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Editorial.

WORLDLINESS IN THE CHURCH.

While we are not pessimistic in our temperament or in our views, and while we have no patience with the idea that the best times the Church has ever known or ever will know, are in the past, nevertheless there is a growing spirit of worldliness in the Church of God. We do not mean by this that the Church is full of the world, and that its membership is degenerating in spirituality and good works; but we mean that there is too much disposition upon the part of many people who are members of the Church to pander to the spirit and practices of the world. This is particularly true of a goodly number of our people in the cities and the larger towns. Too many of them frequent the theater and find apparent pleasure in such a diversion. Others of them are popular at the ball room entertainments and their names often appear as patrons of these places of amusement. And it is quite common for Methodist parents in some quarters to give their children dancing lessons, and in this way cultivate a love for the dance in the young childhood of the Church. Cards and card parties also have their attractions, and some Methodists patronize amusements of this character. It is quite common to take up our morning dailies and read the names of prominent Methodists in connection with places in the above list of entertainments. They have lost all sense of modesty in so far as having it generally known that they frequent recreations of this sort. The example of such people is not helpful to the spiritual life of the Church, much less helpful to themselves. It gives to them a very low idea of what religion demands of them, and their consciences become inured to such worldliness until they have no compunction concerning such practices. They are of the world, and if they have any religion at all, it is a very worldly sort of religion. In fact, it is a difficult matter to distinguish between them and worldly people who make no pretensions to religion. While there are in every city Church hundreds of people who are true to their Church vows and are known to attend such resorts, yet the worldliness of those who do attend them and participate in them lowers the whole tenor of spirituality in the membership to that extent. And it is our candid judgment that this spirit is on the increase. This confession certainly puts an additional responsibility upon our pastors. They need to preach more earnestly and pointedly than ever on the evils of worldliness. We would not advise recklessness upon the part of pastors in use of stern discipline in the case of such delinquent members; but they need to cry aloud, and proclaim the teachings of God's word with reference to such questionable usages.

When people come into the Church of God, they publicly and solemnly promise in the presence of the whole congregation to "renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world so

that they will not follow or be led by them," and when such people go to the theater, the ball room, the card party, they are setting at naught the very spirit of the vow above quoted. If, under such circumstances, they are not following "the world, the flesh and the devil, and being led by them," then what are they doing? When they allow their children to be taught dancing, are they not teaching them the very spirit of the "world, the flesh and the devil?" Are they not preparing them for "the vain pomp and glory of the world?" Hence we repeat that our pastors have a grave responsibility at this point. If Church vows mean anything, then many of our people have no appreciation of the binding force and sanctity of these vows. May we not find right here one of the reasons why a genuine revival of religion in the average city congregation is a most difficult thing to accomplish? Too many of our people go wild over most everything else except religion. The vaudeville, the card party, the skating rink—in fact, most everything—can attract a great crowd and inspire a wave of enthusiasm; but the revival is an uphill undertaking, and the prayer-meeting is positively unknown to the great body of our people. The explanation is found in the fact that we have entirely too much worldliness in the membership of God's Church. Our spirituality is too nearly at an ebb. We are not prepared to say that it has ever been thus. Maybe it has; but there is great room for prayer and meditation right here upon the part of our pastors and the more spiritually minded portions of their flocks.

THE FAULT-FINDING SPIRIT.

The fault-finding spirit among people is a very common infirmity; and its effect upon the heart and mind of the individual is very unwholesome. It usually grows out of a disappointed and soured disposition, and its inspiration is often found in envy and jealousy. Frequently it begins in thoughtlessness, then finally takes on the form of a fixed habit. When jealousy or envy inspires it, it is a positive sin upon the part of those who indulge its tendency. There is no excuse for jealousy, and the heart that harbors it is not pure and clean before God. It is the habitation of evil purposes and jealousy is the outgrowth. Envy is scarcely less reprehensible. It is a little and mean nature that entertains and encourages it. Envy never attacks those in a less fortunate situation than itself. It always strikes at those beyond and above it. Envy and jealousy rarely ever see anything in others except through a fault-finding spirit. They discount whatever of good is manifest in men and women. They have no unmingled appreciation or praise of others. But when the fault-finding spirit is the result of a carelessness of speech, attended by no evil motive, is not an actual sin, nevertheless it is often evil in its results. It ought never to be cultivated; on the contrary, it ought to be suppressed and eliminated. To find fault with people requires no effort whatever may be the motive prompting it. It is the easiest

thing in the world to point out defects and to magnify flaws in those whose lives and conduct we have under consideration. The indulgence of such a habit eventually embitters and sours the dispositions of those who nurture it, and it often puts in a bad light everybody against whom it is exercised. At least it may cause some one hearing the faults of others portrayed to depreciate merit and worthiness in their neighbors and associates. Really, there is nothing good that can be said for the habit of fault-finding. It benefits nobody, and it often injures all concerned. Such a spirit is certainly out of place in people who claim to be the children of God. Brother, sister, if you are guilty of it, you ought to ask God to help you get rid of it. If you can not see anything good of people, it is best not to discuss them at all.

SANCTITY OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

In a former article on Sabbath observance we saw the wisdom of a seventh day rest for man and beast. In the beginning the seventh day commemorated the completed work of creation. Christians observe the first day of the week, and this hebdomadal division has been found the best in all lands and by all people. The Sabbath of the Jew has passed away with many other customs, and in its place has come the Christian Sabbath rest. We have scriptural authority for the change which makes it binding upon believers in Christ. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ, the greatest event of time or eternity. As this sacred institution is assailed, not only by infidels, but by Seventh Day Adventists, let us be ready to give to every one a reason for our practice. By anticipation David, in Psalms 118:24, says, "This is the day the Lord hath made;" i. e., as you see from the context the day of Christ's resurrection. "We will rejoice and be glad in it." Again Mark 16:1-2, "And when the Sabbath was past" (the Jewish Sabbath) "Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, had bought sweet spices that they might come and anoint him and very early in the morning, the first day of the week they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun." The first day of the week in the original is *tes mias* Sabbath which, literally translated, would be "one of the Sabbaths."

Christ did not re-enact the Jewish Sabbath, nor did the early Christians observe it, neither is it observed today by any one according to the original ordinances. There were certain regulations for its proper observance. (1) No fires were to be built.—Exodus 35:3. (2) They were to neither bake nor boil.—Exodus 16:23. (3) They must not go out of their houses.—Exodus 16:29. (4) Priests were to offer on the Sabbath days two lambs.—Numbers 28:29. (5) They were to compel all to keep it.—Exodus 20:10. (6) They were to stone all who broke it.—Exodus 31:14. (7) It was to be kept from sunset to sunset. I undertake to say no one keeps this Sabbath. This Sabbath was for Jews only and passed away with other customs, as Paul writes to the Church at Colossus, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in

drink or in respect of an holy day or of the new moon or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come." This has been the consensus of belief by the most eminent Christians in the past as well as the present. John Bunyan, in commenting upon Colossians 2:16, says the old seventh day Sabbath is abolished. Dr. Scott: This last related to the weekly Sabbath, which, as observed on the seventh day, was now become a part of the abrogated law. Martin Luther, in answer to one Carlstadt, says indeed if Carlstadt were to write further about the Sabbath, Sunday would have to give way and Saturday would be kept holy. The Jewish Sabbath was never kept for Christian worship after the resurrection. The apostles and disciples did join in worship with the people of their nation on their Sabbath, but they had their day beside, on which they observed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and baptized. No other day could memorialize the great truths of Christianity but the resurrection day, which was the keystone of the arch. (1) It was on this first day Sabbath Christ rose from the dead. (2) It was on this day He appeared to His ten apostles and other disciples. (3) It was on this day a week after He appeared to the eleven, Thomas being present. (4) Pentecost, says able scholars, was on Sunday. (5) It was customary on the first day of the week for the disciples to meet and break bread.—Acts 20:7. With such divine sanctions we have no room for doubt as to the Sabbath this Christian nation should observe.

Following the example of the Savior and the apostles and the early Church, all ordinary work should be dispensed with, only works of necessity and mercy being admissible. The day should be given to worship and rest. It should be anticipated and arranged for with the most conscientious regard to the spiritual exercises which are to engage our thoughts, and when the morning dawns the family should be gathered about the domestic altar and with praise and prayer the Christian household should salute the day. When the hour for public worship comes the soul is attuned to the holy services and in holy duties will the day pass, making strong for the temptations of the week. The two oldest institutions and most essential to the welfare of mankind are marriage and the Sabbath, and they are inseparably linked together. Bishop Marvin, one of the wisest and holiest men our Church has known, wrote these words worthy of remembrance: "The home and the Sabbath belong to each other. There can be no home, in the highest meaning of the word, without the Sabbath; and without the family and the home there could scarcely be a Sabbath at all upon the earth. The family is the garden in which fruit ripens for immortality, and the Sabbath is the season of its culture."

Prosperity does not always result in our liberality and deeper sympathy. It takes what we call adversity to awaken our dependence upon God and to bring us into our proper relation with suffering men and women. The world owes more to adversity than to what it calls prosperity.

DR. WINTON ON TITHING IN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

I have just read and re-read Dr. Winton on tithing. I have been a believer in tithing for years, and recently sent for and gave away one hundred of Bishop Key's pamphlets on that subject. Recent utterances from various sources touching this matter had set me to wondering if I was mistaken after all. So when I saw in last week's Christian Advocate that Dr. Winton would review Bishop Key's position, and this week found the review, I read it with much interest. Then turned back and re-read it. I was disappointed, for Dr. Winton generally makes his positions pretty clear, and I like to read what he writes. But if this article is an answer to the arguments for tithing, then I failed to see the point. The Doctor says, "We have no objection to tithing as a convenient measure or device for dividing up one's income." That's just what God required the Jews to do. He says also in the same paragraph, "To set aside a tenth for strictly Church purposes is probably about what the person of average income ought to do." But if about what they ought to do, why not just say it is exactly the least they can do? That is what God said when he spoke on see the point. The Doctor goes on to say, "Certainly it is little enough, too, for Christians to pay what the Jews paid." That is what those who contend for the tithe say, hence we fail to see the force of the Doctor's qualifications when he immediately says, "The tenth is not enough for people of ample income." Here again there is perfect agreement between him and those who contend for the tithe. They put the tithe as the least and think well-to-do people should do more. Dr. Winton says he can conceive of conditions in the experience of a really poor man where "it would be wrong for him to give as much as a tenth." Why so? Is God a respecter of persons? Did He love a poor devout Jew less than He loves a poor and devout Christian? Surely not. Is it not true that everything under the old dispensation that passed away under the new was fulfilled before it passed away? In other words, did not all the rites and ceremonies under the law point to something to be fulfilled in the new era, and were not those that passed away fulfilled before they did pass away? But, what did tithing point to, and in what way was it fulfilled? Melesizedek was a most illustrious type of Jesus Christ, and Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation, paid tithes to him. Jesus the antitype is here. Should not the Christian (the spiritual seed of Abraham) pay tithes to Him? So it seems to us. But as we see the matter, the next statement of the Doctor is an astonishment. He says, "As a matter of fact Paul makes no distinction between the moral and ceremonial phases of the law." If that be true, and the ceremonial phases of the law were done away, then the moral phases were also done away. And there is no such thing as moral obligation under the gospel. That's worse than Antinomianism, if possible. If, on the other hand, the moral phases did not pass away as those who contend for the tithes say and about everybody else as to that, then not only the tithe law did not pass away, but all the ceremonies are binding on us. We have asked above, what did tithing point to, and in what way was it fulfilled? Our answer is, it pointed to nothing, and was never fulfilled. It was and is, as many see it, God's law from the beginning for the support of the Church. Dr. Winton's reference to the decalogue is rather in favor of than against tithing. To say that murder in God's sight under the law was restricted to the act is to say too much, or adultery either. Moral principles never change, and Jesus simply meant to say that these laws were still in force, and went on to show where these things originated from. Murder out of the hating heart, and adultery out of the lusty heart. He showed that everything that was a virtue under the law was still a virtue. If love was a virtue under the

law, it is no less so under the gospel. If charity was a virtue under the law, it is no less so under the gospel. If giving or paying a tithe under the law was a virtue, and binding, then it is no less a virtue under the gospel. When the Jews came to Him with a purely money question, He said, "Render to God the things that are God's." The question of these Pharisees was: If we pay our tithes to God, are we not released from paying tribute to Caesar? His answer was, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." It was the tithe or tenth they were asking about. It would have been a fine chance for Jesus to have said the tithe will soon be done away and each of you will be left to do as he pleases about God's part! But He said, "Render to God the things that are God's"—the tithe—and if He ever changed that statement no record is made of it. J. T. SMITH.

Cameron, Texas.

BISHOP KEY'S TRACT ON TITHING

There is an adverse criticism on a recent tract of Bishop Key's in our Nashville Advocate. I'm glad I don't know "who," but I'll dare diagnose his case.

Counting his religious pulse, I will say my patient is not a tither, has never been. Temperature entirely too low; knows nothing about the disease (?) whatever, hence is not proper one to advise in this case.

I have not read Bishop Key's tract, but I'll venture to say that if any Church were to follow it out in its finances that all money trouble would be at an end and missionary interests and religious power would increase an hundredfold!

The world has grown tired of being told what is wrong to do. A great big thick book, full of arguments, and heaven save us, foot notes! makes me sick, or as editors say, makes "us" sick. What the world wants and, yes, will have, is facts.

I'll show you one great, beautiful, fragrant blossom I pressed between my heart's leaves, plucked from a tithing tree, planted and grown in God's own garden; just this one, if you will pardon. I listened one morning to a great plea for tithing—not as our limit, but at least that we could give. Near me sat a Salvation Army woman. The tears were coursing down her cheeks. After service she pressed my hand and said: "I see where the trouble with us has been. We have not been getting on so well lately and I know it is because we have not given our tenth! Hereafter, God being my helper, I'll do it, aye, more!" They were without shelter, just beginning their work in a hard Western town.

That next Sabbath I sat in the same seat beside her. Down her cheeks the tears were streaming, for on the table in the presence of all the ministers of our town was a pledge for \$300 to furnish them with army quarters for a whole year; and she was saying to me, "He knows, my Father knows." Yes, and I know if we will do even the little that tithing would mean to us, God's kingdom could be hastened. A tither will not stop at a tenth. But one who does not tithe will give as little as he can. The question is (ask all the preachers), How much of the assessment will be my share? Did many of you ever give more than they were assessed? I'll own it is a very low plane, but don't we really live on a lower plane than is our privilege? I know Bishop Key means to stress the blessings and power that will come to us through tithing, for I once heard him say, "We were beggars at the gates of Paradise, oftentimes when we might have been children of a King."

Perhaps I have done a very terrible thing, prescribing for some brainy man, but you know even they have to take it when the doctor happens to be a woman; and, as I am going, will leave a few directions which, if followed, will cure or kill.

Once a week tithe regularly on your knees, because it will be entirely too much to part with unless you are face

to face with Him. All disagreeable symptoms will disappear at the end of a month.

Of course, there is danger of infection if not entirely cured, and I would further advise if a returning attack is felt, that they expound for us "The contiguity of the hence," or jump on somebody who is not trying to save the world!

In referring to my great book, "Old Father Time, 1907," I find that the greatest way to advertise a thing is for some big "D. D." to oppose it, and I will venture to say that Bishop Key's tract will be eagerly sought for, and thus the good work goes on.

MRS. SIMEON SHAW.

Temple, Texas.

FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMISSIONER.

All the Texas conferences at their last sessions passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we ask our Commissioner of Education and the authorities of Southwestern University in connection with the presiding elders as soon as possible to organize an educational campaign in each presiding elder's district looking to the raising of not less than \$500,000 to equip and endow Southwestern University."

After consultation with the authorities of the University I began conferring with the presiding elders with reference to holding an educational institute in each district in the State. Arrangements are just about completed for each district in the West Texas and for several districts in the Northwest and North Texas Conferences, and very soon will be, I doubt not, for all the others in the State. In these districts educational institute arrangements will be made to hold an educational institute in each pastoral charge. I shall want each Conference Board of Education to act as a permanent conference campaign committee. In the district institutes permanent district campaign committees will be appointed. There will be appointed a committee for each charge. This is a brief statement of what is intended to be the organization and inauguration of the campaign called for by the resolution. The campaign will be continued until all, and much more than all, that the resolution calls for shall have been accomplished. For in the educative work that will have to be done to raise enough money adequately to equip and endow Southwestern University there will result inevitably such an increased interest in higher Christian education as will double the attendance upon all our Church schools and greatly enlarge the at present altogether too meager financial support of all those not directly embraced by the resolution. So shall every Methodist school in Texas be greatly helped by this campaign, the specific objects of which are:

1. To increase interest in and a greater demand for higher Christian education.

2. To present the superior advantages and the consequent claims of our Church schools, especially Southwestern University, upon our people for their patronage.

3. To present the needs and claims of Southwestern University for adequate equipment and endowment.

4. To seek immediate results from all these in increased attendance upon all our schools and pledges and donations for Southwestern University.

Within the next five years we ought to increase the attendance upon the academic department of our University to 1000 students and raise not less than \$500,000 for equipment and endowment. This would be a great work worthy of our great Church in the greatest and most rapidly-developing State in the Union. It can be done. It ought to be done. It must be done. With the co-operation of our faithful and self-sacrificing preachers, our liberal laymen and our elect women it will be done. We are counting on you. Do not disappoint us. We earnestly request that you so shape

your affairs that you can attend from the beginning to the end the institute to be held in your district and charge.

All the Texas conferences are back of this organized effort and stand pledged to its hearty support. Now is the time to move forward and move all together. Success is assured by so doing.

Strong programs will be arranged. We expect a good attendance, as the pastor and five laymen from each charge constitute the membership of the institute. A pleasant and profitable occasion is anticipated. Pray for its success and for me and my work.

C. M. HARLESS,
Commissioner.

A PRESIDING ELDER'S FIELD NOTES.

By Rev. V. A. Godbey.

In a former communication to the Advocate I have given a short statement concerning the charges which I have visited, and have spoken of other things which I believe are of general interest, and it is my purpose to continue this method of writing unless the editor should lack room in the paper for this kind of a contribution.

I was in Kountze at my last writing, and left this place for

Silsbee,

where I found our pastor, S. D. Harger, waiting for me at the train, and I proceeded at once to look into the affairs of his charge. This whole section of country has made great progress during recent years, but none has made more than that embraced in Silsbee Circuit. We have the lumber manufacturing industry at its best here, and in the town of Silsbee is located the Santa Fe Railroad shops and some of the general offices. Bro. Harger is in good favor with his people, and the work has made steady progress under his leadership. He is pushing a church building enterprise in Silsbee, and we appointed a Building Committee to look after it at his Quarterly Conference.

The Missionary Board Meeting. From Silsbee I went to the meeting of the Board of Missions of the Texas Conference in Houston, and spent two days in delightful association with the brethren. The discussions here showed a great degree of progress in the missionary idea. The views of the Home Mission problem were broader and clearer than have formerly been presented in the Board meetings the writer has attended, and the local problems of Italians, Negroes, Poles, Swedes, etc., were presented in a sane and rational manner, and an effort was made to take hold of the work of providing for this class more actively by providing missionaries for them. All phases of missionary enterprise came in for some share of discussion, and the meeting was profitable and full of fraternal spirit.

