate a very pleasant visit.

Rev. W. F. Clark dropped in to see us this week. He is down on our conference roll as an "old man," but he is helping the brethren constantly in protracted meetings. He is possessed of much vigor and vitality.

Brother F. B. Terry, of Montgomery Chapel, Dallas County, made us a good visit this week. He is a prosperous farmer and a good layman in our Church. He told us of a good meeting recently conducted in his Church by the pastor, Brother Douglass.

Our old friend, Brother George W. Crowder, of Houston, dropped in to see us recently. We were his pastor four years at Shearn Church, and no truer man than he lives in Texas or anywhere else. He is a constant reader of the Advocate, and a great friend of the paper.

Mr. G. C. Sparkman, a worthy layman, of Irene, Texas, was an interested spectator at the Democratic Convention in Dallas last week. We were pleased to meet him in the Advocate office. He gave an encouraging account of his pastor's (Rev. G. W. Kincheloe) work.

Rev. W. A. Knoble, member of the German Mission Conference, and living at Houston, announces the marriage of his daughter, Miss Nellie May, to Mr. Edwin Will Harzels, which event occurred August 15. The Advocate extends congratulations to the young couple.

Rev. L. F. Palmer, a superannuate member of the North Texas Conference, and now living in a home for superannuate ministers at Nocona, was in the city this week and made the Advocate an interesting visit. He is a native Texan and has rendered the Church valuable service in his day. He is cheerful, interested in the work and keeps up with the brethren.

The appeal of "Uncle Dick" Thompson in this issue ought to strike a responsive chord in the hearts of the preachers and people of the Texas Conference. Had he mentioned the name of the good woman and her three children, the readers would recognize a worthy and a needy case. Write to him and he will give you the names if you want them; but this is not necessary. The noble woman is the widow of one of the good men of that conference, who gave his life to the work, and that is enough. Send a contribution as soon as you read what he says, and help this heroic woman struggling under the burden of her widowhood.

CHURCH NEWS.

The suit brought against Bishop Hendrix for damages by one of our preachers was thrown out of court a few days ago.

Prof. W. F. Tillet, D. D., Dean of the Vanierbilt Theological Seminary, is spending the summer in the mountains at Waynesville, N. C.

President Snyder, of Wofford, after delivering a series of lectures before the University of Chicago on Southern Literature, was called to Chautauqua, New York, to deliver a series on the same topic.

Dr. Young J. Allen will sail from San Francisco on the steamship Korea, for China on September 4. He hopes to reach Shanghai on October 2, the day before the opening of the China Conference.

Rev. R. A. Torrey, D. D., and Mr. Charles M. Alexander have been invited by the pastors of Nashville to hold revival services in that city, and the invitation has been accepted and the time set for October 14 to November 11.

The first General Conference will meet in the city of Tokyo, Japan, May 1, 1907. Delegates to the same

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will be elected at the next session of the Annual Conference. Commissioners representing the uniting Churches will be present at this first General Conference to assist by counsel and consultation in the organization of the new Church.

A cablegram from Bishop Candler to his brother, Mr. Asa G. Candler, announced the Bishop's safe arrival at Yokohama. The Bishop sailed from Seattle on the twenty-fifth of July, and after fourteen days' voyage landed at Yokohama.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill have been hard at work this summer. The Training School for Sunday-school workers, which they conducted last month at the Montezale Assembly, was very largely attended. They are now engaged in a similar school at Winona Lake.

DEATH OF A DEAR SON.

Cullum Rogers, the eldest son of the late Rev. J. P. Rogers, died at the home of his mother in Kyle, Texas August 4, 1906. He was a happy Christian. My darling boy was twenty-five years old, unmarried, and a great help and support to me.

MRS. J. P. ROGERS.

READY TO HELP.

I am so situated that I can help in meetings until the meeting of the Texas Conference about December 1. Have held several meetings and have several engagements ahead. If you need me, write to

W. C. BRACEWELL, 2417 Compton Ave., Houston, Tex.

AN APPEAL.

My Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Texas Conference:

I have just received a letter from a widow of one of our preachers. She has no home, no father nor mother. She has three children. She asks for a home. Will you help me buy a home for her? The home will belong to the Texas Conference, but she will be permitted to occupy it as long as she needs it.

Dear brethren, let us get this home before cold weather. Send all letters to me at this place.

R. W. THOMPSON, 391 Ervay St., Dallas, Texas.

OPEN LETTER TO REV. W. E. CAPERTON.

Dear Brother: When I returned from "Camp Epworth," I took great pleasure in reading your article in the Advocate of July 26.

I rejoice that you had read Watson's Dictionary on the word Church; that you believe our Articles of Religion; that you actually believe in and practice infant baptism; and last, but not least, you recognize the fact that God had a people called his people long before Pentecost. You say God's people were called Israel. That is so; they were called Israel, Jews, Congregation, Church. But as Church before Christ's suffering proves nauseating to you, you can call the pill "Israel." I care little for names. Of course you know that Ecclesia originally meant any sort of assembly.

The above symptoms indicate that you are now convalescing nicely, so I dismiss your case with the prescription of Dr. R. Abbey's Ecce Ecclesia, taken daily until the whole is taken. This will prevent any relapse. Yours fraternally,

W. H. H. BIGGS.

GREEN'S GROWINGS.

