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Editorial.

THE INTENT OF MIRACLES.

A miracle is the supernatural manifestation of divine power which overcomes natural law, wrought for a specific purpose. If the definition is correct, then the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are each miracles for the one purpose, to seek and save "that which was lost." There is in the mind of every man an innate and logical demand for the presence of divine power where we are asked to believe in that which is spiritual and invisible. Miracles are, therefore, the God-given and infallible proof of the divine in the Christian religion. They are the pivot upon which faith or unbelief turns, for life or death. Hence, Christ said: "If I had not done among them the work which none other man did, they had not had sin; but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father." Therefore, Christ throws out this universal challenge, "Believe me for the very work sake."

When Christ said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," and the scribes accused him of blasphemy, Jesus, to prove he was divine, replied, "That ye may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins, he sayeth to the sick of the palsy, 'Arise, take up thy bed and walk.'" Here we have two distinct reasons for this miracle: First, it was done to relieve the sick and suffering; and, second, for the higher purpose to prove he was divine and had power to forgive sins. God does not require us to believe without first giving us proof upon which we can predicate our faith. Therefore, Nicodemus, and every other believer, can say, "We know that thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him." So that, while miracles wrought to relieve physical suffering show Christ both loving and powerful, they are only the scaffolding upon which our faith can mount for the healing of the sin-sick soul. Hence, when Nicodemus heard of the miracles and came to Christ, he at once began to tell him words by which he could enter into the kingdom of heaven. So that the saving of immortal souls is the greatest of all miracles, which was the primal intent of all physical healing. We say the salvation of the soul is the greatest of all miracles, because all others pointed to and focalized in a faith which would crystallize in man's eternal salvation.

Laws ordained in creation for the government of the world are called natural laws. But miracles are supernatural because they are divine manifestations for the accomplishment of some noble spiritual purpose. In all of Christ's sojourn, he never wrought a miracle to gratify some trivial whim, or the idol curiosity of men or devils. His miracles were always wrought for the relief of suffering poor. In them no tinge of selfishness could be found. Christ, perhaps, might have been set at liberty when Pilate sent Him to Herod, who was glad to see Christ, and hoped to see Him work a miracle, if He had not been wholly unselfish, and refused to gratify Herod's curiosity. But Christ was just as far from working a miracle in his own in-

terest as He was from doing so to gratify the whims of the curious. Therefore, when He had fasted forty days, and was "an hungered," He refused to command the stones to be made bread. So marked was His unselfishness in the exercise of His miraculous power, that it was never used for His own comfort, but always for the relief of others. This feature in the life of our Lord called forth the statement of His enemies, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." When they testified, "He saved others," they only stated what was notorious to all people who saw Him heal the sick and raise the dead. But the statement was a declaration of the saving power of our Lord; his "enemies themselves being witnesses" that He did save others. But they went further and unwittingly testified to His unselfishness. "Himself he cannot save." They were not aware that all power in heaven and earth was given unto Him, and that He could have called twelve legions of angels to His side. In the sense they used these words, "Himself he cannot save," they were false.

But, in fact, they were unintentionally testifying to the great law of unselfish benevolence which governed our Lord. A selfish world could not see why Christ, if He had the power, did not first save Himself. The human idea is, that "Charity begins at home," which is only selfishness, pure and simple. Our Lord "Though he was rich for our sakes, became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be rich." Only when we sacrifice self and go forth in love to relieve the wants and woes of others, can we claim to imitate our Lord. "By his stripes we are healed," and from the cross Christ speaks to every dying penitent, saying—

"This blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die that thou mayest live."

Miracles answer the innate and universal demand of the human mind, as evidence of the presence of invisible but divine power in our religion. And our faith replies, "No man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him," and thus introduces us into the kingdom here and infallibly, if faithful, assures us of that life which is to come.

THE PERNICIOUS WHISKEY ADVERTISEMENTS.

We have in Texas several very excellent morning and evening daily papers. These many papers have improved very greatly in their moral tone within the past ten or fifteen years. It is very rare their editorial or news departments have anything objectionable to the refined and moral taste of a cultured people. Great respect is paid by them to lofty morals and religious sentiment. The interests of the Churches find large representation in their columns. Several years ago this was not the case by any means. But it is true today. For the most part, the men who own and control these dailies are members of the different Churches and their editorial policies are pitched upon a high plane.

But we have one serious complaint to bring against the advertising departments of these enterprising dailies — namely: Their

offensive, not to say coarse and insulting whiskey advertisements. They load down their pages with these revolting intoxicants, illustrated by high black bottles and the repellent faces of some old manufacturer or toper; and along with the good things in their columns, they dump these filthy and damaging whiskey and beer displays into the homes of our people. By so doing they largely counteract the moral and religious influences of their teachings. They put themselves on a level with the dive and the joint by carrying these horrible advertisements into our homes. It is an insult to moral decency and an outrage upon the domestic circle. They do this, not because they have any respect for the whiskey business, but because they want the money that these whiskey and beer firms are willing to pay for the space. In other words, these dailies attach more importance to a few paltry dollars than they do to the protection of the home and the defense of society. It is a great pity that they will thus permit their greed for gain to over-ride their moral sense and their interest in the womanhood and childhood of this land. The owners and proprietors of these daily papers ought to be ashamed of themselves for this gross breach of morals and refined sentiment. All our homes are made the dumping ground for the infamous and putrescent output of the brewers and still houses. What a pity!

THE BREWERS' ASSOCIATION AROUSED.

The blows recently given to the beer and liquor business in recent local option elections have stirred the Brewers' Association greatly. Ellis, Brown, Delta, Bosque, Coryell and Johnson Counties came up with larger majorities than ever before; and then to add to their discomfort, Callahan, Howard and Ector, all wet counties, went pro by large majorities, and so the Athens precinct, in Henderson, did likewise. No wonder that the brewers are disturbed. So they have gone to work and issued a most pathetic circular to the beer joints and saloons in the wet counties, imploring them to change their evil ways and observe the law, lest prohibition sweep them out of existence. They even point out that if this caution is not observed, the Brewers' Association of Texas will put detectives in the field, employ attorneys and proceed to extinguish all places where the law is violated. And the Brewers' Association, their agent and two attorneys signed this document and had it published in the daily papers. The names to that paper are sufficient to make people sick who believe in law and order. Is it possible that this beer outfit believes that anybody will take them seriously? If so, they are running on a cold trail. If these brewers wanted to weed out these law-breaking joints and saloons, they could do it in forty-eight hours without employing a detective, or an attorney, or without having their "Secretary and Agent" parading his name before the public as a terror to these evil doers. There was a public statement made in the papers not long since that out of the two hundred and eighty beer and liquor saloons in this city only forty odd of them were owned by the men running

them. All the rest are owned by the brewers! They employ the men to run them, obtain their licenses, furnish their bonds and supply them with the stuff to sell. This fact was never denied, though a responsible citizen, not a pro, signed his name to the statement. According to this signed statement, these brewers are behind these dives and are personally responsible for them and for the conduct of the men running them. Is it possible that the Brewers' Association is putting detectives on their own tracks? Is that what they want us to believe? It has that appearance. Were it otherwise, they could close out every residence saloon and every joint in this city in a few hours of their own accord. They could simply stop their own devilment, and the joint would cease. They could at least discontinue furnishing them with the stuff upon which to do business. But as a matter of fact, these brewers do not want the dives and the joints closed out; for this reason they are opposed to the Love uniform high license law, and they are doing all in their power to defeat it when it comes before the Legislature. They have their attorneys elected to the Legislature for this very purpose. Senator Willacy, who is an excellent gentleman in many respects, has already given it out, or spoken to another Senator and promised to help him pass any sort of a local option law, provided the uniform high license law shall meet its death whenever it comes up in the next Legislature. As a matter of fact, what we need is to put detectives on the tracks of these brewers and their agent, and expose their doings to the public gaze, rather than believe for a moment that the brewers are going to use detectives to suppress the crimes of the dives. It is not possible for these brewers to detect the crimes of their progeny and prosecute the criminals whom they have spent a half a century in educating and preparing for their lawless conduct. No; the thing that is frightening these brewers is they fear local option elections in places like Waco, Austin, Fort Worth and Dallas. Hence they are trying to deceive the public and lead us to believe that the brewers are getting good. We presume that if this thing keeps up, these brewers will soon ask for the establishment of prayer service and Sunday-schools in their places of business. They are getting too religious for any sort of practical purpose of late. Whenever the devil becomes a convert to religion, and hell is turned into a cold storage plant, then it will be time enough for the Brewers' Association and their wily agent to prate about presenting the dives and joints of Texas. Understanding them as we do, it is enough to weary patience and fatigue piety to hear such balderdash as the brewers are getting off of late. On with the battle.

Jesus originated ethical and spiritual truth. He did not stop with rescuing the spiritual meaning of the Old Testament from the rubbish of traditional teaching, but he went further and discovered to the souls of men new and original truths. He brought out things new and old from the hidden treasures of knowledge and clothed them with the living forms of expression. "Never man spake like this man."

MISSIONARY PROGRESS AND PROMISE.

The year just closed has been a great year for missions. It has been great in achievements—greater still in promise and preparation.

China Awakening.

In China there is movement everywhere. Reform is in the air. Dr. Griffith John says: "The change that has come over China is nothing short of a revolution." Fifteen thousand Chinese students went to Japan the past year in order to master the Western learning.

The most wonderful part of it is that Christianity as a moral force is being recognized by the leaders of the empire. The great Viceroy Chang Che Tung has ordered the New Testament studied as a text book alongside the Confucian classics throughout the two provinces over which he presides. These provinces include a population of over 50,000,000. Even the Emperor has by edict advised his subjects to observe the Christian Sabbath. Our trained and tried missionaries, better organized and equipped than ever, are prepared to reap the ripening harvest from a long and patient sowing. There has been a large attendance at Soochow University and also our college at Shanghai. Nine hundred and eighty-nine adults were baptized during the year and 310 infants, and 3814 Sunday-school scholars enrolled.

Japan Awake.

Japan is wide-awake. Her people are hungry for Western ideas. Many of them hunger for Christian ideas. They are crowding our schools. Enlargement is the cry. Arrangements are being made for the permanent enlargement of Palmore Institute. The Lambuth Memorial Training School has been compelled to secure additional help in the teaching force. The Hiroshima Girls School building has just been completed at a cost of \$10,000. Three churches are now going up, one of them costing \$6000.00 is the gift of Main Street Church in Danville, Va.

Korea Responsive.

"Korea has been in a continuous revival for three years," says Bishop Candler. Over 30,000 professed faith in Christ and joined the Churches last year. One of our missionaries writes of 2650 asking to be received into the Church, most of them having never seen a missionary, only native Christians. Bishop Candler calls it "the greatest missionary opportunity since the days of St. Paul." The development of our work there has been marvelous.

Significant Events.

Three significant events have characterized our work in the Orient the past year:

1. The remarkable triumph of Christian unity and fellowship which resulted in the adoption of a basis of union for the Methodist Churches in Japan into one Methodist Church of Japan. This means incalculably more than we can realize here in America.
2. The consecration of the life of Yun Che Ho (T. H. Yun) to Christian work. This idol of public life in the empire of Korea, noble, gifted, cultured, rich and influential, under the influence of his old teacher, Bishop Candler, surrendered all and broke with the sacred traditions of his fatherland and family to become the principal of a Methodist school. It is the most significant missionary event of the year, or of many years, and is bound to make a profound impression in Korea, as it has already done in America.
3. The visit of Bishop Candler carried hope and cheer to our missionary force in the East, kindled a flame of revival zeal in the field and brought back to the Church an inspiration which has stirred its desire and purpose for larger things.

Spanish America.

In Cuba and Mexico we have prospered. Cuba has witnessed extension in every sense. We now occupy every capital of every State on the island. There have been notable revivals there and the doors open to our missionaries on every hand. There have been gatherings in Mexico and a steady progress throughout the year.

In Brazil there is an evangelistic movement in the far South, which is full of encouragement. Granbery College has the largest enrollment in its history. The revival spirit is in the air. A new central down-town mission has just been opened in Rio Janeiro, and a movement is on foot to build a \$10,000 church in a city where five years ago we did not have a member.

Woman's Work.

The women have been active and successful. Their educational work at home and abroad has prospered. The Scarritt Bible and Training School has done a great work. The Laura Haygood Memorial College in Soochow, China, is going up. Their evangelistic work has kept pace with the educational. They are to be congratulated on the record of the year.

The Church in Line.

The Church is alive to missionary

obligation. The conferences have been fairly ablaze with enthusiasm. It is becoming the rule to pay the assessment and go on beyond it. The South Georgia Conference paid 250 per cent on assessment, and the German Mission over 200 per cent. A number of conferences paid out that have never done so before. Reports from the conferences indicate an advance on assessment over last year.

The offerings at the conference sessions were unusual both in amount and in spirit. In the two Georgia conferences where we asked for \$5,000.00 we got pledges for about \$8,000.00. In the Florida Conference \$1,000.00 was asked for; they gave \$1,000.00, refused \$500.00 appropriation from the parent

learning, planning, agitating and giving.

The Sunday-schools, a vast number of them organized as missionary societies, are a noble factor. Their possibilities have not even been conceived, but we have made a beginning, with hopeful results.

Take Courage.

Well may we exclaim, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." But gratitude and hope are akin, and what has been is prophetic as well as fact. The outlook is brighter than the retrospect, the uplook brighter still. Conviction is intensifying, vision is clarifying. We have a great, united, prosperous Church. Our

so do. I have ever been what is termed a practical farmer; raised quite a lot of sons to follow the same useful occupation, and herewith follows my first common sense illustration.

When my boys were boys we used to set the cabbage and other plants in the garden in a rainy time. Sometimes there would come up a shower and drive us in doors with muddy hands. I would seize the bowl or pan and immerse my hands and cleanse them. The boys, not caring to wait for me, one would say to the other, "Here you pour for me and I will pour for you," and thus would cleanse their hands by pouring. The shower would increase and others would walk to the

ling process on it, and it will not reach the stain or pollution, with the cork in place, of course. Next let us pour water on it, and it does not reach the stain or pollution. Next immerse it out of sight in water, and the deilement is not reached. But take out the cork and pour water into and it rinse it vigorously and we have a nice, clean, clear bottle. Thus we have tried all the modes of water baptism. They are all external and cannot reach the inner pollution, except the one emblematic of the internal cleansing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which can only reach the pollution of the heart or soul, and cleanse it from pollution or sin. Then the individual will be like the cleansed bottle, clean and pure from defilement of sin, but water applied in any of its forms is powerless to cleanse away sin. Hear the poet:

Behold I fall before thy face;
My only refuge is thy grace.
No outward forms can make me clean,
The leprosy lies deep within;
No bleeding bird nor bleeding beast,
Nor hyssop branch, nor sprinkling
priest,
Nor running brook, nor flood, nor sea,
Can wash the dismal stain away.

Jesus my God, thy blood alone
Hath power sufficient to atone;
Thy blood can make me white as
snow.
No Jewish types could cleanse me so.

Again, were we to baptize in the name of Peter, James and John instead of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, though we were a proper administrator and had a proper subject, with any of the modes, it would not be scriptural baptism, in or with water, because unauthorized by scripture.

Again, were we to use any other fluid than water, though having a proper administrator, subject, and in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and either or any mode, it would not be scriptural baptism because unwarranted by the Bible.

Then where does the great importance of mode come in while the Bible itself says nothing of mode, and we can only infer the mode from the circumstances surrounding the baptisms related in the Bible, except the baptisms of the Holy Ghost as being poured, shed forth? etc.

Again some tell us that Christ set us an example in his baptism for us to follow. The Bible nowhere tells us only by inference how he was baptized; but does not say anywhere whether he was baptized by immersion or affusion.

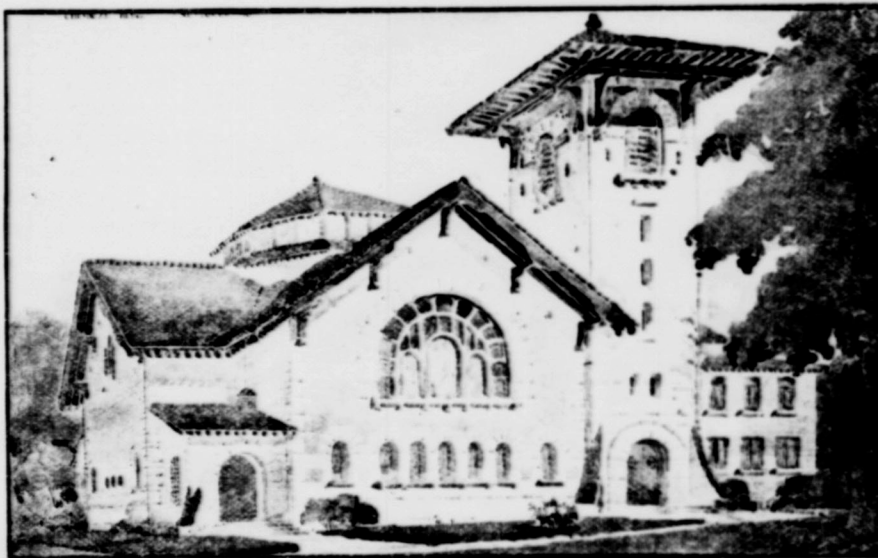
And if he has commanded us to follow his example in all things it would seem to indicate that we should not be baptized until we were about thirty years of age. And again, he waited until all the people were baptized; so it seems more like he was following or complying with a custom than setting an example to follow, especially as he did not so command, and never himself baptized anyone with water.

Now I will conclude this sermonette with an allegory that I have somewhere heard:

A man had been soundly converted and wished to join the right Church to get to heaven, but could not decide for himself which it could be, so he betook himself to earnest prayer to ascertain. While out praying earnestly on one occasion, a window of heaven was opened to him and he saw Father Abraham sitting complacently in heaven, and appealed to him to know that of all the sects down here on earth which he should join to be sure of getting to heaven. But, to his surprise, Father Abraham said never a word. But still anxiously pressing the case, he commenced to specify, "Please, Father Abraham, is it from the Catholic Church that heaven is peopled?" and Father Abraham answered, "No, there are no Roman Catholics here." "Then, Father Abraham, is it from the Episcopal Church that heaven is peopled?" Again the answer came, "No, there are no Episcopalians here." Then, Father Abraham is it the Presbyterians, or the Baptists, or the Methodists, or the more modern new sects that are there?" Father Abraham answers again, "No, not one of them here." Then in agony of spirit he exclaims, "Please tell me, Father Abraham, how is heaven peopled?" Father Abraham clasps his hands and says, "Bless the Lord, heaven is made up of the blood-washed throng from the earth, but when they get here they are entirely non-sectarian; they leave all that below when they cross the golden portals here in Christ's name."

F. C. McMILLAN.

No one can be said to live his best life until there stands in bold outlines upon the sky of his future the word duty. The aimless do little; the shirkers do perhaps even less. The work of the world is done by men and women who feel that they have a mission, and an obligation to fulfill it.—Henry Stiles Bradley, D. D.



UNIVERSITY M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, AUSTIN, TEXAS.
(Proposed Building.) CULLOM H. BOOTH, Pastor.
(Estimated Cost, not including Site and Furniture, \$30,000.)
Total Cost, About \$40,000.

Architect: Frederick M. Mann, Professor of Architecture, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. Building Committee: George P. Garrison, Ph. D. (University of Texas), C. O. Weller, M. D. A. S. Thweatt, Henry G. King (Dallas), Gen. Wm H. Stacy, E. E. Rall, Ph. D. (University of Texas), Judge N. A. Stedman.

Description of Proposed University Church Building.

Outside measurement of entire building, 77x112; inside measurement of auditorium, 59x72; inside measurement of Sunday-school department, 48x76. The Sunday-school department consists of the main Sunday-school room 29x42, the infant class room, pastor's study, Epworth League room and ten Sunday-school class rooms, all so arranged that the whole may be thrown together by means of folding doors and movable partitions. There are also toilet rooms, a kitchen and serving room, and other accessories of a first-class modern church building. The seating capacity of the auditorium is 620. The auditorium and Sunday-school rooms all thrown into one will seat 1000 to 1200. The building is to be constructed of light colored brick with stone trimmings, and the roof is to be of red tile.

board and increased their own assessment. The North Carolina Conference pledged \$2,900.00, the Mississippi \$1,400.00 and the Louisiana \$1,200.00; other conferences did as nobly.

Our laymen are showing a most liberal spirit. At least five \$1,000.00 subscriptions have been recently made to missions in our Church. The number of laymen who support each his own representative in the foreign field is growing. Two laymen in one Church in North Carolina are asking for special missionaries. This is a true of churches. We are constantly receiving application for special missionaries to be supported by Churches. A large part of our missionary force is now supported in that way.

St. John's Church, St. Louis, has just pledged a sum sufficient to support the Kwansai Gakun, our college in Kobe, Japan. This will cost them nearly \$5,000.00 a year. This is a noble example for other strong Churches.

Bishop Candler sent out an appeal for \$5,000 for a school at Songdo, Korea. It was in hand in thirty days, soon ran over \$10,000, and is still coming in. A similar liberality is being shown towards the purchase of property for Palmore Institute in Japan.

Better Organization.

The Conference Boards are better organized and more aggressive. A number of them have Secretaries who give their whole time to the work. Sixteen conferences have appointed Missionary Evangelists under the new law. As a rule the boards hold mid-year meetings and district and other institutes during the year.

The Missionary Training School has entered on its third year with brighter prospects than ever. Six young women of the present enrollment have volunteered for the foreign field, and twelve others are in training for the home field.

The new department of Home Missions has opened with fine prospects. It has been received with much favor, and the new Secretary is organizing with liberal plans for the home land.

The Young People's Department has grown rapidly. The number of study classes has grown from 178 last year to 322 this year, and the membership from 2151 to 4165, and, better still, recruits are coming from this quarter for our ranks at home and abroad.

The Epworth Leagues are more and more a missionary force. They are

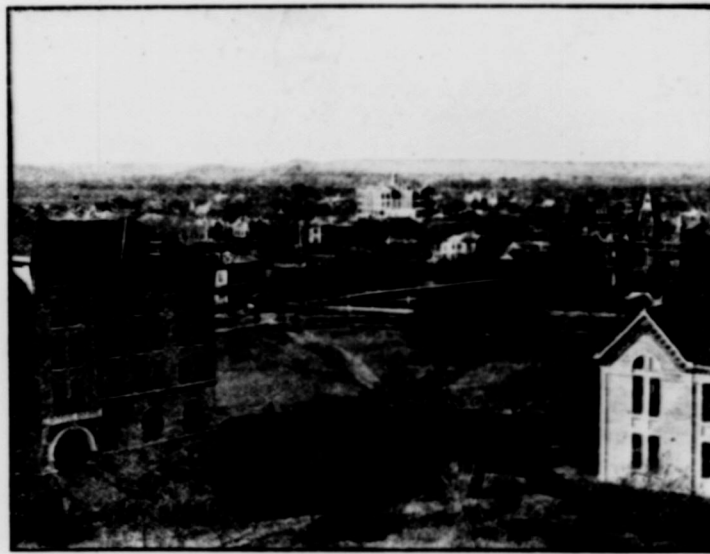
temporal prosperity is phenomenal. The blessing of God is upon us. There is the militant spirit upon us, and the thrill of battle runs along the line. The same spirit that throws wide the gates of heathenism calls and equips the Church to enter. "Awake, awake! put on thy strength, O Zion."
W. R. LAMBUTH.

SERMONETTE FROM THE POINT OF THE PEN.

Thoughts on Baptism as Gathered from the Bible and Common sense. In earlier life this writer used to

edge and hold out their hands where it was sprinkling or falling down from heaven, and thereby cleanse their hands, and no one of us dared to say to another, "Because you did not wash just as I did, you did not do it right, or did not get your hands clean." For we believed then, and we believe now, when we tell the truth about it, that the modus operandi of the performance cut no important figure in the case, but that the cleansing of the filth of the flesh was the paramount issue in that case.

But the Bible tells us that Bible baptism "is not the putting away of



SITE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH.

(Corner Twenty-fourth and Guadalupe Streets.)

View from Main Building of University, showing Woman's Building to left, Chemistry Building to right, and Church Site immediately in front, marked by white † and inclosed by white lines.

give expression orally in sermons or sermonettes occasionally to the thoughts and illustrations herein set forth, but have never seen them expressed in print. But believing they contain a brief synopsis of this much discussed subject, I hereby offer them to the press.

I will say that as Christ himself drew practical lessons from everyday life in his teachings and illustrations, so may we, his professed followers, al-

the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience" toward God or his Spirit of course.

Now our second common-sense and scriptural illustration comes in of the spiritual office of the Holy Ghost or spiritual baptism being the all-important and only saving baptism.

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THE SUPPER AT BETHANY.

The supper at Bethany was closely related to the supper in the "upper room," and, unconsciously to those present, was in a measure preparatory to it. It must have been exceedingly grateful to Him in whose honor it was made. He knew that the end was near. The burden was upon him; the darkness was gathering about him. His soul needed and longed for the comfort of love. On the way to Jerusalem he exhibited something of the sorrow which filled his soul, and tenderly drew his disciples close to him as he walked. He told them of the coming betrayal and death, and endeavored to prepare them for the trial of their faith, but they could not comprehend what he said, and could not minister to his soul's need. In Bethany, where so often he had been refreshed, he again received the ministrations of love which, as far as human sympathy could, prepared him for his death. In that little company he was far away from the plotting priests and scribes, sheltered in a home where love reigned. To the disciples there was, no doubt, some of the sweet peace they needed to dispel the shadow of what their Master had made known to them, but what an evening it was to Jesus! The cross was still before him, but in the ministrations of that evening he was strengthened for it.

The host was Simon the Leper; that tells the story. When it was we do not know, but at some time the leper had felt the touch of the hand which always gave healing and life; and now in his own house, with only the memory of the days of suffering and despair, he welcomed him who had saved him. There, also, was Lazarus, who had gone down through the mystery of death, and had been called back to earth that in him the glory of God might be revealed. Martha—busy, noble loving Martha—served, as so often before in her own home. And Mary, whose tender nature drew her close to the Lord, sat at his feet, intent only on the words of grace which fell from his lips, but in her silent love ministering to soul.

In all there was the joy of salvation. Did not Simon talk of the terrible days of his leprosy, of the pain, the hopeless gloom when he was shut out of all fellowship, and of the joy of the new life? Did he not praise the Lord for his mercy? Did not Lazarus talk of the days of waiting, when no answer came to the message sent by his sisters, and no token was given that he who loved him would come to his help, when the curtain was drawn closely around him and the light went out in darkness? Earth now had a new light to him; life was now on a higher plane; and he was nearer to Jesus who came forth from the unseen world that any one else could be, for his experience had extended beyond that reached by any other.

Let us imagine ourselves as one of the disciples listening to all that was said, as yet so much above their comprehension; or as one of the sisters as she looked at her brother and listened to the words of Jesus. He may have shadowed forth some of the sorrow that was in his soul, but rather we think him as speaking of redemption, of the life with God, of the joy of salvation. We think of

him as speaking from beyond the cross and the grave, opening up to them the glory to be revealed. And certain we may be that as he talked there came into his own soul the joy of the world redeemed. It may be that Martha stood still as she listened; Mary took up the higher ministry, and the best expression of her love she could give, poured the costly spikenard on his feet. Better than she really knew, she ministered. To her this was the outpouring of her love; to him it was the preparation for his burial, and he went from that night with a firmer step to that later supper at which the hand of the betrayer was on the table, to Gethsemane and to the cross. Some, although they were disciples, could not see the beauty and fitness of this service, but the answer of the Lord had been fulfilled, and in all the world the story has been told, and to this day the fragrance fills the house, giving peace and joyful hope to those who love the Lord.—United Presbyterian.

A VISION OF GLORY.