Bishop Seth Ward was present during the sessions of the conference, and acted as chairman. He entertained the brethren in his home, and mingled with them as in other days. His talks during the sessions were worthy of the office, and his presence was generally appreciated. He has a wife who gracefully presides over the episcopal household, and, notwithstanding her husband's episcopal honors, she still remains "the better half."

Nederland Circuit.

From the Missionary Conference I went to Nederland, where the conference for Nederland Circuit was to be held, and found the pastor, A. J. Anderson, comfortably domiciled in th parsonage, and at work in his charge. He has made a good start here, and the people are taking hold of him with helping hands. We appointed a Building Committee in the Quarterly Conference to erect a suitable church for Nederland, and it is probable that the work will go forward at once.

Sour Lake and China

was the next visit, and it seemed well to look into the situation at both these places, and it was done accordingly. Rev. F. O. Favre is our pastor, and he is entering the work of a second

year. Rev. A. F. Bradford was present by invitation to take part in the dedication of the beautiful new church in Sour Lake, which was erected under his leadership, and his popularity was everywhere evident. He did a good work in the charge, and the people appreciate it. The women in our church at Sour Lake had put carpets in the aisles, and otherwise beautified the church for the dedication, and appropriate music had been prepared for the occasion. So it was a pleasure to preach the sermon and dedicate the house. After the Quarterly Conference we went to China, and the writer preached at night to a full house. This is a beautiful little church on the interior, but is too small for our work now, and arrangements have been made to enlarge it, and plans are under advisement. This is a delightful community of rice farmers, and their village is a credit to all solicitude for the welfare of his people, and his preaching was well spoken of at both places. He has some grave problems, but he will solve them and have a good year.

DR. M. H. NEELY'S SERMON.

His sermon, delivered at the last session at the North Texas Conference, has drawn out some facts from us of those happy, bare-footed boyhood days long ago, as a scholar at the McKenzie College in 1848-9. My schoolmate, Sim Lyday, is living here hale and hearty. Many have been the deaths and changes since then. After the abandonment of Fort Towson, I. T., I made Paris, Texas, my home, following the newspaper business, in 1857. In 1859 I married Miss M. A. Woodriddle, of Lamar County, a farmer's daughter. After twenty-five or thirty years moved to Hillsboro, Texas, where her death occurred, and two years after married Mrs. M. A. McWilliams, of Gainesville, Texas, my home, where she died six years ago. I am living with my youngest son, Mr. M. E. Gooding, formerly druggist, but now in the lumber business in this city. While living in Gainesville I was converted by the Methodist evangelist, George Stuart, and joined the Dixon Street Christian Church. I find that all ministers of different denominations are on a parallel line in their teachings and are doing good in leading sinners to repentance, erecting fine church buildings—a monument to Christianity. A Christian is a Christian, no matter what Church he or she may represent. I hope and trust we may all be bound together with the chain whose links are forged from faith, hope and charity, love, purity and fidelity, friendship and truth. May we join hearts and hands and march on as a grand army, take God, the Ruler of the universe, who holds the sea and tempest in the hollow of his hand, in whom we live, move and have our being, as our commander, and be guided by the Bible, the book of books—the great, grand leading sign post to Christianity—and may we so live that those following in our footsteps may carry on the good work for the rising generation, and the work go on through an endless chain so long as time may last. I hope we may all meet upon that heavenly shore where we may realize the unveiling of God's mysterious ways, is the and prayer of your friend.

LARRY GOODING.

BRETHREN OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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J. H. CHAMBLISS.

Faith determines the emphasis of life.—Ram's Horn.

Devotional and Spiritual

HIGHER.

Webster's famous remark to a young lawyer, who complained that the legal profession was over-crowded, "there is plenty of room at the top," will apply to the Christian church. While there are quite enough minimum Christians (who will probably have only a minimum heaven) there are some who are becoming sick of themselves and their low attainments. To be barely alive does not satisfy them. "Friend, go up higher!" He who imparted to you such spiritual life as you have, offers to you "life more abundantly." Jesus Christ is the inexhaustible source of strength and joy, and it depends upon yourself how much of these you shall possess. Growth is not a momentary, magical gift; it is a process, and you must do the growing. Paul was no perfectionist when he exclaimed, "But one thing I do; I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ." There was something higher yet before him.

Just what are the essentials of that more abundant life that you should strive after? The first one that I name is—more faith. "Lord, increase our faith," was the prayer of men who felt that they were but children, and not full grown; they only saw through a glass dimly and often stumbled on the road. A feeble faith may move mole-hills; it takes a stalwart faith to move mountains. It is the feebleness of the grip on the Almighty Savior and Lord that makes it so difficult to stand a heavy strain, or carry a heavy load, or exert a powerful influence over other hearts and lives. This is the secret of a vast deal of the unfruitful preaching in the pulpit and unfruitful teaching in Sabbath schools, and of failures generally to accomplish much good in the world. Look over the official reports of a great number of churches and you will see that they barely hold their own; many—in the mercantile phrase—have ceased to "pay any dividend." "According to your faith be it unto you;" that is Christ's measurement of spiritual power. If a minister does not know whom he believes, and does not know that the book he holds in his hand is God's own "fire and hammer," he will not be likely to melt or to break many hard, stubborn hearts. Doubt means debility; unbelief means death. What is true of ministers is equally true of all Christians.

You will realize the vital necessity of an increase of faith, if you but understand that faith is vastly more than an intellectual process or a mental assent to divine truth. It is vastly more than a devout emotion, and a mighty different thing is it from the pious fetish that some religious quacks are now employing for purposes of delusion. A genuine Christian faith is just the grappling union of the soul with the omnipotent Son of God. "I am the vine; ye are the branches; abide in me." That is the way in which Christ puts it; and faith makes that very union. The closer your connection with Jesus is, the greater will be the amount of faith that flows into your soul and out into your daily life. I have seen a current of electricity sent through a huge horse-shoe magnet that enabled it to lift four thousand pounds; the moment that the current was drawn off the weights dropped to the floor. The more abundant your faith, the fuller and more potent will be the inflow of Jesus Christ. "Not I," exclaimed the old giant of apostolic days—"not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I life by faith in the Son of God."

With increase of faith will come

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great increase of spiritual vigor. When a person's system is in a low, impoverished condition, he is liable to catch any fevers which are prevailing. It is a feeble spiritual life that breeds self-seeking and covetousness and worldliness, and also exposes one to the ague-fits of unbelief. As weak blood breeds ulcers, so a weak spiritual state breeds sinful lusts. With a sick soul, as with a sick body, the problem is whether there is internal vitality enough to slough off the disease. "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not," said Jesus, when Simon Peter was in a wretchedly bad way; and but for imparted grace that ugly assault of Satan in Pilate's courtyard might have been the end of poor Peter. After he was endued with the more abundant vigor of Christ's promised Spirit, he withstood fifty-fold stronger pressure without flinching. It is very encouraging to weak Christians that the peltroon who was frightened by the sneers of a servant-girl, lived to face Herod's jailers and the threats of death without turning purple in the lips. Why should any Christian be so feeble and so easily upset when he might be strengthened with all power in the inner man, according to the might of Jesus Christ? The more vigor you pray for, the more you will receive. Rouse up to useful activities. Quit your Sunday afternoon lounge for some thorough mission work. Active exercise does for the soul just what it does for the body.

You say that you are not happy; and I do not wonder. None of us are as happy as we might be. Many professed Christians carry such repulsive countenances and irritable tongues, and shed around them such a chill that if they should ever try to win an unconverted person, that person might well retort: "No, I thank you; if your religion carries such a face as yours, I don't want it." Such Christians cheat themselves out of their birthright; Jesus promised them that if they continued to abide in His love, His joy would remain in them and their joy would be full. Mounts of rapture are only occasionally reached in the best lives; but a healthy person enjoys a ripe pear or a California orange. A loyal husband enjoys the welcoming kiss of a loving wife at his threshold; and there must be something wrong in you if you profess to love Christ and pretend to be working for Him and find no delight in it. How can you possess Christ and a clean conscience, and not be happy over it?

Joy is love looking at its treasures. The richer you become in having Christ with you here, and in the expectation of being with Him forever, the more investments you make in helping other people, and drying tears, and saving souls, the fuller will be your jewel-casket. If you say to me: "I have not enjoyed my religion much lately," then I may suggest to you that you have not had much religion to enjoy. Turn a new leaf; make a new start, with the honest question: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?" and then do it. His smile will give you sunshine, and put a new song into your mouth. Put more conscience into your religion. Weakness means wickedness. Don't worry over outside troubles; if you have peace of conscience, you can stand rough weather cheerfully. Jesus offers you "life more abundantly"; grasp the offer and, quitting the boggy and dark low grounds, let Him lead you up higher!—Christian Observer.

LIFE BEYOND DEATH.

"Man is made for the infinite," says Pascal. "We desire immortality, not as a reward of virtue, but as its continuance," says Jean Paul Richter. So close is this kinship with the Divine that to lose faith

in God and immortality is to lose hope in the world. Professor Le Conte has wisely said: "Without immortality this beautiful cosmos, which has been developing into increasing beauty for so many millions of years, when it has run its course and all is over, would be precisely as it had never been, an idle dream, an idle talk, signifying nothing." Sully says: "To abandon hope for a future life is a vast loss, not to be made good, so far as I can see, by and new idea of service to humanity." Strauss confessed that when he lost his faith in God and immortality he lost his interest in human life and in the world he inhabited; he saw nothing to live for. And Professor Clifford, after losing his religious faith, said: "We have seen the sun shine out of an empty heaven to light up a soulless world; we have felt with utter loneliness that the great Companion is dead." A being thus related to God, made in His image and fitted for communion with Him, endowed with the capacity of knowing, loving and enjoying Him forever, prepared and disciplined for a career of never-ending glory and blessedness hereafter, can have its full fruition only in a life beyond the grave.—"Beyond Death."

THE HOLY CITY

There are many wicked cities, but one holy city. We know far more about the wicked city than we do about the other. We have seen the wicked city, and have walked in its streets.

The wicked city is badly governed. There is much corruption and dishonesty, much party spirit, selfishness and worldly ambition in the government of the wicked city. Good people are not protected, criminals are often encouraged, and justice is fallen in the streets.

There are many dangers. Health is in peril, and many are sick from the use of unwholesome food, from breathing unwholesome air, and drinking unwholesome water. Morals are in peril. There are many temptations to do evil. Many are led astray by these evil influences. Life is in danger. Diseases, epidemics, accidents, murderers and burglars threaten the lives of the inhabitants, and there are many deaths every week, and some of them are violent deaths.

Even in the wicked city, however, there is much good. There are many good people, many happy homes, many splendid opportunities for improvement and usefulness. So it happens that evil and good are mingled strangely and tares and wheat grow together.

But in the holy city things are different. It is a well-governed city. There is only one law, the law of love. The inhabitants all obey this law, not from fear of punishment but because it is their delight to do so. The law is written in their hearts and they never think of doing otherwise. It is as natural for them to obey as it is for a tree to grow upward or a bird to fly in the air. There is no need of many laws, for this one law of love covers every case, and the inhabitants are so perfectly enlightened that they know how to apply it to every case. The inhabitants can be trusted to do right without specific enactments because they are both well disposed and intelligent. They are so well disposed that each one can be trusted with unlimited liberty.

There is no need of expensive machinery of government. The people govern themselves. No need of legislatures and judges, and sheriffs, and courts of justice and prisons. The one law of love keeps that innumerable company of saints in perfect order. There is no injustice, no dishonesty, no vice, no crime. Righteousness and truth prevail, and all are so busy about the service of the King that they have no time nor disposition to turn aside to do any mischief.

The city is free from dangers. There is no sickness, no pain, nor

sorrow, no death, no sin. Your reputation will be safe when you reach that city. Your property will never be molested. Your happiness will be the concern of all your fellow-citizens as much as it is your concern.

We know but little about that holy city. We know that there is music there. We have music here, and we greatly need it. We need it to cheer us in sorrow, to strengthen us under our burles, to soothe our spirits, to aid us in worship. We have heard strains of music which seemed too good for earth. It seemed that they came floating down through the open windows of the holy city to cheer us on our way. But we shall hear music, sweeter music in the holy city. We shall sing the praise of our Redeemer in strains grander than anything we have heard on the earth.

There is beauty in the holy city. There are cities on the earth which are called beautiful. But there is much to criticize in the best of them. There are miserable sections in the most beautiful cities on earth. But the holy city is all beautiful. There is nothing to mar the beauty, nothing to shock the most cultivated sense of beauty in all the city of God.

There is service in the holy city. Let us not imagine that the inhabitants have nothing to do but play on golden harps and sing enchanting music. "His servants shall serve him day and night in His temple." We do not know in what that service shall consist. But the universe is vast. Get ready for service, for those who serve Him here shall serve Him there.

It is a holy city. It is clean. There is nothing to defile. The streets are clean. The mansions are clean. The government is clean and pure. The songs are holy. The King is holy. The service is holy, and all the inhabitants are holy. Do not think they are gloomy, or melancholy, or sad. Too many persons always associate gloom and sadness with holiness. But this is all wrong. There is sadness in crime and wickedness and vice. There is gloom in the prison and in places of wickedness. The habitues of those places try to drive away the sadness by laughter and low songs, but it is there, and when they are alone it will assert itself. But there is no gloom in holiness. The highest, sweetest, purest joy is found in holiness.

Are we being prepared for a place in the holy city? Are we serving the God of holiness? "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord," for the holy city is prepared for a holy people.—The Christian Advocate.

A beautiful lady went to a photographer to sit for her picture. After the sitting the man retired to examine the plate. He was greatly puzzled, upon developing the picture in the chemical bath, by the appearance of a number of dark spots on the face, although not the least trace of blemish could be detected on the face of the lady. The next day the explanation came. The spots then became distinctly visible. The lady had contracted smallpox, and soon died. The faint yellow spots before they could be detected by the naked eye, were faithfully portrayed by the searching and pure rays of the sun. So the first harboring of impure thoughts will mar the loveliest soul, and, if not resolutely warred upon with all spiritual weapons these unholy imaginings will drag their victim down to ruin. No other treasure in this world is so rich as the consciousness of purity, and in order to retain it one must avoid not only the acts, but also the impure thoughts which would destroy it. It is not enough to have a fair exterior; the heart must be pure. It is the heart that God would live. The heart, too, is the center of life. God help us to keep our hearts pure that our lives may be pure!—G. B. F. Hallock, D. D.

Thousands of Women Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.



MRS. SCOTT.
An interesting letter to our readers from Mrs. Gertrude Warner Scott, of Vinton, Iowa.

Vinton, Iowa.
My trouble began with pain in my stomach so severe that it seemed as if knives were cutting me. I was treated by two of the best physicians in the county, and consulted another. None of them suspected that the cause of my trouble was kidney disease. They told me that I had cancer of the stomach and would die. I grew so weak that I could not walk, and I only weighed sixty pounds. One day my brother saw an advertisement of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. He bought a bottle at our drug store and I took it. My family could see a change in me for the better, so they obtained more, and I continued the use of Swamp-Root regularly. I was so weak and run down that it took considerable time to build me up again. I am now well, thanks to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and am keeping house for my husband and brother, on a farm.
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Secular News Items.

A dispatch from Washington says: Apparently the Government has won an extraordinary victory as a result of the prosecution it has instituted against the manager and agents of the Honduras Lottery. Suits have been brought in various places throughout the country, one indictment has been piled upon another, and things have been made so hot for the lottery people that they have thrown up the sponge and have gone out of business. At least they assert that this is so, but to make assurance doubly sure the Government proposes to press some of the indictments to a speedy trial in the hope of breaking up the entire machinery of one of the most dangerous concerns ever known in this country.

For many years the general public has understood that the selling of lottery tickets was stamped out by the decision of the United States Supreme Court which prevented the New Orleans lottery making use of the mails to send tickets or prizes.

Recently, however, an offshoot of the old New Orleans lottery, generally known as the Honduras Lottery Company, has established itself in this country, and has succeeded in doing an enormous business, the extent of which was suspected by no outsider until the Government investigators began their inquiry.

Then the Department of Justice began to move rapidly, and within the last week or two agents of the lottery company have been negotiating for a compromise, promising they will get out of the business at once and completely if prosecutions are dropped. The Government officers thus far have not been disposed to make much of a compromise, but have been insisting upon fines in various cases which would aggregate not less than \$250,000. This severe penalty staggered even the plutocratic lottery company, and it is understood agents all over have received notice that there will be no more drawings, for the present at least.

The Missouri Legislature is after the horse racers. The Senate has engrossed a bill which makes it unlawful for a newspaper or other publication to print the results of a horse race or the name of any horse taking part in such contests. The penalty is a fine of not more than \$1000 or less than \$100.

Secretary Taft, after a consultation with the President, has cabled Gov. Magoon at Havana authorizing to suspend for the time being the execution of the decree recently prepared providing for an increase from 6000 to 12,000 of the rural guard of Cuba.

This action was taken in view of the repetitions from all the Cuban parties that the decree is inexpedient, and before determining whether or not it shall be enforced Secretary Taft will await the receipt of the written protest which Gov. Magoon has received.

Very strenuous opposition has been encountered in the sub-committee which is preparing the sundry civil ap-

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propriation bill to a proposed item of \$1,000,000 to build a dam across the Rio Grande above El Paso that will gather 60,000,000 acre-feet of water annually for distribution on the Mexican side. To deliver this quantity of water is a duty assumed in the treaty recently concluded with Mexico, that Government agreeing in consideration of that delivery to abandon claims aggregating about \$20,000,000 growing out of the taking of water from the stream. The Engel dam project is contingent on this settlement with Mexico. The people whose lands would be irrigated by that impounded water agreed last year with the reclamation service to assume part of the cost of the project, and now there are members of the Appropriations Committee who think the people who would be benefited by the building of the Engel dam ought to put up the money necessary to discharge the treaty obligation to Mexico.

Mr. Bacon, Assistant Secretary of State, declared that the failure to make the necessary appropriation would be tantamount to a repudiation of the treaty ratified by the Senate. The discussion among the members of the sub-committee was at all times animated and sometimes exceedingly earnest.

Mr. Burleson served notice on the sub-committee that if it did not include the item he would make a fight for it on the floor of the House.

President Roosevelt found himself in quite a dilemma recently when it was announced that he had in mind to appoint Ralph Tyler, a Columbus negro, surveyor of the port of Cincinnati, a mighty howl of protest has reached Washington.

Telegrams and letters by the bushel have come from men in Cincinnati, who are incensed even by the prospect of having a negro put in a place of such dignity. Charleston, S. C., could not be more indignant than the people of Cincinnati seem to be. In addition, all the Ohio politicians in Washington except Senators Foraker and Dick have told the President that it would be an awful blunder to make the appointment he had threatened. Mr. Burton, of Cleveland, who fought Foraker last year, has urged the President not to carry out his threat, and to-day Mr. Longworth told the President if he carried out the intention Cincinnati would go overwhelmingly Democratic in the next election.