Wesley couldn't any more make theology for the twentieth century than Stephenson could make locomotives for the twentieth century.

The same principle of steam power which moved the primitive engines turns the "high rollers" of the rapid present.

Old-time religion doesn't mean old-time application or back-number explication.

A restatement of faith is not necessarily out of harmony with great, growing, mighty, moving Methodism.

One may be thoroughly Wesleyan and yet progressive, wide-awake and up-to-date in doctrines and doings.

The man who lives in the past and talks of "the good old days," I fear has religion and learning minimized and his soul fossilized.

A tremendous demand is made on our modern Methodism— If Wesley can't fill it, Let's hear our Dean Tillett

JOHN E. GREEN.

It's no use for the preacher to know the stars in the heavens unless he knows how to lead sinners beyond them.—Ram's Horn.

OUR AIM—TO MAKE OF THE CHILD, A TRAINED WORKER.

Address of L. L. Hoge at the Encampment.

My Fellow Leaguers:

In appearing upon the platform on this memorable occasion in the early history of "Epworth by the Sea," in the presence of so large a representative gathering of our young Southern Methodism in Texas, to briefly discuss the topic assigned me by our faithful and efficient Epworth League State Cabinet, I beg to assure you that I am sensibly conscious of my inability to do justice to this, a subject of so momentous importance in the work of the great Evangelical Church we represent as the one now under consideration; and I am sure that you will not expect more in the few minutes allotted me than to give expression to a few thoughts that have suggested themselves to me concerning the work of training the children committed to our care by trustful parents for the discharge of those duties incidental to the life of the child Christian; and if in my simple way I can suggest that which will prove helpful and serve to stimulate you to renewed and more determined efforts in training the children for active and effectual citizenship in Christ's kingdom upon earth, I shall indeed be glad. The open history of human events, both sacred and profane, conclusively demonstrates that no lofty achievement has ever been attained without a fixed aim and a determined effort made to accomplish it. In the organization of this vast multitude of young Christian soldiers of the cross, known as the "Epworth League," we cannot fail to see the hand of Almighty God manifest, and eternity alone will be able to measure the responsibilities its object imposes. To take the world for Christ, as He would have us do, much depends upon how well equipped the children are for effective service in the great warfare we are waging against the dreadful enemy of man's immortal soul. Well has it been said that "The children of today are the society, the Church and the nation of tomorrow," and if this saying be a true one, think you not that the season of seed sowing is at hand, when that tender, plastic nature of innocent childhood should be carefully moulded into a well rounded Christian character, before a life, created for a high and holy purpose, in the image of Jehovah great, has been scared and ensnared by the Prince of Darkness and despair? Let us awake, my fellow Leaguers, from a state of appalling lethargy into which we have fallen, and rush to the rescue of the little ones throughout the land, if we would see the radiant light of civilization brighter burn and the religion of Christ deeply rooted in the hearts and lives of the children of men. If we mean to perpetuate the Church of the living God, much, I say, depends upon how well we discharge the duties of our stewardship in the kingdom of our Lord. As we labor in this great work of love, let us not weary in well doing, but remember that a wonderful deliverance fell from the lips of the Son of God as He stood upon the threshold of the world eternal, and looked back with loving pity upon a world that He had lived for, and died to redeem, when He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Armed with this divine authority, the followers of Jesus Christ for more than eighteen hundred years have been bravely battling against the angry waves of a storm-tossed sea of sin and idolatry; and while at times their little craft seemed destined to be destroyed, and was drifting helpless here and there at the mercy of those leaping waves, yet through the blinding mist that encompassed them about could be seen the beacon light of God's love and mercy ever shining, and today we rejoice in a knowledge of the fact that the influence of the Christian religion is being felt throughout the world wherever the product of His own mighty handwork doth dwell. Those parting words of admonition appeal today to every consecrated Epworth Leaguer within the limitless bounds of Methodism with that same degree of force as they did to the eleven sitting at meat to whom they were first spoken. How think you we can best obey this divine command from the sinless lips of the Son of God? Most of us understand the cultivation of some fragrant favorite flower, and that knowledge is best acquired by a careful study of its leading characteristics, therefore if we would train the children for active Christian service, it follows that we should make a prayerful study of the characteristics of the child nature. We must teach it that God is a God of infinite love, and that the Bible is replete with abundant proof that nothing is nearer the great throbbing heart of the Son of God than the little children and that it was He who lovingly said on one occasion, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come to me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven" and