A young Scotch girl, who was taken ill in this country, knowing that she must die, begged to be taken back to her native land. On the homeward voyage she kept repeating "Oh, for a glimpse of the hills of Scotland!" Before the voyage was half over it was evident to those who were caring for her that she could not live to see her native land.

One evening, just at the sun-setting, they brought her on deck. The west was all aglow with glory, and for a few minutes she seemed to enjoy the scene. Someone said to her, "Is it not beautiful?" She answered, "Yes, but I'd rather see the hills of Scotland."

For a little while she closed her eyes, and then opening them again, and with a look of unspeakable gladness on her face, she exclaimed, "I see them now, and aye they're bonnie." Then with a surprised look, she added, "I never kened before that it was the hills of Scotland where the prophet saw the horsemen and the chariots, but I see them all, and we are almost there." Then, closing her eyes, she was soon within the veil. Those beside her knew it was not the hills of Scotland, but the hills of glory that she saw.

Perhaps there are some fair hills toward which you are now looking, and for which you are now longing, and you may be thinking that life will be incomplete unless you reach them. What will it matter if, while you are eagerly looking, there shall burst upon your vision the King's country, and the King himself comes forth to meet you and take you into that life where forever you shall walk with him in white because we are found worthy?—The Watchman.

A WORD TO YOUNG PREACHERS.

You have your own work to do, your life to live, your race to run and your God to serve; and you will at last have your own account to render up. God has given you your being and laid upon you responsibilities, and will hold you accountable for the improvement you make of the talents committed and the opportunities afforded to you. If you fail in your life-work, it will be your own failure, and you yourself must bear the loss. There is no possibility of shifting this responsibility. If you follow the multitudes to do evil, or if you are influenced and swayed in wrong directions by older and wiser persons, you yourself must still bear the responsibility of your own acts. He who gave heed to a lying prophet died as surely as he would had he become an idolater, or joined himself to the worshippers of Baal.

It behooves you, therefore, to weigh well the fact of your own personal responsibility, thus making your own calling and election sure, keeping yourself in the love of God, and then endeavoring to do the work

which God by His providence places within your reach. There are many things within your power which you are not called to do, simply because the Lord has not commanded that they should be done. You need not burden yourself to devote your life to the building up of every "cause," or interest, or enterprise which others may inaugurate or approve, and which may at last only cause you disappointment and regret. But you are to have understanding what the will of the Lord is concerning yourself, and then labor to save individual sinners, and to build up the saints in their most holy faith, and give light in the world, and show yourself "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

It is not necessary that you should rule the world, control the church, guide public opinion, or stand with the great in the high places of the earth; but it is necessary that you should obey God, and walk in His fear, and be led by His Spirit, and enjoy His fellowship. Although it may not be necessary that you should be a seeker of office, a leader in politics, or a manager of sectarian enterprises, it is necessary that you should be a good minister of Jesus Christ, a faithful witness that delivereth souls.

To do this you need so to know for yourself, your weakness and your strength, that you will beware of rash undertakings which result in failure; that you will not seek to imitate others, and strive to do great things because they have done them; in a word, that you seek to copy the Lord Jesus Christ in His faithfulness, in His lowliness, in His poverty, in His fidelity, and in His active life as He went about doing good. Doing this, you will find blessings on you, in all your ways. Being partaker of Christ's afflictions, you shall share His consolations; going at His command, He will be with you always, "even unto the end of the world;" and having suffered with Him here, you shall reign with Him at last in light and joy unspeakable. Compared with such a glory and such a reward, what has the world to offer? O man of God, cast aside every worldly weight. Follow hard after God, run with patience the race that is set before you, and you shall win the crown of glory that fadeth not away.—H. L. Hastings.

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The consternation and absurdity of folly are represented to the life in the parable of the virgins. Foolish people will rush around frantically and hysterically, at midnight, knocking at every fast-bolted door if haply they may make amends on the spur of the moment for a wasted life. But the consequences of neglect are not repaired so easily.

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But after having spurned His calls, slighted His mercy, trampled on His love, trifled with conscience, neglected the Bible and the mercy-seat and grieved the Holy Spirit through all the blessed years of a lifetime, to leap into life at a bound by some other way than the only way through Christ, is another thing.

"Give us of your oil." Nay, ask not the saint for his holiness. It is a personal treasure which cannot be shared with another. Some things are not communicable. The learned man who through years of study has laid up treasures of knowledge cannot share it with the drone who has

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never applied his mind to study and thought. The drone who would have this treasure on demand has wasted his capacity to gain it or use it. The rich man who through years of toil and frugality and economy and self-denial has laid up a store of the good things of this world against a rainy day cannot share his wealth with the sluggard who has wasted his time and opportunity. He may indeed give his gold away; but the strength and noble qualities which he has developed in the acquisition of his gold he cannot share with another. These are infinitely more valuable than his gold. These constitute his real treasure. They are his own, and cannot be given away.

It is absurd to imagine that one can cure the evil of a lost life by an hysterical wish at the last moment. It is foolish to imagine that those who have improved their opportunities can help those who have wasted their lives when the crisis of life comes. The treasure of light and life each one must have for his own or he cannot have it at all. Character is a personal treasure. Righteousness is a personal matter. Faith is a personal gift. It is identified with one's own self. Abraham, the Father of the Faithful, could not impart one particle of his mighty faith to his nephew Lot. That godly nephew who walked through this world of dangers by faith, and walked by faith through the valley and shadow of death, could not impart one particle of her faith to her unbelieving son for whom she would willingly have given her own life.

Faith, righteousness, truth and goodness are not like material things which can be measured with a yardstick and weighed in scales and divided up among men as each has need. There is only One who can give grace, mercy and peace. He giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not. But those who despise Him and His gifts will go destitute and ashamed into outer darkness.—The Christian Advocate.

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the joys of loveliness? Love's joy is the surrender of itself; the joy of loveliness is the keeping of itself. If heaven were open to thy vision, the sight might startle thee; thou mightest call for the rocks to hide thee, for the mountains to cover thee from the view. To make the revelation a joy to thee thyself must be changed into the same image. It is not every soul that can rejoice to be a ministering spirit sent forth to minister to the heirs of salvation; to rejoice in it fully we must all be changed. If death were abolished to-day it would not free thee from that need. It is not death that demands thy change; it is life. It is not death that brings thy change; it is the spirit of the Christ. Thou needst not wait for death to find thy change, for the spirit too can transform in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Blessed are they who shall not taste of death until they shall see the kingdom of God.—George Matheson.

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Notes From the Field

Winters.

J. M. Baker, January 3: Your weekly visits bring sunshine and gladness into our home. After conference, when the rain ceased and the mud had dried some, we reached this, our new charge, on Saturday evening late. Scarcely had we entered the house when friends to pastors and their families came in, bringing some of the things necessary to sustain life. To say we were grateful feebly expresses our feelings. We are among a clever, loyal, religious people, and located in one of the prettiest, busiest little inland towns in Texas. We had a beautiful Christmas tree on Monday night before Christmas, with several hundred dollars worth of presents on it, and the preacher and family were not forgotten.

Bruceville and Eddy.

M. M. Morphis, Jan. 3: The work is starting off nicely. We are expecting great things before our next Annual Conference. When my family reached the parsonage, they found the table spread and laden with many good things to eat. After this many nice things continued to find their way to our home until we began to think the plan on this charge was like Elijah's ravens—bring it as it is needed; but in this we were to be disappointed. On the evening of Dec. 21, when the old year was rapidly measuring off its last hours, and when we did not the least expect a full weight Methodist pounding, there was a rap at the front, and when the door was opened, it looked like all Eddy had come, each bringing some kindly gift. We then presumed (?) all was over; but Bruceville is not built that way. In a few minutes another rap, and Bruceville had come! Well, it was a happy occasion! When it was over, we took an inventory and found that our grocery bill would

be quite light for the next two months. Our first Quarterly Conference came early in December. Our tall, stately presiding elder, Rev. B. R. Bolton, was present and preached a splendid sermon, to the delight of all present. The board of stewards, by a unanimous vote, added \$100 to the assessment of last year. And then, though only a few days after the Annual Conference, reported nearly full on the first quarter. Money has been raised and the work will begin soon, to re-paper and paint the entire interior of the parsonage. We are humbly grateful for all these kindnesses and are very busy trying to get into all the Methodist homes on the charge; preaching the best we can and praying for a great revival that will sweep hundreds of the lost into the kingdom of God.

Robert Lee.

D. A. McGuire, Jan. 1: We left Rising Star Tuesday, Nov. 26. After traveling for four days through rain and mud we arrived at Bronte, Saturday morning and learned that our Quarterly Conference would meet that evening. But it had rained so much that our presiding elder did not arrive until night, and so our Quarterly Conference was held December 13. Our presiding elder could not be with us. I took charge and felt very much like a presiding elder. This is a fine country, and the best people in West Texas. When we arrived on the field the good people of Bronte (the new railroad town) had let the contract to build a new church, which when finished and seated will cost about \$4000. We found that we needed a new church at Robert Lee, so we went at once to get our people interested in the church, and we found that they were very anxious to do something. We have secured money enough to put the lumber on the

ground to remodel our church. The work will begin in about ten days. We will put two wings to the old building, paint and paper and put in new pews. When it is finished it will be worth about \$2500. Our predecessor, Bro. J. M. Baker, had added two rooms to the parsonage and put new paper on all the rooms, and painted it. It now has the appearance of a new house. We are very much delighted with the outlook. These people know how to pound a preacher, also presented us with some nice presents. Methodism is coming to the front in this country. Plenty of money in this country. I took a collection at Bronte last Sunday for the new church and received \$540. We have in hand about \$2500. I have the best charge in the Northwest Texas Conference. We are praying for great revivals.

Quail Circuit.

Samuel L. Culwell, January 2: We are comfortably housed in our new parsonage, and have completed our first round without any serious mishap. This is a rapidly developing country and our Church is in the lead. We are serving a good people and, of course, we are happy and well pleased. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the last day of the old year. The stewards made a liberal assessment for our salary, each point in the charge making quite a raise over last year, and they will pay every cent of the assessment. Our New Year's gift was an orthodox Methodist pounding, administered the night of January 1 by the Quail class. The people have all given us a kind reception, and we have every encouragement to believe that we are going to have a prosperous year.

Tyler.

New Harris: We were transferred to the Texas Conference by Bishop Morrison and stationed at Marvin Memorial. Our reception was most cordial. We were met at the train and conveyed to the parsonage, which we found neatly and comfortably furnished. We also found in the dining room an elegant dinner awaiting us. The larder was also filled to overflowing with the best the market afforded. The stewards, as fine a body of men as it has been our good fortune to meet, met, and without even a suggestion on our part, made a handsome increase in the pastor's salary. We are most pleasantly situated. Our church building is the most imposing structure in the city, and our choir, under the direction of Mrs. L. L. Jester, is as fine as any in the South. We have never served a more appreciative people. So cordial was our welcome, and so pleasant has been our association that, though a new man in the conference, we have never felt more at home. Our purpose is to show our appreciation of these courtesies by giving the Church our best efforts.

Elmore, I. T.

W. C. Fleetwood, Jan. 1: I made my start in the North Texas Conference, where I had many warm, personal friends. I thought I would give my life-work to that conference, where my old grandfather, W. A. Shook, did so much good, and is still held in dear memory by so many of those good, old faithful preachers, but the providence of God has ordered different. After the Annual Conference adjourned and we began to look out our new home, I find myself over here on the Elmore Circuit, in the Wynnewood District. I was so fortunate as to get Bro. J. S. Lamar as my presiding elder. He is full of religion. People can't feel any other way but religious under the influence of his sermons. He preaches the truth regardless of men or devils, and that is just what it takes anywhere. How we did enjoy reading our first copy of the Texas Christian Advocate last week since conference. Pray for us that we may accomplish great things by the help of God.

Weatherford Circuit.

H. Bascom Owens: When the appointments were read out at conference at Brownwood, I found myself appointed to the Weatherford Circuit. My predecessor, Rev. A. P. Smith, was not an idle man during his ministry among these good people, and he wrought a good work. For several years this charge has been dependent upon the Domestic Mission Board for assistance, but during the efficient labors of my worthy predecessor the charge has advanced until it was made a self-supporting circuit, and is known as Weatherford Circuit. We find, however, that there is still plenty of good work left to do, which will give us good, healthy exercise and development on this charge. Our people have given us a very cordial reception, and there have been many encouraging expressions to cheer and stimulate us in our labors. Not a few very kind and considerate tokens of appreciation have found their way to the parsonage, notwithstanding the pastor does not live right among and

close to his membership, the parsonage being located in the city of Weatherford. Our good women of the Home Mission Society at Bethel are worthy of special mention for their prompt and generous provisions for the parsonage. Scarcely had the pastor gotten into his new home when these live and considerate women were on the ground planning to improve and furnish the home for the comfort and pleasure of their pastor and his family. Not only have the good women gone to work to beautify and make comfortable the interior of the parsonage, but the brethren of the official board in the charge ordered needed improvements made upon the exterior of the parsonage, which will add materially to its appearance as well as value. So, all told, it is quite evident that the Weatherford Circuit has taken on a decided forward movement, and now ranks among the best in the conference. We are expecting a great year. The presiding elder, Rev. M. K. Little, live and awake, is moving off finely and is shaping up for a great year's work in the district. The city pastors, Revs. Mimms and Manly, are both in high favor with their people. We hear very pleasant things of them both, and wish for them all success in their new field of labor.

Estelline.

N. F. Gray, Jan. 3: The first Quarterly Conference for Estelline charge was held at Estelline Dec. 27. Bro. Howard, the presiding elder, was with us and preached a good sermon at 11 a. m., and held conference at 3 p. m. It was a very fine conference. This western country is growing very fast, and the Church is keeping in the lead. One appointment was taken from our work at the first Quarterly Conference and the extra Sunday was divided between Bethel and Estelline, giving us a very compact little work. The salaries were raised about \$250 over last year's assessment, notwithstanding the loss of the appointment. The stewards of our charge, as it now stands, were all present, and reported about \$200 on salaries, and the pastor reported about \$100 paid on the general collection—about 40 per cent of the assessment. Our Woman's Home Mission Society is doing splendid work, and are contemplating some improvement on our parsonage property. The outlook for a great year's work is exceedingly encouraging. The good people have been very kind to us. The pounding began when we first came, and still good things are finding their way to the parsonage.

Princeton.

W. E. Kirby, Jan. 2: When the conference met at Bowie, we were left at the same place for another year, much to our delight, and have received many tokens of appreciation from our people. Every thing is moving off nicely. We have the lumber on the ground for improving our church property at Princeton, and when completed, it will be a credit to our congregation. During Christmas we were in a meeting at Copeville. B. L. Adair did the preaching, to the delight of those who wish to do right and set those in sin to thinking. Conviction came and repentance in the old-time way, resulting in 51 conversions. The people shouted and rejoiced until one felt as if he was in an old-time campmeeting. Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists and Campbellites prayed and shouted until you could tell no difference as to doctrine. Adair is a success. He fights sin from the time he begins until he closes, preaching with the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, and eternity alone will reveal the good done. Some 23 or 24 joined the Church, 9 joined our Church, with more to follow. It rained on Saturday, and but few could get out to the last service. Bro. Bagby, pastor of the Baptist Church, did valiant service, as did also Bro. Hall, of the Presbyterian.

Yoakum.

V. G. Thomas, Dec. 21: Our work in the church here is looking up. Have had 23 net increase. Fifty-one added to the Senior League. Everything ready to organize a Junior League. The W. H. M. Society largely increased. The Sunday-school attendance so fills up the church that the officials are talking about enlargement. We are looking forward to a grand Methodist climax in Yoakum next November.

Kennard.

Walter L. Gibbons, Jan. 2: We were received here kindly. The people where God and the Church has placed us for this year are very kind. We find a great many of God's people here. They gave us the usual pounding, for Santa Claus came with full force, leaving our pantry well filled with supplies, increased our wardrobe and left Christmas presents for the baby and filled our hearts full of love for the people. Our First Quarterly Conference is recorded in the history of the past, having convened yesterday, January 1. So you see, we are well set-

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tled on our new work. The stewards have assessed the salary at a living rate and everything is looking forward to a good year. We are beginning early in order to report our work out in full at Houston, with a "little the rise." We find Brother Willis to be a good presiding elder and a warm brother.

Red Water.

J. M. Mills, Jan. 1: We were among the fortunate ones at the last Texas Conference to be returned to our old charge. We have been kindly received and pounded bountifully, a good Presbyterian brother putting in a ten-dollar bill. So we begin our year's work with this kind people with faith, hope and love, expecting a good year. So mote it be, is our prayer.

Pleasanton.

Jno. B. Smith: At the late session of the West Texas Conference I was returned to this charge. I can truly say the lines have fallen to me pleasantly, and I have a good heritage. My salary was increased nicely above last year, and about one-fourth of it paid at the first Quarterly Conference. A splendid barn has been erected since conference, furnishing ample room for feed, and for buggy, cow and chickens, and a parlor for my horse, Bob. The pounding storm met us on our arrival here last February, and we soon learned our lack of ability to forecast the cloud-burst, and meekly tried to adjust ourselves to the almost weekly down-pour in greater or less measure ever since. This work has three appointments—Pleasanton, Campbellton and Fairview. The last two a short distance out—only twenty miles—but Bob does not seem to mind the distance, and I really enjoy the drive, knowing that bonds and stocks do not await me. On the way to one of them I only pass two houses, but I open and close fourteen huge stock gates. My Church at that end of the line consists of only twenty members, but the bigness of their desire and zeal makes me lose sight of the smallness of the congregation and their interest intensifies mine. This membership is made up of about four families, and most of them come quite a distance. They all bring dinner, and we have a morning and an afternoon service, and all get home before night. It is a real pleasure to preach to such people. In fact, the charge is well named—Pleasanton. A man coming here, however, from a densely populated country would think, as Brother Petty used to say, "I am on the periphery." The voting population of the county, I think, is only about 1,000. This includes Mexicans and negroes, of whom we have

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a large number. The county stands dry, and her judicial affairs are managed by men of moral stamina. And her courthouse and jail, her bank and mercantile establishments, her schools and Church enterprises evidence close proximity to the very best centers of our great State. But I must not advertise too well, for some man will want my job next fall. But these are days of scheming, and I'll say some good things of my beloved. F. B. Buchanan, of the Beeville District, is a grand man, a fine character. He is the only presiding elder of the West Texas Conference who enjoys a clean expression from his chin to the back of his neck; and in looking after the details of the Church in a Quarterly Conference he seems to see from both sides of his long face. No chance to dodge any matter of interest when he is in the presiding elder's chair. But the uncovered condition of his head has not affected the contents of his cran-um, nor dimmed his prophetic vision, for when hooked to a singletree from the Bible, you may look for the moving of the wheels of our Zion. The palace car of 1906 ran into the station of 1907, and before I had scarcely realized the change, we were aboard the magnificent dining car with the Christian family of our big-hearted townsman, Geo. Ricks. I believe I can make a successful run on this car, but I doubt if my wife can, and I would not advise my presiding elder to undertake it. Thirty days after this I will have passed my sixtieth annual milestone from the cradle to the grave. I am only reminded in a few instances of what the people call old age—eyesight not so good, a few frosty hairs on my head, and my step not so elastic as it once was. I entered the North Texas Conference at Dallas, 1873, and was appointed junior preacher to the Clarksville Circuit. I had just been licensed a few days before the conference by J. M. Binkley, and had never tried to preach. And at Old Sylvan, east of Paris, Texas, I spent a night with my afterward much loved brother, L. B. Ellis, who, among the many questions, asked: "How do you know that you can preach?" Some magician from the playground of our higher critics may have given him a satisfactory answer, but I said: "I am going to try." And I am still trying, and the more I try the better I love it. I loved from the start our itinerancy. I love it more intensely than ever. I believed before I was converted that the Methodist

car carried a gospel competent to save from sin, and to comfort and enrich the life of the believer. All of which has proven wonderfully true in my own experience. I am still trying to preach it to others, and God is blessing it. The higher critics concern me but little. I am satisfied with our old Bible statements of Job and the other good characters. The re-statement of our Articles gives a good playground for some of our good brethren; let them play. And I think if the brethren will keep sweet in temper and charitable in the use of words—the discussion of the state or condition of the unsaved after death will not affect a great many people. The Christian Scientists, so-called, say their people don't die; they only pass on. Well, I may be below the average mind, perhaps, in thought, but I had just as soon die like other people die as to pass on as the Scientists do. The man who recognizes and appreciates the great mind and spirit which he has would not hesitate long before choosing consciousness in hell forever, in preference to annihilation—nothing forever. Stupid must be the brain and spirit to consent to an eternal nothing. No, don't cease preaching the old gospel, for we have hundreds, yea thousands, of preachers and laymen who will continue on the old ship and leave a pure Church to the coming generations.

Unusual Occurrence.

Daily Sun, Corsicana, Sunday morning at the Eleventh Avenue Methodist Church was a very happy one for that congregation. Rev. Moore, before taking his text for the morning discourse, read a letter from Rev. Abe Mulkey in which the evangelist proposed to give \$1,000 to the church for a parsonage under certain conditions, one of which was that the church should raise \$1,000. This was the first time the offer had been read before the congregation, and it seems to have been Rev. Moore's idea merely to read it that it might be given publicity and for the purpose of giving the congregation an opportunity to think it over and lay plans accordingly. To his surprise a lady arose from her seat and subscribed \$25, saying that she "wanted to see Rev. Mulkey pay that \$1,000." Then another party subscribed \$10. The spirit of giving was then on and before Rev. Moore could full-realize what was being done over \$600 had been subscribed. He was happy almost beyond expression and his congregation shared the happiness with him. It was a very unusual occurrence and is another demonstration of the Christian zeal and liberality that burns within the bosoms of the members of that congregation.

South Bonham and Ravenna.

J. T. Bludworth, January 6: The people of South Bonham and Ravenna have done everything possible to make us comfortable and happy. The ladies here had a good dinner prepared for us the day we arrived, and gave us a nice pounding Christmas week. The needed furniture has been placed in the parsonage. Last Saturday and Sunday was the first Quarterly Conference at Ravenna. Our new presiding elder, Brother Hamilton, captured our people from the start. He presides like an old hand, preaches like a Bishop. We predict for him success on all lines. The outlook for this charge and all the Bonham District is hopeful.

Center.

L. H. McGee, Dec. 31: The good people of Center have received the preacher and his family royally. We have every thing to encourage us to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Our Board of Stewards is a most excellent body of men who love God and his Church. They made the pastor's salary \$1000, and adopted wise methods for its collection. We are moving off well for the beginning of our third year. Have received 6 into the Church, 4 by certificate and one by baptism, and every thing bids fair to be our best year in the ministry. The pounding was in due time, substantial and plentiful. Soon after our return from conference the valuable things began to find their way to the parsonage, which made glad the hearts of the inmates of this home. But on Christmas eve the house was thronged with men and women, with hands and arms filled with good things to eat and wear too numerous to mention. They not only supplied us with an abundance of groceries, but with dress goods for the mother and children, and a fine pair of shoes for the preacher. They also gave us a handsome rug and some beautiful china and silverware. To say the least of it, we have plenty of groceries, clothing and shoes to do us for quite a while in the future together with other valuable presents that we shall hold sacred, in memory of the donors. Our first Quarterly Conference was held to-day at 10 a. m., with Rev. C. A. Tower, our safe, painstaking presiding elder, in the chair. Bro. Tower is not new to this people, inasmuch as he had served on

the district three years before. But the whole town rejoiced when he was sent to them. This is not only true of the people of Center, but it is also true of the people of the district. In proof of their appreciation of him, the district stewards have raised his salary \$300. It is said by the Board of Stewards that we had the best Quarterly Conference in the history of the Church in the town of Center, notwithstanding it was held on the last day of the year 1906. They reported for the support of the ministry \$327.75, \$40.25 more than one-fourth of the salaries. What preacher is there that would not appreciate this appointment and love this people? Every department of the Church is doing well under the guiding influences of the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday-school is doing good work under the wise superintendency of our young, brilliant, consecrated Daniel Walker. Our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with Mrs. J. E. Armstrong as its President is making rapid progress. While it is only six months old, it has 23 members, and is second to none of its age in the conference. The Juvenile, or Little Workers, under the judicious management of Mrs. O. L. McKnight, is full of life, and is increasing in numbers. Mrs. Hugh Jones is the President of our W. H. M. Society, and she is indeed a leader among women. With 53 loyal members to help and encourage her, they are doing a great work in the Church. Since conference they have painted the fence around the church and parsonage and put a handsome matting on the floor of one of the rooms in the parsonage. All former pastors can readily understand how we appreciate these true and noble women for the cause which they represent. We have laid our plans for the year's work, and are working and praying together for success in the name of the great Captain of our salvation. To this end let everyone pray who may read this article.

Howe and Ferguson.

W. Byron Byars: We are moving well in our new place. We have been cordially received, pounded well, and all things are working together for good to us. Methodist people are good, better and best; we have the best. The pastor and people here are planning great things, and by the help of God, we are expecting them all to come to pass. That word "Methodist" has several meanings. I find that it means fine church buildings as well as it means prohibition. I think, however, its broadest meaning is, "the best we have is for God." The good women of Howe have expended about \$50 on the parsonage since our arrival, very much to their credit and to our comfort.

Atlanta.

J. C. Jones: We have been kindly received at Atlanta Station. Many tokens given show us "the lines have fallen in pleasant places." The stewards fixed the salary at \$1500 in a few days after our return from the conference, and they planned for monthly payments. Our first Quarterly Conference is over and Rev. R. A. Burroughs has stamped himself as a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed in the pulpit and chair." In the entire family of Advocates, the Texas is justly entitled to a high place.

Aledo.

G. D. Wilson, Jan. 7: Our first Quarterly Conference was held here Jan. 5 and 6. Bro. M. K. Little, presiding elder, was present and preached to our delight and profit. The good officials raised the pastor's salary \$25 over past assessment and they paid nearly one-fourth. The people at Aledo have kindly remembered their pastor and family by a good pounding given soon after our arrival. In fact the good people all over the charge have been very kind. God bless them and help this pastor to do a great work this year. The outlook on this charge is very promising. We are expecting a great revival at every appointment.

Weston.

Oscar E. Moreland, Jan. 8: We have met with words of encouragement and good will from the people at each of the three appointments on this charge. The people seem ready and willing to co-operate with their pastor in trying to make this a good year for Western Circuit. Monday night, Dec. 31, the good people began coming in, and in a few minutes our dining table was overladen with good things to eat. As this is our first charge and this our first pounding, we did not know just what to say, but from the depths of our hearts we wish to thank every one who so generously contributed toward making the pounding a success. Most of the crowd stayed with us until near midnight, when, after a prayer, we went to the church for a midnight song service. This preacher and family will ever feel grateful to these good people. We are going to do our very best

to serve them acceptably. May God abundantly bless our labors together. Our first Quarterly Conference will be held at this place Feb. 9-10. We hope to have a full attendance of the officials and as many of the laymen as can be with us. Come; the good people of Weston will be glad to entertain you while here. On New Year's day, in answer to a special invitation, we went to the home of Brother and Sister Farnsworth, in the Liberty community, to join in celebrating their twenty-fifth (silver) wedding anniversary. Considering the bad weather, a good crowd of friends came to enjoy the hospitality of this home; and—talking about good things to eat—my! my! there was an abundance. May God continue his blessings to this good family and to all the people whom it is our pleasure to serve.

Bremond.