Vice-President Fairbanks also told the President that in his opinion it would be a grave mistake to make Tyler surveyor of the port of Cincinnati.

An active campaign against bullfighting has begun in the City of Mexico. Following a mass meeting petitions are being circulated for those who wish to protest formally against the sport. The petition will be presented to President Diaz when a large number of signatures have been secured.

The court-martial for the trial of Major Charles W. Penrose, Twenty-Fifth Infantry, for alleged neglect of duty in connection with the raid of the negro soldiers at Brownsville, on Aug. 13, 1906, convened Feb. 4. Col. George LeRoy Brown, Twenty-Sixth Infantry, presiding and the full membership of the court present.

The action of the Court of Criminal Appeals of Dallas in holding the city ordinance of San Antonio against ticket scalping constitutional and reversing a former decision will result in driving the scalpers out of the city. If similar ordinances are passed by other cities the business will be driven from the State.

The ordinance is very drastic. It not only makes it an offense to purchase the ticket, but makes it equally an offense for a person to sell a ticket to the scalper, thus subjecting all parties to the trade to a heavy fine. The ordinance goes further, in that it prohibits the posting of signs advertising the purchase or sale of tickets by any one but a licensed ticket agent, or the standing on the street and soliciting such sale. In fact, the ordinance covers every phase

of the question. It is probable that railroads will urge other cities to pass the same ordinance as this city has.

The Amis anti-pool selling bill passed the Senate by a vote of 27 to 2, February 4, indicating that Arkansas is about to join the ranks of States which have prohibited betting on race results. The Rector amendment, which sought to restrict the drastic provisions of the bill from applying to organized race-track inclosures, was killed.

Sentiment in the House indicates that the bill will pass that body without material opposition, and it will be hurried so that it may apply to the sixty-day meeting, which was begun at the Oaklawn track in Hot Springs, Feb. 4.

Provisions of the Amis bill not only place severe fines and imprisonment for betting on horse races within the State, but provides forfeiture of office for any county or municipal officer who evades its enforcement.

M. Juarez, the Socialist leader, has openly approved the circular issued by Minister of Education Briand to the Mayors on the subject of granting leases of the Churches to the parish priests, and as the members of the Right party have also warmly welcomed it, there is a prospect that the action taken by the Minister will end the religious controversy.

The followers of ex-Premier Combe seem afraid to challenge the Cabinet on the issue, but nevertheless the reorganization of the ministry continues to be a probability.

Premier Clemenceau's friends say he prefers the floor of the House to the Ministerial bench, and that they would not be surprised at the announcement of his voluntary retirement from the Cabinet, provided he is assured that ex-Premier Sarrien, whose health is now restored, would succeed him.

The Vatican authorities, after studying the text of the circular issued by the French Minister of Education to the Mayors regarding the making of contracts with the parish priests for the lease of the churches, do not accept the clause which provides that the Mayors may not renew contracts with new parish priests, as thereby it is claimed they would submit the priests to the Mayor's exequatur. Nor does the Vatican accept the proposed amendment in the organization of cultural associations, as it is not provided that the latter shall recognize the hierarchy.

With an invitation to all the Japanese on the coast to find homes in Texas, O. K. Tayama, who claims to have been sent on his mission by Governor Campbell, of Texas, is urging the Japanese of the Pacific sea-side towns to colonize near Houston, where he is said to own a rice farm of 2,000 acres.

Diplomatic relations between Nicaragua and Honduras have been broken off as a result of the trouble which has arisen between the two countries owing to the recent invasion of Nicaraguan territory by Honduran soldiers.

The two governments consequently can not reach an understanding in the matter of disarming forces on their respective frontiers.

President Escalon, of Salvador, is trying to act as mediator to obtain the fulfillment of the ruling of the court.

Russia is now evacuating Manchuria, according to her treaty with Japan, and Japan is actively building up her strength through commercial activity.

Carrying out the wishes of the State Department that a couple of American naval vessels be kept in Central American waters, the Navy Department has dispatched the gunboat Marietta to Greytown, in addi-

tion to the cruiser Chicago, which has been sent down the west coast to Acapulco, Honduras, so that now there is an American warship on each side of the scene of threatened trouble.

The farewell banquet given February 6 by the London Pilgrims in honor of John Bryce, the new Ambassador to the United States, was a notable event, the most prominent members of the Government and representatives of all branches of English political and social life participating.

The banquet was held at the Savoy Hotel under the supervision of Field Marshal Lord Roberts.

Mr. Bryce occupied the post of honor at the right of the President, and Ambassador Whitelaw Reid sat at his left. The Japanese Ambassador, replying to the toast, "The Guests," made a significant reference to Japanese-American relations. "I am glad," he said, "to be present at this demonstration to the new Ambassador to the United States, with which country both Japan and Great Britain have maintained the most cordial relations."

In view of the fact that the next annual meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church is to be held at Jamestown, Virginia, a number of Bishops have joined in formulating a protest against the alleged intention of the management of the Jamestown Exposition to make that exposition "the greatest military spectacle the world has ever seen."

This protest is signed by the Bishops of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Colorado, Michigan, Oklahoma, South Carolina, North Carolina and others.

In England much interest has been shown of late by the army and navy authorities in a new method of preserving flour by means of compression. With hydraulic pressure apparatus the flour is squeezed into the form of bricks, and experiments are reported to have shown that the pressure destroys all forms of larval life, thus preserving the flour from the ravages of insects, while it is equally secure from mold. Three hundred pounds of compressed flour occupy the same space as one hundred pounds of flour in the ordinary state.

The imports of merchandise by the United States in 1906 aggregated \$1,321,064,694, an increase of \$141,920,144 over 1905. The export of domestic merchandise for last year showed a still greater increase, the amount being \$1,772,759,803, an increase of 173,337,181 over 1905. The importation of gold amounted to \$15,550,766 in 1906, and the exports \$45,590,297, and of silver \$44,350,896 imports and \$59,036,240 exports.

METHODIST PREACHERS' CONFERENCE.

The conference met at the usual time and place Monday, Feb. 11, 1907. Rev. J. L. Morris, President, in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Bro. J. J. Creed, of the Northwest Texas Conference. The following brethren were noted as present: Members: J. L. Morris, J. M. Peterson, W. D. Bradford, W. D. Thompson, E. R. Barker, Joseph Parkin, Henry Diceman, W. C. Young, W. F. Clark, W. A. Edwards, S. G. Sandel, D. Schrimpf, W. H. Hughes, H. D. Hare, Grover Robinson, A. L. Andrews, W. H. Stephenson, W. A. Pritchett, Geo. H. Adams, Jno. S. Davis. Visitors: Bishop Joseph S. Key, J. J. Creed, Dr. Robt. Moore, of our Korean Mission.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the preachers reported as follows:—

First Church.—Fine congregations. Dr. Moore preached at 11 a. m.; great message. Sunday-school and League growing. Outlook hopeful. Three accessions since last report.

Colonial Hill.—Attendance at Sunday-school 233. Good congregations at both hours. One hundred and six accessions since Annual Conference. Pastor preached at Mission Home in



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the afternoon yesterday. Good service.

Grace.—Fine congregations. Dr. Moore preached to a crowded house at the evening hour. Attendance at Sunday-school 381. Accessions 21.

Oak Cliff.—Good congregations. Dr. Morris preached a fine sermon in the evening. One accession.

City Mission Sunday-school nearly doubled at Forest Avenue. One confession last night at Hope Chapel (Settlement Home). Going to open a night school.

Bro. Grover Robinson, assistant pastor at Grace, reported his work starting off well.

Bro. Creed, of Ferris, reported a good day yesterday at that place.

Trinity.—One hundred at prayer meeting and 365 in Sunday-school. Good congregations. Eight accessions.

Bro. Sandel preached at the County farm yesterday. Good service.

Oak Lawn.—Good congregations and Sunday-school well attended.

The paper of the hour, "The Social Life of the Church," was read by Bro. W. D. Thompson. Fine paper.

Dr. Moore then addressed the conference on his work—Korea. It was a clear, forceful statement of conditions there, presented in the spirit of a true apostle. At its conclusion the conference voted to call a mass meeting of all the Methodists in the city, especially the official members, at First Church, Tuesday evening, at 7:30, where and when Dr. Moore agreed to present his work.

Conference then adjourned with benediction by Dr. Moore.

J. W. HILL, Secty.

CHURCH EXTENSION — NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet at the Publishing House in Dallas March 5 for the purpose of passing upon applications to the Parent Board for loans and donations. Blanks may be had from Rev. C. R. Wright, Waco.

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Notes From the Field

Britton Circuit.—Sta. A., Ft. Worth.

Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Our "beloved" came to us Sunday afternoon and preached at St. Paul's in the afternoon and at Britton in the evening to the enjoyment and edification of his audience. He gave us two great sermons. Monday the business meeting was held. Britton Circuit is a new charge and is starting off well. We arrived here immediately after conference and took charge of the work. On my arrival, and ever since I have been here, many tokens of kindness and royal welcome have come to me. Already cords of love are binding pastor and people together. I have a noble people, and, as Bro. Sensabaugh says, "A plucky one." I have been in the homes of almost every one of my members, besides a large number of others. I love to go among my people and be with them and help them. We have received since conference thirteen members and I dismissed thirty-one—a seeming decrease of eighteen, yet in reality we are some stronger than at first, nearly all of these having been dismissed by order of Church Conference. Have organized both Senior and Junior Leagues at Britton and we are greatly encouraged in the League work. A few of the young people and children are taking hold with an interest and we feel that the League here has a prosperous future. We have two Sunday-schools doing fine work. Our Britton school especially is a flourishing one. Bro. D. C. Davenport is our worthy superintendent. We found it necessary to reorganize at St. Paul immediately after conference. The continued moving away of our members had a bad influence on this school, but we are encouraged now, as the school is taking on new life. Bro. F. M. Massey is our new superintendent. We are expecting good things of him. We have no Methodist school at North Webb, but a Union one. When we came here in November, we found some of the best people we have ever known, but, speaking generally, the Church was in bad condition spiritually; but we thank God and take courage because we have already felt the warning influence of the Holy Spirit and we feel sure that we

are waking up to the great need of a spiritual awakening. My people want a revival, and when you can get people to wanting a revival, and praying and working for it, then the revival wave is not far away. We are praying that God will bless us with a great revival of religion this year and I believe He will, for we have already received a foretaste of His grace in our hearts. We expect to go to conference next fall with a full report on everything, both financially and spiritually. We have already paid our Orphanage assessment and more. Also have quite a little sum on our conference claimants' assessment. We have bought the New Hymnal for Britton. Already have it at St. Paul. Have a Church debt that we hope to eliminate and some more work about the pulpit in our Britton church that we expect to do soon, and quite a number of other things, but first of all and greater than all, we want a genuine Holy Ghost, old fashioned Methodist revival. This is needed more than anything, not only in the Church, but in the entire country round about. O, Christians, wake up, put on the armor and let us march under the direction of our Christ! When I look at the large number of unconverted people, going the downward road to death and hell, my heart burns within me. If we will only do our duty these loved ones and friends will come flocking home and be saved. Why not go to work to lead every sinner around you to Christ? One hundred conversions is a low figure, and yet some say that we can never reach that number. O, ye of little faith, abandon such a thought and take God by one hand and the poor, lost sinner by the other and pray mightily for at least one hundred conversions on Britton Circuit this year. The material is in reach. I earnestly request every one who reads this to pray that God may bless us this year and that this may be the greatest year of our lives. My longing prayer is a revival, a revival—this year.—J. Leonard Rea, Feb. 7.

Harbin.

At the last session of our conference Bishop Hoss assigned me to the Harbin and Green Creek charge, which was very unexpected to me, as I had only been on the Cresson charge one year, and we had learned to love those good people. We must confess we were loath to give them up, as they knew just how to make a preacher feel pleasant and at home and to show their appreciation of his services. I shall always feel kindly toward them and remember them in my devotions. Owing to bad weather and a sick wife, I did not get to Harbin until the first day of December. I left Cresson on November 30 at 4 o'clock, on an old freight train, with my household goods and my stock, and after being jammed and switched and jolted all night, I reached Harbin about daylight in the morning, and was met first by Bro. Elbert Marton, and then by others until they became too numerous to mention. I was conducted by Elbert to his father's home, Rev. U. Morton, a very strong and effective local elder, where I spent an hour with the family and where I received a hearty welcome and a good breakfast. I was then notified that four or five teams were ready to unload my car and put my goods in the parsonage, which had been bought since conference, at a cost of \$750, and since that time they have spent something over \$100 in furnishing and repairing the parsonage. Of course the pounding came in due time and in good shape. May God bless the pounders and give us more of them, and may the Lord help the pounded to feel the weight of the responsibility laid on him by these tokens of love. The Green's Creek Circuit was divided at the last conference and two works made of it. We can't say about the other half of the charge, but we do know that Harbin and Green's Creek is a fine little work—and better and more loyal people we have never had the good fortune to meet. We are looking for a good year, and praying for a great revival. This people know just how to make a preacher and his wife feel at home. There are but few days that some good things do not find their way to the parsonage—borne by loving hands, and with words of cheer and comfort. May God bless our people, and help us to meet the demands upon us that God's name may be glorified in all our efforts.—E. J. Maxwell, Feb. 6.

Meredith Circuit.

The first Quarterly Conference of this circuit for the current year was held at Wood's school house last Saturday and Sunday. The occasion was a success. Our new presiding elder, Rev. T. H. Morris, captured the whole thing on the first round. He is a splendid evangelical preacher, a good revivalist and a man of fine business sense—just such type of men as

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should be in the office of presiding elder. After preaching a good sermon Saturday, Bro. Morris called for penitents to come forward and seek Christ: two came at the call and one of them, a married lady, was converted. Sunday was a cold, cloudy day, but the congregation was fairly good, and the service glorious. We are having good services every Sunday on the circuit, and we are delighted with the outlook. Our prayer and desire are to make this the greatest year in the history of this circuit. There are many good people on this charge, and so far they have dealt kindly with us. We are thankful to have an humble place in God's vineyard to exercise our religious gifts and to labor for the salvation of the children of men.—M. I. Brown, Feb. 5.

Millican.

I closed out my third year at Cold Springs, where we had many good friends, and went up to Tyler on account of my year's stewardship. And the Church worker who can not enjoy such a convocation must be sick or have the "blues." With many other preachers who sat before the Bishop at the close of that session and heard my name called in connection with an appointment far to the south, I hardly knew whether I had a touch of the "blues" or just a little swimming in the head. But a Methodist preacher that is not loyal is not my ideal, and therefore, after hastily rejoining my wife at Emory and then visiting our son at Leonard and daughter at Dallas, we hastened on here, reaching our new work December 12. Of course we were kindly met at the depot and taken to the good home of Bro. Charley McGregor, where we met with kindness and consideration to our joy. Next day we took in the situation. Yes, we found a parsonage, but it is dilapidated and has not been used by former pastors for six or more years. But I learn that by giving a difference of \$125, we can exchange it for a pretty fair five-room house standing near the Church and with a deed to said house I am sure the ladies of the Home Mission Society will soon have it in shape. So we find another good family, Bro. Player, and spend a time with them till our household goods come. Soon there are workers in the field to raise the amount and we are soon

in the new house very hopeful of success. And let me now say at this writing, February 7, that most all of the money is in hand and we are in the new parsonage, with new window shades, new rockers and chairs, a new mattress and bed springs with things looking like a preacher's home and we are happy. Our first quarterly meeting was held here last Saturday and Bro. Shettles preached us three good sermons and we had a pleasant time. A reasonable assessment was made for pastor's salary, with nearly an hundred dollars paid in, counting what has been handed in since. And another good feature, I used Bro. Shettles (and it was not hard work) to take my collection for missions and you may tell Bro. J. T. Smith, J. B. Sears, the great missionary men, that our assessment for both foreign and domestic missions will be in hands of Treasurer before 1st of March—the larger half of it is already gone. And now you may see from the above that one can hardly say what caused my head to swim at Tyler, especially when I further say that the pounding has come and the three Sunday schools are here with the three appointments and two prayer meetings are here, and that the people are kind and treat us so nicely—all hands seem satisfied; therefore, with a good home among a good people, with a good living in sight, with a good place to work, in a good country, with a good God as Father, and a good world to gain, what more should one crave, only great grace to help him to equal the opportunity. And may God help.—Wm. M. Foster.

Nubia.

Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Nubia the second and third of February. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Morris, was on hand, full of life and faith. Saturday was cloudy and cold, but we had a respectable congregation. Bro. Morris preached a good sermon from the 26th Psalm. The good sisters had dinner enough on hand to feed two such congregations. At 2:30 in the afternoon we met in conference. We had a full board of officials—such men, too, as S. E. Friend, Costevens Davenport, E. R. Strickland, Old Grandpa Walker and the Tuckers, and others too numerous to mention—all friends to the cause of our Lord. All told we had a good Quar-

terly meeting. The financial report was much better than we expected. Nubia is a little country town off the railroad—two grocery houses, a drug store, bank and post office, gin and blacksmith shop. Last but not least, we have a nice Methodist Church to grace and honor the town and community. Our church is brand new and a beauty. It will cost when seated and papered all complete, about \$2300; and the best of all, the Nubia people with very little help outside, went down in their pockets and built it. I just feel like tipping my hat and bowing to a community with such a high estimate of themselves and their community. I humbly pray to the Great Giver of all good that every donor and their relatives and friends may get their lives and souls overflowing with salvation before this conference year closes. To this end I am working and praying.—T. H. Davis, Feb. 5.

Myra.

At the close of the Annual Conference at Bowie, Bishop Hoss read us out for Myra. We hated to leave our many friends on the Woodbine charge, but we are delighted with our new appointment. Have been kindly received, and are comfortably quartered for another year. Myra Circuit consists of three appointments, Myra, Hood and Vanslack; and these appointments are in one of the best black land belts that Texas affords. The people who are leaving some of the counties in the flooded districts ought not pass this section of North Texas to locate in the West, for it will be much less expense to move from here back home than further out. But I am no land agent. We have one of the best W. H. M. Societies that I ever saw. They have, with the assistance of the other two appointments, made some needed repairs on the parsonage. They have bought new matting and paper for three rooms and window shades for

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CHRIST IN THE GARDEN.

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In deep meditation where'er my path lay.

I passed near a garden there fell on my ear,
A voice of deep anguish from one that was there;
The tones of his agony melted my heart,
While earnestly pleading the poor sinner's part.

In offering to heaven his strong matchless prayer,
He spoke of the torments the sinner must bear;
His life as a ransom he offered to give,
That sinners redeemed in glory might live.

So deep was his sorrow, so fervent his prayer,
That down in his bosom rolled sweat, blood and tears;
I wept to behold him and asked his name,
He answered 'tis Jesus from heaven I came.

I am the Redeemer, for thee I must die,
The cup is most painful but cannot pass by;
Thy sins, like a mountain, are laid upon me,
And all this deep anguish I suffer for thee.