that "Except ye be converted and become as a little child, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." It is highly important that we impress upon them the fact that our Savior places particular emphasis upon the two great words of Christian activity—come and go; that while He stands with outstretched beckoning hands and lovingly says to a lost and sin-cursed world "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" and "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," He immediately says "Go work in my vineyard" and "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work," and let us teach them that in His vineyard there is much work for their little hearts and hands to do and that our Savior, at the tender age of twelve years, gave them a beautiful example of Christian activity worthy of emulation, while sitting in the midst of the doctors in the Temple in Jerusalem, both hearing them and asking them questions, replied to the anxious inquiries of a sorrowing mother, "How is it, that ye seek me, wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? Let us strive to cultivate in them a spirit of systematic giving of their individual earnings, and let us tell them that there are millions of little children in heathen countries who have never heard of a Savior's love who are without the Bible and Christian literature, whose little souls are perishing for the want of the bread of life that must be carried to them by consecrated missionaries over the ocean wild and wide, and have them understand that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver and that He has said that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If we would reach that high standard of Christian perfection among the children towards which our united efforts are directed, it is essential that we carefully cultivate among them a spirit of piety, a supreme reverence for God and heavenly things, a loving sympathy for lost and suffering humanity and a willingness to heed the call for help, no matter from whence it comes, and to inculcate within them a general knowledge of the fundamental doctrinal principles and polity of our great Church, in so far as their youthful years will permit. Let us teach them that while they live in an age and world of books, that the Bible is pre-eminently in a class of its own that towers high above all others, like Mount Everest of the Himalayas does to the little molehill in the valley below, that upon its sacred pages is plainly portrayed the strait and narrow path that will lead earth's teeming millions, if they will, from this turbulent temporary abode to an eternal home beyond the skies. Wonderful responsibility that rests upon us; ten thousand times greater than ever rested upon the world's boasted military heroes, for the issues they had to meet pertained to things temporal, while ours to the spiritual and eternal. Be assured that God will require a good report concerning our stewardship in this busy, bustling world in which we live, showing what we have done with the talents committed to us, whether we have used them in trying to relieve the sufferings of the human race, and have pointed lost souls to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." What shall our record be? With a well trained army of consecrated Christian children, doing valiant service in His vineyard, let us always be ready to go out and meet the bridegroom when he comes, and then we will feel the thrill of joy unspeakable that must have permeated the heart and soul of St. Paul when he triumphantly said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. Although at times we may feel faint hearted and weary under the weight that bears us down, when it seems that the battle is all but lost, we can hear those cheering words of our immaculate commander as they come echoing and re-echoing down the ages, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world!" Then let us not be discouraged, but press forward with all our might to do the Savior's bidding, remembering that the duty is ours of sowing, and that God who giveth the increase will attend to the harvest. What a wonderful opportunity is afforded us in the work of child-training, in laying the foundation for that type of man and womanhood which had its highest expression in the meek and lowly Nazarene, the Man of Galilee. Shall we forget that the children are a priceless heritage, among God's best gifts to man, and that if we would see this little seed bud, bloom and blossom into the full grown flower, we must keep it nurtured with our prayers, watered with our tears, and surrounded by a pure Christian atmosphere that is life-giv-

ing, preserving and invigorating? Let us also remember that God's estimate of the little ones is indeed high, and in making a little child the symbol of the kingdom of heaven and the type of true discipleship, Jesus sanctified childhood forever. Let us not consider lightly the opportunity we have of planting in the early spring-time of life, in the fresh and fertile soil of the young child-life, the seeds of truth and Christian virtue, that one day God in His own good time will cause to spring up and ripen into a bountiful harvest of golden grain. Wisely has it been said that "To childhood the words of a true teacher are the words of prophecy," while another says, "The young people are great believers in true inspirational leadership, and a living leader they will follow." Such leadership they should find, not only among the general officers of the Church, but among the officers of the local Church, those who they know, have learned to love and who they meet and mingle with day by day. King Solomon, the wise man of God, never gave utterance to a profounder truth than when he said two hundred and fifty decades and more ago, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." In the work of child training we are but complying with the imperative command of our Savior, speaking to us through the inspired lips of the Apostle Saint Paul, when he says, "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," while He himself says, "Feed my lambs." What shall we feed them but the gospel, which is the bread of life to all who would only eat and live. If we would hasten the dawn of that good and perfect day, when all that is expressed in our League motto shall have been realized, if indeed we are ambassadors for Christ, and as such mean to storm the strong holds of Satan, and there plant the cross of Christ, let us not go out to meet the bridegroom with no oil in our lamps, but have them full and brightly burning, ready for His coming. We can get a clearer conception of the importance of making the child a trained worker when we remember it has reached those years when habits are formed that are usually life-lasting. Go with me through Luray Cavern and there behold those wonderful stalactites, formed, drop by drop, slowly, gradually, but surely. The habits of the child are forming, whether we will or no. It is ours to see, my fellow Leaguers, that they crystallize clear, and sparkling with dazzling beauty, growing upward and higher as they older grow. But for those Sunday Bible studies and sermon readings in Epworth Parsonage, near London, a little less than two centuries ago, the world might never have heard of Susanna Wesley and her illustrious sons, the lustre of whose lives will continue to illuminate the pages of history for generations yet to come. Little, no doubt did that great woman think, while upon her tired and bended knees pleading that God might aid her in training up her children in paths of peace and righteousness, that she was then and there laying the corner stone of our great Methodism that was to play so conspicuous a part in the years to come in taking the world for Christ. No richer encomium could be chanted by the Christian pilgrims lingering at her grave, nor more appropriate epitaph be inscribed upon her time-worn tomb than that "Here lies Susanna Wesley, whose life was spent in training her children for the glory of God and the good of the world." The consecrated life of this saintly woman should be an inspiration to us in our efforts in bringing the little lambs into the fold and in putting their little feet in the wake of His hallowed footsteps. May our determination to carry the battle into the kingdom of darkness, and there hold aloft the banner of a crucified Savior, be as unchangeable as the laws of the Modes and Persians, and when life's fitful fever shall have subsided, when our last battle has been fought and our last great victory won, we can lay our armor by and triumphantly enter that celestial city that John beheld from the Isle of Patmos, and as we approach the throne of God, and cast down our priceless trophies at the blessed Savior's feet we will hear the welcome audit, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

AN APPEAL.