E. M. Myers, Jan. 9: I am glad I am back in the old Texas Conference again, after an absence of five years in the Indian Mission Conference. The people of Bremond have received us very kindly. We arrived at 1:30 a. m., went to the parsonage, found Bro. Wagon and family dressed and ready to go to the depot to take the train for his new field of labor—Jefferson. These good people had pounded us before we arrived, so all we had to do was to go to bed, sleep and get up and cook breakfast. Many other good things have found their way to the parsonage, among them two nice turkeys. Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Sunday and Monday. Brother Shettles, our old-time friend, was at his post as presiding elder and preached us a good sermon Sunday night and held the conference Monday morning. Our great drawback in this community is the foreign element—the Poles. They are all Catholics. The reader, of course, knows what that means to Christianity and civilization. The time is not far distant when we will have to put a missionary here to preach to these foreigners or abandon the field. It is now the comment of this community. We are praying for relief through some channel. May the good Lord send it in his own way.

Water Valley.

J. F. Pike, Jan. 5: At the last session of the Southwest Missouri Conference, owing to throat trouble, I took a superannuate relation and soon after came to Texas, hoping to do work as a supply while trying the climate of West Texas. So at the session of West Texas Conference, held at San Angelo, I was appointed to Water Valley Circuit. Arrived here early in November and found a clever, warm-hearted people, who gave us a cordial reception; and a few evenings later they gave us a genuine pounding, consisting of the necessities of life. It seemed that everybody in town and many out of town had a hand in it. We pray God's blessings on the donors. Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 2. Rev. W. T. Renfro, presiding elder, was on hand and preached a very helpful sermon and presided wisely and satisfactorily. He is certainly the man for the place. The people give many expressions of their appreciation of their pastor.

Hewitt.

R. J. Tooley, Jan. 7: We have received a most cordial welcome to the Hewitt charge. The good women have raised \$107, which was used in furnishing the parsonage, and the end is not yet; they are anxious that our wants shall be made known and our needs supplied. It is refreshing to meet with such sympathy and liberality. The former pastor, Bro. W. N. Curry, did four years of good work on this charge. The people hold him in high esteem and were loath to part with him and his good wife. Our first Quarterly Conference met at Spring Valley last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Nelms preached a most helpful sermon to us Saturday morning, after which we repaired to a school house close by and found a bountiful dinner spread, which was enjoyed by all. Ample provision was made for the support of the ministry and a handsome sum turned in at the first quarter. Sunday morning brought to us another soul-stirring sermon from Bro. Nelms. We all like our new presiding elder. We like his preaching; we like him in the choir; we like him socially, but he is a little too inquisitive in the preacher's home. Others take warning.

Putnam.

R. E. L. Stutts, Jan. 8: Taking my leave of Coolidge on the morning of Nov. 28, I proceeded toward the north-west to my new field of labor, arriving in the afternoon at 7:45 the following day in a certain town called Putnam, the field of labor for the current year of 1906-7. We have been cordially received, but have not been pounded as yet. Many tokens of kindness have found their way to the parsonage. I have made my first round

on the charge at each of my appointments, have had large and attentive congregations. I left a good and noble people, and find many good and religious people here. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Scranton, Jan. 5 and 6. Our beloved presiding elder, John R. Morris, preached two good sermons, to the delight of all present. The Board of Stewards were all present but two, and made a liberal assessment for the preacher and presiding elder, raising the salary over last year. The crying need of Putnam charge is a genuine revival sent down from the Father above. May we speedily prepare our hearts to receive it.

FIRST CHURCH, FORT WORTH.

With many precious memories and dear friendships put away in the strong room of our hearts, we left Trinity Church and Dallas about December 1. We most heartily congratulate Bro. Bradford on his "inheritance" of such a Church and such a people. No less heartily do we felicitate the people on their new pastor. Strong in body, mind and soul, he will triumphantly carry on the great work there.

In my new charge "everything is lovely and the goose hangs high." Dr. Alonzo Monk did a great work here, as he does everywhere. Ever since I was a boy I have read of Dr. Monk and have always considered him one of the strongest pastors in the whole Church. Since I have come to examine his work closely I have in no wise changed my opinion. He is a man of commanding personality, magnetism and force. In creating sentiment, selecting and buying a magnificent location and raising a subscription of nearly \$50,000 toward the new church, Dr. Monk did a work the magnitude of which grows on me as I become more acquainted with it. Besides this Dr. Monk brought the membership up to more than 1000 and placed the Church in a position to be one of the greatest Churches of the connection.

When we came here the concrete foundation of the new church was laid. Now the walls are up to a sufficient height to indicate the majesty of the building when completed. There remains for me a vast amount of work. The lot is the only thing paid for until now. It will be my job to collect the unpaid subscriptions and get subscribed and collect about \$50,000 more in order to complete and furnish the church. This means that we have got to get in about \$80,000 in cash before we can say "hail to the capstone!" But we will do it, by God's help and the self-sacrificing co-operation of this great Church. About \$10,000 more than our present assets will complete the building without furnishings, etc. As soon as the old assets are materialized we will at once address ourselves to the task of raising that \$40,000. We ought to do it in a year. We must do it in a year. We will do it in a year.

We have been most cordially received and kindnesses of all sorts have been showered upon us. The stewards unanimously fixed the salary at \$3600 a year and a furnished parsonage. They unanimously passed a resolution to buy or build immediately a parsonage to cost \$7000 or \$8000. We are canvassing for a favorable location and expect to be in the new parsonage before spring. Because we have to pay rent both for the parsonage and the church, the expense budget of the year is increased about 25 per cent, but the membership have royally responded by raising their assessments correspondingly. We have a strong Board of Stewards, a zealous Building Committee, a splendid Sunday-school, a very efficient League, the best Foreign Mission Society I ever saw, a fine Home Mission Society, a triumphant "Young Ladies' Building Band," and are going to organize soon a First Church Methodist Man's Club. Not the least thing we have is Bro. Jacob Tudor, the best all-round pastor's assistant, city missionary, collector and consecrated worker in "every good word and work" there is in the Church.

Unusual as it may be, this big city Church has remembered us with tokens of love deposited in our "basket and store"—a complete Thanksgiving dinner, a turkey, home-made sausage, potted plants and last but not least, a fine Jersey cow. Bro. Ollie Bowles gave us the pick of a hundred cows for a Christmas present. "May his tribe increase and his shadow never grow less."

Last and best of all, we are having gracious revival services every Sunday. Sunday before last we had bright conversions at both services and received during the day sixteen members, eight of them on profession of faith. Yesterday we had conversions in both services and received fourteen accessions, six of them on profession of faith. Have received sixty-four since conference. Congregations overflowing the building.

"We thank God, take courage and persevere."
HUBERT D. KNICKERBOCKER,
Jan. 7, 1907.

CHILD ALMOST A SOLID SORE

From Skin Disease from Birth Until Six Years Old—Father Spent Fortune on Her Without Benefit—Old Doctor Suggested Cuticura, which Cured Her in Two Months, Leaving

SKIN SOFT AS A BABY'S AND WITHOUT A SCAR

"I have a cousin in Rockingham Co. who once had a skin disease from her birth until she was six years of age. Her father had spent a fortune on her to get her cured and none of the treatments did her any good. Old Dr. G— suggested that he try the Cuticura Remedies which he did. When he commenced to use it the child was almost in a solid scab. He had used it about two months and the child was well. I was there when they commenced to use your Cuticura Remedies. I stayed that week and then returned home and stayed two weeks and then went back and stayed with them two weeks longer and when I went home I could hardly believe she was the same child. Her skin was as soft as a baby's without a scar on it. I have not seen her in seventeen years but I have heard from her and the last time I heard from her she was well. That is where I became acquainted with Cuticura. I hope this may be of some service to you in the future. Mrs. W. P. Ingle, Burlington, N. C., June 16, 1905."

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The Home Circle

THE HABIT BUILDER.

"How shall I a habit break?"
As you did that habit make.
As you gathered you must lose;
As you yielded, now refuse.
Thread by thread the strands we
twist,
Till they bind us neck and wrist;
Thread by thread the patient hand
Must untwine, ere free we stand.
As we builded, stone by stone,
We must toil, unhelped, alone,
Till the wall is overthrown.
But remember as we try,
Lighter every test goes by;
Wading in, the stream grows deep
Toward the center's downward
sweep;
Backward turn, each step ashore,
Shallower is than that before.
Ah, the precious years we waste
Leveling what we raised in haste;
Doing what must be undone,
Ere content or love be won!
First, across the gulf we cast
Kite-borne threads, till lines are
passed.
And habits build the bridge at last.

—John Boyle O'Reilly.

THE BOY AND THE DREAM.

The Boy's father died when he was ten years old. His mother had no one then but him. She read and studied and played games with him. They walked up and down the hills together and picked flowers and mosses. Often they had long talks.

Little by little a terrible truth dawned upon the mother. She had never been strong, and since her husband's death she had grown weaker. She might die before the Boy should grow up. Then he would come under new influences. He might forget her teachings. He might become a very different man from what she wished him to be.

"Oh," she thought often, "if I could only speak some strong words which might sink so deep into his heart that he would never forget them!" She prayed much that these right words, at just the right time, might come to her, "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

One day they had been off on a delightful excursion and had come home in the early evening very tired. It was while they were resting in the little parlor, the mother in a great easy chair, and the Boy on a hassock at her feet with his head in her lap, that the words came to her for which she had been hoping; and it was as she wished—the Boy never forgot them.

There had been a pause. Then the Boy began: "Harold says he don't like it in the city. He says when it comes night his aunt won't let him go anywhere—and she won't play parson's no anything with him, and there isn't anything for him to do."

"That is rather hard," smiled his mother, "but there is always the Dream."

"The Dream?" repeated the Boy, mystified.

"Yes, Haven't you a dream?"
"Why, yes," he answered hesitatingly. "I dream a good many nights. Don't you know I told you yesterday about a dream I had about riding with my father?"

"Yes. That was a night dream. Night dreams are often beautiful, but they are generally rather wild and disjointed. I like day dreams better."

"Day dreams?"
"Yes. When I was a little girl, I used to have beautiful day dreams—especially when there was nothing else to do, and time hung heavily. Sometimes I dreamed that I stood at the head of my class. Sometimes that I became a great nurse, and comforted many sick people. And always, that I had a home of my own, which I would arrange sometimes in one way, sometimes in another; and a husband who would love me as my father loved my mother—and always a dear little boy of my own. You see, some of my Dream came true." The Boy laughed.

"Yes—and I dreamed that I should travel through strange countries. That came true, too. But I often dreamed afterward that I should go again and take my dear little boy with me. In the dream it was very nice to see how pleased he was with the funny birds and animals and the queerly dressed children over there."

The Boy laughed again—this time half-sadly. "But that part never came true," he said.
"No," she rejoined with a sigh, "and it probably never will come true now, for since your dear father died we have been too poor."
"But I can have that for part of my Dream," he said eagerly.
"Yes, and if you have a Dream like that to turn into a reality, you will work all the harder and better. Let us imagine a beautiful Dream for you."

There was silence. The Boy seemed intensely interested.
"I will dream that I shall be a great engineer—like Harold's father," he broke out at last. "I will lay out great railroads, and survey for cities and reservoirs—and be the best in the town—maybe in the state—maybe anywhere!"
"You might as well try," laughed his mother. "But don't be discouraged if you have to work hard and if you make some mistakes, and in the end are not as successful as you meant to be. Just do the best you can."

"Oh, of course," he said comfortably. "And soon I shall have some money laid up; then I must have a home of my own."
"I am so glad you thought of that!" cried his mother. "That is really the best of all—but I did not think you would realize it. A home of your own, with a sweet wife and children—surely a dear little boy like mine." Kissing his forehead lovingly, "and people liking you and respecting you and coming to ask your advice, just as they used to ask your father's."

He laughed a little scornfully. That did not appeal to him.

"And you a very strong man," she added, "very well—never sick—never doing anything to hurt your health."

"Yes—very strong," he echoed. "I can jump further now and throw the hammer further than Harold or Frank."

"That is all very well, but," she reminded him, "you remember that I read you how too much of what they call 'athletics' often unfit a man for practical life. Don't go into it too hard."

"Oh, no, I won't," he answered, with the impatient confidence of the young and ignorant.

"And what kind of a home shall we dream for you?" she asked thoughtfully. "Shall it be a large mansion, with turrets on it, and with grand terraces in front? Or shall it be a plain house, with just a bay window like ours?—and of course, a large yard!"

"Yes, a very large yard, with fine trees and flowers. I am not sure about the house, but there must be lots of yard—enough for a tennis court and an field on purpose for baseball, and I rather think, for golf."

"Perhaps one yard might be very trim and smooth, and another rough and wild, like ours," she suggested.

"I think, all rough and wild," he corrected.

"Oh, well, you can dream it any way you like—and ever so many different ways. That is the pleasure of a Dream. And no matter how hard you work—and of course, you must expect to work hard to get the money to pay for all these things—then in the evening you can always dream your Dream, and pray God to help you to make it true—if it is a right Dream," she added, with a sudden fear that with the years new and lower ideals might come him.

"Of course," he laughed easily and sleepily, "it will always be right and pretty. I like it."

A few weeks later the mother did indeed die. The father had trusted people who had deceived him and had cheated him out of his property. The pleasant home was sold. There was just enough money to pay the debts.

The Boy went to live with his father's sister, Aunt Ellen, and her husband, Uncle Silas. They were plain, godly people who tried to take good care of the little orphan, but they did not understand him very well.

"One day when he was tired with 'raking after' the men who were getting in the hay, he threw himself down to rest under a big maple tree.

"Want a paper to read?" said Uncle Silas, kindly.

He tossed the county paper toward the Boy, who caught it and said "Thank you," but laid it aside.

"I'd rather think about my Dream," he said.

"Your dream?" repeated Uncle Silas, staring at him with some contempt. "Dreaming's mighty poor business. A boy like you, with nothing but his head and his two hands to depend upon, better not do much dreaming."

The Boy turned red, but said nothing. He saw that Uncle Silas did not understand—and how could he explain?

Years afterward, Uncle Silas and Aunt Ellen, grown old and gray, visited the Boy, now a boy no longer, in his own beautiful home. His charming wife and children entertained them

with affectionate hospitality. He took them to drive in his own carriage, and they noticed with pride that his neighbors treated him with respect.

When the good old people were ready to leave, Uncle Silas shook the Boy's hand warmly.

"I'm proud of you," he said with feeling. "You seem to be doing your part in the church and in the town. You work pretty hard, but you've got something worth working for."

"Yes," said the Boy, smiling. "I do work pretty hard, as most people have to in these days if they accomplish anything—but I always have had my Dream."

"Your dream?" asked the old gentleman in a puzzled way.

"Yes—just the same Dream I used to be dreaming under the maple tree. Part of it has come true, but there is a good deal more to bring to pass yet."

"I—I never had much opinion of dreams," stammered the old man, "but—"

"You see," said the Boy with a grave smile, "one has to know how to dream—and I had a good mother who taught me how. I was a very little boy—but I never forgot it, and it is my Dream which has shaped my life."

—Inter.or.

THE NATION'S DEBT TO MOTHERS.

Edwin Markham, "The Man with the Hoe," says: "It was the influence of my mother—by father having died—that dominated me. She was an extraordinary woman. She kept a general store in Oregon City, and conducted the business with remarkable energy. She was known as the 'Woman Poet of Oregon.' It was from her that I got my poetical bent. Her poems were full of feeling, and of the earnestness of a strong religious spirit. They were published only in newspapers—and today my scrap-book containing those poems written by my mother is my most precious possession."

"When you marry," said John Wanamaker, to a young men's Bible class, "remember that your mother-in-law is your wife's mother. Never allow a so-called 'mother-in-law-joke' to make you forget that you are reading a reflection on some one's mother. My own mother I revered. Her maxims taught me forbearance, tolerance and the homely lesson of love and let live."

The mother of Henry O. Havemeyer, the "Sugar King," urged her son to don overalls and go to work in his father's refinery—though the family was even then very rich. "So my mother taught me," says Mr. Havemeyer, "to know the joy of work at a time when I might have slipped into a life of idleness."

The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, the well-known New York clergyman, says: "My father was a farmer, and my mother, with four children on her hands and no servant, did all the work of a farmer's wife. Her days were long, for she also devoted herself to her children, to their character and education, declining to farm us out to the supervision of nurses or school-teachers. My mother had the old-fashioned notion that children were born of mothers in order that they might have mothers to bring them up."

David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, was asked what great man or woman most influenced him as a boy. He replied, in writing: "I was far more influenced by my mother than by any other person I ever knew or heard of."

Robert Fulton was only three years old when his father died. "So that," he said "I grew up under the care of my blessed mother. She developed my early talent for drawing, and encouraged me in my visits to the machine shops of the town." Robert was a dull pupil at school, however, and the teacher complained to his mother. Whereupon Mrs. Fulton replied proudly: "My boy's head, sir, is so full of original notions that there is no vacant chamber in which to store the contents of your dusty books." "I was only ten years old at that time," said Fulton, "and my mother seemed to be the only human being who understood my natural bent for mechanics." The fact that Fulton's mother let the boy have his own way in his "original notions" had its direct results later in the building of the first steamboat.

Benjamin Franklin, many times in his own story of his life, mentions the powerful influence which his mother had over him, referring to her always with peculiar affection. "My son," said the mother, "is endowed with more than ordinary talent, and he shall enter one of the professions, perhaps the ministry." The family was then very poor, the elder Franklin having no ambition beyond that of making a bare competence as a shiphandler. Encouraged by his mother, however, young Benjamin "took to books" with such ardor that before he was ten years old his mother spoke of him as "our little professor," and added: "He shall serve

either humanity or his country; the one as a minister of the Gospel, the other as a diplomat."

The first John Jacob Astor said: "Whatever I have accomplished through thrift is due to the teachings of my mother. She trained me to the habit of early rising; she made me devote the first waking hours to reading the Bible. Those habits have continued through my life and have been to me a source of unending comfort. Her death was the greatest grief of my existence."—Gilson Willett, in Pittsburg Advocate.

EATING HIS WAY.

Freddie despised the multiplication table. It made you ache all over to say your tables. And you couldn't remember.

Mamma got up and went out of the room. When she came back, she had a glass jar of tiny colored candies. She was opening it, and pouring out a splendid heap on the tablecloth.

"Now," said she, brightly, "here are five little candy dots in a row. Here are eight rows. How many candy dots?"

"Forty," promptly.

"Yes. Now make seven times five and four times five and the rest. When you have made the whole table, learn it. When you have learned it, eat it!"

"Oh!"

It was the most splendid way to learn your tables. Freddie went to work with a will, and when the teacher (that is, mamma) said, School's out," he had learned his five table. He didn't eat it till after school.

The next day they went back and reviewed the two table, and the next day after the three, and the next day after that the four.

One day the next-door twins' teacher was making their mother a call. Freddie was making one on the next-door twins.

"Don't you go to school, little boy?" the teacher asked him.

"Oh, yes'm," politely.

"Oh, you do? Well, I suppose you think the multiplication-table is perfectly dreadful, too?" she asked, smilingly.

"Oh, no'm" eagerly. "I'm very fond of mine."

"Indeed! How far along are you?"

"I've only eaten as far as seven times seven yet," said Freddie. And he went home, wondering why the next-door twins' teacher had opened her eyes so wide.—A. H. Donnell, in Youth's Companion.

MAGIC PENNY.

Harold had a splinter in his thumb. He was only three and a half, and the sight of a sharp needle which his father brought to dig out the splinter terrified the little fellow.

Coaxing was useless. Mother's promise that it would not hurt did not stop the tears. At last mother said cheerfully: "If you are a brave, good boy and let papa take it out he will give you a penny."

As if by magic the tears were dried. With the valor of a soldier he held out his thumb and the splinter was out in a jiffy: When Harold got his reward he first squeezed it hard in his little fat hand, then looked at it lovingly, wrapped it in paper, put it in his treasure box, took it out again to see if it was really there and finally decided to go to a candy store and spend it.

Sister Alice took him. He was embarrassed by the variety of things he could buy with his penny. Two barber-pole sticks, four round drops, a chocolate mouse or a lemon candy. What he chose was one barber-pole and two round drops. These he generously divided with his sister, and went home feeling very happy. When he kissed his mother good night the

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startling thought came to him that he had not given her any of his candy.

"You forgot both papa and me, Harold, dear. What are you going to do about it?"

Harold looked very sober for a minute, then his face brightened up as he said, "I know. I'll get a splinter in my other thumb and let papa take it out. Then he will give another penny and all the candy I buy will be for you and papa."—Exchange.

CHINESE PECULARITIES.

The Chinaman shakes his own hand, instead of yours.

He keeps out of step when walking with you.

He puts his hat on in salutation.

He whitens his boots, instead of blackening them.

He rides with his heels in his stirrups, instead of his toes.

His compass points south.

His women folks are often seen in trousers, accompanied by men in gowns.

Often he throws away the fruit of the melon and eats the seeds.

He laughs on receiving bad news. (This is to deceive evil spirits.)

His left hand is the place of honor. He says west-north, instead of northwest, and sixths-four, instead of four-sixths.

His favorite present to his parents is a coffin.

He faces the bow when rowing a boat.

His mourning color is white.

To bore a hole he uses an instrument that works up and down, instead of around.

The children of a Chinese school study out loud.—Selected.

JUST CALL ME CAT.

Mother had been trying to teach little three-year-old Dorothy to spell her name, but with poor success. At her very smart if she couldn't spell her every smart if she couldn't spell her own name. "Well," exclaimed Dorothy, "Why didn't you just call me cat, and then it would be easy to spell? Big names make little girls tired."—Sacred Heart Review.

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MISSIONARY WIVES AND MOTHERS.

If, in the other world, there should be such a thing as degrees or states of angelhood, there is one class of women who will pass into the very highest places as a just inheritance.

To this class belong the missionary wives and mothers I have known. From a worldly view, a standpoint from which I first knew them, they could not have answered to the roll call for models to a fashion plate.

How many ever stop to think what is required of a missionary mother or wife? First, she must be essentially womanly—the heart of sincerity—and as strong physically as an ox if she meets all the demands made upon her time and strength.

Their houses must be set in order for the always coming, always welcome, guest. You will find these missionary wives the soul of hospitality.

But you say, "Service is cheap in Japan. Why need the wife take so much of the work upon herself?" Every servant added to the household means another care.

Then there are the children. Usually plenty of them, not one of whom would the mother heart spare. Not only must the children be fed and clothed and this subject of properly clothing a half dozen little bodies is no small one, but to the mother usually falls the burden of the first schooling of these small missionaries.

It is quite possible if she had the opportunity to lose her temper twice a year over the buying of a new hat she would be just like other women who are closer to the belt of fashion.

When the mighty command, "Go ye into all the world" shall have been obeyed to the utmost and every spot of this beautiful old earth shall be Christian in deed and in spirit, to the wives and mothers of the missionaries will be due the larger share of this glorious conquest.

Then comes the husband of the home, who, I assure you, is neither last nor least in being cared for. A busy man, and much away from home. When these oft time weekly journeys into the country occur to the wife, he looks to have ready, on short notice, his bedding which is often necessary in a Japanese hotel.

or stranger. The missionary wife and mother must share, and to each duty or demand she is supposed to bring a cheerful countenance and an ever willing and patient spirit.

Said a woman to me, who, surrounded by comfort and ease had only skimmed the surface of life, "Tell me what American women do in Japan to pass the time?" Before I could answer the question, the long plumes that framed her handsome face, and the glint of her jewels, which served only as a foil to her eyes, were blotted out by a vision—a vision of a street in Tokyo, which, without any curves to lessen the task of climbing, went from top to bottom of a high hill in a straight and undeviating line.

She was a missionary mother, a benediction to her home, a blessing to her friends. Up and down this long street she made her way that she might bring to the hospital, where lay the sick and wounded soldiers, the cheer and comfort of the Master's love.

By the multiplicity of demands and duties one might be led to think these women were only burden-bearers—that they never found time to laugh, drink tea and be merry—for tomorrow there would be lots more to do.

All honor to the woman who can wear an eight-year-old hat with the sweetest of smiles on her face; who does not fret wrinkles into her cheeks over the length of a shoulder seam or the swing of her skirt.

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FANNIE CALDWELL MACAULAY, Louisville, Kentucky.

FUTURE PUNISHMENT OF THE SOUL—A DOCTRINE OF METHODISM AND A DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE.

Dr. J. Agar Beet, a learned professor in the Wesleyan College of Richmond, in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, wrote a book in 1897 on "The Last Things," which created a stir in Methodist circles across the sea.

of that age and was incorporated in the early writings of the Christian writers, and never had its origin in the Bible, but was the outgrowth of Greek thought, as separate and distinct from the teachings of Holy Writ.

Now there are among us some who say that our standards of doctrine don't teach the immortality of the soul. Let us see. Read John Wesley's sermon on the Great Assize, page 225: "These shall go away into eternal punishment, and the righteous into life eternal."

But these beliefs of our founder are the opinions of a man, and it is yet left to the individual to determine what he believes about the matter. But how wisely did our founder put into our Fifth Article as he took that from the homilies of the Church of England.

Hear our Lord's words again in Matt. 25:41: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation." Note that in this first Scripture the soul can not be killed or destroyed; in the second that the sinner shall be raised from the dead and in harmony with the first passage be given in a body to be tormented forever in hell.

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BISHOP ASBURY IN GEORGIA 100 YEARS AGO, AND THE ORDINATION PAPERS OF REV. FRANCIS BIRD.

Maybe the readers of the Advocate would be interested in the following statements from Smith's History of Methodism in Georgia, and a copy of deacon's orders by Bishop Asbury 100 years ago.

"Bishop Asbury came to Georgia in November, reaching Augusta on Saturday, the 15th. On Monday he rode out to the home of Thomas Haynes and remained with him till Saturday. He made a compilation of the number of societies in Georgia, and found them to be 130.

"The conference met in Sparta late in December, 1806. It held its sessions in the house of John Lucas. Although Sparta was the extreme western appointment in the conference, yet the preachers came from the seaboard of North Carolina to attend the sessions."

"At that conference, held by Bishop Asbury 100 years ago, Francis Bird, the father of Sister Fannie Harris, of Iredell, Texas, was ordained deacon. Sister Harris still has the ordination parchments of her father, and they are as follows:

"Know All Men by These Presents: That I, Francis Asbury, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, under the protection of Almighty God, and with a single eye to His glory, by the imposition of hands and prayer, have this day set apart Francis Bird for the office of deacon in said Methodist Episcopal Church; a man whom I judge to be well qualified for that work; and do hereby recommend him to all whom it may concern as a proper person to administer the ordinance of baptism, matrimony and the burial of the dead, in the absence of an elder, and to feed the flock of Christ, so long as his spirit and practice are such as become the gospel of Christ, and he continueth to hold fast the form of sound words, according to the established doctrines of the gospel. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and six.—Francis Asbury."

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The South Ervay Street people have sold their property and moved out to Colonial Heights, a most prosperous resident section of the city. They have purchased a handsome lot in one of the most desirable places in that community, and they are getting ready for business. In the meantime they have rented the Congregational Church on Grand Avenue, near by, and their services are now being conducted in this building. They hope to project a new church enterprise at an early day, and push it to completion. A number of Methodist families living in that vicinity, whose membership has heretofore been in the other Churches, have joined forces with this new enterprise, and the outlook is most inviting. Rev. W. D. Thompson, the energetic pastor, is in the lead of this movement, and the people are giving him their enthusiastic co-operation. The movement has success before it, and this always gives inspiration and incentive.

Dallas Methodism esteems itself exceedingly fortunate in its pastoral supply this year. As is well known, its pastors, with one exception, were all changed last fall, and there was much anxiety felt for this year. Those men did heroic service, but the law of limitation terminated their relations with the city work. The men now on deck are new men, but they have the mastery of the old ship, and she is moving out grandly. So far as the eye can see, there is no cloud in the sky, no breakers obtruding, and the Pilot is on the bridge. The machinery is well oiled, a good head of steam is generated, the vessel has her bearings correct, and her streamers are floating in the genial breezes. Everything betokens a successful annual voyage. But to drop this figure of speech and come down to plain language, Dallas Methodism has all the indications of a good, healthy growth. The people are delighted and the preachers are hard at work.