I heard with attention the tale of his woe,
While tears like a fountain of waters did flow;
The cause of his sorrow to hear him repeat,
Affected my heart and I fell at his feet.

I trembled with horror and loudly did cry,
Lord save or I perish, O save or I die;
He smiled when he saw me, and said to me live,
Thy sins, which are many, I freely forgive.

How sweet was that language, it made me rejoice,
His smiles, O how pleasant, how cheering his voice;
I ran from the garden to spread it abroad,
I shouted Salvation, Oh! glory to God.

I am now on my journey to mansions above,
My soul's full of glory, of peace, light and love;
I think of the garden, the prayers and the tears,
And that loving stranger who banished my fears.

The day of bright glory is rolling around,
When Gabriel descending the trumpet shall sound;
My soul then in raptures of glory will rise,
To gaze on that stranger with unclouded eyes.

WILLIAM PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Terrell, Texas.

ROY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

"Dear me!" said a disconsolate voice, "it's my birthday, and mamma is sick so I can't have a party, and I've a cold, so I can't even go out of doors. Oh, dear me!"

Papa looked up from his paper and saw a little boy curled up on the couch, swallowing the last crumbs of his birthday cake and washing them down with a few salt tears. "Well, well," he said, "you rather ought to have a party on your birthday. Let's see what we can do about it."

"We can't do anything," said Roy, "cause we haven't any refreshments."

"Oh!" laughed papa, "so that's the trouble. I am going down town now, and when I come back I will bring some refreshments. Get your party smile on. We will see to it that you have some visitors today."

In a little while he was home again. Tossing Roy a queer shaped package, he said: "Here are your refreshments; now we will get ready for the party."

What a strange bundle it was! What

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could it be? Roy felt of it and pinched it. It wasn't candy, it wasn't cakes, it wasn't fruit. Eagerly he untied the string—it was nothing but a meat bone!

"Why!" exclaimed Roy, the brightness fading out of his face, I should think that was funny refreshments."

"Just wait and see what your guests will think about it," said papa, hunting up hammer and nails.

Roy watched him wonderingly as he waded through the snow to the nearest tree and nailed up the bone.

"Now sit down by your window," he said, "ready to receive your visitors."

Roy was still for a long time. He was beginning to think the party was all a joke when he saw something moving on the branch above the bone.

Sure enough, there was his first guest, a saucy, friendly little fellow with a gray coat, a black cap on his head and a black bib under his chin.

He hopped about nervously, his bright eyes peering down at the strange thing on the tree. At last his curiosity got the better of him: a few more flirts and

utters, and he dropped lightly to the bone. The marrow inside and the bits of meat were evidently to his taste.

He flitted about, pulling and tugging with all his might. Another bird of the same kind flew up, eyeing the first comer enviously. What could they be?

Roy was wondering impatiently when he bird on the bone spoke for himself, calling out, "Chick-a-dee." "Oh, I know now!" cried Roy, "how kind you are to tell me!" "Chick-a-dee-dee-dee," twittered the second little guest anxiously. "Please hurry up, brother. It's my turn now."

After they had both had their luncheon they started a game of tag. Round and round the tree they flew, chasing each other and turning somersaults in the air. Roy clapped his hands and called his father to see his merry guests.

While they were watching there was a whirl of wings. The Chickadees flew scolding to the top of the tree and a newcomer landed on the bone in a businesslike way. "See, papa," cried Roy, "here is another black and white bird, but he is larger than the Chickadees and he has a red spot on the top of his head."

This time the visitor was too busy to give his name, so papa announced him as the Downy Woodpecker. How he hammered at the bone! Roy wondered whether it didn't make his head ache. He laughed aloud when the digitated fellow suddenly stood on end, jabbing his bill deep down into the hollow the Chickadees had made, and pulling out big pieces of the soft marrow. Then Roy spied the Woodpecker's queer tail. Sure enough, he seemed to make a prop out of the stiff feathers to brace himself against the trunk. His bill looked like a chisel; papa said he could drill a hole straight into the wood after a grub, and that in the spring he uses it to hollow out a house for his family in some old tree. The Downy has a larger cousin, the Hairy Woodpecker. He is rather shy, but later in the year he mustered up his courage and came with the rest to partake of Roy's hospitality. How proud Roy was when the big, handsome fellow first visited him—but that came afterwards. The Downy stayed some time, then he went on up the tree, hitching along with odd little jerks, exploring every crevice and jabbing his bill into every crack.

While they were watching the Woodpecker a third visitor came to the bone. Roy thought it was another Chickadee, but he saw that it was larger and its tail not so long—a white-breasted Nuthatch, papa called him. He had a gray back and light breast, striped wings and a black hood over his head. His bill was long and slender, just right for jabbing under the bark after insects' eggs. "You see," said papa, "these three birds, the Chickadee, the Woodpecker and the Nuthatch, are dressed in a black and white uniform. They are a kind of self-appointed tree commission. Summer and winter they busily explore the bark, destroying millions of insect enemies."

While Roy was watching the Nuthatch he spied a brown spot that looked for all the world as though a bit of bark had come to life and was traveling up the tree. What a queer little mottled fellow he was, flattened out against the trunk! How steadily he worked winding to the top of one tree and then flying to the foot of the next. This was a Brown Creeper. Not a minute did he have to waste on the bone as he climbed by straight up to the top branch.

After a little, mamma came with a dish of the canary's hemp seed in her hand and announced that she would furnish the second course. All day Roy had seen a flock of birds in the garden plucking at the dry stalks. When the hemp was thrown out one of them came down to investigate and in a few minutes the whole flock was hopping about the yard, venturing even to the door-sill. These visitors were dark gray above and white underneath.

Roy said they looked as though they had sat down in a pail of whitewash, but mamma suggested that they had dressed for the party in tiny black waistcoats and low-cut vests. These fluffy little fellows were Juncos, and when they flew they showed two white feathers in their tails. Every fall, after this, when the snow begins to fly, Roy will be on the watch for them as they whirl back from the North across the dry meadows.

With the Juncos came a modestly dressed brown bird. It was a Tree Sparrow, with a dark spot on his soft gray breast. He was much better behaved than his English cousin, and he seemed to be very friendly with the Juncos.

All at once there was a screaming in the trees above and a sudden scattering of the small birds. Roy held his breath while down swooped a large, handsome bird with a blue coat, marked with black and white. "Oh, see!" cried Roy, "he has a big topknot on his head, tied round his neck by a black frill." What a beauty he was! Papa called him a Blue Jay. He stalked about the yard as though he thought everything was arranged for his special convenience. He has the reputation of having a quarrelsome disposition, but we must make some allowance for him, since he is brave enough to stay with us and wear his bright blue coat all the year round. After he went away the Juncos came back and finished their lunch.

Roy watched the birds come and go all the afternoon till they flew away to the shelter of the woods and thickets for the night. When they were all gone he said: "Papa, that was the very best party I ever had, and I am going to invite the birds to lunch every day this winter."—Zion's Herald.

BILLY'S BREAKFAST.

There was an unusual stir in the big house of the Horns. The excitement seemed to center in the kitchen, where the maids, with anxious faces, were gathered.

Mr. Symonds, the gardener, who was raking the dead leaves off the lawn, heard the voices, and came in to ask what was wrong.

"It's Billy," said Mrs. Henry, the cook. "He won't eat his breakfast."

"No, Billy won't eat his breakfast, Mr. Symonds," wailed Mary, the chambermaid.

"Billy won't eat his breakfast," echoes little Hester Henry.

Mr. Symonds seemed to think this was very serious. He looked long and hard at Billy. Then he took off his hat and scratched his head, after which he remarked, solemnly, "Billy must be sick."

"Billy, Billy, do eat your breakfast," coaxed Mary again. "You really ought to be ashamed of yourself, Billy, unless you are sick, as Mr. Symonds says. I have fixed for you a beautiful breakfast with my own hands—nice bread and milk—and the milk was not skimmed either. And to think you won't touch it."

"Oh, Billy, please, please, do eat!" urged little Hester Henry.

Billy's little stubby tail wagged very faintly in answer to Hester, and his round brown eyes looked up into Hester's blue ones as if he really would like to remind her of something, but yet was half ashamed to mention it.

Mrs. Horn, who usually fed Billy herself, was still in bed. She was not ill; but she had been at a party the night before, and it had been almost morning when she got home.

Billy seemed to realize that his mistress was not to be expected to appear, and looked shyly at the basin of nice bread and milk that Mary had set before him; but something was certainly wrong, and finally he slowly turned away, licking his lips.

"Perhaps he wants a little meat," said Mrs. Henry. The servants' breakfast-table had not been cleared, and Mrs. Henry went to the platter and took up the carving-knife and cut up some nice little pieces of steak that had been left, and presented the tidbits to Billy on a warm china plate. As a general thing Billy was very fond of cooked steak, but this morning the daintily prepared meat did not seem to tempt his appetite any more than the creamy bread and milk.

"What do you think of it, Mr. Symonds?" asked Mrs. Henry. "What do you think of it?"

"Looks bad, very bad indeed," said the gardener, slowly.

"I wonder if Mrs. Horn would want us to send for a doctor?" suggested Mrs. Henry. "I don't like to waken her, but perhaps I ought to. I wish I knew what to do about it."

"Do you hear that, William? The doctor is to be sent for!" said Mary, trying to see what a threat would do.


"Then, if you don't eat your breakfast, you will have to take horrid pills, Master William! Listen, now, and consider what I have said!"

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had hired Mrs. Henry to do her cooking, it had been agreed between them that little Hester Henry should stay with her mother. Hester was not troublesome in the house, and everybody liked her. There were no children for her to play with. She played with Billy. Mrs. Horn sometimes let her help to feed Billy, and she could hold Billy while Mrs. Horn tied the ribbon bow that Billy wore on his silver collar. Hester was really a valuable and privileged and petted member of the kitchen household.

Knowing considerable about Billy therefore, and his ways, little Hester Henry now had an idea of her own. For a while she was afraid to speak out before so many grown people. Her mother had cautioned her not to talk a great deal, and never, never, to be "bold" or saucy. But, having heard Mary speak about going for a doctor, and fearing that Billy might be obliged to swallow "horrid pills," Hester finally took courage and piped out:

"I know why Billy won't eat his breakfast."

"Why, Hester Henry, what is it? Good gracious!" exclaimed Hester's mother, looking at her little daughter very much astonished.

"Ain't his food fixed right, Hester?" asked Mary. "I'm sure I did it just as Mrs. Horn told me. And your own mother has cut up his steak!"

"O, yes, Billy's food is all right," said Hester. "It isn't his food, at all. It's that Billy don't like to be talked to in good grammar!"

"In good grammar, did you say? Mercy sakes!" screamed Mary, bursting into a merry laugh at the ridiculous idea.

And Mr. Symonds was obliged to laugh outright, too.

Little Hester Henry did not see very much to laugh at. She couldn't feel quite sure whether the big folks were laughing at her or at Billy. She thought she would make her meaning a little plainer. "It is that Billy don't like people to talk too proper to him," she went on. "Mis' Horn, she don't talk proper to him like he was grown up. This is the way Mis' Horn talks to him:

"Nice little wootsie Billy, eat him breakfast! Tum, Billy, doggie. Him doodest doggie as ever was!"

Such a soothing, coaxing, ingratiating speech as it was, in tones like Mrs. Horn's own.

In an instant Billy's eyes grew bright, and his tail wagged so hard that his hind legs moved with the tail.

"See!" said Hester, her little face alight with excitement and happiness, as she rose to her feet. "Billy understands! That's what he wanted! Don't you see?"

And the naughty Billy wrinkled up his nose, which was his way of smiling, and came forward and proceeded to eat his breakfast like a good and contented dog.—Jane Ellen Joy, in Little Folks.

A CHRISTIAN PRINCE.

In the early autumn the Rev. J. Gregory Mantle, a leading Wesleyan minister, visited Sweden at the invitation of Prince Bernadotte, the king's second son, to attend a Christian conference, somewhat like our gatherings at Northfield and Silver Bay. After the conference, over which the prince presided, Mr. Mantle was the guest of the Bernadottes at their castle over Sunday. In the Methodist Recorder; he alludes to the visit as follows:

"Those days were to me days of heaven upon earth. Shall I be for-

given if I for a moment lift the curtain of that beautiful family life. We are met for family prayer. A hymn is sung in Swedish to a familiar tune. One morning, after a sudden attack of illness, when it seemed as if the enemy was going to prevent the fulfillment of my program, we sang:

"Enemies may strive to hinder,
Satan all his arts employ,
God will turn what seems to harm
me,
Into everlasting joy."

"A portion of Scripture was read in Swedish by the prince, and a brief exposition of any difficult passage given. Then he prayed, followed by the princess and their eldest girl, the Countess Marie. I closed with a few supplications in English. It was the most simple and touching family worship in which I ever took part, and it will surprise no one to be told that not only do the prince and princess enjoy and proclaim the blessing of full salvation but that their five children, and every servant of the household, are true disciples of Christ.

"I have lifted this curtain with a great longing in my heart that there may come into the homes of our wealthy and cultured people at home a revival of family religion, and may I be also forgiven for saying that we cannot afford to neglect either in our preaching or experience the doctrine which is the peculiar heritage of the Methodist Church, and which has come to our friends in Sweden as good tidings of great joy."

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A wooden-headed doll should be careful not to hit her head against her mother, lest she hurt her.

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all the windows, also three rockers and wash-stand. We have one of the best parsonages in the district. Yes, we have been pounded and while it was a very bad night, it was by no means a failure. Brother Jim Townsley headed the list with quite a lot of good things to eat and four fine hens. We will not take space to record all the things brought. We appreciate these acts of kindness and are determined by the help of Him whose we are, to do the best year's work that it is possible for us to do. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and zone. Bro. Stafford preached two splendid sermons. The stewards made a good showing, also made a liberal assessment for the preacher for another year. Brother Bayless served this work for the past two years, and did good faithful work, and as a result has many warm friends. We are hoping and praying for a great year.—H. B. Johnson, Feb. 4.

Bonham
I have been in the home of Hon. P. C. Thurman the last two days and nights and, of course, I have had a good time. I preached in Rev. T. H. Morris' Church yesterday and represented our Training School Dormitory, and his good people did a nice thing for us. We secured a little more than five hundred dollars. Brother Morris is quite popular with all the people.—W. H. Brown, Feb. 4.

Abbott.
Yesterday was a cold day, but this scribe felt bound in the spirit to go to Willow, seven miles, and to Culp, twelve miles from Abbott, and preach at 3:30 p. m. A fine crowd greeted him at Culp. On account of stove we had no service at Willow at 11 a. m. The writer had longed to drink of the mineral water of Culp, Hill County, Texas. This water shows the following analysis by State Geologist E. T. Dumble: Sodium Chlorid, 23.75 grains per gal.; sodium sulphate, 11.73 grains per gal.; ferrous sulphate, 75.24 grains per gal.; ferric sulphate, 31.10 grains per gal.; aluminum sulphate, 143.89 grains per gal.; magnesium sulphate, 200.00 grains per gal.; calcium sulphate, 213.29 grains per gal.; calcium carbonate, 17.50 grains per gal.; silica, 7.10 grains per gal.; carbonic acid gas, 120.96 cu. in. per gal. Some of the most remarkable cures of chronic indigestion, rheumatism, kidney troubles, etc., etc., have been effected by this water. Bro. T. B. Smith, the present owner, is the only charter member of the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now living. Rev. J. D. Nelms, a local preacher organized this Church in 1856 and turned it over to Rev. — White (no initials), who was then pastor in charge of Peoria Circuit. Bro. Smith is now nearly eighty years old and a survival of the old type of Methodists. Culp would be a splendid place to build a superannate home. I write about these waters for the benefit of many who suffer and would be glad to know how to be cured. Some Methodist who has money ought to develop these wonderful wells. A fortune is in the hands of some one. Abbott Circuit, which I serve, is one of the best in the conference. The people are kind-hearted and attentive to the preached word and do not complain at the preacher without cause. They raised the pastor's salary \$50, making it \$900, and presiding elder's \$135, making \$1,035 total. Their plan is to pay up in full. Our Quarterly Conference was a success. Bro. Nelms is a born ruler. He seems to be specially endowed for the office of presiding elder. More Bishop timber yet grows in Texas. He does not "drive," but "leads" with a gentle hand. The people are willing to follow such a leader. May God give us more such men.—W. H. Crawford, Feb. 4.

Maysfield.
Never can we forget our first Quarterly Conference, which convened here at Maysfield February 2 and 3. Brother Lamar, our new presiding el-

der, captured everybody with his great and good sermons. Never have we seen any elder preside over a conference with as much satisfaction to all as Brother Lamar. To miss a Quarterly Conference this year means a great loss to anyone. Every appointment was represented, and a good report was made. The stewards raised the salary over last year, notwithstanding one good appointment had been taken off the work. We have a fine Board of Stewards. The climax was reached in the Sunday service. A fine company of children were present at Sunday-school. Brother Lamar saw it was a time to talk to them, so he proceeded with fine results; every child, I believe, gave their hand for prayer. Our hearts rejoiced. Then Brother Lamar preached a great sermon from the text: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." The people listened attentively to catch his words. At the close he opened the doors of the Church and, praise the Lord, our two children, nine and seven years old, came up and gave their hands for Church membership. I will receive them into the Church next first Sunday. Good things to eat are still being sent to us. Sister Allen, from Port Sullivan, sent a nice supply of sausage and spare-ribs. Sister Fountain, from Sneeds Chapel, did likewise. And everybody around Maysfield, who has killed a hog, has remembered us at that time. We are planning for a circuit missionary rally the fifth Sunday in March. Brother J. T. Smith at Cameron has promised to be with us. I believe we will have our missionary collections in full by that time. We are hopeful and happy.—G. C. Cravy.

Elkhart.
While we were forgotten by the good Bishop at the Annual Conference in November and left without an appointment, yet through the goodness of God and the brethren, "All things have worked together for good," and we find ourself in the midst of "the fields that are white unto the harvest." Elkhart was unfortunate enough to be left unprotected by the Bishop and we were fortunate enough to find a place to work among that good people. We have labored with them now a little more than a month, and to us our work has been pleasant, and we trust profitable. We find in this work a number of loyal and true saints of God—men and women who have the interest of the Church on their hearts; and with their prayers, sympathy and hearty co-operation, we mean, under the guidance of the Spirit, to do the best year's work of our life. Since this is only our second year in the conference we feel we need all the encouragement, sympathy and help we can command. We have hitherto been under the dominion of the pesky boll-weevil, which has reduced our financial strength somewhat, but by the guiding hand of Providence we are determined to surmount all the obstacles that confront us and this year make the best report at conference that has been made on this work for some years—the Lord helping us. Our first Quarterly Conference is yet in the future. We will meet for that occasion in Elkhart on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3. Immediately after this we will go to Texarkana for the purpose of having a cataract removed from my left eye. A similar operation was performed on the right eye three years ago with wonderful success. Brethren, I crave your earnest prayers in my behalf that I may go "and come seeing," and thus be enabled to "glorify God in my body and in my spirit which are his."—W. W. Adams, Feb. 6.