To the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church South:

Dear Brethren—There is but one Secretary of the Board of Church Extension. The Methodist Episcopal Church has four Secretaries in the Church Extension field, and they complain of inability to meet the demands upon them. Dr. Lambuth, of the Mission Board, has two Assistant Secretaries and other helpers, and could use profitably twice the number. I am already heart-sick over my inability to respond to hundreds of urgent appeals for help. The Annual Conferences are at hand. It is a physical impossibility for me to visit all of them. Special funds for Washington

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City, the Indian Mission Conference, California, Japan and elsewhere must be secured. The office makes demands upon my time. What am I to do?

I turn to the busiest and best of God's servants—the itinerant preachers. I know what they can do, because I know what I did for fifteen years as pastor and five years as presiding elder. The Church Extension Assessment can be paid in full. Centenary Church, St. Louis, will pay out this year on all claims as usual. I provided for that before leaving. As Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, I do not ask you to do what I have not been willing to do as pastor and presiding elder. My appeal is for a special effort on your part to raise in full the Church Extension Assessment. The time is short, but much can be done in the few weeks that remain. A vigorous effort by every presiding elder and pastor will insure a large increase in the Church Extension collection.

Many of you have the assessment provided for already. Please ask your people for a special offering for California, or the Indian Mission Conference, and send it to me. The need is great. New fields are being opened up in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma. Growing towns are demanding help. Our people are crowding into that country. They must have help. Small investments now will bring large returns in a short time. The failure to make a small investment often means a loss of the field altogether. I am counting on the preachers. They can do anything that should be done—even to securing the assessment in full.

During the year ending March 31, the board had before it 222 applications asking for \$123,784.00 in donations and \$155,080.00 in loans. All of these applications had merit. The most of them were of exceptional worth, and yet the board could only respond with \$51,219.00 in donations and \$40,250.00 in loans. We must have more money! The King's business requires it. W. F. McMURRY, Cor. Secretary

FINE PROSPECTS FOR POLYTECHNIC.

We have just closed our campaign. The prospects are better than ever before. The conservatory is now finished. The completion of Science Hall has been delayed, but will be ready in early part of September. There have been reserved one hundred rooms, sixteen having been reserved during the last two days. The teachers are gathering, and everything points to a fine opening on September 5. Dr. R. S. Hyer and Rev. Jerome Duncan will deliver addresses at opening. We invite all our friends to be with us. J. D. YOUNG.

IN THE WRECK.

I was in Rock Island wreck at Fort Worth on the 12th instant. Was on my way to assist I. E. Hightower, of Red Oak, in a meeting. Received no broken bones nor bruises, but a slight concussion of the brain. Am able to sit up some, but suffer with my head. Hope time and rest will effect a permanent cure. A. P. HIGHTOWER.

Boyd, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- August 16.—Jas. H. Averitt, sub. B. W. Allen, subs. J. W. Fort, subs. Aug. 17.—J. H. Braswell, sub. C. L. Browning, sub. W. B. McKeown, sub. Aug. 18.—J. F. Sherwood, sub. C. L. Browning, subs. Aug. 21.—Mac. M. Smith, sub. Robt. L. McIntyre, sub.

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STATE LEAGUE ENCAMPMENT.

Continued from Page 7. their persons deadly weapons in violation of law.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Epworth Leagues assembled are due and are hereby extended to Dr. W. E. Carruth, the resident physician, who has served us as Encampment Health officer; to Mr. A. W. Fisher, who has served as physical director; to Miss Kate Corley, who has served as official stenographer, for their prompt and faithful attention to duties of their respective offices.

Resolved, That the thanks of this conference are also due and are extended to the following corps of ushers for their painstaking, courteous and earnest labors, to-wit: Geo. A. Jones, usher-in-chief; W. E. Hawkins, Frank Reedy, Grover Robinson, Arthur Ayres and Rev. Nath Powell.

Resolved, That the thanks of this conference are further extended to Miss Mattie Dunlap, who has so faithfully and efficiently served as pianist, and to all members of the orchestra who have contributed so much to the musical feature of the Encampment; to all who have from time to time favored the conference with solos, duets and quartets, and to each member of the choir for their faithful attendance and hearty co-operation.

Resolved, That to the daily press already mentioned the thanks of this conference are hereby extended, in addition to the Fort Worth Evening Telegram and the San Antonio Light.

Resolved, That the thanks of this conference be and are hereby extended to the Local Improvement Committee, Rev. S. B. Beall, Mrs. McNeill Turner and Dr. W. E. Carruth, for their untiring labors in beautifying the Assembly grounds.

Resolved Furthermore, That the thanks of the conference be extended Thos. Goggan & Bro., of San Antonio, for the use of the piano loaned us during the Encampment; and to J. T. McCutcheon, of Corpus Christi, for the clock which has kept time for us. (Signed) C. C. CODY, Chairman.