A SUNDAY IN CORSICANA.

We spent last Sunday in Corsicana with the congregation of Rev. J. A. Whitehurst. He has been in poor health since conference and his congregation gave him leave of absence until he can recuperate and regain his strength. So he is in Memphis, Tenn., visiting his brother, who is also an excellent physician. Bro. Whitehurst has had a good deal of family affliction in the past few months. He lost his grown-up son just before conference, and this was a serious blow to him. Sister Whitehurst has also been sick. So that he has been under a good deal of strain. But he was much better when last heard from. The Corsicana Church is one of the best in that conference. It is a large, commodious structure; has a good auditorium and an excellent Sunday school room. It has all the other conveniences of a modern church. It has a membership of about 800, and they are well organized and in good working condition. Though the day was somewhat threatening, yet we had a good congregation both morning and night. It is a good audience to preach to.

Corsicana is one of our best towns. The oil industry has added a great deal of wealth to the business, and other departments of business are flourishing. The crops were fine and prosperity seems to be general. The business part of the town is a trifle overbuilt, but the residence portion is not sufficiently built yet. Now and then you see a business house vacant, but there is not a resident vacant house in the place. Yet there are many of the most handsome residences all along its streets. They would do credit to a large city. The town has the best brick sidewalks of any place in the State, and the streets are in good condition. Local option is in force and the law is very well observed. Methodism is flourishing in Corsicana. We have another church structure on the south side worth over \$12,000, and Bro. Moore, the pastor, is doing well out there. He has a good congregation. Rev. Horace Bishop is starting off well on the district. He is popular in Corsicana, having had charge of the Church there twice previous to his present assignment. Everything points to a successful year.

G. C. R.

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

Elsewhere in this issue Rev. J. C. Carter, of Iredell, gives our readers an interesting document. It was furnished to him by Mrs. Fannie Harris, the widow of the late Rev. J. J. Harris, of the Northwest Texas Conference, who gave Bro. Carter the facts. We have before us the original copy of the credentials of Rev. Francis Bird, issued by Bishop Asbury December 13, 1806—just one hundred years ago. Mr. Bird was a member of the old Georgia Conference all his life. Mrs. Harris is his daughter, and she is living at Iredell, Texas. At the time these credentials were issued by Bishop Asbury there was no Georgia Conference, but the two districts then in Georgia were in the South Carolina Conference. What wonderful changes have taken place since that old pioneer Bishop signed his name to this old document!

We are in receipt of a copy of Buckner Orphans Home Annual, and there is marked on the fly-leaf, "Compliments of R. C. Buckner." In turning through its pages we note the history of the origin, progress and present status of the institution; and to read it is to get an inspiration. Dr. Buckner launched this orphanage, backed by his Church, December 7, 1876. It began in a rented cottage in this city. It now occupies a farm site eight miles east of the city, and its buildings loom up like a little city. They are well equipped, comfortably furnished, and hundreds of children are there taken, given an education in some useful line of life, and converted into good Christian citizens. In this booklet we have sixty-odd illustrations of the improvements added to the institution, and they include every department where useful training is given to the orphans.

Dr. Buckner is now seventy-four years old, but he is just projecting another fine building, which will eclipse any of the present improvements. He has only \$1500 in cash for the enterprise, but he is going ahead and look to good people and to the Lord for funds with which to complete it. This is the way he has always done, and the money has not been lacking in the end. He is the "Grand Old Man" in the Baptist Church, and is entitled to the love and esteem in which he is held by all people. The Baptists and the Methodists are in the forefront when it comes to lifting up humanity in Texas. Vaughan is doing a similar work to that of Dr. Buckner at Waco, and he has the Methodist Church back of him. He has not been as long in the field as the former, but his work is prospering and his name is also becoming a household word throughout the State.

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The Legislature is now in session, and its doings will hold the attention of the public for several weeks to come. The new administration has not yet been inaugurated, but will be before our next issue. Austin is now the center of attraction. A large number of the members of the Houses are new men, but enough of the old members are returned to make the gathering look familiar. In the lower house we have a good majority who will favor some needed legislation in the interest of local option; and the same is true in the Senate. This part of the gathering is fortunate in that several old and adroit antis, who have figured in its proceedings, are left out and better men are in their place. These men had been there so long until they were like barnacles fastened to the ship of State, but they have been brushed off. We will not be bothered with them any more. As soon as the Speakership contest and the one for United States Senator have been disposed of, we look for some good work in the interest of the people—the common people.

Fort Worth is in the throes of a reform movement, and one that is badly needed. They have a section over there known as "Hell's Half-Acre," and it is the rendezvous of harlots, low joints, variety theaters, thugs, and every grade of vice and immorality. For years it has been a cancer on the body, socially and morally, of the city. Recently that section has been the scene of several atrocious crimes, so much so that the public has become aroused to its dangerous menace to the city. The Fort Worth Record sent its reporters into that moral cesspool to accurately describe the place, along with its denizens. Several reports of that sort were given prominence in the columns of the Record, and these were followed up with a withering editorial, and the explosion followed. The police have raided the place, arresting men and women who live in it, and the authorities are prosecuting them. It seems that "Hell's Half-Acre" is to become a thing of the past in Fort Worth, and the fact is due to the fearless exposure of it by a daily paper. A fearless press is the safeguard of our public morals, and we heartily commend the Daily Record for its great service to Fort Worth and the country at large in its effort against these dens of vice and crime.

READY.

BY BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD.

In a letter to me from Bishop A. Coke Smith, written from Asheville, N. C., November 27, 1906, he uses this language: "I want to live and work, but through grace divine I am ready for the Master's will." Ready! There is heaven in the word. We take heart, and follow on.

Nashville, Tenn.

AUTHORIZED AGENTS.

Only ministers in the active work in the M. E. Church, South, are authorized agents for the Texas Christian Advocate. We can not be responsible for money paid to others unless they can show authority for collecting from this office or from the preachers in charge.

Bishop Seth Ward preached a magnificent sermon, according to the daily papers, at Shearn Church, Houston, two Sundays ago. The house was packed to its utmost capacity, and many were turned away. The sermon was liberally reported and most favorably commented on by the newspaper fraternity of the city. Bishop Ward is no stranger in Houston. He was presiding elder on that district, and then had charge of Shearn Church for three years. Of course, his old friends and parishioners gave him a hearty welcome when he went back to preach to them as one of their Bishops. For the time being he will make Houston his headquarters, but it is not fully settled that he will make it his permanent home. Marshall has already proposed to give him a home if he will settle there, but the Bishop has expressed himself as desiring to purchase his own home—and in this he is probably correct. Why not suggest to him to come somewhere in the central part of the State for a permanent location? Austin, Waco, or even further up into North Texas, would put him in the center of our Methodist population, and make it more convenient for him and the Church. In any event all Texans are glad that Texas is to be his home. It would be contrary to the fitness of things were it otherwise.

The new year is bringing to us an overplus of original poetry, so-called. Now, do not misunderstand us. We like genuine poetry, poetry that has sense in it, poetry that observes the rules of grammar and of rhetoric; but we have no patience with the tin-horn poetry, poetry that only has a semblance of jingle, poetry without sense, without grammar, and an absolute stranger to measurement. But the trouble with poetic writers is, the good ones will heed this warning and be chary about writing, while the tin-horn poet will never realize that he is the poet about which we are now writing. Sometime ago we suggested that nearly all the poets ought to send their matter to Dr. H. M. DuBose, of the Epworth Era, for the simple reason that he is a genuine poet; and he is competent to pass on the good poetry, and to re-write the bad poetry and make it passable. We have several pounds on hand now, and just as soon as Dr. DuBose notifies us whether he wants it shipped by mail, express or freight, we are ready to forward it to him. If by express or freight, it will go C. O. D. In that event it will not violate the Interstate Commerce Law, according to the decision of one of our high Texas courts.

We would be glad to have all our presiding elders to give us monthly or quarterly reviews of their districts for the Advocate. It would give the readers a bird's-eye view of our progress during the year. These reviews need not be lengthy, but comprise the progress of the spiritual and material growth of the work in the district for the quarter. No one is so well qualified to do this as the presiding elders.

Preachers ought to begin their collections of the various interests of the Church at an early date. There is still plenty of money in the country and the people seem liberal with it, from the way merchants are prospering. But the rains may extend far into the summer this year, or the rains

may cease entirely after the summer begins, and then it will be difficult to get the collections. Another thought: when the collections are out of the way, the revival can be carried on without trusting the material interests of the Church into the services. This is worthy of attention, and for these two reasons above assigned, it is important that the work begin at once. And it might not be out of place to include your work for the Advocate in this early beginning.

The News had a telegram the other day, purporting to be from Bishop Wilson, in which it was stated that, among others of the Episcopal College, Bishop Key was in bad health. This brought out an interview from Bishop Key that his health was never better. This fact, however, is well known to our readers. We doubt if Bishop Wilson ever gave such an interview to the press reporter. In any event, Bishop Key is one of the soundest men of his age, both mentally and physically, in the entire Church.

A MOST IMPORTANT MEASURE.

The great obstacle in the way of enforcing our local option law is found in what is commonly known as the C. O. D. jug trade. Under the Interstate Commerce Act, no State has the right to forbid any outside firm from shipping C. O. D. liquor packages into said State, even if local option or prohibition prevails. Owing to this fact, our own Court of Criminal Appeals has held that liquor firms living in such a State have the same rights under this act that the outside firm enjoys. They have held with this act that the sale of the C. O. D. package takes place and completes itself at the place where the shipment is made and not at the point of delivery. This turns our local option territory over to the whiskey drummer and we have no redress in law. Now to remedy this radical defect, the Hon. Charles E. Littlefield, of Maine, has just introduced into Congress the following bill:

To limit the effect of the regulation of commerce between the several States and Territories in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Interstate Commerce character of all shipments of intoxicating liquors, including ale, wine and beer, from one State or Territory into another State or Territory shall terminate immediately upon their arrival within the boundary of the State or Territory in which the place of destination is situated and before the delivery of said liquors to the consignee, and said liquors and all corporations and persons engaged in such shipment shall then become subject to the operation and effect of the laws of such State or Territory enacted in the exercise of its police powers to the same extent and in the same manner as though such liquors had been produced in such State or Territory, and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced therein in original packages or otherwise: Provided, That shipments of such liquors entirely through a State or Territory and not intended for delivery therein, shall not be subject to the provisions of this act, nor shall this act authorize the infringement of the right of common carriers to continuously transport such merchandise from without such a State to a station therein.

Sec. 2. That in all such shipments to be paid for on delivery commonly called C. O. D. shipments the sale shall be held to be made at the place of destination, or where the money is paid or the goods delivered.

Touching this important matter, the Central Christian Advocate has the following to say:

This bill pending before the Judiciary Committee of the National House of Representatives, its purpose is to so regulate the Interstate traffic in intoxicating liquors as to make such liquors subject to the laws of the State into which they are shipped upon their arrival within the State, both before and after delivery.

This is the principle underlying the so-called Hepburn-Dolliver bill, which has been before Congress and the country for several years, which bill has been succeeded by the Littlefield inter-state bill, H. R. 13655, above given, in what is considered improved language, and which closely follows a decision of the United State Supreme Court.

It is very desirable that this bill be reported to the House and passed at the earliest practicable moment, as the

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present Congressional session ends by limitation March 4th, next.

If your member is on the committee, please join with a dozen or more influential people in your community and wire him urging him to vote and work for the report of the Littlefield bill without amendment at the earliest moment, and follow the telegram by short, courteous, individual letters by first mail reinforcing the telegraphic request.

If your Congressman is not on the Judiciary Committee, request him in like manner to urge the members of the committee to report the bill to the House and vote and work for its passage.

We append the House Committee on the Judiciary:

John J. Jenkins, Wisconsin; Richard Wayne Parker, New Jersey; De Alva S. Alexander, New York; Charles E. Littlefield, Maine; Robert M. Nevin, Ohio; Henry W. Palmer, Pennsylvania; George A. Pearre, Maryland; Charles Q. Tirrell, Massachusetts; John A. Sterling, Illinois; Benjamin P. Birdsall, Iowa; John H. Foster, Indiana; Henry T. Bagnon, Ohio; David A. De Armond, Missouri; David H. Smith, Kentucky; Henry D. Clayton, Alabama; Robert L. Henry, Texas; John S. Little, Arkansas; William G. Brantley, Georgia.

We trust this matter will be taken up with diligence and with determination. It offers Christians a chance to make good for God, for home, for native land.

THE TITHE SYSTEM.

We have before us a pamphlet of sixteen pages, entitled "Should We Pay Tithes Now?" It is a sermon prepared by Bishop Joseph Key, and put in shape for publication in this form. It is a succinct and scriptural discussion of the subject by one eminently qualified to probe it to its bottom, and this Bishop Key has done in his pamphlet. He realizes, as many others do, that our lame limb is found in our Church finances; and he holds, with hundreds of others, that the tithe system is the remedy for our trouble. He claims that the tithe law is still in force, and goes into the word of God to prove it. Bishop Key has prepared this address to this end, and he has succeeded in getting it printed at such a figure as that it can be circulated among our people. It is on good paper, in good type, and neatly gotten up; and it can be gotten from our House at twenty-five cents per dozen, seventy-five cents for fifty copies, or for one dollar per hundred. Our preachers can afford to purchase and scatter this sermon among their people and, whatever may be their views of this matter, the reading of it will do great good. The Bishop expects no financial return. His only object is to get the people to read and to digest it. Hence, where you order one hundred copies you will get them at one cent each delivered. Texas ought to be sown down with them from the center to the rim.

PERSONALS.

Rev. E. L. Egger made us a delightful call this week. He says he is making a good start at Denison and he is much pleased with his work.

Bro. W. P. Edwards, of the Foreston charge, one of our good laymen, was in the city at the meeting of the Cotton Raisers' Association, and made the Advocate a good visit.

We had a delightful visit from Bro. and Sister D. H. Abernathy, of Pittsburg. They are among our best Church workers, and their presence is always appreciated.

Hon. T. J. Bowles, of Nevada, one of the Representatives in the present Legislature from Collin County, made the Advocate a brotherly call on his way to Austin this week.

A note from Rev. V. A. Godbey, presiding elder of the Beaumont District, states that he has appointed Rev. H. B. Landrum preacher in charge of Saratoga and Batson Circuit.

A note from Dr. Alonzo Monk states that he is now domiciled in a nice new parsonage at 1609 Brook Street, Louisville, Ky. He sends New Year's greetings to the brethren.

We appreciate a brotherly letter from Rev. C. E. W. Smith, of Mineola. He is much pleased with his charge. His board has increased the salary this year some \$200, paying their preacher now \$1000.

Rev. J. W. Tischer, pastor at Trenton, was in to see us the other day. He is much pleased with his work, and he speaks in high terms of the new presiding elder of that district, Rev. M. L. Hamilton.

Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Hayes, of Whitesboro, were recently called to Edgewood to see a sick relative, and

as they passed through the city they made the Advocate a pleasant visit. Bro. Hayes is a supernumary member of the North Texas Conference.

Rev. P. H. Hensch, of the German Mission, Conference, was in the city this week, and we were pleased to have him call on the Advocate force. He is one of the successful men of his conference and a most brotherly minister.

In a private note from Rev. H. H. Vaughan, of Henrietta, we learn that he has a great meeting in progress in which Evangelist Andrews is doing the preaching. It is said that no such prospect for a religious revival has been known in that town as the one now in progress.

Rev. E. W. Alderson D. D., of the Sherman District, spent a few days with his sons who reside in this city, last week. He brings a good report from his section. He thinks Sherman will have that new church enterprise well under way by the time the conference will meet there next fall.

CHURCH NEWS.

We are glad to note the continued improvement of Bishop Galloway. In a recent note to Dr. E. B. Chappell, our Sunday-school Secretary, the Bishop says he is gaining in flesh and strength. This is good news, but it will be some time before he ought to undertake any work.

The last issue of the St. Louis Advocate contained a fine cut of our Dr. Jno. R. Nelson, and it gave a good sketch of him and his work. Dr. Nelson is making a fine impression on the Church at large, and the longer he continues in his present position the better the people and preachers generally will like him.

The last issue of the Wesleyan Advocate says: "Another conference misunderstands Dr. Winton. At the last session of the Mississippi Conference a large majority expressed their disapproval of the editorial utterances of the Christian Advocate on some fundamental doctrines. It is a pity so many people fail to understand Dr. Winton's English. He is now treating all of those lacking in knowledge of English with contemptuous silence."

Bishop A. W. Wilson and his wife will celebrate their golden wedding in March at their home in Baltimore. Soon after that the Bishop will sail for Japan and attend the meeting of the first General Conference of the United Church in that country. Bishop Wilson is approaching his seventy-third anniversary, but his health is measurably good, and he is active in Church work.

Rev. R. S. Rusk, D. D., an aged and prominent minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, died December 22, 1906, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was born January 5, 1815. He was more prominently known in connection with the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society of that Church, having been actively connected with that work from 1868 to 1888. He lived a little more than ninety-one years. What a wonderful period embraced within the years of the life of Dr. Rusk!

The two branches of our American Episcopal Methodism are participating in each other's grief at this time. We have lost two of our Bishops—J. J. Tigert and A. Coke Smith; while our Northern friends have lost their matchless C. C. McCabe. Their papers have given much space to our two lamented Bishops, and the Southern Methodist press is liberal in its notices of Bishop McCabe. This is as it should be. We are one in our griefs and sorrows.

REPORT OF YEAR'S WORK.

The old year is gone and the new one has come. What have I accomplished for my Lord? keeps ringing in my soul.

I took out my little book the other day and began to look over my notes. I found that during the first month of the past year I went to Dodd City twice to help him who is now my pastor, but we were rained out once and snowed out the next time. So about the first of the second month I got strung out for my year's work. At the end of nine months I find that I had preached 230 days. During these days I had preached 485 times; held 24 meetings and had seen 1213 professions of religion. I have seen the best time generally of my life. I have seen as many as 40 professions in a service a time or two during these revivals. The past two months I have attended the conferences and working a part of the time to help build the Training School Dormitory at Denton. I am hoping and praying for the best year of my life. May the Lord grant it and bless all his servants.

W. H. BROWN, Whitesboro, Texas.

REPORT OF PASTORS' MEETING.

The reports of those present were as follows:

Bro. Webb.—Contract let for parsonage. Tabernacle ready for services Sunday. The people are encouraged.

Bro. Bickley made a very encouraging report for Riverside. Three infants baptized.

Bro. Shearer said that every department of his Church is building up. Bro. Browning reported large congregations and a fine work.

Bro. Singleton.—A fine watch service New Year's night. Large congregations and three accessions. Home department begun in Sunday-school.

Brother Knickerbocker.—Unusually large crowds and great interest. Aggressive movement in the Sunday-school. Six professions in the morning, eight accessions at night; three were baptized.

Rev. Paul Lynn, of Kansas City, was present and made the association quite an interesting talk. He spoke of the very encouraging outlook for Methodism in his city, also of the new churches being built. His own Church, Central, is making great strides under his ministry.

H. D. KNICKERBOCKER, Pres. FRANK E. SINGLETON, Secy.

INSTITUTE.

Millsap, Texas, Jan. 4, 1907. The Preachers' and Workers' Institute met with Millsap the last fifth Sunday. The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote by our people here, with a request that it be sent to the Advocate for publication. Our fifth Sunday meetings are proving a great blessing where they are held. Those who missed this one missed a great treat. My work starts off well.

B. F. ALSUP, P. C. Resolved, That we as a community and as a Church greatly appreciate, and have been greatly benefited by the holding of the Quarterly Institute of the Weatherford District in our midst. The preaching has been of a high order, and we are sure the doctrines of our Church are better understood, and when it is convenient they are invited to come again. A. N. Canafax, W. A. Strain, J. B. Strain, J. A. Coffman, S. M. Canafax, B. F. Gholson, W. P. Coffman, Mrs. M. C. Goodman, Mrs. B. F. Alsup.

YOUNG LADIES' AUXILIARY, GALVESTON.

We want the other societies to know how much our society has progressed since its organization last spring. We started with sixteen members and now have an enrollment of twenty-six. We have regular meetings, which are well attended. We have good proofs of growing interest. In October we gave a handkerchief sale, from which we realized \$42.75. We will use this money in furnishing a room in the parsonage. We are always able to lend our assistance to the Wesley House when called on. STELLA BALLINGER, Superintendent of Press.

ABILENE DISTRICT.

The Missionary Institute of the Abilene District will be held in Stamford beginning on the evening of January 22 at 7:15. A program has been prepared covering the topics—Missions, Revivals and the Stamford Collegiate Institute. Any layman wishing to attend will please drop a card to Rev. R. B. Evans, Stamford, Texas, who will provide entertainment for all attending.

Let no pastor fail, as work of great importance to the district's progress will come before us.

JNO. R. MORRIS, P. E.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Much inconvenience to the Advocate office and confusion and loss of time will be saved all parties interested if our correspondents will observe a few request, to-wit:

1. Address all business letters touching subscriptions, changes of address, advertising, or other business matters, to Blaylock Publishing Company.
2. Do not address matter for publication to any individual—either editor or publishers—but to the Texas Christian Advocate. An individual may be out of the city; hence serious delays occur.
3. Bear in mind that all communications should be written on different sheets of paper from that intended for the business office, and should be written on one side only.
4. Orders for books, Sunday-school supplies, etc., should be sent to Smith & Lamar, and no Texas Christian Advocate business should be sent to them. Every day brings a mixture of our mails.
5. Please bear in mind that the American Home Journal and the Home and State have no connection with the Advocate. The offices of each of the three publications are in different buildings; hence a request for a change of address, or sample copies, or any other matter, should be sent direct to the respective papers.

A PLEA FOR SANTA CLAUS.

A recent characteristic cartoon in Collier's Weekly represents dear old Santa Claus with a most woeful face, a prisoner at the bar of justice, the charges against him being partiality, fibbing, negligence, judge, jury, prosecuting attorney and a great crowd of witnesses being the children of the unfortunate poor. I feel very sure that had the artist but had even a fleeting glimpse of the bright, beautiful scene at the home of Mrs. Jennie C. Young last Monday afternoon the charges against our venerable saint would have been withdrawn and he allowed to go on his way rejoicing.

True to the Master's teaching she prepared her feast, not for relatives, friends or rich neighbors from whom she might hope to receive some recompense, but into the homes of the lowly, the poor, she went, hoping for no gain, and with messages of comfort and cheer she invited the little ones in. Most royally were they entertained, and with the richest viands were they feasted. A door was thrown open into a darkened room, where reaching to the ceiling stood a most beautiful Christmas tree all alight with waxen tapers, and every limb laden with presents for the children. Not one was forgotten, even to the nuts and candy so dear to childish hearts being provided. From the top of the tree was suspended a beautiful star, representing the star of Bethlehem, which Mrs. Young in a few well chosen words which even the youngest child present could understand, called their attention to, telling them of God's great Christmas gift to the world of Jesus, his only begotten Son, and that all blessings come through him. Miss Archer daughter of Rev. P. C. Archer, of Lamar Avenue Church, delighted the children with some child dialect readings. Mrs. Young was most ably assisted in this beautiful and praiseworthy undertaking by Mrs. Reb Stell, who is ever ready with her great loving heart and willing hands to do with her might the work that lies nearest her.

MRS. P. C. ARCHER, Paris, Texas.

REV. H. G. SCUDDY.

The many friends of Rev. H. G. Scuddy formerly a member of the Texas Conference, and filling a number of its best stations, will be glad to learn that he is now permanently located at Tyler, and his credentials are in my hands, looking to an adjustment of his conference relation at the next session of our Annual Conference. Until that time he is available for meetings in Texas and the South, and all who have used him testify both to his consecration and gifts for the work. I hope the brethren will use him, and that he may help us to bring about the great revival we so much need.

THOMAS H. MORRIS, P. E. Tyler, Texas.

COLLECTION FOR MISSIONS.

The first announcement of collections for missions in Texas Conference for the year 1907. On January 2 Rev. H. B. Urquhart, of Navasota Station, remitted to the Conference Treasurer his domestic mission assessment in full—ninety dollars. We commend most heartily to all the brethren this way of early collections and in full for missions. Why not have every domestic missionary assessment paid in full by the first of March and every foreign missionary assessment paid in full by May the first. If we will all get it in earnest, we will be surprised to see how easy it will be to do.

JOS. B. SEARS, Conf. Missionary Sec. Jacksonville, Texas.

FAREWELL, OLD YEAR.

Farewell, old year, farewell! The time has come when we must part. We have had many pleasant days together. We have had our joys and sorrows together. We can look back over these and see many bright spots, with some dark ones. But alas! thou art gone. Thy like will never be again. We may read of some of the doings with the children of men in the years to come, if we too do not pass out as thou hast done, and now as we enter out on the untried future we breathe a prayer unto the Giver of all good that he may guide us and protect us as he has in the past. We can not tell what is in store for us, but we do pray God that it may be as good a year for us as the past. And now, as we start out on the new year, let us forget the past and hope for better things in the future. Do more for God and humanity, and try by all means to make this the best year of our lives, for this will be the last year that some of us will spend on earth. This year thou shalt die; it may be me, it may be you; who can tell? We need to do much knee work. When Mr. Finney was asked about

Liver and Kidneys

It is highly important that these organs should properly perform their functions.

When they don't, what lameness of the side and back, what yellowness of the skin, what constipation, bad taste in the mouth, sick headache, pimples and blotches, and loss of courage, tell the story.

The great alterative and tonic

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Gives these organs vigor and tone for the proper performance of their functions, and cures all their ordinary ailments. Take it.

His success as a minister, he replied, "Knee work, knee work." So we need lots of knee work. May the Lord bless us and help us to do our duty, and give us a good year, and may there be many sons and daughters born to God.

So mote it be! W. J. McCRARY, Winfield, Texas.

TYLER DISTRICT NOTES.

Both the Tyler Circuit and Cedar Street, Tyler, have committees appointed to improve the parsonages. Pastors Cummings and Russell are in favor with the people.

Flint, one of the young Churches in Smith County, now on Whitehouse Circuit, is to be made a half-station. Pastor Escoe is doing his best to help the ambitious youngster.

Marvin Church, Tyler, has raised the pastor's salary to \$2100—a voluntary act, made while pastor was absent. Many smaller acts of kindness show unmistakably the character of the people of Marvin Church and the way they esteem their new pastor. On both sides it was a case of love at first sight.

Tyler has eight resident Methodist preachers, viz: Rev. Thomas H. Morris, presiding elder; Rev. New Harris, pastor of Marvin; J. L. Russell, Cedar Street; C. T. Cummings, Tyler Circuit; John Adams, D. D., and J. W. Little, superannuates, and H. G. Scuddy, evangelist; L. P. Davis, supernumerary. And they all admit that Hon. Cone Johnson is the best preacher in town.

Dr. McLain, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Tyler, had a most excellent and unusual service on Sunday evening, December 30. It was advertised as a "House-cleaning," and was in fact a meeting devoted to public confession of sin. A large number participated, necessity for some Church trials obviated, and the religious atmosphere cleared generally. Blessings on such a man. May his tribe increase!

A NOTE.

Mail addressed to me at Dallas will reach me, the street number is not necessary. In making my dates for the year I will give preference to those districts where I have only one appointment or none. It now looks as if my time might be taken early in the year. Those wishing my services will write me early. L. S. BARTON.

NOTICE TO TEXAS CONFERENCE.

In the general shake-up and promiscuous mix-up at Tyler it is just possible that all of the brethren did not note the fact that I was taken off of the Church Extension Board. When the minutes reach you you can find the address of the Secretary. My correspondents will please address me at Douglassville, Cass County, Texas. IRA M. BRYCE.

FOOD DOES IT

The Most Natural Way to Get Out of Trouble.