Ladonia Station.
My reception here has been as cordial as heart could wish. A characteristic pounding and many other tokens have indicated a genuine Methodist hospitality. The congregations are large and responsive. The Board of Stewards is composed of good, true men. Brother G. A. Marvin is a faithful local preacher, who helps his preacher in many ways. If any pastor needs his assistance in revival meetings, I can strongly recommend him. He is a fine preacher, loyal to the Church, successful revivalist, and is honored and loved at home. Bro. H. F. Bailey is also a local preacher in my charge. He is a promising young man. Despite the fact that our little town has been in the midst of a moral cleaning up—led by the Law and Order League—and there has been much agitation, this charge made a good report to first Quarterly Conference. Our new presiding elder, Brother Hamilton, came in advance of the conference, and looked carefully into the work of the Church. He has the work of God and the Church upon his heart. He has the spirit of our Lord, and puts his ministry above a mere professionalism. He wants to do all he can, rather than do only the necessary things. My people fell in love with him and greatly enjoyed his preaching. I found Brother Pugley loved by these people. They greatly

regretted to give him up. I am enjoying a rich inheritance of his good works, but there is much to do still, and by the help of our Father, I put my hand gladly to the work and expect to report "A good year, Bishop." Some of the small claims of conference have been paid, and others will be paid soon. We are to have a revival, led by Brother Barton, March 10-24. This will greatly strengthen our work.—John E. Roach, Feb. 5.

Azie.
After two years on Blum charge with as good people as a man ever served, we reached our new work, found everything in good shape—truly a great people waiting our coming. Our first Quarterly Conference is passed, and a fine report from each appointment. We have a very active Home Mission Society that are undertaking great things for the parsonage. A pounding—yes, indeed, tokens of appreciation began to find their way to the parsonage on our arrival, but the climax was reached on New Year's night, when a mighty army, armed with everything good to eat, marched into the dining room and disarmed. After spending some two hours very pleasantly, they took their leave. We are planning for a great revival on the entire charge. Our people love God and his Church, and are working and praying for its prosperity. The Advocate is finding its way into new homes; to secure new subscribers, we have only to speak of its merits. We have a wide awake Board of Stewards. They raised the preacher's salary and are bringing things to pass. Truly the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places.—Albert L. Bowman, Feb. 2.

Runge.
We have just closed one of the greatest meetings this place has known. Brother Birdwell was with us for ten days. There were thirty who gave their names for membership in the Methodist Church; besides these there were at least twelve reclamationers. The men's meeting Sunday morning was a wonderful service. Strong men in the community, who had been in the habit of taking a dram occasionally "swore off" and took a bold stand for Christ. We took a standing vote for local option, and had three-fourths majority. We have had saloons here for many years, but an election soon to come will put them out of business. Birdwell is a great man. He won all classes here. The whole country came to hear him. We gave a thank offering to him amounting to \$210. Brother Birdwell took a collection for finishing the painting on the outside of our church of \$150. This will complete the church, making the improvements cost \$1400 in all. Our League recently put acetylene lights in the parsonage. God has been good to us. We have the best people in Texas to serve. Praise the Lord.—W. A. Govett, Feb. 4.

Moore.
The first Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at Moore the fourth Saturday and Sunday in January. Bro. Weeks preached three edifying sermons while here and delivered an interesting address to the Epworth League on Sunday afternoon. We have a faithful band of Leaguers at this place, always ready and willing to take an active part in the devotional meetings. These meetings are spiritual and uplifting. We use the Hymn Book and Young Peoples' Hymnal and have good singing. Our Sunday-school and prayer meetings are well attended. The ladies had prepared for our arrival by putting in some new furniture and adding many conveniences to the already comfortable parsonage. Our pounding, while not severe, has been of the protracted kind, beginning the day after thanksgiving and continuing up to the present time. The stewards made a liberal assessment for the support of the pastor and family. We are praying for gracious revivals all over the charge.—Mrs. C. W. Godwin, February 5.

Line Street Church, Hillsboro.
On coming to Line Street I found a Church membership of one hundred and fifty, and a Sunday-school enrollment of one hundred and twenty-five. After preaching one sermon on "The Why and How of Bible Study," and another on "The Duty of the Church to the Sunday-school," we organized a teachers' training class and established the Home Department and Cradle Roll. Not only the teachers, but several others have joined the training class which is growing every week both in number and in interest. The Home Department has eighty-five members already, while forty-two babies are registered on the Cradle Roll. But what is still better, forty-five new students have joined the main school, bringing the total enrollment up to over three hundred, which is almost double the Church membership. And this is only our beginning. We can not have a very large school; but we intend to make the Line Street Sunday-school the strong right arm

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of our Church, Prof. B. H. Glenn, Principal of the Harris public school here, is our enthusiastic and efficient superintendent. His experience in public school work enables him to inspire his teachers with something of his own zeal and enthusiasm. Our congregations are growing in number and interest. We have had two conversions and fourteen accessions. Both the Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues are healthy and growing. The ladies of the Home Mission Society have partly furnished the rented parsonage, and have now gone forth to conquer new fields. Our prospect for a good year is very encouraging, though there are difficulties and obstacles, not a few and very real.—O. B. Staples, Feb. 4.

Oakville.
Praise the Lord for another victory! This time at "Old Lebanon." Conditions here in this Church were bad. Brother A. P. Lowrey and wife were God's chosen and God-directed agents to meet and overcome them. Visible results: About thirty conversions, nineteen additions to our Church. But the revival in the Church was worth more to the progress of God's cause than anything in the line of conversions and additions. The community gave Brother Lowrey \$107 as a token of appreciation, which was cheerfully and liberally given, and a donation of \$33 to the pastor and the organization of three cottage prayer circles each week, and new life in the Epworth League and Sunday-school, and the erection of over twenty-five family altars of daily prayer. Brother Lowrey's searching sermons and earnest work, and Sister Lowrey's gentle but persistent work, and the Spirit of God moving the Christians to work, influenced the community as perhaps no other meeting of nine days ever did; and, too, the meeting began with a cold snap and ended with one. Praise God for such a victory! We begin at Normanna next Sunday. Pray for us. Yes Brother Lowrey made a talk for the Texas Advocate, and I send three new subscribers as the result.—H. B. Henry.

Williamsburg.
In our field of labor we find eight appointments, three church buildings, two Sunday-schools, and one hundred and eighty members. At Boxville and Morales the people have been without a pastor for over four years, which has resulted in discouragement of the membership and almost a total disorganization of the Church. During these years some have died and many, on account of failure in farming by the boll weevils, have moved away. We feel a deep compassion for the scattered people, and we are pungently concerned for their betterment during this year's ministry and pastoral work. At all these preaching places the folks are anxious to hear the gospel, and our congregations are encouragingly large and very attractive to the word preached. The people have, without exception, given us a cheerful welcome to their homes, and seemingly in a race to excel in kindness to their pastor. There are many noble Christian men and women, some royal and queenly children of God; sinners clever, and scores of unsaved people, young and old. I have a noble work and plenty of it. Enough to stir and inspire the soul and heart of an experienced preacher, and urge him to love and serve his congregations like his Mas-

ter. It has been my happy lot to be a supply in the West Texas Conference. Not one of these appointments has been an easy work or remunerative in pay, but I have been amply compensated by the wealth of our Savior's presence and the love and confidence of his people. "Our record is on high," and we are happy in our extensive work. All our church buildings need repairs, which improvement, we trust to make at an early day. Our presiding elder, Brother Rowland, has held our first Quarterly Conference at Mossy Grove Church. The congregations were large, and Brother Rowland spiritually impressed them of his value as a minister of Jesus Christ and a fearless, faithful officer in his Church. Our financial reports were light. As yet no assessments for the presiding elder and pastor. We have confidence in those whom we serve, that they will do the best possible for our support. There is a fifty dollar missionary appropriation to this charge. Our object during the year is to so develop the large mission as to make it self-supporting for two young preachers in 1908. The Texas Advocate must help us in this undertaking. We shall work to place many paying subscribers on your books.—H. M. Glass, Feb. 6.

Joshua.
The first Quarterly Conference for Joshua charge was one of much interest and showed the charge to be progressing nicely. The stewards raised the assessment \$100 above what it was last year, notwithstanding two Churches were taken off this charge. The Sunday-schools are all improving and we have organized a new one at
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Rev. O. B. Staples, the progressive young pastor of Line Street Church, Hillsboro, was in to see us the past week. He reports his charge in good condition. He lives in a section of the State and among a class of people that would make it little short of calamitous to bring up other than a good report. He will do it, the Advocate predicts.

Read Rev. W. T. Renfro's article in another column and see what is going on in the way of enterprise at San Angelo and throughout that section. It is very wise, indeed, for our Church to take hold of educational work out that way as it is doing. Methodism has a future in that sort of country. Those people are wide awake and there are great developments just ahead of them.

Mr. Robert Jones, son of the late Rev. Sam P. Jones, died recently at the family home in Cartersville. He leaves a wife and one child. We noticed a while back in one of our exchanges that it was the purpose of this young man to take up the work of his father, in so far as it was possible, and continue to carry it forward; but whatever may have been his intentions, God has ordered otherwise. Afflictions rarely ever come singly and alone. So it proves in the case of this sorrowing family.

A TRIP TO CENTER POINT.

Center Point is sixty miles beyond San Antonio, located eight miles from Kerrville, which is the terminal of the S. A. P. Railroad in that direction. I had been under promise to Rev. Z. V. Liles and his young people for some time to make them a visit and spend an evening with them. So last week I proceeded to fulfill that promise. I reached San Antonio at nearly one o'clock in the morning, spent the remainder of the hours till eight and took the train for my destination. Of course, I did not get to speak to any of the saints in the Alamo City, much less to tarry with them—either going or coming. I had been over this road to Corpus Christi, but never on the other end of the line. So I observed the country when I was not reading Professor Ramsey's fine book on "Pauline and Other Studies." That whole country, like the rest of West Texas, is undergoing great changes. For the most of the way it is a beautiful level country, with now and then a broken section; and when not in cultivation it is covered with mesquite growths. But large bodies of it are in cotton and wheat. I was surprised to find wheat doing well away out there, but it is a fact. In many places it has the advantage of cotton in that it does not require too much labor to cultivate and gather it. Labor is scarce out there. There are no negroes and not a great many Mexicans. But cotton is coming into use as a crop and quite a good deal of it is produced. It does well. Boerne and Comfort are the principal towns passed on the journey. Just before reaching Center Point there is the appearance of hills, amounting almost to small mountains. Far away in the distance these gradually rise in altitude until they look like a blue line skirting the horizon. Center Point is a mile from the railroad and its station is called Ganahl. Between the station and the town is the Guadalupe River, one of the most beautiful streams in West Texas. It is clear—even as clear as a Western North Carolina stream—and it flows rapidly with a good volume of unfailling water. It is of good size and fishing is fine, so they told me. Bro. Liles was at the depot awaiting me, and I was soon installed in one of the neatest parsonages in the conference; and it is kept like a new pin by a good woman who is mistress of the art of housekeeping. This is Bro. Liles' first year and one of the oldest members of the Church told me that he was one of the best all-round preachers and pastors they had ever had. The condition of the Church membership indicates as much. The town has only about eight hundred population, but what they lack in numbers they make up in quality. They have good homes, good streets, good business houses and school and church buildings. Everything indicates an air of thrift. It is a moral community. The county is partially under local option, and they have never had saloons in Center Point. We have never met a better and a more hospitable people. The people are prosperous. They have one bank, in an elegant stone building, and its last report shows a total business for the year just closed of \$1,111,711. With the larger towns of Comfort and Kerrville just below and above it—eight miles—this is a fine showing. The bank is presided over by that prince of laymen, Alonzo Rees. He is known to all the West Texas preachers, as he has been in attendance at their conference sessions for a great many years. He is now three-score-and-ten, but strong and vigorous, and his interest in the Church increases with his years. I met many other good laymen, but have not the space or the time to mention them. At night the church was filled with an intelligent audience and I enjoyed ministering to them.

All that country is famous for its climate, and it is a great resort for people afflicted with pulmonary troubles. Many of them have gone there and become permanent residents. This is the only way to get permanent benefit. Others wait too long and go there only to die. It is too bad that their home physicians keep them too long, and as a last resort send them to that

altitude when it is too late to benefit them. If taken in its beginning, consumption can be obstructed in its progress in that climate through the outdoor treatment. Medicine does it but little good. Plenty of nutritious food and the open air are the only remedies for this dread disease. Vitiating air is a food for these germs, but pure air is their death. Hence many people go out there, get farms and remain. Such people, if not too far advanced, improve and live to good old age. But it makes one feel sad to look at many of those afflicted people, pale, emaciated, and coughing themselves to death.

The next morning Bro. Liles and myself drove up the river to Kerrville, which is the site of the county. The road runs along the river and it was refreshing to look upon its limpid waters and the fresh vegetable growth along its banks. Kerrville is the largest town on that end of the railroad. It is principally owned by one man. He has large stores, large warehouse and a prosperous bank. It has an elegant stone court house and several very handsome residences. One of them is a mansion said to cost more money than most any other residence in the State—at least, in all that part of the State. I noticed one elegant stone cottage just nearing completion, which is one of the handsomest pieces of architecture I have observed in a long time. Stone is the building material as the hills are full of it. Kerrville is the most noted resort for consumptives in all that section—especially in the summer and fall seasons. The presence of large and well-equipped livery stables indicate that the visitors are numerous. We drove by the parsonage and spoke to Bro. King, our pastor. He was in the midst of packing, preparatory to moving to Llano. He goes down there by the appointment of the presiding elder, Rev. Theophilus Lee, to take the place of Bro. Smith, who, in turn, goes to Hereford to take the place of Bro. Barcus, who has gone to Mexico. A young Bro. Barton will take charge of Kerrville. We have a very good Church at Kerrville, but not so strong as the one at Center Point. On our return with Bro. Liles we came down on the opposite side of the river. In fact, we crossed the stream many times. We saw two objects of interest. One of them is known as Split Rock. It is near the highway and on the stock farm of Bro. W. D. Burney. In size this rock is perhaps twelve by fourteen and ten feet high. It is nearly square and looks immense. Right out of the middle of it is a large live oak tree growing, and it has split the huge rock into four almost even sections. The four cracks have increased in size with the growth of the tree. It is a natural curiosity. How did the rock get there? There are other boulders lying round, but none of them so large as this one. How did that tree find its way through the center of that ten feet of rock? We do not know, and can not answer either one of the questions. It may be that back in the formative period of that country, this rock was thrown over there from the adjoining hills by some force of nature; and it may be that a crevice was made in the center, and that through the long years gone that tree was in an acorn underneath it. When it germinated, it found its way as a tiny sprout through this supposed crevice until it reached the top, and then as it grew it split the rock into these four sections. At any rate, if we had its accurate history it would be very interesting. The other object that excited our curiosity is a huge boulder lying just across the river in a slight bend of the stream as large as an average dwelling house. Two years ago it was hanging high up from a sort of a precipice, perhaps several hundred feet from where it now is. Bro. Burney's dwelling is on the opposite side of the stream from the rock, half a mile back on a beautiful eminence. Some two years ago, one night he and his family were sitting on their gallery watching a rain storm, when a tremendous crash followed a flash of lightning, and in a moment the great rock was gathered in the arms of the flame and hurled from its place of

long abode to where it now rests. The shock of the fall was almost equal to an earthquake, and the jar of it was felt for miles.

While in Center Point I met that true and tried old veteran, Rev. H. T. Hill. He came with his father to Grayson County early in the fifties, grew up in the Indian times, and he has been a long time in the West Texas Conference. He is now superannuated, but his health is good and his interest in the Church as great as ever. He has been a student all his life, and he is still a reader of good books and good literature. For years Center Point was his home, but he will make his home now in Tom Green County. He has a married daughter living at Center Point. I heard good reports from Bro. Lee and his work on that large San Saba District. He travels it by private conveyance, meets all his appointments, though he has about ten large counties in his territory. He has great faith in the large outcome of that part of the State, and he is giving it the best service of which he is capable. Bro. Liles is doing finely. He is a good preacher, an active pastor and full of enterprise. His young people are a heroic band. They are keeping up a lecture course, and my business over there was to fill a number on their program. G. C. R.

A STOP OVER IN AUSTIN.

On my way to Center Point last week, I stopped in Austin and spent a day looking in upon the two branches of our Legislature. The Senate was in session in the forenoon. It is rather a tame body because of the smallness of it. It only numbers thirty-two members. It is a great improvement over its former membership. A lot of the old-time politicians, who heretofore composed a part of the body are not there now. The people left several of them at home last fall, greatly to the improvement of that body. There are a few of this sort still left, but the other kind are in a majority. We have in it a number of very able men. Looney, Emory, Smith, Mayfield, Alexander, Chambers, Harper, Barrett, and others, are strong men and a credit to the State. There is one Jew, and he is an ardent local optionist and an able member of that body. Rev. H. M. Sears is Chaplain of the Senate. There is no lobby rule in the Senate, and so I had access to the floor.

The lower house is a much more interesting gathering. It has a membership of one hundred and thirty-three, and it is all bluster and business. Speaker Love presides with dignity and dispatch over this body, and it is conceded that he is one of the best presiding officers ever installed in the chair of the Speakership of the House. He is my townsman, born and brought up by a good old Missouri Methodist father and mother, and he is a most pleasant and genial gentleman to know. Without my solicitation, he gave me a card which gave me the freedom of the floor, and I felt at home among these members. Twenty-five or thirty of them are members of our Church. Rev. W. J. Joyce, of the West Texas Conference, is the Chaplain, and he was kind enough to show me every courtesy—even to inviting me to open the proceedings with prayer. Both branches are largely in sympathy with local option, and they have introduced and reported favorably a number of stringent local option bills. Local option can get anything it wants from the present Legislature, and the Governor told me that he would sign every local option law passed by the Legislature, if, in his judgment, it was consistent with the Constitution. The uniform high license bill will bring on a great fight. McGregor, of Houston, Baskin, of Fort Worth, and Love, of Dallas, all have bills to this effect prepared and before the Committee on the Liquor Traffic. They are trying to get together and put the good features of all three bills into one. They have practically agreed on a twelve-hundred-dollar high license, but not to apply to beer. This Love is contending for, and says the House will make it a uniform license law and include beer. Just here

is where the liquor dealers and the brewers are in the tug of war. The liquor men favor a uniform high license, but the brewers want a cheap license for beer. So they are having a hot fight among themselves. If they know what is good for them, they had better make it a uniform high license, for the cheap beer license is the source of our greatest evil in the saloon business. Out of nearly three hundred saloons in Dallas, less than seventy-five of them have a liquor license. All the rest have a cheap beer license, and sneak around and sell liquor under it. But this is their fight, and not ours. We are watching local option at Austin, and the other fellows are looking after regulation by license. One fine bill has already passed both houses, and by this time we presume the Governor has signed it—namely: a law putting a tax of ten thousand dollars on any individual, firm or corporation carrying on a C. O. D. liquor business in local option territory. It has an emergency clause and goes into effect from the moment the Governor signs it. The law is published in this issue of the Advocate. Read it and see if it does not sound the death knell to the C. O. D. business in Texas. It may have to run the gauntlet of the courts, but it will be the civil courts, as it is a question of taxation and fine without prison penalty. We are much pleased with the attitude of the present Legislature on the whiskey traffic. We have strong men in both houses who are aggressive on this subject. G. C. R.