At this juncture President Thomason introduced to the conference the following members of the newly elected Cabinet: Allan K. Ragsdale, President; Miss Laura Allison, Second Vice-President; Miss May Dye, Fourth Vice-President; W. E. Hawkins, Treasurer; and at the same time presented to the newly-elected President the official savel, with these words: "This savel is a part of the sill taken from the first Methodist church built in Texas in the year 1828. It comes to us as a sacred relic of the past, and is to be passed from one President to another, carefully preserved and cared for. I present it to you with the prayer that God may bless you in all your labors and that your administration may be fruitful of the best results in the history of the Epworth League in Texas."

The closing services of the conference were then entered upon by Dr. Young J. Allen, who finished his address on China, recounting much of the earlier days of his work and contrasting conditions then with the conditions of to-day. The address was an exhaustive treatment of China, her attainments and needs and a forcible presentation of the cause of foreign missions. At the conclusion of Dr. Allen's address, the congregation sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and amid the waving of handkerchiefs and the League salute, the fourteenth regular session of the Texas State Epworth came to an end. (Signed) KATE CORLEY, Official Stenographer and Acting Secretary.

Approved: GUS W. THOMASSON, President.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

To the President, Cabinet Officers and Members of the Texas State Epworth League in Conference Assembled at Corpus Christi, Texas:

Dear Fellow-Leaguers—It pains me that I can not meet with you in our summer home by the sea to enjoy the pleasures, privileges and spiritual blessings of our State Encampment. But such is impossible.

It seems to be an utter impossibility to secure reports from the District Leagues and from the local Chapters. I presume it is not worth while to complain, as this has ever been true, and I suppose ever will be. However, this is to be greatly regretted, as no State officers can make a full report from such meager ones from the local Chapters.

Yet while this is true, and while I am unable to report in person, still I am glad, as your First Vice-President, to say that, in my humble judgment, the Department of Worship was never in better condition than at present.

It has been said the day of enthusiasm in the League is over. It may be that the day of tin-horn enthusiasm is past, but the day of obedience to the trumpet call to duty is just now dawn-

ing. The glorious sun of this golden day is just now shaking the mists of the Eastern sea from off his fiery mane. They tell us that the days of large crowds are over, but as the tread of thousands is heard on the pebbly beach at Epworth, we are persuaded that such days are now more numerous and more certain than ever in our history. We have to-day a greater number of true, loyal and intelligent Leaguers prepared for the work than ever before—who quietly, yet gladly and faithfully, are doing the work in the local Chapters where the real and efficient work of the Epworth League is to be done.

I think I am safe in saying that by the 628 Chapters of the State, there have been held 25,000 devotional meetings. And granting that only one-fourth of the membership is in regular attendance, without counting visitors, this means, in the course of a year an army of young people almost too numerous to calculate. As to the number of conversions we have no way of reaching a conclusion.

As your First Vice-President I have written many hundreds of letters; I have tried to serve you faithfully and well to the best of my limited ability for this the second term of office, and believing the honor should be conferred upon another as well as the responsibility shifted to other and broader shoulders, hereby earnestly beg the election of another—and, in my judgment, a layman—to serve you in this capacity during the ensuing year.

Praying God's blessings upon the conference and upon all the local Chapters and Individual Leaguers, I am, yours in the work of winning "All for Christ,"

ALBERT D. PORTER, First Vice-President.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.

To the President and Members of the Texas Epworth League:

When I entered upon my duties as Second Vice-President, it was with a desire and purpose to organize all the Second Departments in the State into one vast Charity and Help Department that would take for its motto: "Do all the good you can, wherever and whenever you can, to all you can," even as Christ would have us.

The Second Vice-Presidents of both Texas and North Texas Conferences pledged me their aid, and we hoped for the realization of our desires, but I can not report such to be the case. It has been impossible to reach all the Leagues, as it had to be done through the pastors, and, being busy with other duties, in many cases they failed to respond to the request for information. Many Leagues of the smaller towns feel there is so little charity and help work they can do, having no hospital, jails or charitable institutions and very little real poverty. But there is a work for every League, no matter how small—the scattering of sunshine into the darkened lives of shut-ins, those who for any reason are kept indoors, away from heaven's smile. Everywhere such can be found. Yes, indeed, no matter how small the League, there is work it can do if it but avail itself of every opportunity.

In the work I have written 607 letters and cards and have sent out 300 self-addressed postal cards for reply. In response I have received 260 letters and cards. My report comprises the reports from 36 departments. The whole of North Texas Conference was unheard from. I regret this exceedingly, as good work has been done. Through an oversight a report was not furnished me.

The following report is as complete as I have been able to secure from the other three conferences:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Departments reporting (36), Calls made on sick (3851), Days and nights' attendance upon sick (91), Bible readings for sick and shut-ins (95), Bouquets and food (1496), Visits to strangers (1328), For whom employment has been found (26), Garments distributed (538), Visits to shut-ins (229), Remembrances shut-ins (70), Bible readings at jail and poor farm (185), Visits to hospitals (138), Bibles distributed (21), Cards and tracts distributed (1435), Dinners given to poor (18), One chair given to invalids, Amount spent in charity, \$1094.17.

Special Work. One League has paid the expenses of two pupils at college; gave 150 newshirts Christmas presents and furnished them with fruit and nuts. As a result of the work of this League, two boys have received calls to the ministry.