"I have been troubled with my stomach for years, having the habit of vomiting and spitting up my food and was all run down, and September last I had a fearful hemorrhage which completely prostrated me. When I got up even a rare porterhouse steak distressed me.

"Then I happened to meet a lady who had trouble just like mine and who used Grape-Nuts food and it agreed with her, so I bought a box and found I could keep it down, and it nourished and built me up and I have used it constantly since then, usually twice a day. I have gained in flesh and can eat almost anything I want, and my stomach takes care of it without any hesitation, but before I toned and strengthened my stomach on Grape-Nuts I could not handle any food but it was liable to come up again.

"I am over sixty years old, and people here consider my cure remarkable." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason." Get the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pks.

Epworth League Department

GUS W. THOMASSON, EDITOR
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. Eering, Jr., Houston.

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FROM THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Dear Leaguers: Another bright new year has dawned upon us. Let us resolve to let no day pass without some worthy action done. I feel that we could all well adopt Marion Lawrence's New Year's resolution: "To be a living, walking, working, daily illustration of the all-sufficient, satisfying, joyous Christian life which, through Jesus Christ, is possible to every man who takes God at his Word and does his best."

Let us take "Jail Work" for our next round table topic. Very sincerely,
Austin, LAURA L. ALLISON.

SPECIAL CHARITY AND HELP WORK.

Our State Second Vice-President asks me to write you of some charity and help work which our University Church Epworth League carried on successfully several years ago. It is with pleasure that I comply with her request.

Our League numbered among its members at that time a dear old man whose heart was so full of the love of God that those who were most neglected could claim by virtue of that very condition his interest and sympathy. So one day he asked a friend and myself if we would go with him to the poor farm to visit its inmates. As he was always ready to help us in our charity and help work, we complied with his request; and one afternoon we made our first trip "over the hill to the poor house." We found the poor unfortunate—both old and young, black and white—very appreciative. The poor house is several miles north of town, and for that reason more neglected than any other of our charitable institutions. This first visit was merely the precursor of a number of others, and generally ten or more of our young people went with us. Our songs and flowers and words of cheer met nowhere with a heartier welcome. We found there all classes of people—some wearing ball and chain, some who possessed refinement of manner and nobility of character, some who though poor in this world were looking forward to a mansion not built with hands eternal in the heavens.

This is a line of work open to most of our Leagues, for nearly every county has its poor house. If you want inspiration for such work, read Will Carleton's "Over the Hill to the Poor House." That will teach us, as will our subsequent visits to the poor house itself, that many live in such places who never "thought to go on such a journey" and who are there through no fault of their own.

We all love company, but perhaps the old and poor who are necessarily somewhat out of touch with the world crave most the attention of the young. And, then, is not our reward for making such visits and rendering such attentions unbelievably great? What a privilege is accorded each one of us! Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me.

AN EPWORTH LEAGUER.
Austin, Texas.

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J. L. CATON, Secy.

EDUCATORS IN THE PANHANDLE.

There never was a movement West that was not preceded by the Methodist preacher. They are the pickets of an advancing civilization. They rejoice in the opportunity to do a hard thing. If they are genuine they have entered into the secret of the joy of Christian service, and find real satisfaction in nothing so much as in meeting and overcoming difficulties.

If the people move to the Panhandle, seeking new homes in that fast developing territory, about the first man they meet is the omnipresent Methodist preacher. Why, here in Clarendon we have exactly eight and their families. Our increasing college facilities and exceptionally fine climate may be the attractions, but I suspect that some of us have come because we were sent. At any rate, we are on the ground and busily engaged in anchoring the kingdom of God by the cable tow of Christian education.

Ignorance Tabooed.

We believe that goodness is the first quality that goes to make up greatness. It is just as true that the korker who is going to meet the demands of the day must also be an expert worker. So great is the competition that every hour spent in the training school and college is just as sacred as the hour afterwards spent in the pulpit and the office. There is no more room for inexcusable ignorance. Even the railroads say this much. The M. K. & T. recently issued an order to the effect that no boys are to be employed in the shops who cannot show that they have completed eight grades of school. In office work only those will be given employment who have completed a high school course. If our young people will but learn the lesson so urgently offered them by older heads and stay in school long enough, they will come forth prepared for most any place within the gift of those about them. It is not how long we work in this world; it is how well we work. Not the length and the breadth, but the quality that tells.

Fine Half Year's Work.

At the session of the Annual Conference in November I reported a total enrollment of 340 in all departments. Since then our numbers have run up to 350. Just yesterday I received a letter from Hale Center which is but a specimen of the way friends are writing us. It says: "Please let me know if you have room in the dormitories for my daughter and son." From way out at Guthrie, in King County, comes this encouraging word: "Our daughter says she was treated nicely. My wife and I are well pleased. Anything I can do for Clarendon College I will take pleasure in doing." L. W. Gribble, of Wellington, writes, "I certainly do appreciate the good care and training that my children are receiving." So much confidence have I in the increase in attendance that I have employed (with the approval of the Board of Trustees) Professor Chas. M. Morton, A. B., of Granbury, Texas, asking him to be with us January 1 for the new term. He is already on the ground, is a single man, has had large experience with handling young people, and is anxious, like thousands of others, to cast his fortunes in with our growing country. He will relieve the congested condition in the lower classes and give perfect satisfaction.

The Lyceum Course, conducted by the faculty, has been a most decided success. Dr. George W. Briggs' address was rich, rare and racy. The verdict of the audience was one of unanimous praise. Miss Emma Randle was a skilled artist. Ralph Bingham entertained well. Dr. Edwin C. Southern is our next number. Pardon the mention of another decidedly advanced movement—the publication of a lively college sheet, after a quiescence of two years. The "X-Ray" now shines with a new and penetrating light.

But a Beginning of the Increase.

At least an idea of the magnitude of the immigration to the Panhandle section of Texas may be gleaned from the figures given out by the officers of the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad Company. Within the past few weeks they have almost found it necessary to operate special trains to carry the household goods of those who are seeking new homes in this fast filling land. And the persons now coming to us are pure blooded Americans—mostly Texans who have decided to change their place of residence. They are awake to the marvelous possibil-

ities of this fresh, fertile soil. The land is being bought right and left, and still there is room. One has but to remember that there are forty counties to be occupied, and on every half section we want men that will dare and do for this new land. The present occupants are a self-reliant lot, whose large views and frank ways are in keeping with the wide-stretching prairies where they dwell.

The Denver Road gives out the figures that during the past four days sixty-nine solid cars of household goods have been hauled North through Fort Worth for points in the Panhandle, and this gives an average of about seventeen cars for the day. Calculating upon the recognized basis that there is one car to the family, and an average of five persons to the family, it will be realized that at least 350 people have in four days come to this country to settle, and they are making an average daily record of nearly ninety.

Such is the interest that our brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference voted with some alacrity to come this way, too. There is the attraction that appeals to a healthy American—movement, progress, vitality. A right hearty welcome will they get at Clarendon and Amarillo.

Clarendon itself.

Somehow, or somehow else, our town is looked upon as the center of educational interests. This is owing in part to its central location, its cultured citizenship and its freedom from the saloon and other debasing institutions that cling to large commercial centers. But let no one imagine from this statement that we have no large business interests here. Houses are being constructed on every side, and the thrifty, energetic spirit of the people is visible at every turn.

Mr. E. E. Baldwin, Station Agent, states that on December 24, tickets to the value of \$750 were sold in our one depot.

Our Future.

Near the college is the beautiful new residence of Rev. W. B. Wilson, our Financial Agent, appointed by Bishop Hoss in November. He has moved at a rapid stride. His family is now snugly housed in our midst. He comes with a fine record for handling accounts, debts, and for raising money for large Church enterprises. Like others who catch the western view, he hides beneath a manly exterior a large and generous heart. Already he is abroad in the land, diffusing information and planning for large improvements.

We shall expect Brothers Laney at Tulla, Trammel at Dimmitt, Graham at Plemons and Harris at Higgins, and all other good, staunch friends of Clarendon College to write Brother Wilson and give him the right of way among their people.

J. R. MOOD.

THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS OUR SANCTIFIER.

A few weeks ago we wrote on the spirit of regeneration. Now we wish to say something about the spirit of holiness.

According to the spirit of holiness Christ was declared to be the Son of God in power by the resurrection from the dead. Romans 1:4. Now keep in mind the text.

Our Lord had two natures, as revealed in this passage—Son of David as to the flesh; Son of God as to the spirit. And as he is so are we in this world. We who are regenerated have two natures—the one derived from Adam, the other derived from Christ. And our experiences from a Bible standpoint consist in the double process of mortification, the deadening and subduing of the old, and the quickening and developing of the new.

In other words, what was wrought in Christ, who was put to death in the flesh but quickened in the spirit, is wrought in us through the constant operation of the Holy Ghost. And thus the cross and the resurrection extend their sway over the entire life of the Christian.

Consider these two experiences. Mortification is not a work of ours. I say it is not a self-inflicted compunction, but a Christ-inflicted crucifixion. Our Lord was done with the cross when on Calvary he cried: "It is finished." But where he ended each disciple must begin. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his

life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 16:24-25. These words so constantly repeated in one form or another by our Lord make it clear that the death principle must be realized within us in order that the life principle may have final and triumphant sway.

"Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus." Romans 6:11. (R. V.) This is the condition of making true in ourselves what is already true for us in Christ, of rendering practical what is now judicial. In other words, of being dead to the power of sin in ourselves, as we are already dead to the penalty of sin through Jesus Christ. We are demanded in Col. 3:2: "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." And in the fifth verse: "Mortify, therefore, your members—fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence and covetousness, which is idolatry." This is a state or condition in which the Holy Ghost will effect in us if we will have it so. "If ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live." Romans 8:13. So you see this mortification must take place to keep from backsliding. (This is not self-deadening). Self is not powerful enough to conquer self, nor this human spirit to get the victory over the human flesh. Old Adam is too strong for man mastery. We must have the Spirit of God to overcome our fleshly nature by his indwelling life, on whom is our sole dependence. When the Holy Spirit, which is in us as God's children, is allowed full sway, he will subdue and expel the remnants of our sinful nature. No degree of self-mortification can ever bring us to sanctification. We are glad to put off the old man with his deeds before we are crucified wholly. It is a constant breaking off, continually making vows to live a high life, a constant prayer for a deeper work of grace. Now it is a daily bringing in. That is, the former striving was directed to being rid of the inveterate habits and evil tendencies of the old nature—its selfishness, its pride, its lust and its vanity. Now the effort is to bring in the Spirit to drink in his divine presence, to breathe as a holy atmosphere his supernatural life. The indwelling of the Spirit can alone effect the exclusion of sin. This will appear, if we consider what has been called the expulsive power of a new affection. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world," says the Scriptures. But, beloved, there is but one way this may be accomplished. "All experiences prove that love is only possible through loving the worldly affection being overcome by the heavenly. The love of the Spirit is given us for overcoming the world. The divine life is the source of the divine love. Therefore the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given us. Because we are by nature so wholly without heavenly affections, God through the indwelling Spirit, gives us his own love with which to love himself. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35. As Christ manifested to the world the love of the Father, so are we to manifest the love of Christ, a manifestation, however, which is only possible because of our possession of a common life. In a word, I am to cease from my own living and loving and yield myself to the expression of Christ's love.

And what is true of the love of Christ is true of the likeness of Christ. It is only the spirit of the Lord dwelling within us that can fashion us to the image of the Lord set before us. Of course, likeness to Christ is but another name for holiness. And its that that God demands, and nothing shorter shall ever satisfy my Lord.

R. L. SNIDER.

Huckabay, Texas.

PERSONAL.

I take this opportunity to say to my brethren that I would be glad to assist them at any time in their revival meetings. Having been a pastor myself, I think I know how to assist a pastor in his work, and the question with me is, not what I am going to get out of the meeting, but how much can I assist my brother pastors and their people? My highest aim is to be engaged in my Master's work, and I have arranged to hold two meetings each month. We have had some gracious revivals during the year that is past, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed our efforts.

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WHY THE SCARCITY OF PREACHERS?

BY REV. D. F. FULLER.

There are but few conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which the ministerial supply equals the demand. Less than ten years ago there were more preachers than places, especially in Texas. These sentences state a fact known to our people. But why they are facts, is of deep concern to many. There is a cause and a remedy. In searching for these, many things will be suggested, and no one, perhaps, will be able to thoroughly understand the cause or remedy. But effort must be made, for an evil neglected develops calamity at times.

"The Church is of God." And her ministers "are called of God." Either God is not calling, or the called are not responding, else this lack of laborers could not be. We do not believe the Head of the Church has ceased to call men into the ministry unless the Church has so departed from him as to make such a course necessary. On the other hand, if the call be refused, why? Believing in a call to the ministry, as Methodists teach, an ordinary obstacle will not turn the individual aside. For no one is fit to preach the Gospel among us who has not realized "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel." Such conviction, wrought by the Holy Spirit, produces fear and anxiety.

It is urged that small salary, coupled with the divine requirement to provide for the household, will explain the refusal of the call. This can barely be true. The wise God knows the hearts of men. Fear and timidity often lead to trustfulness, and no quality is more essential to a minister. He who leans not to his own understanding may walk in the divine way. As for such as would make merchandise of the divine call, God never calls them. For the ministry is a divine institution, and is as far and thoroughly removed from secularities as is possible. Its realm is the spiritual, not material. It has to do with the eternal interests of man and glory of God. How, then, can a question of money exert controlling power with a man "truly called of God" to be a gospel minister? To an intelligent, spiritually-minded person, such a question is idle, not to say silly. For God can not use one in the ministry so skeptical as to doubt his care, and most assuredly does not call one who serves for honor or material gain. Then let us believe the call is refused for other cause, or is not being made as extensively as in the past, and look elsewhere for the cause.

The Church is discouraging the ministerial vocation. How? By refusing to appreciate the thoroughly matured preacher. The service of a man more than fifty-five years of age is not desired by most of our charges. Albeit, the man of that age is more ripe in experience and scholarship than he could have been at twenty-five. But somehow there is an aversion to old men in the ministry. The young man sees this and naturally thinks of himself as growing old some day. And he can but ask, why enter a calling which only calls for the preparatory period of life, and leaves the years of matured experiences and knowledge for naught? To give twenty-five years of life to then be set aside as "out of date," is more in the way of young men entering the ministry than the "business men" imagine. Furthermore, it is an obstacle Deity may regard. For can it be thought God calls men to get ready for valuable service when they are to cease, as greatest capacity for service has been achieved? Certainly, no. The divine method is—persons are hardened by persistence in wrong. God withdraws from those who resist or oppose his wise and beneficent rule. When his Church sets aside his seasoned servants, it would be surprising did he furnish more. Men may for a time conduct the Church in their own way, but sooner or later the Master will come upon the scene, even if it be to punish so severely as to "remove the candlestick from the midst." It should be kept in mind by the official and common member, "the Church is of God," and can prosper only as she serves HIS will.

Another fact to be well considered is the ferment of heathendom, and the interest in missions among the young at home. There has been no such stir among the heathen as at present. Every nation has been entered by the gospel. Every unenlightened people are calling for help. Answering this call, God is moving numbers of our best young people to enter these fields. But the Church hesitates. Too many cry, "home

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needs." Either they have not known or ignore the great law of the kingdom that "to live we must reproduce." Leave the flower of the land in our own pulpits, is the voice of the Church. "Go teach all nations" is the command of Jesus Christ. And why should a people be served who will not serve? If our own beloved Church should send five hundred strong men to the foreign field in 1907, might it not be that one thousand would receive the heavenly calling to fill pulpits in homeland? At this very hour God's people need to think seriously, pray earnestly and act intelligently.

Our leaders might do well to repeat our Lord's command again by calling the Church to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the field." And our people could do no more than respond to the call. For of one thing every true child of God is assured, and that is, it is the will of God to grant whatsoever we ask in Jesus' name. But here, most of all, is our need—a praying ministry and Church.

GERM THEORY GONE TO SEED.

In the Advocate of December 13 Brother R. A. Ellis, of Belzoni, Mississippi, replies to my article of October 18 under the above caption. After reading and rereading his last paper, I have reached the conclusion that his conception of spiritual death, and its consequences upon man as an intelligent moral being, has been a misleading factor in his investigations. He has failed to note the distinction in the use of the term death, as applicable to an animate material organism, and of a spiritual entity—a soul immortal—by virtue of its inherent vitality, in essence indestructible, yet susceptible to change of relations in the moral universe of perversion of its original status by the exercise of its own free volition. I will quote a concise statement of the doctrine of immortality from an article in the Advocate of December 13 by Rev. W. S. Woodward, of Missouri: "The seventh verse of the second chapter of Genesis teaches me that the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. That is, the body was created, the soul was imparted. The body, made of created matter, is perishable. The soul, the impartation of the Eternal Spirit, is imperishable; hence essentially immortal. Immortality is not an endowment superadded by the atonement, but is an essential factor of the soul. This compound being—man composed of body and soul—was capacitated to impart his entire nature to his posterity, and did so."

The above quotation, not designed by its author for this discussion, but to establish the immortality of the soul, very clearly sets forth my view of inherited tendencies. I hardly think Brother Ellis would controvert the fact that if the race of mankind had been propagated from sinless parentage but what the race would have been pure. In fact, he seems inclined rather to that belief anyway, but his way is not as clear as he would like to have it. So he throws in a "life germ" to facilitate the operation of natural law. But facts are stubborn things, and the evidence is too clear to doubt that man is today—morally and spiritually—just what he was when Cain killed his brother Abel. And nothing but the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost can save man from sin, by eradicating his inherited tendencies, "by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Not only does the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, based upon its divine origin and essence, establish the unchangeable status of man as a moral being, since the fall, only as changed by the eternal power of God, but it also gives a reasonable interpretation of the phrase "spiritual death," as contradistinguished from the death of the body. "Your sins have separated between you and your God, and your iniquities have hid his face from you," says the prophet. The analogy between natural and spiritual death consists mainly in separation. When the spirit leaves the body the body is dead, returns to dust; but when the Spirit of God leaves the soul of man, the soul is only dead to all that is good or Godlike; but it does not cease to exist. It becomes the receptacle of the spirit of the devil. Hear Paul on this subject: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

No, my brother, man as a spiritual being is very much alive, but it is the spirit of the devil that animates him since the fall; and if your "germ" of life has been implanted as you think, it certainly has had but a poor showing as a saving influence, judging from results. But the Eternal Spirit of the Most High God has worked wonders by its saving power. But Brother Ellis almost shudders at the thought of a wicked race being left alone, with a tendency to sin-un-

avoidable on their part—and wholly unable to turn from their wicked ways, or to control their evil tendencies. This, Brother, is the "horrible pit and miry clay" that the Psalmist found himself in. Then he "cried unto the Lord, and the Lord took him out and placed him upon a rock and established his goings and put a new song in his mouth." How did he discover his deplorable condition? Was it not the work of that spirit or light "that lighteneth every man that cometh into the world?" Was it not that Christ who says: "I will send you another Comforter, and when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of a judgment to come?" Are not the conditions of life just as accessible to the sinner under grace as to Adam before the fall? Adam was in possession of spiritual life, but death was imminent. "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." The sinner is spiritually dead, but he that said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock," comes with the voice of love and mercy, and says, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." The difference in the dispensations of the race is, do and live before the fall; now it is look and live, and the necessity of heeding the call is manifest not only in the sinner's environments, but also in the personal experience of every enlightened soul. But what of the infant? Well, just this: The infant being in a state of unconscious justification, by virtue of the grace of God, is as innocent as an angel, but not as pure. He is contaminated with a corruptible body, which will as certainly produce spiritual thorns and thistles as the acorn will produce the oak, unless it is trained up to faith in Christ in the incipient development of its moral character, or dies in its infancy. In that case it puts off that which is mortal and corruptible and puts on incorruption and immortality, and is safely conveyed to the bosom of Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

In conclusion I will say, while the Scriptures are remarkably silent on the status of the infant, excepting in the declarations of the Son of God himself, still, if an intelligent discussion of the subject should lead parents to a proper conception of their responsibility as guardians of a young angelic host, good will result therefrom. J. M. DUNN, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to the address of the Editor of the Woman's Department.

A SONG FOR THE NEW YEAR.

What shall I wish thee?
 Treasures of earth?
 Songs in the spring time?
 Pleasure or mirth?
 Flow'rs on thy pathway?
 Skies ever clear?
 Would this insure thee
 A happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?
 What can be found
 Bringing thee sunshine
 All the year round?
 Where is the treasure
 Lasting and dear,
 That shall insure thee
 A happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,
 Walking in light;
 Hope that aboundeth,
 Happy and bright;
 Love that is perfect,
 Casting out fear—
 These shall insure thee
 A happy New Year.

—Frances R. Havergal.

THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR JANUARY, 1907.

(The Woman's Home Mission Society, M. E. Church, South.)

Bible Study.

Monthly Bible Readings hereafter will be based on the topics for daily study, prayer and meditation of the Quiet Hour League. For full reference see "The Quiet Hour" quarterly. Price, 25 cents. Order of Smith & Lamar.

January Topic: Prayer.

I. The Prayer Life of Jesus.

(1) His habits of prayer. He prayed often, both in secret and in public; he prayed in the midst of work; when the people would make him a king; when he was tempted; when he was in sorrow and in pain. Luke 5:15, 16; Mark 1:35; John 6:13.

(2) His manner of prayer. He prayed with filial reverence, always addressing God as Father except on one occasion; he prayed with faith yet humble submission to the will of the Father; he gave thanks in prayer and lifted up his voice in praise; he made intercessory prayers. Matt. 11:25; 14:39, 42.

(3) For whom he prayed. He prayed that the Father might be glorified; he prayed for himself, for his friends, for his enemies, for the future church and for the whole world. John 11:41, 42; 17:1, 2; Luke 13:34.

II. The Teaching of Jesus About Prayer.

(1) His own example was the best lesson he could give his disciples or they transmit to us.

(2) "Lord, teach us how to pray!" In response to this request of the disciples he gave them what we call "The Lord's Prayer," not simply to be formally repeated, but to be suggestive headings as it were, for the subjects and manner of prayer. Beginning with the praise of a loving, universal Father, request is made for the whole brotherhood of man to be brought to love and obey him. The daily needs of life are for all. We are to pray not only for forgiveness of our own sins, but for a forgiving spirit towards others. Supplication is to be made for strength in the time of temptation and for deliverance from the power of the Evil One. Luke 11:13.

(3) How, when and for whom shall we pray. On all these points Christ's teaching is explicit and plain. We pray to the Father in the name of Christ for the presence and guidance of the spirit. There must be a reverent spirit; a positive faith; a surrender of the will; a loving obedience; an

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earnest persistence without vain repetition; personal communion in secret, public worship without ostentation. We may pray for the whole cause of Christ and the special service in which we are engaged; for a blessing upon our daily work; for ourselves, family, friends, co-workers and enemies, the whole world that lieth in sin. We need to pray at all times and under all circumstances. John 14:13, 17; 23, 24; Matt. 6: 5, 8.

A Bequest.

The Woman's Home Mission Society has again been remembered by a good Methodist woman. In November Mrs. Scotia Kinship Chenoweth, of Lexington, Kentucky, died and when her will went to probate the following item was found among other donations: "I bequeath unto the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars." There has never been a time when such an indirect gift was more needed.

The Associate Secretary.

Miss Head, the Associate Secretary, is making an itinerary of the Methodist Schools of Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. A part of November, December and January have been thus spent, and no doubt the deaconess work, and the needs of the home land will mean more to our young women through her personal touch with the young life of the church.

A Generous Gift.

Mrs. M. A. Wolf, whose name is so associated with the Cuban work of the Woman's Home Mission Society cannot forget her first love. From the far north she sends a check for one hundred dollars to be used at Ybor City as the Board sees best.

New Leaflets.

Through diligent effort of the Committee on Literature and Press Work a new supply of leaflets have been circulated which furnish interesting reading matter for the auxiliary monthly meeting. One "Home Mission Finances" will be welcomed by officers who must constantly explain what moneys are needed for home missions.

Have You Seen Them?

What? Home Mission pictures! Every auxiliary ought to have a set. 50 cents a set.

Revival at Sue Bennett School.

A recent protracted meeting in this school, located in the mountains of Kentucky, resulted in a gracious revival. More than fifty students were converted and many more strengthened and renewed in purpose. The Bible teaching and prayer services were conducted by teachers and students without outside help.

Broom Factory.

A new industrial feature at Sue Bennett School is a broom factory. The building and machinery are finished and fixed and the man to have charge of this department has just reached London. Work will begin at once and a new opportunity will be thus given the students.

Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Ida Reeves and Miss Sue Herrick, both of Texas, have been added to the working force of the Wesley House at Louisville. Their presence will give strength to the work and lighten some of the burdens which have fallen upon Miss Leverett and Mrs. Bond.

Vashti Home.

The Woman's Home Mission Society is to be congratulated upon securing the services of Mrs. Lella Clark, for the Vashti Home at Thomasville, Ga. Mrs. Clark is an accomplished lady, has had training in the State Normal School at Athens, Ga., and has had broad experience as a teacher of industries.

Methodist Missionary Training School.

There are seventeen students at the Methodist Missionary Training School in Nashville, Tenn., whose purposes are fixed as follows:

- Foreign Volunteers (one a deaconess) 6
- Evangelistic Pianist 1
- Home Missionaries 4
- Deaconess in the Home Field 6
- Total 17

Thanksgiving and Self-Denial.

The girls at the Rescue Mission Home and School at Dallas, Texas,

have given proof of their earnest desire to help with the new building at Key West in a most beautiful manner. During the Week of Prayer they did without meat and thus saved five dollars and eighty cents from the household expenses which they requested the Principal, Mrs. Stone, to turn over to the Treasurer. Is there a more beautiful gift than this in the treasury?

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

Dear Sister: A Happy New Year's Greeting! May the close of the new year, which has opened so auspiciously, bring with it the well-deserved plaudit—to every North Texas Press Reporter—"Well done, good and faithful servant; she hath done what she could."

Our North Texas special edition of the King's Messenger was no doubt a disappointment to you, as it was to us—due to the fact that three or four of our Conference officers were moving just when we wrote them for articles and failed to receive our letters. Then, too, the Conference reports were in the hands of the publishers, and consequently unavailable for our special. Also several District Secretaries failed to respond with articles, so altogether, our special edition was unexpectedly abbreviated. But if it fell short, the regular number never do, and we earnestly urge each Press Reporter, who really wants to do her best in this Department, to subscribe for the King's Messenger, and read it "from kiver to kiver" (and also the Texas Christian Advocate, especially because of the Woman's Department, we add, Ed. Woman's Dept.). Then cull articles of special interest and either read or report them to the society. Be sure to have something ready for each meeting. There's material enough for one month in each paper. At our annual meeting, the Committee on Literature and Press Work, presented a resolution which was passed unanimously, commending the King's Messenger and pledging that each member should subscribe and secure one other subscription for this paper, which is published to promote the interests of Home Missions in general and of North Texas in particular. Now let us, each one, comply with our part of this pledge and note the result.

MRS. FRANK BENNETT, Press Supt. Conf. Society, Pottsville, Texas.

W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

My Dear Sisters: This is the beginning of the New Year—the time for new resolutions, the turning of new leaves. Let us resolve to make this the best year we have ever had, spiritually, financially and numerically, and thus place our Auxiliaries on a higher plane than ever before. Let us feel that it can be said of us, "She hath done what she could." One month of the last quarter of our fiscal year has gone—only two more to gather in and make up my report for the year. Will you help me to make it the best of the four quarters, by collecting every thing in full? to not have any deficits. This can be done if the Treasurers of our Auxiliaries will have for their New Year resolutions to collect everything pledged by their delegates. Get a copy of the minutes of the last annual meeting in Terrell, find out how much the delegate of your Auxiliary pledged for each fund, and then proceed with determination to collect it, that we may bring a rich harvest to the Master. The collections for the third quarter, which you see in this issue, are the best I have ever received. I congratulate and thank you for your very efficient work. May we all be stimulated to make greater efforts.