We wish every Advocate subscriber would constitute himself or herself a "pastor's helper" in extending the circulation of the Advocate this month. Talk up the paper to your neighbor or friend, and hand his subscription to your pastor.

Rev. O. S. Thomas, who is the Bishop of all the Terrell District, was in Dallas this week. He had heard favorable reports, no doubt, of the preachers in Dallas, and was up "looking around." A wide-awake presiding elder is always on the lookout for good men. He has his district well manned, but they will transfer occasionally. It must not be understood that he made any such statement as this. It is only a surmise on the part of this writer. In addition to his other responsibilities, he is Treasurer of the fund for the superannuated homes in North Texas.

We inadvertently omitted to mention the name and work of Rev. J. G. Miller, of the Clarendon District, in our write-up of Clarendon and its school. We mention this, not because he or anybody else suggested it to us, but because it is due him. He was out on his far-flung battle lines looking after the movements of his hosts when we were there, and we did not get to see him. But we heard the best of reports of his work while there. He has taken hold with a strong hand, and his preachers and people feel that they have a worthy successor to Brother Sherman, their former presiding elder. Brother Miller is an earnest and evangelical preacher, and a most painstaking executive. That he will be a great success in that important field is the judgment of those who are co-operating with him. He has the biggest district in Texas.

It is positively refreshing these days, when clamoring for shorter hours of labor are so prevalent, to read the following from a personal letter to the publisher from a gentleman who was connected with the Advocate thirty-seven years ago, and who, some years ago, passed the three-score-and-ten period in his life: "We have been extra busy at the bank, and working hours have to be extended to meet the pressure, but the tension will let up shortly, when we will return to the normal ten or eleven hours per day!" And then he adds: "Health is the greatest blessing anyone can enjoy. Wealth and position without it are valueless; and when a man of my years can boast of it, he is in the upper crust—better

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A PRAYER.

BY BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD.

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN: Fulfill in our behalf the prayer taught us by our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver us from evil. Save us from sin in all its forms and all its grades. Pity us in our limitations, and be patient with us in our shortcomings. Blot out our transgressions. Create within us clean hearts, and renew within us right spirits, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Work us to will and to do according to thy good pleasure. O Lord, we pray thee to strengthen within us every gracious impulse, desire, aspiration and purpose. Help us in every right endeavor. Help us to believe thy promise that all things shall work together for our good, and in thine own best way and in thine own good time. O Lord, may this belief begotten within us through thy mercy, become a glad experience to our trusting souls. Give us the peace of God. Let our tribulations work for us patience, and patience hope, the hope that is an anchor to our souls. Bless us, O Lord, so that we may be a blessing; help us, so that we may be helpful; lead us, so that we may help others in their search for the truth as it is in Jesus. Bless us and thy whole Church with the joy of the Holy Ghost in all its freedom and fullness and preciousness, O gracious Head of the Church. And thine shall be the glory in the Church throughout all ages world without end. Amen. Nashville, Tenn.

off than four fifths of the people. Then why not be happy and contented? With an average of from twelve to fifteen hours a day put in at his desk, this gentleman found time to superintend a Sunday-school for a number of years. And one of the remarkable features of his life is that he was constitutionally opposed to taking medicine; never needed the services of a physician. When a little "under the weather," he ceased to eat and used the juice of a lemon daily. He never used intoxicants in any form, and never learned the use of tobacco, and is now able to perform a good day's work, and is happy at the close of his labors. What an example should the life and habits of this man prove to young men!

A note from Rev. J. S. Chapman, presiding elder of Brownwood District, gives encouraging news. He is looking for a successful year. "The work on the district opens with large promise. I expect a great year," writes this wide-awake presiding elder.

Look over the list of your members who do not take the Advocate, and make it a point this month to ask each of them to do so. You will be surprised to find how many will subscribe on being asked, or with a little persuasion.

Rev. A. W. Waddill is on the extreme firing line of the Northwest Texas Conference. He is in Sherman County, and Stratford, and it is a dry county, too. No liquor sold out there; and the work out there is moving. At the first Quarterly Conference all the conference collections were reported collected in full, and his membership is assessed for the purposes two dollars per capita. Additional lists were reported purchased for the use of the parsonage, for barn, etc. The preacher's salary was placed this year at \$750, and the first quarter showed receipts for that item to the amount of \$237.75. The reports showed that there had been raised for all purposes during the quarter \$559.16. On top of all this, the preacher has had a great pounding!

We notice that it is the custom of the Marshall Messenger to publish weekly a sermon from one of the pastors of that city. The last issue had a fine discourse from Dr. W. F. Packard, of our central Church there. The subject was "The Deadly Sin of Omission," and the text was "But if ye will not do so, behold you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out." Numbers 32: 23. The sermon was a powerful arraignment of those who neglect to do what God requires, and it was a most cogent argument to this effect drawn from the word of God.

Rev. F. O. Miller and son, of Bowie, Texas, were pleasant callers the past week. Brother Miller's son is a successful merchant in Bowie, and we enjoyed a few minutes talk with him. Brother F. O. Miller is now engaged in the magnanimous work of providing homes for the superannuates of the North Texas Conference. He says it is absolutely the easiest work he ever undertook in raising money for any cause. The free-will offerings are always generous and prompt. The people are glad to give to any fund that looks to the welfare of these grand

penalty for failure to pay such tax and declaring an emergency.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Any person, firm or corporation doing business in this State shall, at each office or place kept, operated or maintained by such person, firm or corporation at which intoxicating liquors legally deliverable are delivered upon payment of purchase money therefor, commonly designated as shipments C. O. D., pay annually for each office or place so kept an annual occupation tax to the State of Texas of five thousand dollars. And any county or any incorporated city or town wherein such office or place is located may levy an annual occupation tax upon such person, firm or corporation herein referred to for each of said offices, not to exceed one-half of the amount hereby levied by the State, such tax to be due and payable annually.

Sec. 2. The maintaining or operating of such office or offices, place or places, by any person, firm or corporation in this State without paying the occupation tax required in Sec. 1 of this act shall subject such person, firm or corporation so operating and maintaining such office or offices, place or places, to pay to the State of Texas the sum of fifty dollars, and to the county and any incorporated city or town in which said offices or places are located each the sum of fifty dollars for each day such office or offices, place or places, may be maintained or operated, and for each office or place so operated, and the State or county or any incorporated city or town may sue for and recover, either jointly or severally, each the said sum, for each day that each of said offices or places may be maintained and operated without prepayment of the aforesaid occupation tax.

Sec. 3. The fact that persons, firms and corporations are doing an extensive business in shipping and delivering intoxicating liquors in this State at their various offices or places on the payment of the purchase money therefor, and are paying no occupation tax for such privilege, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house, and that this act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

o'clock today (Feb. 5), and news just received from the hospital is to the effect that he is all right." Bro. Daniel is one of our most efficient men in the Texas Conference. His brethren will be glad to learn that he passed through the dangerous operation successfully.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Orphanage at Waco, was in the city this week and made the Advocate a good visit. He is full of plans and activities for that great institution, and it is precious. No man is doing a finer work for the Church than Brother Vaughan.

Mr. Sheppard Gross, a useful citizen of Dallas, died last Sunday afternoon. Bishop Key came down and attended his funeral service. Mr. Gross married a niece of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Howell, of this city, and he leaves a widow and two children to mourn his departure. Mrs. Howell is editress of the Missionary Department of the Advocate.

Rev. W. C. Stallings, of Smith County, a useful local preacher in the Church, was in the city recently, and did not forget the Advocate family. He reads the paper and enjoys it.

We worshiped with Rev. W. D. Bradford and his people last Sunday. He gave us a good sermon on "Making a Christian," and it was an edifying discourse. He had a large congregation. Since conference Brother Bradford has received into the Church more than fifty members.

"A FATHER IN ISRAEL."

Hubbard City now has a Junior preacher, and although he is of limited experience, being only twenty-four hours old, yet he is highly spoken of and greatly appreciated by his "Paw." His mother is doing well. I think I shall preach next Sunday like "a father in Israel."

A. D. PORTER.

Hubbard City, Texas.

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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.

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Girls' Building, Waco Orphanage.

The above are the buildings of the Methodist Orphanage at Waco, Texas. The Girls' Dormitory is easily worth \$30,000, and was built with the money furnished by Rev. Abe Mulkey and wife, one-fourth of which was given by them personally. The Boys' Dormitory is worth \$25,000, and is the old building made new with the bequest of \$12,500 from the estate of B. and Christiana Miller, of Rusk, Texas. We receive into these buildings any

old men. Brother Miller is the right man in the right place.

A BLOW TO THE JUG TRADE.

The Legislature, in both branches, has just passed what is known as the "Mississippi Law." It is intended to suppress the jug trade, which has been devastating our local option territory for several years. It will be seen that the law carries with it an emergency clause which will put it into effect just as soon as the Governor signs the bill—which perhaps he has already done by this time. One good feature about this bill is that it will go to the civil courts for litigation, if any is had.

Following is the full text of the bill proposed by Representatives Thompson, Baker, Silliman, Witherspoon, McKinney, Terrell of Cherokee, Sperry and Briscoe, as amended and passed by the House and Senate, designed to tax and regulate the C. O. D. liquor trade in Texas:

An act imposing an annual occupation tax upon each office or place kept and maintained by any person, firm or corporation in this State at which intoxicating liquors legally deliverable are delivered upon payment of purchase money therefor, providing a

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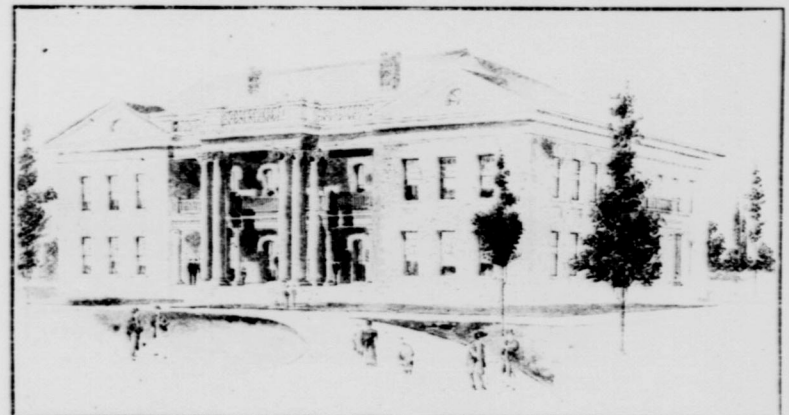
A note from Rev. Ellis Smith, presiding elder of Jacksonville District, says: "The district is prosperous and the work is hopeful."

Rev. A. E. Butterfield, of Childress, called pleasantly to see us recently. He is one of our most efficient local preachers, having served as a supply very frequently.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Brother Thos. Thompson, of Waxahachie. He is an earnest and devoted man, and puts his hand to every good work. He is not popular with the antis and their kind.

Rev. Dr. Moose, a Korean Missionary, preached at First Church last Sunday morning, and at Grace Church in the evening. He had fine congregations, and his discourses were very profitable.

A note from Rev. E. W. Solomon, Texarkana, received too late for last issue, says: "Rev. M. F. Daniel, pastor of Hardy Memorial Church, was operated on for appendicitis at 12



Boys' Building, Waco Orphanage.

white orphan under 13 years of age of sound body and mind, asking no questions as to who or what their parents were, and in this home and school we strive to give them back to the State good citizens, competent to provide for themselves; to the Church, good Christian characters. We receive gladly and use to the best advantage in this work all money furnished us by the good people of the State and Church who believe in this class of Christian work.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

It is due Brother Sears to state that in my recent communication I said that the missionary fire "invaded his entire being." I did not say he was "infested" by it. C. R. LAMAR. Brenham, Texas.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Jacksonville District Conference will convene at Henderson May 1, and Bishop Ward will preside. The Missionary Institute will convene at Overton, February 19 and 20. ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Bro. Blaylock: I wish you would tell the preachers of the the Northwest Texas Conference to write to me on postal card inclosed with my circular sent to them concerning the Moltke piano. GEO. MULKEY. Ft. Worth, Texas.

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NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK.

A Mexico Investment.

Very often the Junior Superintendent has been asked to suggest some special field for mission work among the Juniors. This year the interest in Mexico has been very great, and quite a number have planned to take that as their special field of labor.

This letter from Miss Lillard, whose Missionary Service was so recently described in these columns, shows us an opportunity for investment, if we will accept it. Especially to those superintendents who have been helped by her in their missionary programs will this seem a happy opportunity.

The Mill Creek Juniors sent their mission money to Bro. Onderdonk in Guadalajara, and are in receipt of a letter telling them the use to which it is to be put. Bro. Onderdonk says he rushed over to the school and asked Miss Wynn what she was trusting the Lord for. She looked sadly at a shelf containing half a dozen worn books and said, 'O if I had some money to buy a few books for the children! They have read these over and over. Then he said it flashed over him, 'Why not let our money start a library in the school, Instituto Colon, and give us the privilege of naming it? Our pastor suggested 'The Isabel Lillard Library. Of course our money will only be a beginning, but do you think some of the other Junior Leagues would care to help fill the shelves of the "Isabel"? It would be a great thing for the boys and girls of Miss Wynn's school.

Now, how many Junior Leagues would like to have a share in giving these children in Mexico a library?

Two Chinese Songs.

So many requests have come for copies of the Chinese song that these are given. The first is our "Come to Jesus" in Chinese. The children sing slowly, swaying from side to side in time with the music:

Lay sing Yasoo, lay sing Yasoo.
Lay sing Yasoo, chung tsau;
Chung tsau lay sing Yasoo,
Lay sing Yasoo, chung tsau.

Vay yau tung day, vay yau tung day,
Vay yau tung day, chung tsau;
Chung tsau vay yau tung day,
Vay yau tung day, chung tsau.

Tsu kung jer nong, tsu kung jer nong.
Tsu kung jer nong, chung tsau;
Chung tsau tsu kung jer nong.
Tsu kung nong chung tsau.

Repeat first verse.
The "o" in "nong" is long, and "j" in "jer" has the sound of "zh."
The other is sung to the tune of "Bringing in the Sheaves," and has the Chinese chorus of that song.

We are little maidens from the land of rice fields,
Come to bring a message, bring a song to please.

Far across the ocean we have sailed to see you;
Just to prove our homeland hear us sing Chinese.

Chorus.
Durn upe ting quat chee, durn upe ting quat chee
Wash hum wing ho fi do, durn upe ting quat chee
Durn upe ting quat chee, durn upe ting quat chee,
Wash hum wing ho fi do, durn upe ting quat chee.

In our Flowery Kingdom many hearts are waking,
Losing faith in gods that fail to bring us peace.
Will you send us teachers, tell us Jesus-doctrine?
We would share your kingdom, even we Chinese.

With your Christian Churches, happy homes and school rooms,
Don't forget a nation needing all of these;
Pass along your blessings to the girls in China.
We will sing your praises, sing them in Chinese.

(Chorus)

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON,
Gonzales, Texas.

WHO WANTS LEAGUE CONFERENCE?

Most surely some local chapter would be glad to entertain the North Texas Conference Epworth League, June 20-23.

There will be about 150 delegates to entertain. This conference would be the life of your League.

Will the Secretaries of Leagues and pastors take this matter up at once and write me? Who will be the first to invite us?
O. L. HAMILTON,
Frisco, Texas. Sec-Treas.

TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUE NOTES.

Tabernacle League, Houston, was the first to give an order for the book-marks made by the native Japanese Christians who are trying to raise money for building purposes at Kit-suki and Oita, Japan. There were twenty-two members present and they ordered badges to the amount of \$7.95. There are 107 Leagues in the Texas Conference, and if no one else bought any, and each League in this Conference did as well as Tabernacle, we would raise Bro. Wilson \$850. But I can't expect such good results. Won't every Leaguer in Texas buy one of these book marks? Just think, made by a native Japanese Methodist to raise money to build themselves a house of worship and a parsonage! It would do us good spiritually and it would always be a memento of our good work, to say nothing of having a handsome book mark. Let every League and missionary society appoint some one to take the orders and send them in to me and I will get them. Don't delay. Remember it will take me sixty days to get them. It would be a nice thing for every Sunday-school teacher to give his or her scholars one each on Easter. But we can't delay if we intend doing it. If you didn't read about it last week, write me.

Rosenberg was to organize a Senior League on Friday, February 8, with Bro. R. L. Norwood as President. Bro. John E. Green has just concluded a meeting there, and the whole Church is in a fine spiritual state.

Tabernacle, Houston, added twelve new active members at its February business meeting.

Bro. T. H. Morris, presiding elder of the Tyler District, writes that he is encouraging the organization of Leagues in his district where there are none now, and that he is contemplating the organization of a District League.

Mrs. W. E. Ferguson, the efficient First Vice-President of Tabernacle, Houston, conducts Sunday-school in the afternoon at the Faith Home.

Bro. S. D. Horger, of Silsbee, writes that he believes they will be able to organize in the near future.

Bro. J. M. Gaul reports no Leagues at Columbia and Brazoria, but is a strong Leaguer, and hopes to take up the work within the next two months.

Bro. Geo. H. Phair writes that they are trying to revive the League at Lott. May God prosper their efforts.

Mrs. Ella Dunlap, of Palestine, will not be able to give the necessary time to the office of Second Vice-President of the Conference League, and consequently has given up the office. This is a matter of great regret to both Mrs. Dunlap and the League, for she is an enthusiastic Leaguer and would have made an ideal officer in that department.

Miss Belle Taylor, of Houston, has been selected to fill the office of Second Vice-President of the Conference League, vice Mrs. Dunlap, who resigned. Miss Taylor is an expert and experienced second department worker and will look for results in her department.
TOM C. SVOPE,
Houston, Texas. President.

THE BONDS ARE READY

For Improvement at Epworth-by-the-Sea.

The long expected bonds for improvement at Epworth are printed, signed and ready for delivery. This method of financing the property has the approval of our Bishops, the various conferences and the Methodist people generally. The trustees have issued these bonds in denomination of \$25, each bearing four per cent interest, and payment is secured by a first mortgage on the property. In addition to the four per cent interest each bond will carry with it a season ticket of admission to the grounds valued at \$1, making it worth eight per cent to the holder. The trustees will make full announcement next week of what definite improvement is desired, and the manner in which the work will be pushed. As the President of the Texas League, I will say that I confidently expect our League members to take over these bonds speedily. This is our property, established for our benefit, and we should gladly advance the funds with which to equip and carry it on. Each League should subscribe for at least four bonds to be held in the treasury as an investment, and also that you may have on hand season tickets for your delegates. Who will be the first to subscribe?