Though the work of this year has fallen so far short of my expectations I have not become discouraged, for I have been convinced the young people of our great State League are interested in this greatest of all work, going about doing good, and I feel sure better work, better organized and more

consecrated service is the future of the Charity and Help Department.

I entreat you, let us emulate our Christ more each day, each hour, each moment of our lives, that we organize our forces to accomplish the best work possible because of these words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me," and because of the reflex action such work has upon us.

Let us never miss an opportunity to lend a helping hand to a brother in distress and to scatter sunshine in the darkened places that there may be gladness in the hearts once sad and brightness in the midst of gloom. Then may we receive the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and may there be many bright stars in the crowns awaiting us when our day's work is over and evening brings us home.

(MISS) BELLE TAYLOR, Second Vice-President.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.

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

I regret that it is impossible for me to submit a statistical report at this time. At the beginning of this conference year my plans were made whereby I expected to make a vigorous effort to secure information concerning the circulation of the Epworth Era and also the number of Leagues that pursued the authorized reading course, but domestic circumstances rendered it impossible for me to carry out my plans. It was also my purpose to furnish the Leaguers of the State a suggestive outline for the study of the reading course through the columns of the Advocate and Era, and in fact I furnished them one instalment, but, like my other plans, these were interrupted. I wish to state, however, that as a member of the Cabinet I have attended all Cabinet meetings held during the year, have answered all communications from Leaguers and from officers of the State, conference, district and local Leagues, and have arranged the literary part of program for this encampment. It has also been my pleasure to assist in arousing interest in the encampment in my own city and district. Reports from Leagues indicate that the chief obstacles in the way of successful literary work are:

- 1. The lack of a competent, consecrated leader.
2. The management of the reading classes after they are assembled at the place of meeting.
Some Leagues report that there is no trouble in getting the young people to attend, but the real trouble is to direct them properly after they are assembled.

The consensus of all reports is to the effect that the refreshment feature has been eliminated from the meetings. Respectfully submitted,

W. A. PALMER, Third Vice-President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Brethren—I submit herewith my annual report for the year ending July 31, 1906.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Description, Amount. Includes Receipts for 1905 (Oct 1-Balance, Oct 11-Cash, Oct 14-Cash, Nov 6-Cash, Nov 10-S. A. P. voucher, Nov 11-Lammus (Ragsdale), Dec 9-Ragsdale, Mo. T & A. Co., Dec 9-Reynolds (Ragsdale), Dec 26-1906) and 1906 (Jan 11-Ragsdale, Mar 29-Ragsdale, Apr 28-100.00, May 4-Note Ho. Natl. Bank, May 21-Cash, May 24-Ragsdale).

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1905	Amount
Sept. 26—S. B. Beall	\$ 14.30
Sept. 29—Kendall	25.00
Oct. 9—Cash	2.65
Oct. 16—Harrison	20.85
C. C. Natl. Bank	2.50
W. E. Collins	26.25
C. R. Truitt	19.95
Nov. 4—Kendall	25.00
Nov. 11—C. C. Furniture Co.	38.25
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Nov. 15—Ragsdale	179.00
Dec. 9—Kendall	25.00
Ragsdale, Mo. T. & Awing Co.	71.00
Dec. 28—Kendall, Dec. salary.	25.00
Jan. 17—Kendall	13.52
C. R. Truitt	10.50
Jan. 29—Interest on note	53.25
Jan. 31—Kendall	25.00
Mar. 22—Powell	9.25
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Kendall	25.00
Heath	34.51
Pitts, Simmons & Brown	6.00
Apr. 16—Kendall, voucher 135	25.00
S. W. Telephone Co.	7.00
May 4—Heath	17.00
Kendall	25.00
Parr & Co.	61.37
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June 2—Kendall	25.00
S. W. Telephone Co.	3.50
June 22—Schutze (getting ads)	6.00
July 2—Kendall	25.00
June 22—Kendall	19.50
July 5—S. W. Telephone Co.	3.50
July 21—Telegram	.40
July 31—S. W. Telephone Co.	3.50
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$1429.48</b>
Overdraft	\$ 25.69
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**ECHOES FROM EPWORTH-BY-THE SEA.**

The second annual Encampment of the Texas Epworth League is a thing of the past, but the truths and words of wisdom heard there will echo and re-echo through the local Chapters until the good accomplished can not be estimated.

The work of each department was better than any ever had at any previous League Conference or Encampment; each day's work seemed better than the last.

We wish that all our Methodist young people could have taken the course in Church history so ably conducted by Miss Howells, and have had the Bible course conducted by Miss Streator, and the splendid course in mission study by Mr. Shackford. Words will not suffice to do justice to the splendid work done by these most competent instructors.

Through the entire session of the Encampment there ran a great under-current of missionary feeling; the under-current, you know, is always the strongest current.

The Encampment might almost have been called an International League Conference—or, at least, a Missionary Conference—when we consider the missionaries and natives who attended.

It was our happy privilege to hear Dr. Young J. Allen, the "Grand Old Man" of China, at two different services present the Chinese work, and to sit at his feet and talk personally with him of the great work there, was also ours to enjoy. We have always loved and admired the noble man, but now we know him and his work, and our hearts are doubly with him in his labors in far-away China. May God's richest blessings crown his efforts.