Yours in the Master's cause,
MRS. R. H. RIVERS,
Texas Conference Society,
Kaufman, Texas.

TO THE MEMBERS OF W. H. M. S. OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: I wrote you just before Thanksgiving, calling on you to observe the Week of Prayer, and stated that we had seventy-five auxiliaries. That statement was based on the reports of the District Secretaries. We had eighty-one living and working auxiliaries, but they were not all reported.

Observing the work of missionary societies, we have found that treasurers report much more faithfully than corresponding secretaries do. Why? When a woman has money in hand, which belongs to another, she is in haste to deliver it. But, dear sisters, there is responsibility not measured by dollars and cents.

As far as we can estimate by the reports received, we have in the Beaumont District twenty-five members, and they have contributed during the last quarter, \$59.45. Twenty-one copies of the W. M. Advocate are read in that district.

In Brenham District, ninety-one members take twenty-four copies of

the Advocate and collected for all purposes, \$84.53.

Calvert District reports eighty-six members, thirty-one subscribers to W. M. Advocate, thirteen to Little Worker and amount collected, \$125.50.

Honstun District reports one hundred and seventy-five members, forty-four subscribers to Advocate, fourteen to Little Worker, amount collected, \$168.70.

Huntsville District has one hundred and two members, twenty-two subscribers to Advocate, twenty-one to Little Worker, collected, \$101.62.

Marshall District has ninety-four members, fifty-three subscribers to Advocate, sixteen life-members, two scholarships, amount collected \$62.75.

Palestine District has one hundred and forty-six members, nine life-members, three honorary life-members, twenty-six subscribers to Advocate, twenty-four to Little Worker, and collected, \$57.54.

Pittsburg District, one hundred and seventy-six members, fifty-five subscribers to Advocate, fourteen to Little Worker. Amount collected, \$60.79.

San Augustine District has two hundred and seventy-four members, twenty-four subscribers to Advocate, eighty-one to Little Worker, amount collected, \$73.08.

"Statistics are juley, but require chewing." A comparison of the above figures does not show the actual condition accurately, for three reasons. Treasurer's report sums to Conference treasurer, that are not known to district secretaries, even though they may know the number of members. The reports of district secretaries, made from those of corresponding secretaries show 1,169 members, about two hundred less than our actual number, and a collection for the quarter of \$720.96. This is probably farther below the fact than the number of members reported. Again, many of these members are in new auxiliaries which have as yet collected only monthly dues and conference fund. A number of them, juvenile societies, which pay only five cents a month dues, and ten cents a year conference fund. Still another difference is that in some auxiliaries the pledge is made up in the first quarter; in some others, not till the third or fourth. For these reasons districts can not be compared with each other until the end of the fiscal year.

The Missionary Evangelist of the conference, Rev. J. B. Sears, has recently issued some leaflets, classifying the charges according to their collections. Class A, contains those circuit or stations which have more than paid their assessments. B, those which have just paid, and C, those which failed to pay. A number of those in the A. Class have both adult and juvenile societies, a much larger proportion of the B. Class have such organizations, while only one such appears in the C. Class, and that is itself a mission charge, and its auxiliary was organized a very short time before conference.

Sisters, are you praying for the new missionary candidate we agreed to ask for? Do you know that one has offered? Do not cease to pray for her and to ask for the other too. Remember daily the other three in our conference, who are striving to prepare themselves.

Miss Park writes, Dec. 24th, "We are arranging a Christmas tree for the poor around the seminary. We are putting on inexpensive articles of clothing for men and women, and mables and toys for the children. We can not afford a real tree, but have gone out and gathered boughs where we could and fastened them together to look like a tree, and you have no idea how well it looks." She did not intend that to be published, but she will forgive it. A fine letter from Mrs. Tarrant will appear soon.

In the morning of the New Year, may the Spirit's power come on each of us—power of service.

MRS. S. PHILPOTT,
Dew, Texas.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE:

A few weeks ago there appeared in these columns an appeal to the auxiliaries of the Northwest Texas Conference for donations of table and bed linen, preserves and pickles, for the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home at Waco.

The response has been most gratifying. We have received more than we dared hope for and now wish to take this opportunity of publicly thanking the kind friends who so freely gave of these much needed articles of home comfort. It is encouraging to know that the women of our conference are in sympathy with our work and are willing to show their interest in such substantial ways.

In a short time after the letter asking for assistance was written, boxes were received from Mulkey Memorial and First Church, Fort Worth, also ten dollars in cash from Mulkey Memorial. Another box from Fort Worth bearing no name was also received.

Hillsboro, Gordon, Cleburne, Morgan

and McGregor sent large, well filled boxes of warm, downy comforts, and some of them contained jars of preserves and jellies snugly tucked in among the soft folds of comforts, so that they reached us in good condition and were much appreciated by those who rarely enjoy the luxury of home-made preserves.

A fine contribution from Mrs. Eugene Moore of Strawn came also.

We know that much time, labor and expense are necessary in the preparation of these boxes, therefore, we deeply appreciate the gifts and assure the givers that they brought much comfort and happiness into the Home. We trust that those who have given so liberally may have the sweet consciousness of having done a kindness for a fellow creature and that the blessing of our Heavenly Father may rest upon them and their work for Him.

MRS. B. H. HILL,
Waco, Texas.

TO AUXILIARIES W. H. M. SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I beg you to report your box as to me. See how few I have to report this quarter.

Uvalde box to Waco Orphanage \$30.00
South Austin box to San Antonio Mission Home 25.00

Total \$55.00

Surely we are doing more for the needy under charge of our church than that.

MRS. W. E. SMITH,
Supt. Sup. Dept. West Texas Conf. W. H. M. Society,
217 Guilbeau St., San Antonio, Texas.

FROM CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we have been granted the privilege of being associated for the past four years with our beloved sister, Mrs. J. B. Sears; and whereas in His wise providence she is called to other fields, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Woman's Home Mission Society of Crockett, Texas, 1st. That in the departure of Sister Sears we lose a most faithful and efficient member.

2nd. That the zeal with which she has labored and the beautiful consecrated life she has lived among us have strongly endeared her to us personally, and have inspired us to greater things in the future.

3rd. That we extend to Sister Sears our heartiest love and thanks for the assistance she has been to us and affectionately commend her to whatever work she may undertake in the future and assure her of our prayers that God will continue to abundantly bless her labors.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be presented Sister Sears, a copy sent the local papers and a copy sent to The Texas Christian Advocate with the request for publication.

MRS. D. J. CATER,
MRS. JOE ADAMS,
MRS. C. E. GODBEY,
MRS. STEVE BOX,
Committee.

(We regret that the foregoing tribute has been overlooked until this date, but it is never late to say a kind word, so we give it space in this issue.—Ed. Woman's Dept.)

TREASURERS' REPORT.

Report of Treasurer of W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference for third quarter, ending Dec. 1st, 1906:
Dues \$234.50
Pledge 155.90
Morris Singleton Scholarship 40.00
Martha Duff 40.00
Saltito Day School 33.00
Eliza Bowman Lot fund 59.50
Conference Expense fund 13.10
Publication of Minutes 13.10
Total \$884.00

Credit.

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Martha Duff Scholarship paid Mrs. McTyeire 40.00
Saltito Day School paid Mrs. McTyeire 33.50
Eliza Bowman Lot fund pd. Mr. J. H. Bowman 307.60
Total \$811.00
Conference Expenses \$24.30
Balance on hand, Conf. expense fund. 48.79

MRS. R. H. RIVERS,
Treasurer,
Kaufman, Texas.

Report of Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Texas Conference, for third quarter, ending Dec. 15th, 1906.

Membership Dues \$ 712.19
Life Membership Dues 8.25
Baby Roll Dues 7.94
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One of the most pleasant features of the holiday season was a visit from Dr. A. L. Norfleet, of Artesia, New Mexico.

The North Texas College has for some years enjoyed a liberal patronage from this progressive territory, and has been something of a factor in the intellectual development of this future State, so richly deserving of full fellowship in our great Union.

Dr. Norfleet's family have been members of our household for two years, and a most interesting family it is. Miss Helen, a little lady of fourteen, is a most pleasing pianist and a pupil of general excellence in the literary department. Her sensible parents understand the necessity for an even intellectual and physical development in the artistic temperament.

Miss Helen came to the Conservatory two years ago with only about eight months' training in piano, but under the skillful and careful teaching of Mr. Krueger, she will be prepared to play the very difficult Weber Concerto, stuck with the orchestra at our Spring music festival.

Miss Katherine Norfleet, a younger sister, is also a gifted little girl with the violin as her chosen instrument, and then Master Leper Norfleet, a diminutive gentleman of five, is also a pupil under Mr. Haroldi. It is rather interesting to watch this little artist galloping away on his stick horse to Banbury Cross, whistling the theme of a classic concerto or sonata.

It is unfortunate that so few parents realize how much of the best in education is to be gotten outside of text books and class rooms in daily association with large and elevated personalities, absorbing and assimilating the spirituality that is constantly emanating from them. Children are most susceptible to these occult influences, and the artistic child especially owes much more to such an environment than to any efforts of its own put forth in mature years under the most favorable conditions. It is in offering such an environment that the North Texas College contributes so much to the education of our girls. Mrs. Key has always been liberal and advanced in her thinking along these lines and in selecting her faculty, always takes into consideration higher things than technical knowledge and normal training. Then too, she so generously gives up herself to both teachers and pupils and we who have enjoyed daily association with her for so many years know that the greatest educational influence at the North Texas College is her personality.

M. W. B.

For Information, Address

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Houston District—First Round.

- League City, at L. C., Jan. 12, 13.
- St. Pauls, Jan. 17.
- McKee St., Jan. 20, 11 a. m.
- McAshan, Jan. 29, 7:30 p. m.
- Brunner Ave., Jan. 23.
- Rosenberg, Jan. 26.
- Grace, Jan. 27, 28.
- Tabernacle, Jan. 27, 28.
- Angleton, Feb. 2, 3.
- First Ch. (Galveston), Feb. 9, 10.
- West End (Galveston), Feb. 10, 11.
- Alvin, Feb. 16, 17.
- Cedar Bayou, Feb. 23, 24.
- Columbia and Brazoria, Mar. 2, 3.
- Riceton, at Almeda, Mar. 10.
- Harrisburg, Mar. 11.
- Shearn, Mar. 17.

CHAS. F. SMITH, P. C.

Secular News Items.

The year 1907 opens with a record of industrial success unparalleled in the history of this or of any other country. With a few trifling exceptions, every great line of manufacture has done more business and is making more money for the stockholders than in any previous year. The balancing of accounts is satisfactory to all concerned, and the only clouds on the horizon are the financial stringency arising from the fact that there is not enough cash money to handle the business we are doing and the inadequacy of transportation facilities to move it. If the promises of farm, factory and trade are borne out for the coming year, 1907 will show another record of progress in the list of production.

"Gov. Hughes' announcement in his message to the Legislature on Wednesday of William Prior Letchworth's offer to give the State of New York his superb estate at Portage, New York, makes public one of the most notable benefactions of its kind in the history of the country," said Dr. George Frederick Kunz, acting President of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. Mr. Letchworth's property includes about 1,000 acres upon which Mr. Letchworth has spent about \$500,000. The property, called by Mr. Letchworth Glen Iris, lies on both sides of the canyon of the Upper Genesee River for a distance of three miles to Portage bridge, and embraces the three famous Portage Falls. These falls, with an aggregate descent of 320 feet, and the canyon, with sheer walls 350 feet high, have been called the second great natural curiosity in the State of New York. Mr. Letchworth has devoted himself to charitable work for twenty-five years. Beginning in 1873, he was a member of the State Board of Charities, most of the time president, and gave his time, service and incidental expenses without ever putting in a bill to the State. His investigations led to many radical reforms in the management of charitable institutions of the State, and his work on the care of insane and epileptics have been regarded as standards of their kind.

The War Department has been advised that the trial by court-martial of Major C. W. Penrose and Capt. E. A. Macklin, Twenty-Fifth Infantry, on the charge of neglect of duty in connection with the Brownsville affair, which was to have begun at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, on January 4, has been postponed until February 4, on account of the disability of Capt. Macklin, who recently was shot by a supposed robber at Fort Reno, Oklahoma. Should Capt. Macklin's condition on that date be such as to make it impossible for him to stand trial, the date will be further postponed.

There are 35,766 rural delivery routes in the United States. Ten years ago, when the service was established, there were 83 carriers, today there are 35,666. The growth of the service is perhaps shown more forcefully by the statement of its cost: In 1897 it was \$14,840, and last year \$24,875,256. But, as the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General says in his annual report, the climax of growth has been reached, for there has been a material decrease in the demand for the establishment of new routes. The highest number of applications in one year was in 1904, when there were 9,447. The average number per month was 700. During the last fiscal year there were only 4,687 applications. Texas is not so well served with rural routes as are some other States of about equal population. This is due to the fact that so many of the roads are not up to the standard required by the Postoffice Department. Indiana, for example, with a less population than that of Texas, has 500 routes more than Texas. Even Kansas has more. Texas, however, has more than any other Southern State, except Tennessee, which has 1,534. Illinois is at the head of the list with 2,693. Ohio is second with 2,440.

Major General von der Launitz, Prefect of Police of St. Petersburg, was shot and killed at the Institute of Experimental Medicine January 3, and the assassin coolly turned his revolver against himself, while he was falling under the sabres of the Prefect's escort. The Prefect, at the invitation of Prince Alexandrovitch, Duke of Oldenburg, brother-in-law of the Emperor, was attending the consecration of the institute chapel. While mingling with several high officials the Prefect of Police was approached from behind by a young man, who drew a revolver and shot him in the base of the brain. Von der Launitz died in two minutes. The authorship of this crime, like the recent assassination of Count Ignatieff, and the unsuccessful attempt to blow up Premier Stolypin with a bomb, has been traced to the

fighting organization of the Social Revolutionists, who recently resolved to resume full terroristic activity. The organization that night issued the customary proclamation, avowing and justifying the killing of Von der Launitz, which was accomplished with an ease and simplicity that has struck terror into the hearts of all other officials.

As a result of the revival of the boycott of American goods, due to the failure of the United States authorities to modify the Chinese exclusion act, the boycott which was recently removed at Canton, is spreading over China. Efforts are being made to induce the Chinese newspapers to reject advertisements of American manufacturers.

Stuyvesant Fish, in a statement for the Journal of Commerce, declares a great industrial crisis is due and there are many indications of its being imminent. "Despite the unprecedented output of gold," Mr. Fish writes, "money is dear the world over, and dear because of high prices and activity in trade." Other causes for dear money are found in the fact that Great Britain has not fully made up its losses in the Boer War; that Japan and Russia, particularly the latter, have scarcely begun to recover from the effects of their war, and that within the past year there have been tremendous losses of capital, due to the calamities in San Francisco and Valparaiso. Then, turning to our own country, Mr. Fish writes that New York, especially that part of it known as Wall Street, has absorbed and is absorbing more than its share of the loanable funds.

One section of the Canadian Pacific is intrinsically, perhaps, the richest piece of railroad property in the world. It is ballasted with silver ore. This branch is known as the Teniskaming and Northern Ontario branch of the system, which is approaching completion. The silver ore was not used with design, but simply because the workmen did not know the nature of the material they were handling. Carload after carload of ballast was dumped hurriedly on the ties and shoveled into place by laborers who hardly knew that such a thing as silver ore existed. It was only a few weeks ago that the discovery was made that much of the ballasting material used was silver bloom found to contain values as high as \$600 a ton. It turns out that ballast used is worth many times the value of the road on which it was ignominiously cast, together with its rolling stock and prospective earnings for many years.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business December 31, 1906, the debt, less cash in the Treasury, amounted to \$940,971,777, which is a decrease for the month of \$9,258,652, which is largely accounted for by a corresponding increase in the month of cash on hand. The monthly coinage statement shows that for the month of December, 1906, the coinage executed at the United States mints amounted to \$2,871,995, as follows: Gold, \$826,672; silver, \$1,659,148; minor coins, \$395,174. This is exclusive of 4,092,000 fifty-centavo silver pieces coined for the Government of Mexico.

Four Americans, a negro train porter and about thirty Mexican laborers, lost their lives, and fifty-five persons were injured, when two passenger trains on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad collided head-on, four miles west of Volland, Kansas, January 2. The trains were Nos. 29 and 30, running between Chicago and El Paso, and they met on a sharp curve. Fire from the lamps in the cars and from the locomotive was communicated to the splintered wreckage and spread rapidly, consuming five cars of train No. 29, westbound, and burning several passengers. All but three of those who perished are thought to have been Mexican laborers, who were on their way from Columbus Junction, Ohio, to Mexico. The officials of the company place the blame on John Lynes, a 19-year-old telegraph operator at Volland, who failed to stop train No. 29, after receiving orders to hold it. Lynes was arrested.

In 1905 the tobacco monopoly earned the French Government a gross revenue of 436,006,900 francs, or \$84,149,262, and the match monopoly 49,188,790 francs, or \$9,493,419, a total of \$93,642,681. In 1906 the tobacco monopoly earned a gross revenue of 446,099,900 francs, or \$86,079,909, and the match monopoly 49,511,600 francs, or \$9,555,739, a total of \$95,635,648.

Charges of fraud were filed with Postmaster General Cortelyou against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange by Representative Livingstone, of Georgia, and Harvie Jordan, President of the Southern Cotton Association, of Atlanta,

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Georgia. They request that the department issue a fraud order against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange to bar them from the use of the United States mail in conducting what are termed fraudulent practices. The Postmaster General referred his callers to Judge Goodwin, Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department. It is likely that a hearing will be held by Judge Goodwin.

It is noted that the agitation over the American packing house methods had a serious effect upon the exportation of canned meats from this country. The exports of such goods for the first nine months of 1904 amounted to \$5,397,137, and for the like period in 1905 the exports amounted to \$7,289,283. For the first nine months of the present year these exports reached a sum of only \$4,532,749, or \$2,756,534 less than those of the previous year. It is to be noted, however, that the purchase of canned meats by Japan mainly for her armies in the field, during the first nine months of 1905 amounted to \$1,307,415, while Japan's purchases for the corresponding period of this year amounted to only \$9,820. Thus, with the deduction of the extraordinary supply called for for the Japanese army, the net loss to the normal American canned meat trade for this year as compared with last year up to September 30 was \$1,458,939.

In the criminal history of the State of New York the year 1906 broke the record of nearly a half century in that no execution occurred in Sing Sing prison. There are 8 men under sentence of death in the prison, but each has received a stay of execution on appeal. The records show that the time from which murderers receive sentences until the law's desire is carried out has gradually grown longer. In the beginning of Sing Sing's history only a few months elapsed, and now years pass before every legal method has been exhausted by condemned men.

The causes, but not the cure for car shortage in the Northwest and the consequent coal famine, have been determined by members of the Interstate Commerce Commission participating in the recent hearings at Chicago and Minneapolis. Franklin K. Lane, who served as Chairman of the Investigating Commission, has filed his report with the Commission and sent it to President Roosevelt. He finds: "It is a fair inference that the real cause of the coal scarcity in North Dakota was such an abundance of westbound traffic at the head of the lakes that cars were not available at that terminal for carrying coal to North Dakota; a comparatively short haul for a low-class commodity." The report will be followed by special recommendations as to what legislation may be advisable. Referring to the report that the shortage was due to the presence of a combination between dealers in coal, who fixed prices and refused to sell to outsiders and "irregulars," the report says: "The Commission has gained indisputable proof of an agreement between coal dealers to maintain prices and to boycott all who do not so agree. But there is no evidence justifying the contention that this combination is chargeable with the coal shortage prevailing, nor that the railroads were a party to such a conspiracy."

A startling conspiracy to poison bread has been discovered in connection with the strike of local No. 247 of the Bakers' Union, at Chicago, and four men, alleged to be members of the union, have been arrested, charged with putting acid on hundreds of loaves of bread distributed among Jewish residents of the Maxwell Street police district. The acid and quantities of iodoforn were thrown on wagon loads of bread and rolls after they had left the bakeries where the strike is on. Capt. Mahoney has a detail of twenty men searching the district for the poisoned bread. Thousands

of Jews in the district are in a reign of terror. They are afraid to eat bread for fear they will be poisoned. Four men, said to be members of the Bakers' Union, have been arrested. In their pockets were found bottles of carbolic acid and packages of powdered iodoforn.

Mrs. Sarah A. Payne, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Miss Carrie Bruce, of Muldrow, Indian Territory, two prominent women of the Cherokee Nation, have prepared a memorial to Congress asking that body to abrogate the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, which deprived the intermarried white men of the right to citizenship and allotment. The memorial is being universally signed in the Cherokee Nation. The suit affects 3999 white men who have married into the Cherokee tribe and property to the extent of \$15,999,999.

SPENT IN LIQUOR.

According to figures furnished by the Government Bureau of Statistics, there are consumed in the United States in one year about 49,000,000 barrels of beer, 38,000,000 gallons of proof spirits, and 29,500,000 gallons of wine. These drinkables, sold at retail, take out of the pockets of consumers in a single twelve-month the sum of \$1,454,119,858. It is a good deal of money, and one is tempted to consider what it could accomplish if it were put to really useful purposes, instead of being practically thrown away.

It would provide 599,999 families, or 2,500,000 people—more than the entire population of the States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, North Dakota and Montana— with comfortable homes, clothing and provisions for twelve whole months. To each family it would give \$350 for provisions, \$80 for clothing, \$30 for shoes, \$20 for newspapers, magazines and books, \$50 for church and charitable purposes, and would build for each family a house costing \$1,500, with \$250 to furnish it—thus bestowing upon each one of the half million families \$2,380, and leaving a balance of \$264,119,000 to erect 52,818 churches, each costing \$5,000. The figures arrange themselves in tabulated form as follows:

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| 599,999 families, \$20 each for books, etc. | 10,000,000 |
| 599,999 families, \$50 each for charity, etc. | 25,000,000 |
| 599,999 houses, \$1,500 each .. | 750,000,000 |
| 599,999 families, \$350 each for furniture ... | 175,000,000 |
| 52,818 churches, \$5,000 each .. | 264,000,000 |
| Total | \$1,454,000,000 |

It is practically impossible for the human mind to grasp so enormous a sum of money, but recognition of its magnitude may be rendered more easy by comparing with it certain other expenditures which are made for the every-day necessities of life. For instance, the people of the United States in a year spend \$660,000,000 for meats and \$600,000,000 for breadstuffs. They pay out \$630,000,000 for cotton and worsted goods, for wearing apparel and household use. Boots and shoes cost them \$261,000,000 in the same length of time. For iron and steel they spend \$580,000,000, for sugar and molasses \$225,000,000, and for tea, coffee and chocolate, \$169,000,000. It will be noticed that no two of these items, which represent the chief expenses of the nation, equal in sum the total expenditures for liquors, the meats and breadstuffs together amounting to only \$1,260,000,000.—Pearson's Magazine.

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Mrs. P. M. Nelson.

Sunday evening, November 25, 1906, as the sun was setting, the beautiful spirit of Grandma Nelson passed in sweet peace to her heavenly home. The subject of this memoir was the mother of Rev. Jno. K. Nelson, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Assistant Missionary Secretary, and Walter Nelson, of Stamford, and their three brothers; and she was lovingly and familiarly known by the Church and community at Rogers, Texas, as "Grandma Nelson." Her great-big heart took all her friends and acquaintances into such intimate relationship, they were made to feel akin to her; her tender, affectionate sympathy made her mother to all. This was especially true of the Methodist itinerant, who might be sent to the Rogers charge, for no matter what "ill betides" his home or work, there was always one heart and home where loving interest and deepest sympathy was had for his work and the welfare of the preacher and his family. If sickness came to his home, the gentle touch of a mother's hand was placed on the fevered brow and Grandma Nelson brought sweet comfort in loving ministrations. If death came to the home, her sympathy seemed deepest and truest, and after she came, the sorrow was sensibly less severe. No wonder her pastors wept as if at a mother's grave when we laid her away; no wonder they rise up to honor her memory, and the community, as if moved by one impulse, wept as "one who mourneth for his mother" and placed sweet flowers on her grave. Though deprived of early educational advantages, she was endowed with a large measure of good common sense and large executive ability, her poise of character, her good judgment, her ceaseless devotion to the right, had most to do with directing the affairs of the home and family to be successful an issue. Mrs. Annetta Nelson, wife of P. M. Nelson, was born in Jackson County, Alabama, June 6, 1855. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Logan. She was twice married, first to a Mr. Runnels, and three children were born of this union, but all died in infancy or early childhood, and the husband soon crossed the river also and she was left alone a young widow. In September, 1865, she was married to Mr. P. M. Nelson, who still survives and wept in loneliness at the grave. To this union were born nine children, five of whom are still living, and with hands of tenderest devotion ministered to mother and father in their age and feebleness. And they were all present to gently ease down to its last resting place mother's precious dust. These five sons are Rev. Jno. R., of Nashville, Tenn.; D. C., of Ferris, Tex.; George, of Goldthwaite; Thomas, of Rogers, and Walter of Stamford, Tex. The devotion of these noble sons, as they gathered around the remains of a loving mother, "weeping as children over her grave, and rising up now to call her blessed," puts a higher valuation than ever on noble, Christian motherhood. Sister Nelson experienced one great sorrow in the death of her baby boy Bascom, who was killed while a soldier in the U. S. Army, stationed in the Philippine Islands, about three years ago. From this shock she never fully recovered. The writer remembers how anxious she was to visit the room in the Fifth Street parsonage at Waco, where she last saw her boy; how she sat in silent meditation, looking again and again to the open doorway where his form had disappeared; and O! shall we not trust that somehow God, in his goodness, heard and answered the prayers of mother and loved ones, and ere he came, so suddenly to the crossing of the river, was saved and mother has found her precious boy in the beautiful beyond, where accident and separation and death never come? Sister Nelson and her husband were received into the Methodist Church, at Oak Grove, Jackson County, Alabama, under the ministry of Rev. W. D. Nicholson, who was serving the Scottsboro Circuit. This was a few years after the conversion of their eldest son, Rev. Jno. R., and this fact, with the knowledge of his call to the ministry, and the success that attended his labors, possibly had much to do with turning their feet the heavenward way. She was a devoted, lifetime Christian, striving to "do good unto all men," comforting the sorrow-

ing and ministering to the needy. Her children write: "Some of my earliest recollections are associated with her kind words and gentle deeds to the colored people who chanced to come to our home in North Alabama." She was a friend to everybody and everybody loved her. She was possessed of that love that "thinketh no evil," and those who knew her best testify that one beautiful, crowning, Christian characteristic was this: she was never known to speak an unkind word of any one. What a beautiful character—her death could but be triumphant. The family removed to Texas in 1882 and settled in Austin County. One year later they removed to Bell County, and resided in the eastern portion of the county at the time of her death. She was sick just a short time, and went as possibly she would have desired, if it had been left to her choosing; being spared a long, lingering illness and suffering incident thereto. She was a great and a good woman and her strong personality, her executive ability, her mastery of these duties that fell upon her are evidences of the strong character of which she was possessed. Her sons bear the impress of a great mother. Wednesday, November 28th, the writer, assisted by her pastor, Bro. J. S. Pollard, and her former pastor, Bro. H. B. Clark, in presence of large concourse of friends, conducted the burial service from the Methodist Church, in Rogers, Texas, and at the cemetery committed her precious dust to the keeping of the angels, until the resurrection of the just. May special blessings from our heavenly Father rest upon Father Nelson, who in his loneliness mourns the absence of his companion and awaits the words of release at the lips of the Master that will bid his spirit join the company of those gone before. May God bless the strong sons who survive, and may they all meet her in heaven. May the Church and community where she lived receive a double portion of her spirit, and carry forward to completion those interests she loved so much. Noble woman, devoted Christian, faithful wife, loving mother, thy work is done, thy crown is won. "Enter thy Master's joy." M. S. HOTCHKISS.