Those of you who have attended the recent sessions know that it is folly to attempt to hold another meeting without better facilities, and I sincerely hope that you will aid in providing the necessary conveniences. Write me at once how many bonds you will take, either as individuals or League organizations.
A. K. RAGSDALE, President.
Dallas, Texas.

NOTES.

During the past week I visited Houston, Corpus Christi and San Antonio, in the interest of the Encampment, and especially the sale of bonds for improvement at Epworth-by-the-Sea. The Houston Leaguers are enthusiastic and active. They will appoint a committee at once to canvass the Methodist membership with a view to placing fifty bonds in Houston. At San Antonio the Leaguers will undertake the same amount, and our good friend, Dr. Harrison, thinks that they will do even better. The Methodist people want this outing place properly conducted, and when they see that we mean business in properly equipping the plant as an "all year" resort, they will gladly lend us the money with which to do it. There is a general desire for a substantial hotel on the grounds where suitable accommodations may be had at reasonable rates. This and a bath house will be among the first improvements considered.

At Corpus Christi Brother Beall

and his Leaguers are actively at work planting bermuda grass on the grounds and arranging for walks, and will begin next week the erection of a "rest pavilion" in circular form, latched in and covered with vines. This will be located near the auditorium and will have seats for several hundred people. The grounds are in fine shape, and look very inviting.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, with several of her Home Mission friends, has bought a small cottage on the grounds, and will proceed at once to improve by addition of more rooms. This will be in a sense "Home Mission Headquarters." Those desiring to build this season should begin early, as it is hard to get work done at Corpus on account of the scarcity of labor, and we desire to arrange for all the work at one time.
A. K. R.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AND PASTORS' CONFERENCE, PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

The Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference of the Pittsburg District, Texas Conference, convened in the Methodist Church at Nash, January 31 and February 1, 1907. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Burroughs, presiding elder, Wednesday evening.

This was an interesting, profitable and heart-stirring conference, despite the inclemency of the weather and the absence of quite a number of the pastors on account of sickness and else. The presiding elder had prepared a splendid program, which was carried out ably and well by the preachers. "The Foreign Fields We Occupy and the Forces at Work" was ably discussed by J. C. Jones and I. M. Bryce. J. E. Morgan told something of "How We May Strengthen Our Forces." His address was forcible, and showed care in the preparation thereof. J. N. McCain spoke with reference to "Our District Missions." His speech was a picture of the mission charges of the district, their needs and possibilities. S. N. Allen gave the conference a peep into the "Unoccupied Territory of our District," showing places where we need to expend some of our means and forces. C. B. Garrett handed in a matterly manner "Our Sunday-Schools and Leagues as Missionary Factors."

Second day.—The brethren assembled the second day promptly at 9 a. m. Brother Burroughs was in the chair and J. M. Mills conducted the devotional exercises. W. H. Vance and A. A. Wagnon treated "Money's Place and Power in the Kingdom of God." Both these addresses elicited a cross fire of questions from the brethren along some lines. Much interest was manifested in this all-important subject. Pastors Solomon, Mills and Ridley contributed greatly toward the success of the meeting by their discussions and suggestions. Each of the pastors present spoke of his plans for the securing of the assessments ordered by the conference. The following resolutions, in substance, were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that the preachers should be relieved of the burden of collecting the assessments ordered by the conference, for by right this should be the work of the laymen. That we adopt this resolution and carry it to the ensuing District Conference. This is done in an effort to create sentiment, it being hoped that the time is not far distant when pastors may devote their entire time to the spiritual duties of their office. (This, in substance, was offered by E. W. Solomon, pending the adoption of which he addressed the body ably and forcibly.)

"Be it resolved that we, the pastors of the Pittsburg District, endeavor to raise our assessments for missions during the month of February, and the balance of the conference assessments as early as practicable."

The conference tendered a vote of thanks to Brother McCain and his good people for the hospitable manner in which they had entertained us. A vote of thanks was also extended our Conference Secretary of Missions,

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Rev. J. B. Sears, for his presence and able efforts on our behalf. That was a wise appointment when Brother Sears was made Conference Missionary Secretary. He is the right man in the right place. He is well informed on Missions, and is ably qualified for the great work committed to his charge. A more forcible and striking presentation of our missionary work and plans may scarcely be found than that which comes from the heart and brain of this earnest and masterly exponent of Christ's mission to a lost world. His representation of the "forward movement," recently having been put on foot by our Methodism, was inspiring and helpful. May the blessings of God attend him as he continues to magnify the office to which he has been appointed by the Church!

The preaching was done by E. W. Solomon, I. M. Bryce, J. B. Sears and this scribe. Excepting the last, the sermons delivered were of a high order, ably and powerfully presented, and proved intensely interesting and helpful to the hearers. Our presiding elder is getting the work of the district well in hand. He is planning largely, wisely and well. He is rapidly winning his way to all hearts.

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MRS. BYRD, Fairy, Texas.

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR MINISTRY.

"Help those women that labor with us in the gospel."—St. Paul.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: You all remember how at our Annual Conferences you voted to preach one sermon on our work this year, and take a collection for the Mission Home and Training School at Dallas.

Our Woman's Board meets in Houston in April. For over two years I have been striving as best I could, personally and through The King's Messenger, by means of a "Stock Company" to raise \$50,000. I have in actual cash \$6,500, with \$7,000 more pledged. I want to make my final report in April, and get permission to begin the long, sorely needed building, which is home and school and church for the most cruelly neglected and pitiful of all God's creatures.

A sermon from each of you dealing with this awful problem of sin, as Jesus dealt with us, and an appeal to your people, will secure easily an average of \$100 from each congregation. This would give us over \$50,000.

I refused to receive a collection from you at conference because I knew the laity need the teaching and will be benefited by the giving; for the tremendous tragedy of sin involves the peace of each heart and home.

Brethren, I have been commended to you as a servant of the Church for my work's sake by two General Conferences, with the request "that you assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you." You have stood by us nobly in establishing and maintaining the Home, giving us your means, even against my protest. Now, we pray you to give us one supreme effort, the first auspicious Sabbath in the next two months, and may the blessings of the Son of Mary, the Son of God, crown your ministry with the fruits of righteousness.

Your sister in our Master's service,
MRS. W. H. JOHNSON.

INCIDENT TO THE SAN ANGELO COLLEGE.

As will be remembered by the members of the West Texas Conference, the business men of San Angelo presented us a proposition at our last session to the effect that they would raise a bonus of \$20,000, if the conference would secure a like amount and we would open a Training School in San Angelo by the first of September, 1907. Methodism of West Texas conceiving the strategic point of San Angelo for a school, heartily and unanimously accepted said proposition, thereby pledging the support of the West Texas Conference to this great enterprise. The business men of San Angelo, as is their custom of doing things, went to work and by the first day of January, 1907, had secured in bona fide subscription their \$20,000 bonus, the first payment to be made on or by the first of February. After this step had been taken, the Board of Trustees appointed by the conference—consisting of the following members: The presiding elder of the San Angelo District, the preacher in charge of San Angelo Station; Messrs. Farr, Kirkpatrick, Jones, Spence and Brooks—advertised for bids for locating the college. The Fort Concho Realty Company offered the board 132 acres south of the Concho River in the Fort Concho addition of the city. This proposition the board accepted. As is known by many, this is the proposition which was submitted to Brother J. D. Scott last year, and which he would have accepted had he not broken down in health. This tract of land is laid off in town lots over three hundred in number, among the most desirable building sites in the city. These lots are now on the market. The morning after the board decided to put the school there, five blocks of said lots were sold, which places in the bank \$5000.00 to the credit of the Church. The citizens will on the first of February make their payment of \$5000. So with this we propose to begin work on the building by the middle of February. It is the intention

of the board to be able to begin the school by the first of September next. There is not a doubt as to the success of this enterprise, and to one at all conversant with the great possibilities of San Angelo and the great West, there is a sense of the untold development of this institution in the near future. The Orient Railroad shops have been secured by the citizens of San Angelo by raising a bonus of \$25,000. The contract has been signed by Mr. Stilwell and the other officials of said road. This, according to the views of many of the most conservative citizens of the city, insures the future of San Angelo as nothing which has transpired in the history of the "Queen City of the Concho's" quite equals it. Now the next thing is for the West Texas Conference to make good her faith in the matter. Knowing the personnel of the conference, I am sure that the matter will receive their hearty support. We hope to have a representative in the field ere another month passes. If any one in the meantime desires to help this cause, send any communications to Mr. Davis Jones, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. If any one desires to purchase a lot, and in that manner assist, address Messrs. Broome & Farr, real estate agents, San Angelo, Texas, or the undersigned.
WILL T. RENFRO.

BRENNHAM DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Missionary Institute for the Brenham District was held in Brenham, January 29 and 30. While there was no set program, still the meeting was characterized by great spirituality and deep and fervent zeal. The opening address on the subject, "Why I am a Missionary," was delivered by Rev. Jas. W. Moore of Houston. He pitched the spirit of the occasion on a high key. In this magnificent address Dr. Moore gave us an eloquent description of his observations upon his recent trip to Mexico. The rest of the afternoon session was spent in discussing practical phases of this all important work of the Church. J. W. Bergin and the pastor from Rockdale, led the discussion on "Are Our Assessments the Measure of Our Duty." Bro. Bergin's address stirred our hearts and caused each one to feel a deeper interest in the cause of missions. The inimitable J. T. Smith made a strong and eloquent appeal in the interest of our foreign population, in which he aroused a great zeal for immediate efforts for the evangelization of these neglected people in our midst.

At 7:30 p. m. Dr. J. W. Moore preached a masterly sermon to a large and enthusiastic audience. The brethren all appreciated Dr. Moore's presence with us.

The morning session was opened with a thrilling address by Rev. J. B. Sears, our tireless and indefatigable Missionary Secretary. His address was so practical, simple, earnest and eloquent as to make every one anxious to get back to his charge and go to work with greater earnestness than ever before.

Our wide awake and alert presiding elder, Rev. C. R. Lamar, presided with great ease and adroitness. His striking epigrams and apt illustrations carried great power to every heart. The verdict of each was that this was one of the best and most successful institutes he ever attended. The Texas Conference may expect great things from the Brenham District.

S. W. THOMAS, Rockdale, Texas.

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THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY.

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

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

February Topic: Christian Experience The Indwelling Presence of Christ:

The necessity of all true Christian experience. (John 15:4-11.)

(1) Immanuel, God with us, was the prophetic name given to the Savior (Matt. 1:23), indicating this close personal relation of the Revealer. Later he was named "Jesus" (Matt. 1:21), because "He shall save his people from their sins," thus indicating his work. Christ said of himself, "I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20). We may not always recognize his presence, but when we do accept it as a living reality it brings unspeakable joy. Such knowledge can only come to the child-like in spirit, whose faith accepts "the evidence of things not seen," and to those who thirst after the living God. (Mark 16:13-16; Luke 19:20.)

(2) Life is the gift of God—both physical and spiritual. The most important question that man must answer is, "What shall I make of my life in return for the loving kindness of the Giver?" We can only make sure work of it by accepting Jesus as our King and allow him to rule over us, while under his guidance we may follow him in his service to humanity. We must have his love for humanity in our hearts, making their woes and pain our own; there must be no question, only the waiting of faith for the "hereafter," when we shall understand and see the glory of God. (John 13:1-20.) We are not to be discouraged when our sincere efforts have not brought the success for which we hoped, but pray that his hand upon it may make it a nobler success than ever we had dreamed, and then press on his strength. (Phil. 3:12-14.)

(3) "The God of My Life," as well as the giver of it, the Psalmist called him. (Ps. 43.) One who keeps, protects and satisfies so that the youth of the soul is "renewed like the eagles"—even down through sickness and old age, down into the valley of bodily death. With such a God faith can venture forth on the largest promise—going whithersoever he calleth, doing whatsoever he biddeth (Heb. 11), be willing to suffer the loss of all things without complaint, and able to abound in all things without selfishness (Phil. 4:11-13.) Surely we will seek to glorify such a God by making known his power and love to all around us and to those who are afar off, leaving no cry of distressed in mind, body or soul. (Gen. 12:2.)

(4) The Practice of the presence of God. (Ps. 53:23.) We need to keep ourselves reminded of his continual nearness at all times and in all places. This will give joy to the Christian life of obedience; (Ps. 136:14) it will make the conscience quicker to recognize and repent of sin; (2 Cor. 4:14) it will give us strength to endure pain

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and sorrow and disappointment; (2 Cor. 12:9) it will bring into the heart a sense of richness in God's love, of prosperity in heavenly things; (Ps. 122:6; Phil 4:9) it gives rest from care, knowing that he who is ever present is caring for us. (Ps. 50:17; Peter 5:7.)

Our Korean Work.
 Dr. Reid writes: "The New Year opens with our Korean Mission nicely established and apparently in good working condition. I am very hopeful and greatly enjoy the work. At our Christmas night gathering there were over forty Koreans present, and we had a fine time."

Child Labor Laws Ignored in Oakland.
 "Twenty-one nationalities are represented," writes a San Francisco settlement worker of a poor neighborhood in West Oakland. "We find the child labor law utterly ignored, the cotton mills, pickle works and fruit canneries employing hundreds of children under the legal age."

Sue Bennett Memorial School.
 The spring term, at which a number of Normal students always enter school, has opened, with a large attendance. The student body is fine, and in the next five months much good work will be done. Prof. Lewis very much desires to establish an overall factory in connection with the school, so that many of the mountain young women may work their way through.

Collections.

The collections for the third quarter were as follows:	
Dues	\$11,827 32
Specials	15,992 42
Loan Fund	10 00
Edu. Endowment Fund	6 00
Total	\$26,935 74

This is a small excess of the collections for the same quarter last year. Special effort must be made to bring the collections of the fourth quarter up, or we will wind the year up in debt.

Week of Prayer Collections.
 The returns from the Week of Prayer so far are \$7,107.25. All of the conferences have not held their Week of Prayer yet, and it is thought the sum will be brought up some. Previous to the Week of Prayer \$1,663.75 had been donated for the new building at Key West. If you have not contributed to this fund, now is your opportunity. Let the money be forwarded to your Conference Treasurer, through your Auxiliary Treasurer.

Visiting the Schools.
 Miss Bennett and Mrs. MacDonnell are making an itinerary of the schools belonging to the Woman's Home Mission Society—the Vashti Home, Paine Annex, the four schools at Tampa for Cubans and Italians and the Ruth Hargrove Seminary at Key West, Fla. A careful investigation of each department of these schools will be made.

Why Girls Go Wrong.
 "Why Girls Go Wrong," is answered in the January Ladies' Home Journal by Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of the Juvenile Court of Denver, very concisely in the words: "I say it unhesitatingly, that nine-tenths of our girls go wrong because of the carelessness of parents." Children read the daily papers, hear conversations not intended for them, and are extremely curious regarding matters of sex. "I have no hesitation in stating that boys discuss it in a most improper and unfortunate way. I have been amazed to find that this same condi-

tion exists among girls to a much greater extent than I ever dreamed," says Judge Lindsey. "I have learned this in the children's court, after repeated experiences in talking to little girls and their mothers in the privacy of my chambers, regarding their troubles brought to my attention by parents, officers and principals of schools." The sad part of the matter is "The girl finds out too late what her parents might have and should have told her in time."

"The Incoming Millions."
 By Howard B. Grose.
 This is the recent book issued by the Interdenominational Reading Course of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Every Home Mission worker should get it at once and read it carefully. Cloth binding, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents. In various Southern cities foreigners are colonizing, and it will not be long before many nationalities will be gathered under one municipal management. In New York City sixty-six different languages are spoken. At Tampa, Florida, already in certain communities one hears only Italian, and in another only Spanish.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.
 Dear Sisters: February, the month for the annual election of officers, is upon us. Are you praying for wisdom in choosing who shall bear the burdens and responsibilities of leadership in your auxiliary for the new fiscal year which the first of March ushers in? If the choice for some office falls on you, are you going to say like Samuel of old, "Lord, here am I?" or will you shrink and begin to make excuses? "The Lord hath need of thee."

The close of February also marks the close of the fourth quarter in the present fiscal year. I am inclosing a report blank which I earnestly beg you to fill out and return to me promptly, together with the name of your new Press Reporter (or old one, if she be re-elected). If you have no Press Reporter, send me the name of your Corresponding Secretary or President. Be sure to send some officer's name. It is my only chance to keep in touch with you. I am especially anxious to secure a full report, this quarter, because it is the last report I shall receive from which to make my annual report to the board meeting which occurs in Houston, Texas, in May. Help me to make it the best report we've ever had! That won't be hard to do. Just fill out this report blank and send it to me promptly.

We want to call your attention especially to the leaflet which accompanies this letter. Read it carefully, prayerfully, and then act on the suggestions contained therein. It will help you to be a better Press Reporter. Lovingly,
MRS. FRANK BENNETT,
 Press Supt. Conf. So.
 Pottsboro, Texas.

HOME MISSION DISTRICT MEETING.
 Tyler District Home Mission Conference will be held at Lindale, February 12, 13, opening session Tuesday night. Brother T. H. Morris will preach opening sermon. Every auxiliary in the district is urged to send delegates. The pastors are cordially invited to be present. Send names for entertainment to Mrs. H. C. Huggins, Lindale, or Rev. Harry Hays, pastor at that place.
MRS. N. B. HUNT, Dist. Sec.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK, W. F. M. SOCIETY, N. W. TEXAS CONFERENCE.
 It is only a few days now until the close of the fiscal year in our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; and can it be said of us in the Northwest Texas Conference that our opportunities have been improved, our pledges redeemed, our promises fulfilled, and our good resolutions carried out? At our last annual meeting we resolved to add one thousand names to our membership; and this has been done, if every society and

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every individual has done her part; but if we have failed to secure the desired increase in numbers, who is responsible? The success or failure of any enterprise depends upon individual fidelity. When the results of the year's labors have been summed up, and reports made, it will be gratifying if they show a large increase in membership, and all the money promised paid up in full.

Never were the needs of the work so great, and the calls so many and urgent. In every mission field the harvest is ripe and ready. Long years of seed sowing and patient waiting and working have now come to the gathering time. We have only to "lift up our eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

Next month is the regular time for election of officers, and it is essential to the prosperity and success of a society that the right kind of persons be chosen as leaders. They should be selected very thoughtfully and prayerfully. In our hand book may be found a "form of service" for installation of officers," and it is recommended that each society use the "service" as one means of impressing upon the officers the responsibilities they are assuming. In the hand book, too, are "Hints to the Officers of Auxiliaries" that contain some valuable suggestions.

Let us not fail to observe the Easter occasion, and remember that it is to be used in the interest of the "Training School." Let us direct our offerings during the first quarter of the year toward paying our obligations to the school. We are endeavoring to complete the permanent scholarship begun sometime ago. A scholarship now is \$3,000, in a permanent fund, the interest on which will keep a girl at the Training School every year. And then, we have three girls at the school this year, preparing themselves for foreign missionaries, and we are pledged for their support. They must have money for board, for books, clothing, traveling and incidental expenses. So let every society send to the Treasurer next quarter some contribution for the Training School girls; and all who possibly can send something now with the present quarter's reports.