How Texas people love Bro. Frank Onderdonk, our "Mexican Investment." Whenever he arose to speak there was manifest an enthusiasm and love that amounted almost to reverence; and Bishop Ward struck kindred chords in every Texas heart when he said: "We have not done much for Mexico, we think, when we know what we have done in matters commercial, social and educational; but we have done at least one great thing for them—have given them one great gift in giving to them Frank Onderdonk. If you could know more of the grand work he is doing there, you would be more able to appreciate the greatness of the gift; and if you knew the work of that noble little woman who lives with him there, you would be able still more to appreciate the greatness of the gift."

Bishop Ward, lovingly called by Texas people "Our Native Bishop," is much loved by all, but never more so, nor never was he so heartily applauded as when he so nobly spoke of Bro. Onderdonk and his work.

We were fortunate in having with us Bro. Motozo Akazowa, of Okayama, Japan. Dressed in his native costume he addressed us one afternoon, much to our pleasure and instruction. At the close of his service he sang for us in his native tongue, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." As that immense audience joined with him in the chorus

we thought, "What an earnest of the time when every kindred, every tribe, shall crown him Lord of all."

There was also with us Bro. H. L. Gray, who has served the Mission Board in China and Mexico, and now, at the request of the Bishop, is on his way to Cuba. He endeared himself very much to our people, and we follow his work with prayers that God may bless him abundantly.

To show the missionary zeal that was so manifest to those present this may interest Texas people at large: No collections were taken—twas contrary to rules to have such, other than the usual incidental collection—but on the day that Bro. Onderdonk spoke of "A Mexican Investment," people crowded round him, determined to give. In a little while there had been given him—without a single request having been made—money and scholarships to the amount of \$1226, and the Houston League had promised to him \$300 for a library in a Mexican school.

Some money was also given to Dr. Allen for China work, but we were unable to learn the amount.

A deep consecration was very manifest, and we feel that out of this great League Encampment will come many preachers, teachers and missionaries. God grant that it may be so. More workers are needed. God bless those who are now in the field and send forth others.

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COWAN.—Mrs. Mary Cowan, wife of Isaac F. Cowan, was born in Tennessee February 15, 1820, and died June 16, 1906. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, at Marvin Chapel in Hood County, Texas, and had lived a devoted Christian for many long years. She moved from Tennessee to Texas with her husband and children in 1859 and settled on Paluxy, where she died, and being a resident of this community so many years everybody knew "Aunt Polly," as she was familiarly known for miles around, and to know her was to love her. She was kind, gentle, patient, and these graces won for her life-long friends. Just before she left her old home in Tennessee she took her little children to the old family graveyard and showed them where their people were buried and read these lines to them from a tombstone: "Remember, stranger, as you pass by where you are now so once was I; where I am now you soon must be; prepare for death and follow me." She instructed them to have these lines put on her tombstone when she died. Being at that time in very poor health she did not think she would live to reach their destination in Texas; but after coming to this new country, her health improved and she lived forty-three years longer. During this time she buried seven children and her husband. The first to die was little Sarah Elizabeth on their way to Texas, and was buried in Arkansas; the next to pass away was little William, aged two years, who died in two weeks after they arrived in Texas. After several years Amanda, aged three, passed away. Then the next time the family circle was broken, Bryant M. died, a promising young man of 27 years; then shortly after John F., a youth of 17, passed away. Then in the course of time the baby boy, Bedford Forrest, aged 19 years, went to join the majority. Then the next time the death angel visited the home was to bear away their darling daughter, Sarah C., aged 21 years. Then two years prior to Aunt Polly's death God took her husband. This leaves four children and eighteen grandchildren to mourn their loss. Three of her children—Monroe, Almer and Mrs. Mary L. Williams—live in the old community near Marvin Chapel, and her youngest son, Ellie, lives in Greer County, Okla. All through her affliction down to the very last moment she was a sweet, loving, kind and patient mother—always ready to help the poor and oppressed. She loved her Church and the association of Christian people. She told the writer more than once that she was living daily so she would be ready when the Lord called her. Just a short time before her death, while alone one Sabbath morning, she took up her old hymn book and sang some old familiar songs that she had sang for so many years and that had been a source of joy to her all along her past life. She would sing awhile, and then praise the Lord awhile; said she was not alone, but the blessed Savior was with her. So she died as she lived—in full triumph of a living faith and in sight of the glory world. A good Christian mother, in the truest sense of the word, is gone but not forever. We shall see her again. I would say to her children, try to live so that you will meet mother again where there will be no more parting.

R. M. BALLENTINE.

DEBORD.—Sister Jane Isabel Debord was born in South Carolina March 15, 1826. She professed religion early in life and joined the Methodist Church and lived a consistent member of the same until June 24, 1906, when she was transferred to the Church triumphant. In January, 1850, she was happily married to David Debord. It was our privilege to frequent her home, and on one occasion (at her request) to preach for her, and on our taking leave of her, she said: "I thank you, and shall expect to meet you over yonder." Therefore, we weep not as those who have no hope. Her pastor, JAMES H. AVERITT.