SYKES.—Our Sister Louisa (Mrs. N. L. Sykes) was born June 15, 1847, in Tishomingo County, Miss., and died June 26, 1906, near Abbott, Ark. She was the daughter of Rev. William Winburne, of the Little Rock Conference, and our mother, Nancy N. Winburne, our precious dust sleeps in Corsicana cemetery. Sister Lou imbibed the spirit of our sainted parents and as a result laid her young life on God's altar in early youth, uniting at once with the M. E. Church, South, in whose pales she died a sweet, peaceful death. When quite young she was happily married to Josiah Nutt. Just one year from her marriage the Lord removed the husband of her youth. He died in the faith. This sad stroke brought Sister closer to the Lord. July 6, 1870, she was again married to Thomas Sykes, of Abbott, Ark. Dear Sister Lou, in keeping with her training, loved the church and all her ministers of every Christian order. She gave of her means liberally to support of the church and her several demands, and she did it cheerfully. Her home was the haven of rest to many weary itinerants of the Arkansas Conference, in whose bounds she lived after her second marriage. Two children preceded her to the better land. Her husband and five children yet remain. May they emulate her virtues and follow her as she followed Christ. And to the four sisters who still remain: Let us be faithful. Precious father, mother and most of the children and servants have gone on and await our coming in the beautiful city, all radiant with love and light. O what a meeting that will be! Thank God the bells are ringing! We are almost home! Her only living brother,

FINCH M. WINBURNE.

HOLLAND.—Little Bonnie, the baby daughter of Elijah and Dora Holland, had just passed into her seventh year. We learned to love her as we loved other babies and pets. Ruth, who has just gone to heaven, may have been our ideal, but Bonnie was our pet. Sweet spirited, gentle and kind. This is the third obituary of the Holland children in the last three months. O may God stay his hand in their midst is the prayer of their former pastor. What a trial!—the only boy just gone and now the baby taken from them; only one left, little Virgie. Oh, how lonesome she must be! Brother and sister gone, but surely we all will be more interested in heaven, for we have more treasures there now. Parents, be reconciled to the will of Him who giveth and taketh away, for he will give them back again, beyond the snares, trials and troubles of life, where heartaches, where pain, sorrow and death are not known. Let your great host of friends enter into your grief and tears with you. We would that we could help you, but God knoweth best.

W. B. BYARS.

MOORE.—Rev. D. Thomas Moore was born in Bond County, Illinois, March 12, 1870; moved to Texas with his parents in 1878 and settled near Luling, where he lived until 1899, when he moved to Orange. He was married September 5, 1900, to Miss Myrtle Satcher, who survives him. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1898, and in 1901, in the City of Houston, while a member of Tabernacle Church, he was licensed to preach, having felt called to this work from the beginning of his Christian life. He was not a strong man, physically, and several years ago there were symptoms of pulmonary troubles. He did some effective work as a local preacher, and served as supply for a time. But soon he had to abandon his loved employ. He sought relief in change of climate and in special treatment, but all to no purpose. His health continued to decline until the early morning of December 8, 1906, when at his home in Orange, Texas, he peacefully fell asleep and went home to God. This writer was intimately associated with him, especially during the last few months of his life. I never knew a purer or more guileless spirit than Tom Moore. His character made an abiding impression upon me. First of all, he was a manly man. He shrank from the thought of becoming a care or burden to any one. At the protest of friends and relatives, he steadfastly persisted in the effort to provide for himself and family by the labor of his hands. From this purpose he could never be dissuaded until his strength utterly gave way and he was forced to give up. His energy and determination bore him over many a difficulty which would have baffled the spirits of a less heroic nature. Coupled with this, he was ever meek and patient, and wholly resigned to the will of God. I never heard from his lips one word of murmuring or complaint. Behind it all was a conscious and abiding Christian experience. This could but render him ever cheerful and hopeful. He loved the Church and longed to be actively engaged in her service. When the final summons came, it found him ready. His end was peaceful and glorious. He has entered upon his eternal inheritance. His body sleeps in the dust, but his memory and his influence abide; for "his works do follow him."

H. T. CUNNINGHAM.

Wills Point, Texas.

FAGAN.—Mrs. Mary Norval Fagan died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Johnson, in Blossom, Texas, November 30, 1906. She was the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Gill, and was born in Smith County, Tennessee, January 10, 1819, making her 87 years old when she died. She was married to Harrison Fagan in her native State in 1838, and remained there till 1867, when the family moved to Texas, and settled in Lamar County, in which she made her home during her remaining years. Her husband died about ten years after their coming here. She professed religion, and joined the Methodist Church when but a girl and remained true to her vows till death came to give her a passport to her eternal home. She was cheerful in disposition and positive in her religious experience. She was always in her place in the Church when health and surroundings would permit. Grandma Fagan is gone ahead of us, but the mantle of her influence abides for good to all who ever came in close contact with her.

J. A. WYATT.

JORDAN.—Lillie K. Jordan was born in Giles County, Tennessee, January 11, 1872; professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of fifteen; was married to W. E. Jordan at Fall River, Tennessee, September 7, 1892. To this union were born six children, who, with their father, are left to mourn a kind, loving mother and a faithful, devoted wife. Her life was beautiful in its devotion to God. She expressed a desire to live and lead her children to the Savior, but when death became apparent, she was willing and ready to go. She sang "Death Is Only a Dream," and so it was with her. With a faith sublime she looked beyond death and the grave and beheld the King in His glory, where life in its fullness and beauty is given to the faithful of the Lord. On October 31, 1906, the Master said, "Come up higher," and, with joy and gladness, she obeyed. Her husband promised her that when life was past he would meet her in the home of the blest. She was taken away while yet in the prime of life, but the influence of her life will abide. She has finished her work and now, with the saints in glory, awaits the coming of loved ones left behind. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." May the sorrow of the loved ones be sanctified to their good and help them to so live that they may all be united in heaven.

W. C. CHILDRESS, P. C.

PITTARD.—At rest, Little Hale Pittard, son of Brother Knox and Sister L. M. Pittard, was born September 19, 1901, and died at the home of his parents in Anson, Texas, December 28, 1906. Little Hale (better known as Little Bill) was a very bright boy, and the whole bent of his mind seemed to be toward the good and the pure. He loved his Church and Sunday-school, and was always at his place in his class. He was loved by his teacher and every member of his class. He was more than an ordinary child in almost every way. He would attract attention in any crowd. It was a rare thing that any man passed him on the street without stopping to speak to him. His glad, happy face and kind words won for him the admiration of all that knew him. He prayed about everything, and his faith in God was perfect. Wicked men and doubters looked at him and heard him talk and said, "There surely is something in the Christian religion." He was very proud of the fact that he was a Methodist and prayed for his church and preacher. He was sick but a short time, but never murmured nor complained and was conscious to the last and knew that he was going, and prayed for the good Lord to come and hold him in His arms while he died and then take him home, and he died without a struggle. He did his work on earth and has gone home to be with his Lord and watch and wait for the coming of the loved ones left behind. So, parents, look forward to the meeting on the other shore, and let us all pray that those who knew and loved little Bill may so live as to meet him in heaven. His pastor,

J. A. BIGGS.

McCONNELL.—Another father in Israel has fallen asleep—Calvin McConnell. He was born November 11, 1823, in Marysville, Tenn., and departed this life December 31, 1906, in Cade, Navarro County, Texas. He came to Texas in 1849 and settled in Rusk County, where he taught school some time, then removing to Polk County. He taught near Livingston. While here he boarded with the County Judge. After this he removed to Moscow and went into the mercantile business. Here November 16, 1854, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Terrell. God blessed this marriage with four children—three girls and one boy—all of whom, also his wife, have gone on before, except one daughter, who is now the wife of Mr. E. M. Walton and lives in Cochran, Austin County, Texas. He was loyal to his country during the Civil war, being stationed at Galveston until his health failed, when he was placed in charge of the commissary. Bro. McConnell was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church in 1844. He was also a Royal Arch Mason. One daughter and five grandchildren and many, many friends mourn for our dear brother, but we shall meet some sweet day.

BENJAMIN S. CROW.

HOLLAND.—Lester, the only son of Elijah and Dora Holland, was born Dec. 14, 1892, and was called from us Nov. 23, 1906. Lester was a bright and promising boy. He professed religion at about the age of 12 and joined the M. E. Church, South. He was one of those boys that wasn't sent to Sunday-school, but carried. His grandfather a local preacher, his father a deeply pious man, and his mother unequaled in her home and in her sphere in the Church—and in her memory this, we ask, could he have been other than religious? Lester was not permitted to associate with bad company or go to town at night. The writer loved Lester and the family of which he formed a part. His death was the first break in the family. Oh, how sad the first tie broken, and it the only boy! May God's blessings so rest upon that broken family, and broken-hearted parents that they will be able to realize that He who knoweth all things doeth all things well. Father and mother, look to that day when your pastor will get no more sad phone calls; where death cannot come, and when God can make happy above the hearts that break below.

W. B. BYARS.

FORD.—Ruby May Ford was born October 16, 1903, and died May 29, 1906; J. B. Ford, Jr. was born January 11, 1906, and died December 23, 1906. They were the little daughter and son of Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Ida Ford, of May, Brown County, Texas. These little flowers were given from the paradise of God, and soon faded in death, but their beauty and fragrance will be eternal. Their little spirits have gone, untarnished by sin, to join the angels in the home of the good. The shadows have fallen thick and fast on these young parents, and over their home. O what a mystery! Who can understand death? But God has displayed his wisdom in this, "My beloved is gone down into his garden to gather lilies." (Cant. 6:2.) We commend these grief-stricken parents and kindred to the One represented as the "Rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valley," "the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely."

MAC M. SMITH, P. C.

WALDRIP.—Miss Nettie Elizabeth Waldrip was born March 14, 1886, and died Nov. 1, 1906. She was converted when she was thirteen years old, and united with the Methodist Church in San Marcos, Texas, Nov. 15, 1899. She leaves a father and mother, four sisters and a brother to mourn their loss. Miss Nettie was always a consistent, conscientious Christian. She took great interest in the Church. She loved the Sunday-school, and for several years was its organist. She was devoted to her Bible. Nothing gave her more pleasure than to read its sacred pages; and her life was made beautiful by the sincere efforts she made to practice its teachings. She was an affectionate daughter, a loyal sister, a true friend, and hence she was universally beloved. Her disposition was sweet and amiable. Her manners were winning. Her character was pure gold, and she exerted an uplifting influence in every circle that she entered. She had enjoyed good educational advantages, particularly in music. After finishing under the best teachers in San Marcos, she went to the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where she made the most of her opportunities and became a musician of a very high order. It seems strange to us that this noble young woman, gifted and accomplished, capable of gracing any society, should be called away in the bloom of her youth. But we must not forget that God has loftier spheres of service in those "high countries beyond," and that the visions of angels which came to her in her last hours now constitute the great reality of her existence in those supernal realms.

H. M. WHALING.

McVEA.—Death has entered our ranks again, and claimed for its victim Brother Jno. M. McVea, who was born in South Carolina February 23, 1840. Came to Texas in boyhood with his parents, and on February 17, 1881, was married to Mrs. Laura Smith, who survives him. From this union were born four children, three of whom survive him. Brother McVea also leaves two brothers and two sisters. He professed religion and joined the Methodist Church some twenty years ago, and was faithful to his charge until ill health forbade him taking an active part in the Church. He had been in bad health for a long time, but more especially during the last few months; yet amid all this long suffering he always looked on the bright side of life, and tried to cheer all around him. The heartstrings were broken when the husband and father were laid to rest, for he was a loving and kind father, and a devoted and true husband. The duties of home came first to him. We sympathize with those who are left to mourn their loss, and point them to Jesus, who alone can share our burdens and our sorrows.

J. B. McCARLEY, P. C.

Waelder, Texas.

CHAMBERS.—Elbert L. Chambers was born in Collin County, Texas, September 9, 1885. When only nine years of age he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. From there his parents removed to Denton, Texas, and became identified with the Church at that place. In 1899 his mother died and was buried in the cemetery at Denton. During the same year his father, with Elbert, and the three sisters, moved to Wise County, where they lived on their ranch. September, 1901, Elbert entered the Polytechnic College, at Fort Worth, where he was a student for three years. While in the college, his life was clean and pure. He was a bright student, an earnest Christian, and in every way an exemplary young man. In November of 1906, with his father and sisters, he moved to San Antonio. On the morning of December 10, 1906, his spirit returned to God who gave it. He was a good boy, an earnest and consistent Christian and has gone to meet his reward, and be with his loved ones, who have preceded him to the better world. He was buried beside his mother at Denton on December 12, 1906.

H. A. BOAZ.

JARNAGIN.—T. C. Jarnagin, son of Wm. and Nancy Jarnagin, was born in Dickson County, Tennessee, November 2, 1841. He was married to Miss Margaret R. Bower, July 8, 1869, in Dickson County, Tennessee. To this union there were born nine children—six of whom are living—two girls and one boy being dead. They came to Texas, September, 1869, and settled at Fort Graham, in Hill County. He moved to Young County in 1879, where he has resided ever since. He was converted in Tennessee and united with the Methodist Church. Brother Jarnagin was class leader, Sunday-school Superintendent and steward for many years. He was first stricken with paralysis in February, 1903. The next stroke came to him November 5, 1906, lasting about 48 hours. His consistent Christian life was his dying message. He was buried at Finnis Cemetery November 7, 1906. Everybody loved Bro. Jarnagin and he

loved everybody in the same way. His life was a life of service, and his death was the Lord's will. The bereaved ones are left to mourn their loss.

CUNNINGHAM.—Brother C. Cunningham, member of the Texas Conference, died at his home in Waco, Texas, on December 28, 1906. He was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the Church. His death was a great loss to the community.

KUHN.—Brother W. Kuhn, member of the Texas Conference, died at his home in Waco, Texas, on December 28, 1906. He was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the Church. His death was a great loss to the community.

PENN.—Brother Penn, member of the Texas Conference, died at his home in Waco, Texas, on December 28, 1906. He was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the Church. His death was a great loss to the community.

HOGG.—Brother Hogg, member of the Texas Conference, died at his home in Waco, Texas, on December 28, 1906. He was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the Church. His death was a great loss to the community.

WES.—Brother Wes, member of the Texas Conference, died at his home in Waco, Texas, on December 28, 1906. He was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the Church. His death was a great loss to the community.

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loved every one. He left his family in very good financial circumstances, and the heritage of a magnificent Christian character. His home was the preacher's home. May the Lord's richest blessings abide upon the bereaved wife and children.
E. V. COX.

CUNNINGHAM.—Mary Ever Cunningham (nee Counce) was born November 30, 1877, in Hardeman County, Tennessee. She was married to Dorus Cunningham Dec. 29, 1904, and with him came to Texas, where they lived happily together in Lamar County, near White Rock Church, till her death, December 7, 1906. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when twelve years of age. She lived a patient Christian life. She was hopeful and full of Christian joy and sunshine. A positive worker for the Church. Many souls were led to Christ by her. Though dead she yet liveth. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." About the time of the end of the first month of her three months illness, little Joe, the baby boy, almost a year old, went up to be with the angels, and to wait to welcome his mother home. Relatives and friends, you know where to find them. They wait your coming.
T. W. LOVELL, Pastor.

KUHN.—Leslie Hugh, son of Forrest W. and Alma Kuhn, was born February 20, 1906, and died December 28, 1906. He had whooping cough, complicated with other ailments, but was dangerously sick only about twenty-four hours. For ten months he brightened the earthly home, then God took him to a fairer one. We are glad we have a Father whose will is wiser than our own.
MRS. N. W. KUHN.

PENNINGTON.—Little Preston Pennington, the son of Fields and Jane Pennington, was born February 1, 1893. He professed religion and joined the Church August 1, 1903, under the ministry of the Rev. J. E. Morgan. He died October 15, 1906. Thus ended one of the most remarkable lives I ever knew. His neighbors all say he was a model Christian, if ever there was one young as he was. He impressed every one he came in touch with that he had been with Christ. When he was converted, it was said of him by even a sinner, that if there was such a thing as religion, he had it. He would pray, when called on, in public. It was wonderful how he could pray. But little Preston is with us no more in this world. But to father and mother, sisters and brothers, I would say: Be faithful and you will meet him in the sweet by and by. His pastor, J. H. WESTMORELAND.

HOGGARTH.—After a long and useful life of 89 years and 4 months, Mrs. Mary Frances Hoggarth died at the home of her son, G. W. Brinkley, two and one-half miles northeast of Ferris, December 29, 1906. Grandma was a great sufferer, having been afflicted for years with a lung trouble. A few weeks ago she received a scratch on the arm which inflamed, giving her great pain and hastening on her death. She was a native of Tennessee, moved to Missouri, and thence to Texas, about 30 years ago. Best of all, hers was a religious life. Since her childhood she had been a member of the Methodist Church. As evidence of her abiding faith, her very last words, after death had done its awful work almost completely, were an exclamation of praise to Almighty God. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."
J. J. CREED.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Llano District—First Round.

Willow, W., Jan. 13, 14.
Blanco, B., Jan. 16.
Boerne, Boerne, Jan. 19, 20.
Center Point, Jan. 22.
Kerrville, Jan. 24.
Bandera, Bandera, Jan. 26, 27.
The brethren will notice Sunday dates mentioned twice. First named will get 11 a. m.; the second will get 7:30 p. m.
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round.

Oakville, Lebanon, Jan. 12, 13.
F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round.

Beeville, Jan. 19, 20.
Goliad, at Fannin, Jan. 26, 27.
Karnes City, Feb. 2, 3.
Kennedy, Feb. 9, 10.
Alice, at Palfurrios, Feb. 16, 17.
Corpus Christi, Feb. 23, 24.
Mathis, at Ramirena, March 2, 3.
Kingsville Cir., March 9, 10.
Floresville, March 16, 17.
Rockport and A. P., at R., Mar. 23, 24.
Runge, March 30, 31.
Pleasanton, at Campbellton, April 6, 7.
Oakville Cir., April 13, 14.
San Diego, April 20, 21.
District Conference at Corpus Christi, April 24-25. Opening sermon,

Tuesday night, April 23, by Rev. A. T. White. Delegates to District Conference will be elected this round.
F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

Austin District—First Round.

University Ch., 11 a. m., Jan. 13.
South Austin, 7 p. m., Jan. 13.
JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round.

Rock Sprgs Cir., R. S., 2nd Sun. Jan.
Utopia Cir., at Utopia, 3rd Sun. Jan.
Moore Cir., Moore, 4th Sun. Jan.
Dej Rio, 1st Sun. Feb.
Eagle Pass, Feb. 4th.
Cotulla, Cotulla, 2nd Sun. Feb.
West End, Feb. 13.
Prospect Hill, 11 a. m., 3rd Sun. Feb.
South Heights, 7:30 p. m., 3rd Sun. Feb.
Amphion Cir., 4th Sun. Feb.
A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round.

Belmont cir., at Nixon, Jan. 12, 13.
Lullag cir., at Luling, Jan. 19, 20.
Tilman cir., at McMahan, Jan. 26, 27.
Lockhart, at Lockhart, Feb. 2, 3.
Waelder & Thompsonville, at T., Feb. 9, 10.
San Marcos, Feb. 16, 17.
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round.

Hope, Mossy Grove, Jan. 12, 13.
R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Weatherford District—First Round.

Santo cir., at Santo, Jan. 11.
Gordon & Strawn, at G., Jan. 13, 14.
Ranger cir., at Ranger, Jan. 19, 20.
Wayland mis., at Gunsight, Jan. 22.
Crystall Falls, at C., Jan. 24.
Breckenridge, at B., Jan. 26, 27.
Palo Pinto, at Grafado, Feb. 2, 3.
Whitt & Bethesda, Feb. 9, 10.
Graham mis., at Salem, Feb. 16.
Graham Station, Feb. 17, 18.
Farmer mis., at Redtop, Feb. 19.
Ellisville, at Fish Creek, Feb. 21.
Trockmorton, at T., Feb. 23, 24.
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round.

Rodgers, at R., Jan. 12, 13.
North Georgetown, at N. G., Jan. 19, 20.
Hutto, at H., Jan. 20, 21.
Granger, at G., Jan. 26, 27.
Bartlett sta., Jan. 26, 27.
Taylor sta., Feb. 2, 3.
Georgetown sta., Feb. 9, 10.
B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.

Dawson, at Dawson, Jan. 11, 11 a. m.
Alma, at Alma, Jan. 12, 13.
Rice, at Rice, Jan. 12, 13, 7 p. m.
Blooming Grove, Jan. 16, 7 p. m.
Barry, at Barry, Jan. 17, 11 a. m.
Kerens, at Bazette, Jan. 19, 20.
Kirk, Jan. 24.
Cotton Gin, Jan. 26, 27.
Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute will be held at Mexia January 22, 23.
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round.

Carlton Cir., 11 a. m., Jan. 12.
Hico Sta., Jan. 13.
Duffau Mis., 11 a. m., Jan. 14.
Green's Creek and Harbin, 11 a. m., Jan. 16.
Lingleville & Bunyan, 11 a. m., Jan. 17.
DeLeon Mis., 11 a. m., Jan. 19.
DeLeon Sta., Jan. 20.
Proctor Cir., 11 a. m., Jan. 23.
Desdemonia Mis., 11 a. m., Jan. 26.
Gorman Sta., Jan. 27.
Carbon Cir., 11 a. m., Jan. 28.
Glen Rose Mis., 11 a. m., Jan. 31.
J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round.

Bono, Bono, Jan. 12, 13.
Godley, Godley, Jan. 13, 14.
Grandview, W. Ch., Jan. 19, 20.
Cleburne, Main St., Jan. 20, 21.
N. Ft. Worth, Jan. 23.
Joshua, Joshua, Jan. 26, 27.
Cleburne, N. Side, Jan. 27, 28.
Polytechnic, Jan. 30.
Mulkey Memorial, Feb. 2, 3.
Mo. Ave, Feb. 3, 4.
Glenwood, Feb. 9, 10.
Rosen Heights, Feb. 10, 11.
Central, Feb. 16, 17.
Riverside, Feb. 17, 18.
First Church, Feb. 24, 25.
O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Colorado District—First Round.

Lamesa, at Lamesa, Jan. 12, 13.
Roscoe & Loraine, at R., Jan. 19, 20.
Stanton, Jan. 26, 27.
Clairemont, at C., Feb. 2, 3.
Snyder sta., Feb. 4.
Big Springs mis., at R. Bar, Feb. 9, 10.
Big Springs sta., Feb. 16, 17.
Colorado sta., Feb. 23, 24.
J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round.

Santa Anna, at S. A., Jan. 12, 13.
Bangs, at Thrifty, Jan. 19, 20.
Coleman mis., at Indian C., Jan. 26, 27.
Coleman sta., Jan. 27, 28.
Glencove, at Glencove, Feb. 2, 3.
Talpa, at Voss, Feb. 4.
JAS. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round.

Canadian, Jan. 13, 14.
Higgins, Jan. 15.

Miami, Jan. 16.
Canyon City, Jan. 20, 21.
Channing, Jan. 26, 27.
Dumas, Jan. 28, at 4 p. m.
Dalhart, Jan. 30.
Stratford, Jan. 31.
Hansford, Feb. 2, 3.
Plemons, at Holt S. H., Feb. 5.
Amarillo, Feb. 9, 10.
J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.

Knox City, Cliff, Jan. 12, 13.
Seymour, Jan. 16.
Spring Creek, Olney, Jan. 19, 20.
Vernon Mis., Wesley Ch., Jan. 24.
Crowell, Crowell, Jan. 26, 27.
Paducah, Paducah, Jan. 30.
Childress, Feb. 2, 3.

The district stewards will meet in the Methodist Church, Vernon, January 23, 2 p. m. Pastors will please urge their district stewards to be present at this meeting.
W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round.

Plainview Mission, Jan. 13, 14.
Tulia, 3 p. m., Jan. 15.
Floydada & Lockney, Jan. 20, 21.
Floydada Mission, Jan. 22.
Silverton, Jan. 26, 27.
Dimmitt, Feb. 2, 3.
Hereford, Feb. 5.
Umbarger, Feb. 9, 10.
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Gatsville District—First Round.

Fairy and Cranfill Gap, at Boggy, Jan. 12, 13.
V. Mills & Clifton, V. M., Jan. 15.
Meridian & Womack, W., Jan. 15.
Crawford, C., Jan. 19, 20.
China Springs, C. S., Jan. 20, 21.
Evant, Blue Ridge, Jan. 26, 27.
Copperas Cove, C. C., Feb. 3, 4.
Turnersville, Mt. Zion, Feb. 6.
J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Abilene District—First Round.

in & Rule, H., Jan. 12, 13.
McCauly, McCauly, Jan. 14.
Constitution Pinkerton, Jan. 16.
Haskell Mis., Pleasant V., Jan. 19, 20.
Haskell Station, Jan. 20, 21.
Weinert, Jan. 22.
Stamford, Jan. 23.
Tye, Tye, Jan. 26, 27.
Trent & Cross Roads, T., Jan. 30.
Nubia, Feb. 2, 3.
Sweetwater Sta., Feb. 8.
Sweetwater Mis., Eskota, Feb. 9, 10.
JOHN R. MORRIS, P. E.

Waco District—First Round.

Morrow St., Dec. 23.
Whitney, Dec. 30.
Hewitt, Spring Valley, Jan. 5, 6.
Lorena, L., Jan. 6, 7.
Bosqueville, B., Jan. 8.
Aquilla, Ross, Jan. 9.
Reisel, R., Jan. 10.
Penelope, P., Jan. 11.
West, Jan. 13.
Mart, Jan. 20.
Abbott, A., Jan. 26, 27.
Pocoria, P., Jan. 27, 28.
Hubbard City, Jan. 30.
Mt. Calm, Jan. 31.
Morgan and Walnut, Feb. 2, 3.
W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round.

Lovelace, at Osceola, Jan. 12.
Itasca, Jan. 12, 13.
Grandview, Jan. 13, 14.
Venus, at Venus, Jan. 19.
Alvarado, Jan. 20, 21.
Bethel, Jan. 25.
Maypearl, at Maypearl, Jan. 26, 27.
Forreston, at Forreston, Feb. 2, 3.
Bardwell, at Avalon, Feb. 9, 10.
Ovilla, at Ovilla, Feb. 16, 17.
Red Oak, at Red Oak, Feb. 23, 24.
Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute at Waxahachie, Feb. 6, 7.
JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District—First Round.

Commerce mis, Center Ch., Jan. 12, 13.
Commerce sta, Jan. 13, 14.
Fairlie, at Fairlie, Jan. 19, 20.
Wolf City sta, Jan. 20, 21.
Lone Oak, at Lone Oak, Jan. 26, 27.
Leonard, at Leonard, Feb. 1, 2.
Quinlan, at Quinlan, Feb. 8, 9.
JOHN H. McLEAN, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round

Yowell Cir., Jordan, 2d Sun. Jan.
Winnboro Sta., 3d Sun. Jan.
Birthright, at Tira, 4th Sun. Jan.
Klondike, Fosters, 1st Sun. Feb.
Mt. Vernon, M. V., 2d Sun. Feb.
Cooper Sta., 3d Sun. Feb.
Sulphur Bluff Cir., S. B., 4th Sun. Feb.
Lake Creek, Enloe, 1st Sun. Mar.
Brashear Cir., Arbala, 2d Sun. Mch.
Purley Cir., Pleasant H., 3d Sun. Mar.
C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round.

Lamasco Mis. at Carson, Jan. 12, 13.
Bailey Cir. at Bailey, Jan. 19, 20.
Gober Mis. at Gober, Jan. 26, 27.
Ladonia Sta., Feb. 2, 3.
Brookston Cir., Feb. 9, 10.
Trenton Cir., at Trenton, Feb. 16, 17.
Honey Grove Sta., Feb. 23, 24.
Dodd and Windom at W. Mch. 2, 3.
M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round.