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BURDEN.—Mrs. S. Elizabeth Burden, daughter of Wm. Huddle and wife, was born February 16, 1871; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when about 18 years of age. When about 19 she was married to Frank E. Burden. To them were born nine children, seven of whom still live. She departed this life at her home, six miles northwest of Paris, near the place of her birth, February 16, 1906. During the last year of her life she was greatly afflicted and suffered much, especially toward the last. But the graces of patience and resignation shone brightly through the days of darkness and the nights of gloom. She was apprised of approaching death and with the trustfulness of a child, the unwavering faith of a martyr and the joy of a triumphant soul, committed all to her dear Savior. She was buried near her old home by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Reynolds, and attended by many friends, whose presence attested the esteem in which she was held by neighbors and friends. To the husband and children, father, mother, brothers and sisters, so sadly bereaved, I commend the grace of God, which will sustain and keep them ever to the end. Best of all, you know where to find wife, mother and daughter. May all be faithful and meet after awhile in heaven. E. H. CASEY.

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CHENEY.—Henry Walker Cheney was born April 22, 1859, and after several years of suffering he passed from his earthly home in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, to his heavenly home July 2, 1906. Bro. Cheney was a man of brain, force and heart-refinement; hence, an elegant Christian gentleman. Mt. Pleasant and Titus County people loved him. His friends were coextensive with his acquaintance. He was a Methodist who loved his Church, her doctrines and polity. His pastor was God's servant sent to guide him in spiritual things. This pastor found in him a safe counselor, a true friend. His devotion to his family was beautiful. His wife and children were the pride of his life. His devotion to his mother was only equaled by her tender love for him. We miss him here, but we shall meet him again when God shall come to claim his own. A wife, six children, mother, brother, two sisters, a host of kindred and friends mourn their loss, but the night will soon be past and joy will come in the morning. J. M. ADAMS.

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LOVELESS.—Mrs. Susan Joana Loveless was born in Giles County, Tenn., November 13, 1853; professed religion in her girlhood and joined the M. E. Church South. She lived a devoted Christian until her death, which occurred July 27, 1906. She was married to J. T. Loveless December 4, 1873; was a devoted wife, a kind, self-sacrificing mother and was always anxious for the comfort and happiness of others. It was always her lot to suffer, as she had been almost an invalid for the last thirty years of her life and had borne it with great patience and courage. Now the end has come and she has gone to join that great company that know neither sorrow, sickness, pain nor death, but one eternal joy. We sympathize with her sorrowing husband and children because we have passed through just such trouble. May God bless them. Her pastor, E. L. SISK.

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STARK.—Henry Ed, the infant son of H. E. and Mattie Stark, was born May 12, 1906, and died June 27, 1906. Little Henry Ed was but a few weeks old when God saw fit to take him to himself from this world of grief and sorrow to the mansions above. The father and mother have the sympathy of all who know them. Thank God there is a home where parting is never known and where farewells are never heard. Dear parents and sister, you can meet the precious babe there in the glorious presence of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." UNCLE HENRY LLOYD. Groveton, Texas.

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GRAVES.—The subject of this obituary, Miss Emma Graves, was born in Travis County, Texas, near Merrittown, October 24, 1883. She departed this life April 9, 1906. Miss Emma was a sufferer for a long time. She died of consumption. She went to the Western country to see if it would not improve her health, but of no avail. She was converted in a meeting at Merrittown, held by a Baptist brother, and joined that Church and remained in the Church until she was called by the hand of death to her reward. When we laid her away her friends there were many, judging from the number present. The Lord was in our midst in power. I would say to the heart-stricken father, sister and children, weep not. We would commend you to God and the Word of his grace in your sad bereavement. Try to meet her in the skies, where we will never say good-bye. JOHN W. THOMPSON.

COOK.—Bro. Sam S. Cook, son of Joseph W. Cook and Rhoda Cook (nee Marris), was born in South Carolina January 8, 1836. When quite young his parents moved to Alabama. He married Mary Downer Williams December 22, 1863. There were born to them twelve children. Two died young; ten are now living. Sister Cook died about twelve years ago. In November, 1899, he married Mrs. Dora Wohlford. He died at his home, near Clyde, Texas, April 12, 1896. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in his early youth and was steadfast in his religious principles through life. He served in the Confederate Army from the beginning to the close of the war. He came to Texas in the fall of 1875. He was Sunday-school superintendent and steward for a number of years, always ready both with his money and his labor to contribute to the advancement and prosperity of the Church and cause that he so dearly loved. He now rests from his labors and his works follow him. May his children emulate his example, follow in his footsteps, and meet him in the happy home above. T. M. PRICE.

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VAUGHAN.—Rev. M. M. Vaughan was born November 17, 1826, in Monroe County, Miss.; was married to Melvina Vaughan October 3, 1848. To them were born nine children—five boys and four girls. He was a licensed preacher in the Methodist Church for thirty years, and was a true, faithful servant of God, loved by all who knew him. He and my father were schoolmates in Monroe County, Miss., in their boyhood days. Bro. Vaughan lived a consistent life and died triumphantly, near Mullin, Mills County, Texas, January 23, 1906, and went home to glory. H. S. ANGLIN. Gorman, Texas.

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MAY.—Little Della May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ward, was born May 4, 1906, and died July 1, 1906. Della May was a great favorite of all who knew her, and will be greatly missed by her parents. They should find consolation in the fact that the Savior said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and they should realize that while she can not return to them, they can go to her, for we have no abiding place here, no continuous city; but should seek one to come, that paradise of God, whose maker and founder is God. W. D. THOMPSON. Bailey, Texas.

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