Allen, Perkins Ch., Jan. 12, 13.

Plano Sta., Jan. 13, 14.
Princeton, P., Jan. 19, 20.
McKinney Sta., Jan. 20, 21.
Wylie, Wylie, Jan. 26, 27.
Renner, Renner, Feb. 2, 3.
Western, Western, Feb. 9, 10.
Salina, Roseland, Feb. 10, 11.
Josephine, Sabiae, Feb. 16, 17.
Nevada Sta., Feb. 17, 18.
J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

Deport Cir., Deport, Jan. 12, 13.
Whiterock Sta., Jan. 13, 14.
Annona & Williams Ch., A., Jan. 19, 20.
Avery Mis., Avery, Jan. 26, 27.
Roxton Cir., R., Feb. 2, 3.
Emberson Cir., Summer, Feb. 9, 10.
Clarksville Sta., Feb. 10, 11.
Clarksville Cir., Liberty, Feb. 16, 17.
Paris Cir., Hopewell, Feb. 23, 24.
Rosalie Cir., Rosalie, Mar. 2, 3.
Shady Grove & Marvin, S. G., Wed. Mar. 6.
J. F. ALDERSON, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.

Sanger & V. V., at V. V., Jan. 12, 13.
Era, at Era, Jan. 13, 14.
Nocona cir, at Prairie Md., Fri. Jan. 18.
Montague, at M., Jan. 19, 20.
Nocona Station, Jan. 20, 21.
Saint Jo, Jan. 22.
Myra, at M., Jan. 26, 27.
Marysville, Jan. 20, 21.
Woodbine, at Woodbine, Feb. 2, 3.
Broadway, Feb. 3, 4.
Rosston, at Rosston, Feb. 9, 10.
Aubrey, at Aubrey, Feb. 16, 17.
Denton Street, Feb. 17, 18.
Greenwood, at Greenwood, Feb. 23, 24.
Dexter, Thursday, Feb. 28.
J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round.

Henrietta, Jan. 12, 13.
Byers, Jan. 13, 14.
Rhome, Jan. 20, 21.
Boyd & Garvin, Jan. 20, 21.
Bellevue, Jan. 26, 27.
Blue Grove, Feb. 2, 3.
Post Oak, Feb. 3, 4.
Iowa Park, Feb. 9, 10.
Wichita Falls, Feb. 10, 11.
Holliday, Feb. 16, 17.
Archer, Feb. 17, 18.
Crafter, Feb. 23, 24.
Gibtown, Mar. 2, 3.
Decatur Cir., Mar. 9, 10.
Decatur Sta., Mar. 10, 11.
T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

Roysse Jan. 13, 14.
Rockwall, Jan. 20, 21.
Rosser, Bethel, Jan. 26, 27.
Mabank, Mabank, Feb. 2, 3.
Kemp, Kemp, Feb. 9, 10.
Elmo, Eden, Feb. 16, 17.
Terrell, Feb. 17.
Chisholm, Chisholm, Feb. 23, 24.
College Mound, March 2, 3.
O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.

Argyle, at Argyle, Jan. 12, 13.
Grand Prairie and West Dallas, at Grand Prairie, Jan. 19, 20.
First Church, Jan. 26, 27.
Trinity, Jan. 27, 28.
Dallas City mis., Feb. 2, 3.
Oak lawn, Feb. 3, 4.
Cochran and Maple Ave., at Maple Avenue, Feb. 9, 10.
J. L. MORRIS, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

Collinsville & Tioga, at C., Jan. 12, 13.
Key Memorial, Jan. 14.
Trinity, Jan. 16.
Tom Bean, at Tom Bean, Jan. 19, 20.
Bells and Ambrose, at B., Jan. 26, 27.
Whitesboro, Jan. 27, 28.
Pilot Grove, at Blackman's Feb. 2, 3.
Howe, at Howe, Feb. 3, 4.
Pecan and Friendship, at P., Feb. 9, 10.
Southmayd, at Kendall's Feb. 16, 17.
Gunter at Gunter, Feb. 23, 24.
Sadler, at Dixie, March 2, 3.
Preston, at Preston, March 9, 10.
E. W. ALDERSON, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Beaumont District—First Round.

Kountze, Jan. 12, 13.
Silsbee, at Junction, Jan. 13, 14.
Nederland & Sabine Pass, at N., Jan. 19, 20.
Sour Lake & China, at S. L., Jan. 26, 27.
Jasper cir, at Byerly Camp Ground (Thursday), Jan. 31.
Call, at Call, Feb. 2, 3.
Jasper & Kirbyville, at K, Feb. 3, 4.
Pt. Arthur (Wednesday), Feb. 6.
Saratoga & Batson, at S., Feb. 9, 10.
Woodville, at Woodville, Feb. 16, 17.
Warren, at Warren, Feb. 17, 18.
Livingston, at Livingston, Feb. 23, 24.
Liberty, at Liberty, Mar. 2, 3.
Wallisville, at Wallisville, Mar. 3, 4.
Westville and Benford, B., Mar. 9, 10.
V. A. GODBEY, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round.

Durango, at Durango, Jan. 12, 13.
Lott and Chilton, at L., Jan. 13, 14.
Rosebud, Jan. 16.
Travis, at Cedar Springs, Jan. 19, 20.
Freestone mis., at Freestone, Jan. 25.
Teague sta., Jan. 26, 27.
Fairfield and Dew, at F., Jan. 27, 28.
Millican, at Millican, Feb. 2, 3.
Bryan sta., Feb. 4.
Jewett, at Oakwoods, Feb. 6.

Owenville, at Owenville, Feb. 9, 10.
Franklin sta., Feb. 10, 11.
Hearne sta., Feb. 13.
Wheelock, at Wheelock, Feb. 16, 17.
Centerville, at Centerville, Feb. 23, 24.
Normangee, at Normangee, March 2, 3.
E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round.

Tenaha, at Tenaha, Jan. 12, 13.
Nacogdoches sta., Wed., Jan. 16.
Caro sta., Thurs., Jan. 17.
Cushing cir., at C., Jan. 19, 20.
Timpson, Wed., Jan. 23.
Minden, at Mt. Enterprise, Jan. 26, 27.
Garrison, at Garrison, Wed., Jan. 30.
Nacogdoches mis, at Appleby, Feb. 2, 3.
Carthage sta., Wed., Feb. 6.
Gary, at Clayton, Feb. 9, 10.
Melrose, at Fairview, Feb. 16, 17.
Lufkir sta., Fri., Feb. 22.
Keltys, at Keltys, Feb. 23, 24.
Burke, at Burke, March 2, 3.
C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round.

Trinity and Onalaska, Jan. 12, 13.
Augusta cir., at Augusta, Jan. 15.
Montgomery cir., at M., Jan. 20, 21.
Cold Springs, at C. S., Jan. 26, 27.
Fostoria cir., at Cleveland, Jan. 29.
Anderson cir., at A., Feb. 2, 3.
Navasota, Feb. 3, 4.
Waller cir., at Magnolia, Feb. 9, 10.
Dodge cir., at Dodge, Feb. 15.
Willard cir., at Willard, Feb. 16, 17.
San Jacinto cir., at Johnson's Chapel, Feb. 23, 24.
H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round.

Jacksonville cir, at Providence, Jan. 12, 13.
Jacksonville Station, Jan. 13, 14.
Kilgore Circuit, Jan. 19, 20.
T. and Overton, Jan. 20, 21.
Hallville, Jan. 26, 27.
Longview, Jan. 27, 28.
ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Fittsburg District—First Round.

Gilmer Cir., Glenwood, Jan. 12, 13.
Gilmer Sta., Jan. 13, 14.
Winfield, Winfield, Jan. 19, 20.
Mt. Pleasant Sta., Jan. 20, 21.
Dalby Springs, Dalby, Jan. 26, 27.
New Boston Sta., Jan. 27, 28.
New Boston Mis., Daniels Ch., Jan. 28.
Park, Park, Feb. 2, 3.
Texarkana Central, Feb. 3, 4.
Hardy Memorial, Feb. 4.
Redwater, R. W., Feb. 5.
Pittsburg Cir., Reeves Ch., Feb. 9, 10.
Pittsburg Sta., Feb. 10, 11.
Coffeeville, Feb. 15.
Kellyville, Feb. 16, 17.
Jefferson Sta., Feb. 17, 18.
Cason Mis., Alina, Feb. 21.
Daingerfield, D., Feb. 23, 24.
Quintman, Quintman, Feb. 27.
Loesburg, Morris Chapel, Feb. 28.
R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.

League City, Jan. 12, 13.
Rosenberg, Jan. 26, 27.
Angleton, Jan. 26, 27.
Other dates to follow.
CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round.

Wills Point Cir., Jan. 12, 13.
Wills Point Sta., Jan. 13,

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THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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| Amount raised Week of Prayer | 462.80 |
| Adult Mite Boxes | 11.65 |
| Baby Mite Boxes | 21.15 |
| Florine McEachern Brigade | 48.66 |
| Conference Pledge | 196.50 |
| Deaconess Scholarship | 91.45 |
| Conference Expense Fund | 38.35 |
| Galveston Wesley Mission | 292.18 |
| Total receipts for Quarter | \$1,891.12 |
| Balance brought forward from last Quarter | 72.71 |
| Total Cash in Bank, Dec. 15, 1906 | \$1,963.83 |
| By check to General Treasurer | \$1,852.77 |
| To Conference Expenses for 3rd Quarter | 41.75 |
| Total paid out | \$1,894.52 |
| Balance in Bank, Dec. 26, '06 | \$ 69.31 |
| To credit Texas Conf. in General Treasury of 50 per cent Dues | \$1,027.51 |
| Total | \$4,011.66 |
| Amount expended for City Mission Work | \$ 263.88 |
| Cash Receipts by Districts. | |
| 1st—San Augustine | \$ 274.24 |
| 2nd—Houston | 261.94 |
| 3rd—Beaumont | 231.15 |
| 4th—Marshall | 209.61 |
| 5th—Palestine | 202.47 |
| 6th—Tyler | 157.80 |
| 7th—Brenham | 156.55 |
| 8th—Pittsburg | 141.65 |
| 9th—Calvert | 141.54 |
| 10th—Huntsville | 115.07 |
| Total Cash | \$1,891.12 |

It is with much pleasure that I present the above report to the Auxiliaries of the Texas Conference; for this is the best report ever made in the Conference.

The report, by Districts, is exceptionally good. Last quarter only one Auxiliary sent as much as two hundred dollars, and only two over one hundred.

The Texas Conference is striving to do her part in the great work of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Church, South—God's blessings upon the work, not only of our own Conference, but also upon the work of all our sister Conferences.

MISS ELIZABETH L. HILL,
Treas. Conf. Society,
Livingston, Texas.

Report of Mrs. W. E. Smith, Treas. W. H. M. Society, West Texas Conference, for quarter ending Dec. 1, 1906.

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| Conf. Exp. Fund. | |
| On hand last quarter | \$ 2.38 |
| Paid back from Minute Fund | 8.09 |
| Paid in this quarter | 25.65 |
| Total | \$ 36.12 |
| Mrs. Brown exp. two quarters | \$ 1.50 |
| Mrs. C. R. Porter stamps and stationery | 1.80 |
| Mrs. T. Lee exp. to An. Conf. and stationery | 18.31 |
| Mrs. Kate Decherd, stat. | 2.48 |
| Mrs. W. E. Smith, stationery, stamps | 1.20 |
| Bal. on hand | 10.14 |
| Total | \$ 35.43 |

Carry Forward.

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| Austin Miss. | \$ 700.92 |
| Conf. Miss. | 975.48 |
| Tr. Sch. Scholarship | 36.87 |
| Special from Brad | 2.40 |
| Tenth St., Aust. Juv. Schol. | 21.85 |
| Korean Girl | 10.14 |
| C. E. F. | 10.14 |
| Total | \$1,747.66 |

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| Sent to Gen. Treas. | |
| For Austin Miss. | \$ 187.50 |
| For Conf. Miss. | 187.50 |
| Dues | 181.15 |
| Schol. for Girl in Mary Keener School, Mex. City—from Lampasas, G. L. | 6.52 |
| Total | \$ 562.67 |
| Disbursements. | |
| Am't sent Gen'l Treas. | \$ 562.67 |
| Conference expenses | 25.29 |
| Minutes (to finish them off) | .55 |
| On hand | \$1,746.66 |
| Total | \$2,336.17 |
| Last quarter | \$1,587.61 |
| This quarter | 748.56 |
| Total | \$2,336.17 |

That Mimeograph, "Honor to whom honor is due," Apr. 1.—To I Edison Rot. Mim. and Auto. attached... \$ 35.00 Express prepaid79

Total \$ 35.79

Apr. 4—By cash West Tex. Conf. \$ 16.00

Apr. 4—By cash Llano Aux. 10.00

Apr. 4—By Donations (thro. Llano Aux.?) Carey C. Porter 5.70

Apr. 4—Cash Com. on Sale, Carey C. Porter 4.00

Total \$ 35.79

THE TRAINING SCHOOL DORMITORY.

At the meeting of the Board of the Training School Dormitory at Denton, Texas, which is an enterprise of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Texas Conference, I was appointed Financial Agent. I am now in the field, and am meeting with fine encouragement from the brethren generally, and of course I meet with the greatest encouragement from the good women who are undertaking this work.

At the meeting of the North Texas Annual Conference there was a resolution adopted that every pastor would present this matter to his congregation and take a collection to help build this Training School Dormitory.

Now as we want to begin building by the first of April, I want to insist that the brethren do not neglect this, as we will need all the money we can possibly secure by that time. We want to have our building completed by the opening of the fall term of the College of Industrial Arts, so that the girls who attend that college can have a Christian home in which to board, and that those who so desire can begin at once to take special training for Christian work.

I feel that it is very necessary that we have this building ready. We need a Christian home for our girls who go to that college. There are now 60 Methodist girls attending that school, beside many others who would be glad to have such a home to board in and I hope we will be able to furnish it in due time.

W. H. BROWN,
Whitesboro, Texas.

WHAT IS YOUR DUTY IN THE MATTER?

I Want to Make Clear One Thing.

The constitution prepared by the committee of five for the State Commission of Education does not propose to build up Southwestern to the neglect and detriment of our other schools. On the contrary we believe the surest way to secure the perpetuity and success of our other schools is to endow Southwestern so that it may stand on equal footing with State institutions and other Church institutions of higher grade in the matter of finances. Every school of our Church in the State will be greatly benefited by such an accomplishment for Southwestern. When we have made it great in endowment as its position demands, there will be a natural turning to our other schools, to equip, to build, or to endow.

Let Southwestern secure its rightful place and power and the problem of our school system has been solved.

The Commission Does Not Exist.

In this case it devolves upon me as chairman of the committee of five to present this important matter to you.

We cannot wait a year because the land is groaning with its own prosperity—our people have money and only need to see the importance of this movement in order to secure hearty co-operation.

We Can Do It.

\$100,000 is much money, but that is but half the amount Texas Methodists should give Southwestern University as an endowment fund. We have the money to spare.

There are easily one hundred men and women in this great State who love Methodism and believe in Methodist schools, and are able to spare \$1000 each, payable in four annual installments.

I believe so thoroughly in the importance of this matter that while I have assumed a burden for a Church school amounting to \$35,000, I am

more than willing to make personal sacrifice in order to give \$1000 to Southwestern for endowment—on condition that 99 others will do likewise. Won't you be one? The hundred club. Will you not join it? Please write me saying you will be one of the hundred. Yours for the cause.

J. E. HARRISON,
San Antonio, Texas.

WILL HELP IN MEETINGS.

Feeling now able to work in meetings, I would be glad to help any of the brethren that think I would be of service to them.

Address me at 214 Camilla Street, Fort Worth.

M. R. T. DAVIS.

READY TO ASSIST.

I want to say to any of the preachers who may want help in their meetings that I am ready to assist them in their efforts to save men. Will help anywhere, in town or country, where they may wish my assistance.

JOHN S. DAVIS,
Station A, Dallas, Texas.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

Let the preachers of the San Angelo District send their Rescuer Home money to Rev. B. Harris, San Angelo, Texas, as that is money to buy a lot for the Home.

WILL T. RENFRO.

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT.

I am now in charge of Harleton Circuit in the Tyler District, instead of Fulshear, to which I was appointed by Bishop Morrison.

C. M. CAGLE,
Harleton, Texas.

NOTICE.

The Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute for the Waxahachie District will begin Wednesday evening and close Thursday evening, Feb. 6, 7, at Waxahachie.

JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

A MEMORY.

Reading John B. McFerrin's article in the Advocate of December 13, written as far back as 1837, some memories came trooping up. The article spoke of L. D. Mullens (Lorenzo D. Mullens), of whom we have heard our mother, whose maiden name was Lizzie Sharp, of Alabama, frequently speak. She was converted under his ministry when a young lady in her teens, and all along during her life we have heard her speak of the wonder power he possessed with God, and the magic suavity over men. We have heard her say that she has seen sinners fall on the right and on the left when he was in the pulpit.

A short time before our mother left us for her eternal home, she was giving us some data of her life, when she again spoke of this power-gifted man of God, but not without adding: "He was the most powerful preacher I ever heard."

In Johnson County, near Cleburne, our mother awaits the resurrection of the just.

MRS. HATTIE COLLINS HEATH,
Memphis, Texas.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rev. W. E. Byrnes, a blind minister of six years experience, resides within my charge and is well known to be a deeply spiritual, effective, scriptural gospel preacher. Bro. Byrnes is a thoroughly consecrated man and is anxious to assist our pastors in meetings. I commend him to you most heartily. He is wise, discreet and loyal to his Church and pastor.

S. W. THOMAS, P. C.,
Rockdale, Texas.

TO THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

Dear Brethren: At conference in November you were asked to send advance mortuary fees to Treasurer within thirty days. This request was repeated by a notice in the Advocate. Still forty-five of our members have not responded to call. It is very necessary that advance fees should be in treasury. Please send them in at your earliest convenience.

A. W. WILSON, Sec. Treas.,
Gonzales, Texas, Jan. 7, 1907.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. W. F. Campbell, Jackson, Tex.
Rev. E. C. Escoe, box 62, R. F. D. No. 1, Tyler, Texas.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the American Bible Society on the 3d of January voted to re-establish the office of Recording Secretary, according to an earlier usage, and elected to this office the Rev. Henry O. Dwight L.L.D.

Dr. Dwight is the son of the missionary pioneer in Turkey, the Rev. H. G. O. Dwight, D. D., and was born in Constantinople, coming to this country for his education, and incidentally serving four years in the

United States army during the Civil War, participating in the battles in the west which gave Gen. Grant his early fame, and in the famous march to the sea under Gen. Sherman.

He was sent out as an assistant missionary of the American Board at Constantinople, and for more than 29 years was Secretary of the Publication Department of the mission, with special responsibility in regard to publications in the Turkish language.

Dr. Dwight left the service of the American Board in 1901, and has since occupied himself with literary work especially connected with the interests of foreign missions.

For a year or more he has been assisting the Secretaries of the American Bible Society.

Rockdale.

S. W. Thomas: We are making a fine start in this new year. We have put down our new carpet in the church and everybody is delighted with it. Our good women have wrought heroically for it.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Brethren: As your Treasurer I earnestly call upon you to press your mission collections for the next thirty days.

By use of the return postal card, duplicate receipts will be sent to the auditor, who will detach his receipt and forward duplicate to the preacher who sent the money. This will insure the auditor in getting all the duplicates in order.

J. H. WISEMAN,
Moody, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 3—W. B. Moon, sub. E. Smith, sub. F. Moore, sub. M. L. Story, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub. O. F. Hatfield, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub. C. F. McKinney, sub. A. Nolan, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub.

Jan. 4—J. C. Carter, sub. L. P. Smith, sub. G. F. Boyd, sub. J. M. Mills, sub. L. W. Carleton, sub. W. H. Terry, sub.

Jan. 5—C. D. West, sub.

Jan. 7—W. W. Watts, sub. E. G. Roberts, sub. D. H. Aston, sub. S. W. Turner, sub. J. T. McKeown, sub.

Jan. 8—J. P. Patterson, sub. D. W. Gardner, sub. F. Moore, sub. Dr. T. H. Hall, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. B. C. Ansly, sub. D. F. Pulley, sub. Geo. H. Phair, sub. A. P. Smith, sub. J. H. Moreland, sub.

MARRIAGES.

Balsden-Yarborough.—In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dayton, Texas, at 6:30 p. m., Nov. 7, 1906, Mr. J. K. Balsden and Miss Daisie B. Yarborough, Rev. J. R. Ritchie, officiating.

Smith-Hatcher.—At the Methodist parsonage, Liberty, Texas, Dec. 9, 1906, Mr. Gus Smith and Miss Alice Hatcher, both of Dayton, Texas, Rev. J. R. Ritchie officiating.

Jones-Styles.—At the residence of the bride's parents, of Ohio, Texas, Dec. 23, 1906, Dr. W. Jones and Miss Mary Styles, Rev. C. C. Hightower officiating.

Fitzgerald-Forbin.—At the residence of the bride's parents, of Ohio, Texas, Dec. 29, 1906, Mr. G. M. Fitzgerald and Miss Myrtle Forbin, Rev. C. C. Hightower officiating.

Wilson-Hickerson.—At the home of J. N. Lawrence, near Red Oak, Texas, Dec. 6, 1906, at 5 p. m., Mr. A. M. Wilson and Miss Grace Hickerson, Rev. I. E. Hightower officiating.

Holder-Simpson.—At the home of the bridegroom, in Red Oak, Texas, Dec. 23, 1906, at 2:30 p. m., Mr. Will Holder and Miss Myrtle Simpson, Rev. I. E. Hightower officiating.

Hickman-Nelson.—At the parsonage at Red Oak, Texas, Dec. 9, 1906, at 6 p. m., Rush H. Hickman and Miss Cornelia Nelson, Rev. I. E. Hightower officiating.

Lowe-Hickman.—At the home of the bride, near Dickson Chapel, Dec. 12, 1906, at 8 p. m., Mr. Will Lowe and Miss Nina Hickman, Rev. I. E. Hightower officiating.

Nettles-Mendinghall.—At the home of the bride's parents in Redwater, Texas, November 26, 1906, at 7:30 p. m., Mr. Emritt Nettles and Miss May Mendinghall, Rev. J. M. Mills officiating.

Fant-Geddie.—At the home of Mr. James Elott on Dec. 29, 1906, Mr. John Fant and Miss Effie Geddie, all of Redwater, Texas, Rev. J. M. Mills officiating.

Henly-Bonham.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Nov. 18, 1906, Mr. Lee Henly and Arlena Bonham, all of Redwater, Texas, Rev. J. M. Mills officiating.

Lumpkin-Proctor.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Nov. 19, 1906, Mr. J. D. Lumpkin and Miss Ola Proctor, near Dalby Springs, Texas, Rev. J. M. Mills officiating.

Lance-Rogers.—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 25, 1906, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. B. Rogers, near Grapevine, Tex., Mr. S. C. Lance

and Miss Nellie Rogers, Rev. M. S. Leveridge officiating.

Davis-Dye.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. A. M. Dye, in Grapevine, Texas, Dec. 30, 1906, Mr. M. G. Davis and Miss Lavena Dye, Rev. M. S. Leveridge officiating.

Emery-Duckworth.—At the residence of the bride, Tuesday evening, Dec. 25, 1906, Mr. W. R. Emery and Mrs. Sarah R. Duckworth, Rev. M. S. Leveridge officiating.

Guinn-Pryor.—At the home of the bride, near Irene, Dec. 23, 1906, Mr. R. W. Guinn, of Young County, Texas, and Miss Maxie Pryor, Rev. G. W. Kincheloe officiating.

Ward-Fesler.—At the home of the officiating minister, Goldthwaite, Texas, Dec. 30, 1906, Mr. S. H. Ward and Miss Ada Fesler, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Roberts-Forehand.—At the home of the officiating minister, Goldthwaite, Texas, Dec. 30, 1906, Mr. S. V. Roberts and Miss Gossett Forehand, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Akin-Ballowe.—At the bride's residence, Monday evening, Dec. 24, 1906, in Ferris, Tex., Mr. H. W. Akin and Miss Katie Ballowe, Rev. J. J. Creed officiating.

Handcock-Bridgewater.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 25, 1906, Mr. Vontress Handcock and Miss Myrtle Bridgewater, Rev. J. B. Gregory officiating.

Downing-Barnwell.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Barnwell, Pittsburg, Texas, January 2, 1907, Mr. Verde Downing and Miss Lena Barnwell, Rev. J. C. Stewart officiating.

Ritchie-Fryer.—In the office of the County Clerk, at Goldthwaite, Mills County, Texas, January 5, 1907, Mr. J. F. Ritchie and Miss Lella Fryer, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Bryan-Peel.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. J. A. Peel, Jan. 2, 1907, Mr. V. H. Bryan and Miss Lillian Peel, all of Milam County, Texas, Rev. G. C. Cravy officiating.

Hart Hancock.—In Corsicana, Texas, January 1, 1907, at the residence of E. L. Armstrong, the officiating minister, Mr. Elbert G. Hart and Miss Annie Armstrong Hancock, At home after January 8, Fields, La.

Roberts-Moore.—December 9, 1906, at the Methodist Church at Golinda, Texas, Mr. S. T. Roberts and Miss Mae Moore, Rev. C. B. Smith officiating.

Benson-Jackson.—At the residence of Will Mitchell, near Lorena, Texas, December 26, 1906, Mr. W. J. Benson and Miss Annie Jackson, both of Oglesby, Texas, Rev. C. B. Smith officiating.

Steele-Hackett.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Mooreville, Texas, December 27, 1906, Prof. Seth R. Steele, of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Miss Sallie Ellis Hackett, Rev. C. B. Smith officiating.

Key-Griffin.—At the residence of Mr. T. F. Hunter, of Clairmont, Tex., Dec. 30, 1906, Mr. J. O. Key and Miss Gertrude Griffin, Rev. S. T. Cherry officiating.

Gilstrap-Noles.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 16, 1906, R. H. Gilstrap and Mrs. St. Clair Noles, Rev. J. F. Tyson officiating.

Tally-Carl.—At the bride's residence, Dec. 25, 1906, Mr. W. H. Talley and Miss Mabel Carl, Rev. J. F. Tyson officiating.

Chaney-Bishop.—At the bride's residence, Dec. 26, 1906, Mr. Claud Chaney and Miss Adelia Bishop, Rev. J. F. Tyson officiating.

Bates-Sewell.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sewell, Dec. 24, 1906, Mr. John H. Bates and Miss Sallie Sewell, Rev. J. C. Stewart officiating.

Stafford-Weddell.—At the Methodist parsonage, Grapevine, Texas, Jan. 2, 1907, Walter E. Stafford and Miss Bell Weddell, Rev. M. S. Leveridge officiating.

Talbot-Milam.—At C. A. Milam's residence, in Glen Rose, Texas, Dec. 29, 1906, Mr. P. L. Talbot and Miss Laura Milam, Rev. W. D. Gaskins officiating.

Bennett-Kemp.—J. W. Bennett and Miss Maud Kemp, Jan 1, 1907, Rev. F. T. Pollard officiating.

Block-Watson.—At the Methodist parsonage in Haskell, Texas, Dec. 5, 1906, Mr. Harry C. Block and Miss Pressie W. Watson, both of Rule, Texas, Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating.

THE LOST SOUL.
John Vance Cheney.

A lone soul came to heaven's hard gate,
Low at the warder's feet she fell;
Sobbing, she said she had not knocked so late,
But for the many roads to hell.

Stroking her bowed, unmothered head,
Up spoke the good old warder, gray;
This child, too fair, high up let her be led,
Past them that never lost their way."

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