Christus Redemptor, the sixth book in the course for the united study of missions, is intensely interesting and fascinating reading. Every auxiliary ought to get the book, for its study will inspire to more earnest endeavor and deeper interest in the cause of missions.

The Prayer Calendar, or Cycle of Prayer, should be widely circulated. Besides pictures of our Board of Mission and our missionaries, it contains some beautiful selections for reading, and many well-chosen Scripture verses bearing on the subject of missions. Its chief object, of course, is to impress the need of daily prayer for our work and workers. "O for more prayer, more constant, incessant

mention of the mission cause in prayer, and then the blessing will be sure to come!"

Let us begin the new year with determination to give more of our toil and our means toward saving lost women and children in heathen lands! Let us "never stay Content at rest, Till all the nations wide In thee are blest. From river to the sea, This world, O Christ, for thee."
MRS. M. E. BULLOCK,
 Lorena, Texas.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
 Greenville, Texas.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Wesley Methodist Church met recently and elected the following officers: Mrs. C. W. Gee, President; Mrs. A. Cameron, First Vice-President; Mrs. John L. English, Second Vice-President; Miss Ella Beauchamp, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mary Childress, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. A. Langford, Treasurer.—Dallas News.

The Legislature of Tennessee has just passed a bill giving to the Peabody College for Teachers, at Nashville, the sum of \$250,000. Appropriations from other sources, notably one from the Peabody Education Fund of \$1,000,000 dollars, which had been made and depended upon the appropriation just passed by the State of Tennessee, make the total already given more than \$1,700,000 which will come to the college this year. Assurances of other donations had been given, to be made as soon as the College is permanently and adequately endowed, which is now practically accomplished. The College will have handsome buildings, new departments, additional professors, and promises to be one of the greatest Teachers' Colleges in the country.

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"For fifteen years I have suffered from insomnia, indigestion and nervousness as a result of coffee drinking," said a surgeon the other day. "The dyspepsia became so bad that I had to limit myself to one cup at breakfast. Even this caused me to lose my food soon after I ate it. "All the attendant symptoms of indigestion, such as heart burn, palpitation, water brash, wakefulness or disturbed sleep, bad taste in the mouth, nervousness, etc., were present to such a degree as to incapacitate me for my practice as a surgeon. "The result of leaving off coffee and drinking Postum, was simply marvelous. The change was wrought forthwith, my hand steadied and my normal condition of health was restored." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason." Read the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

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To these dear North Texas girls we wish a hearty "God speed."

The pupils of Mrs. Kruger gave an interesting recital on Friday evening. Mrs. Kruger possesses the rare gift of impressing her personality and discriminating music taste upon her pupils.

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REPORT OF PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION, FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

Association called to order by President Knickerbocker, and prayer by Brother Kiker.

Brother Lane, North Side, reported that fine material was coming into his Church. The new church movement progressing nicely.

Brother Shearer, Rosen Heights: Good crowds. Brother Sensabaugh preached at night.

Brother Browning, College: Brother Armstrong preached in the morning a fine sermon; received ten into the Church. Planning for a meeting in the near future.

Brother R. C. Armstrong reported that he had raised about three hundred dollars cash for the college lately. He spoke very encouragingly of our work at the college.

Brother Young reported everything at college doing fine; collections doing well; attendance at college excellent.

Brother Morris reported six children placed during the past few weeks.

Brother Singleton, Glenwood: Bro. Sensabaugh at eleven o'clock, and Brother Young at 7:30. Both preached fine sermons. The Sunday-school is growing rapidly. Woman's Mission Society elected corps of fine officers for coming year, and propose a fine work. Twenty-six additions by letter.

Brother Rea, Britton, received eight by vows, one by letter. League doing fine. Good crowds and work developing nicely.

Brother Sensabaugh in the last five weeks preached twenty-two times, held fourteen Quarterly Conferences, and organized one new charge, and a gain of \$8000 on pastors' salaries.

Brother Kiker, Missouri Avenue: Three conversions, two reclamations, fourteen additions, Sunday-school numbers four hundred; fine congregations.

Brother Slover: New building progressing rapidly; planning for great meetings as soon as new church is completed.

Brother Webb: Fine congregations; people hopeful; two additions, one reclamation. An elegant parsonage completed and beautifully furnished.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, First Church: Fine crowds; three young men converted in the morning. In evening over \$3000 subscribed to be paid on Monday.

Brother R. C. Armstrong called attention to the Anti-Sunday Baseball Bill pending before the Legislature, and asked the association to encourage its passage as far as possible.

Definite plans were laid for the organization of a City Board of Church Extension on Tuesday evening, 26th instant. Also plans for a district preachers' meeting Notices, plans, etc., will be published in the Advocate later.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker was excused soon after opening the association in order to catch the train for Southern Louisiana, where he goes to recuperate and enjoy a family reunion for ten days. SECRETARY.

MARRIED.

Doak Wages.—At the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. Pete Kautzer, in Vernon, Texas, Mr. Marvin C. Doak and Miss Dee Wages, the groom's father, Rev. A. S. Doak, officiating.

Page-Chewing.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Chewing, at Gypsum, Texas, January 20, 1907, Mr. L. B. Page and Miss Winnie Chewing, Rev. M. D. Hill officiating.

Young-Schrimsher.—On December 23, 1906, at the Methodist parsonage in Whitt, Texas, Mr. W. L. Young and Miss Jessie Schrimsher, Rev. J. M. McCarter officiating.

Self-Stroman.—On December 25, 1906, at the residence of Mr. McMillan, near Whitt, Texas, Mr. Joe Self and Miss Mamie Stroman, Rev. J. M. McCarter officiating.

Young-Thomas.—On January 27, 1907, at the Methodist parsonage in Whitt, Texas, Mr. J. T. Young and Miss Leona Thomas, Rev. J. M. McCarter officiating.

Kennedy-Arrington.—At the Methodist parsonage in Haskell, Texas, January 20, 1907, by Rev. J. H. Cham-

bliss, Mr. J. W. Kennedy and Miss Laura Arrington, both of Aspermont, Texas.

Sharp-Broadnax.—At the parsonage of Kirk, January 9, 1907, Mr. Earl Sharp and Miss Mary Broadnax, of Central Institute, Rev. Z. L. Howell officiating.

Perkins-Beverly.—In Mart, Texas, January 24, 1907, by Rev. J. H. Braswell, Mr. R. O. Perkins and Miss May Beverly, of Dallas.

Eldridge-Smith.—In Mart, Texas, February 6, 1907, by Rev. J. H. Braswell, Mr. W. D. Eldridge and Miss Emma Smith.

Lewis-Hanna.—At Decker, on February 3, 1907, Mr. W. T. Lewis and Miss Maude Hanna, Rev. W. T. Jones officiating.

Lanier-Wever.—At the residence of the bride's parents in New Boston, Texas, January 23, 1907, Mr. Oscar Lanier and Miss Anna Wever, Rev. W. H. Vance officiating.

Kilgore-Armstrong.—At the residence of Willis M. Armstrong, Jan. 30, 1907, Mr. Edward P. Kilgore and Miss Ina Armstrong, both of Pleasant Valley Community, Brown County, Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Bright-Burnett.—In the office of the County Clerk, Goldthwaite, Mills County, Texas, Feb. 4, 1907, Mr. E. D. Bright and Miss Kate Burnett, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

TERRELL METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

To the Members of the Terrell Methodist Sunday-school—Greeting: I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1906:

Students in Main School..... 510 Teachers and Officers..... 51 Home Department..... 308 Cradle Roll..... 20

Total..... 889

Number on Roll Jan. 1, 1907.

Main School Students..... 341

Main School Officers, Teachers..... 37

Main School Home Dept..... 269

Cradle Roll..... 20

Total..... 658

Weekly Collections..... \$415 68

From Other Sources..... 67 49

Total Collections..... \$483 08

Paid on Literature..... \$164 00

Paid on Conference Collec-

tions and Missions..... 70 25

Paid on Other Mission Work..... 30 00

Paid Children's Day..... 8 00

Sundry Expenses..... 106 07

Total..... \$378 02

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1907 \$104 76

Comparative Statement.

Weekly Collections for 1906..... \$415 68

Weekly Collections for 1905..... 280 64

Increase..... \$130 04

Average Weekly Collections

1906..... \$7 99 23

Average Weekly Collections

1905..... 5 49 13

Increase..... 2 50 13

Average contribution per mem-

ber..... 81

GEO. N. BREWER, Secy.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

February 7.—J. T. Howell, sub. W. W. Armstrong, subs. J. B. Wood, sub. M. W. Clark, sub. H. T. Swartz, sub.

February 8.—J. W. Cullen, sub. D. B. Doak, sub. B. R. Wagner, sub. A. G. Scruggs, subs. S. Q. Bass, subs. T. W. Ellis, sub. A. S. Whitehurst, sub.

February 9.—J. E. Buck, sub. S. M. Black, subs. L. L. Naugle, sub. O. C. Swinney, sub. I. M. Bryce, sub. D. A. McGuire, has attention. W. T. Jones, sub. O. C. Swinney, sub.

February 11.—A. S. Whitehurst, sub. J. G. Pollard, sub. J. B. Parr, sub. C. C. Williams, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. W. W. Nunn, sub.

February 12.—G. W. Kincheloe, subs. L. B. Saxon, sub. B. S. Crow, sub. E. R. Wallace, sub. M. H. Read, subs. J. A. Moody, subs. E. B. Thompson, subs. L. B. Tooley, has attention. W. H. Matthew, sub. S. H. Kelly, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. H. B. Henry, subs. Dr. T. H. Hall, subs. J. H. Watts, sub. A. L. Scales, sub. J. H. Clark, sub.

February 13.—H. C. Hilburn, sub. J. E. Short, subs. M. W. Rogers, sub. S. M. Black, change made. Allen Tooke, subs. J. R. Atchley, sub. C. B. Garret, subs. W. B. Bayless, sub. J. D. Hudgins, subs. G. W. Riley, subs.

McKinney District—Second Round. Anna Cir., Chambersville, Feb. 23, 24. McKinney Sta., March 2, 3. Blue Ridge Cir., Hensley Ch., March 9, 10.

Farmersville Sta., March 10, 11. Prosper Cir., Elm Ridge, Mar. 16, 17. Frisco Cir., Lebanon, Mar. 23, 24. Pilot Point Sta., Mar. 30, 31.

Farmers Branch Cir., Carrollton, April 6, 7. Wylie Cir., St. Paul, April 13, 14. Western Cir., College Hill, Apr. 20, 21.

Celina Cir., Celina, Apr. 27, 28. Plano Sta., May 4, 5. Princeton Cir., Blythes Ch., May 11, 12.

Renner Cir., Frankfort, May 18, 19. Allen Cir., Whites Grove, May 25, 26.

Josephine Cir., June 1. Nevada Sta., June 1, 2.

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A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND.

We give here a good cut of Mr. S. J. Thomas, editor of the Comanche Chief, Comanche, Texas. He is one of the brightest men in the newspaper work of our State.



S. J. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas is going to make a trip to the Orient and spend several months in those interesting countries, taking in Palestine, Egypt and other countries of special interest to Christian people.

The Advocate has arranged with him for a series of letters of his travels and of the places visited, and we are anticipating a most instructive and entertaining correspondence from him in these columns.

He is a layman, well informed, with eye quick to discern people and items of interest, and he has a fine use of good English with which to express himself. He will not follow the beaten track of the guide books in what he will have to say, but write from personal observation and experience.

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ADDRESS WANTED.

Brother Peter Crouch, of Bunyan, who is seventy-six years of age, and a Confederate veteran of the Forty-Eighth Alabama Regiment, wants to know the name of the comrade at Lingleville who wrote in the Advocate some months ago, making inquiry of any ex-members of that regiment.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT. The Preachers' and Laymen's Conference of the Fort Worth District will be held at Polytechnic, Feb. 26, 27. Opening service 9 a. m., 26th

The astonishing fact is developed at Austin that one railroad, during the legislative session of 1905, issued passes to officials which covered 1,322,125 miles.

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LAIRD.—Elizabeth Laird was born April 10, 1841, in the State of Louisiana. She was loved and respected by all who knew her from childhood. She was married to W. M. Laird, October 27, 1857. Moved to Texas in 1869, and settled at Vinyard, Texas, in 1876, where she made many friends. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of eighteen, and lived a faithful Christian life until death called her from us, November 30, 1906. She was greatly afflicted and suffered much, yet she bore it patiently. She gave to the Lord a life free from "spot or wrinkle." As long as she could go, she was the pastor's help at Church, and when she could no longer go, her prayer was still a great help to him. A purer and more perfect life would be hard to find. She was a faithful wife and loving mother. Truthfully, it can be said, "She loved her children." Before her death—though no one knew it at the time—she wrote the following to her children: "I have tried to make a good wife and mother. I will be gone to rest—rest where pain and sorrow are no more. My dear children, forsake all evil ways and seek your Savior before it is too late, and meet me in heaven where parting is no more. I know the Lord has blessed me, and He will bless you." She always appreciated true friends and she had many. She never forgot the kindness of her friends, which will be seen from the following words written by herself, and at her request, read at the grave: "To those kind friends and neighbors who have been kind and good to me. I do thank them. The Lord will bless them. I have friends and children who have made no profession. I pray to the Lord to snare them, that they may see their errors and turn to the Lord before it is too late. I have oftentimes knelt down in my feeble way and prayed for them when they were out seeing the pleasures of the world. I do ask them as a friend and mother, 'Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.'" This is the kind of life she lived every day while with us. The people of the community realize their loss in the death of this good woman. But their loss is heaven's gain. She "fought a good fight" and now she enjoys the "rest that remains to the people of God." But her influence abides with us still. Many will rise up in that day and call her "blessed." The community has many times felt her power with God in prayer. Loved ones, weep not as those who have no hope. We can meet her again if we will only follow her advice. May God comfort the sad hearts. E. M. HUFF, P. C.

WILSON.—Lou O., the daughter of Chas. A. Wilson and Lula Wilson, was born June 23, 1889. Her death occurred September 17, 1906. The angel of death hovered over her for only a few days and then according to the still summons of the Father above, she was called there to enter upon a broader and greater life. Her life was consecrated to the Master a short time before she made that journey, accompanied by her new and faithful Friend, who is ever ready to lead, even through the darkest ways of life and death. To the loved ones here we heartily commend this same Guide. He will comfort the saddest heart and bring peace to the broken spirit. Lou has gone from this degree of our existence to the next which is better. There we all may go by taking into our daily walk Him who is able to lift us over the sorrows of life with the hand of grace and soothe the tired souls with the music of his love. May the bereaved family ever continue to realize in their lives this great love, compassion and wisdom of the Master.

W. L. BLACKBURN.

AINSWORTH.—Miss Celia Ann Ainsworth was born in Mississippi, June 15, 1835, and died at Curry, Texas, Jan. 28, 1907. She was never married, and lived her last years with her relatives. She joined the Church when young and lived a Christian over fifty years. She was the last one of her family who crossed the river of death; yet she leaves five cousins and many friends who hope to meet her on the other side. Sister Ainsworth suffered much in her last days, but was patient in all, and was resigned to God's will. Weep not, dear friends, we shall meet beyond the river.

BENJAMIN S. CROW.

Richland, Texas.

MONTGOMERY.—Nancy A. Montgomery (nee Mills) was born at Strawberry Plains, Tenn., in 1839, moved with her parents, Uncle Billy and Aunt Pattie Mills, to Texas, and settled near Millwood in Collin County in 1869, and departed this life in Temple, Okla., Oct. 13, 1906. Sister Montgomery was married to J. S. Montgomery Dec. 25, 1865, soon after which time she joined the M. E. Church, South, and ever lived a worthy and consistent member of the same. In the community in which she lived for nearly fifty years, she was appreciated as a woman of great worth and more than ordinary usefulness. She was almost an ideal nurse in sickness, and hence was much in the sick room, administering to the suffering. Being a woman of strong character and of a bright and cheerful nature, she scattered sunshine wherever she went and was therefore much sought after by the young. She saw her opportunity and seized it. Taking advantage of their confidence and love, she sought by kind and motherly advice and deep religious instruction to lay the foundation broad and deep in the young hearts about her for a life that would be an honor to their family name and a blessing to the world around them. She was one of the sweetest singers that the writer ever heard, and one of her chief joys was in singing the old time Methodist songs. In this particular she was a great help to the pastors in protracted and other services. While the writer had known her intimately and well for 38 years, he was never her pastor until the last year of her life; but can testify that she was as true to her religion as the needle to the pole. Her faith was as strong when the dark clouds gathered and hung heavy and low as when the sun in all its splendor shown at noonday. She had intended to die in the community in which she had lived so long, but her only two children had moved to Temple, Okla., and she and her husband decided to go and be with them; but after some two months, there was a longing for the old home and they were arranging to come back, when she was stricken down with an illness with which she lingered for six weeks, when her Lord called her to be with Him in His home above. Her remains were returned to Millwood, and on the 14th of October, 1906, we laid them away in the old cemetery to await the resurrection morn. Peace to her ashes. Let us all follow her example; then after awhile we will see her where parting will be no more. J. H. WHITE.

HENDERSON.—H. M. Henderson was born in Montgomery County, Ala., March 8, 1838; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about thirty-five years ago, and died from cancer January 12, 1907. He was married to Miss L. L. Pool January 2, 1868. To them were born several children, who are nearly all grown up. Bro. Henderson was a kind father, a loving husband, a very hard working farmer, and made a good living. He was not conscious when he died so as to leave any dying testimony, but none who knew him have any doubt as to his future happiness. The writer had been his pastor for four successive years and very intimate with him. He was indeed a true friend to the preacher and the Church to which he belonged. He was a liberal contributor to the interests of the Church. We all loved Bro. Henderson. Oh! he was so kind, tender-hearted and true. Dear loved ones, weep not for Bro. Henderson. His trials and sufferings are over, and he is at rest. Be faithful and you shall meet him in the paradise of God where God shall wipe all tears away. May God bless you, Sister Henderson, and all the children. J. H. WATTS, P. C.

HENDRICKS.—Miss Irene Hendricks, aged seventeen years, died at her home in Woodbine, Cooke County, Texas, January 16, 1907. Her death came as a release from months of sickness and suffering. The Lord had use for her in a higher sphere, and took her unto himself. It can be truly said that Irene was a favorite of the community, both among the old and young. Her cheerful, sunny and yet devout disposition attached her to all alike. Throughout many months of suffering she ever manifested the sweetest Christian graces, and at the end expressed her readiness for the Master's will. She had been a regular attendant at Church and Sunday-school, and eight of her classmates and friends, all dressed in white, bore her white casket to its last resting place. It was one of the most beautiful sights I ever witnessed. White-winged angels bore her spirit to the mansions above. The Sunday-school remembered her during the Christmas festivities with many presents, among them a beautiful vase and a large bouquet of flowers; and these, together with a Quarterly of the Sunday-school Lessons, were by her side in the casket. But she has gone to the city of Light whose inhabitants continually praise their Savior and King. E. L. SILLIMAN.

BOYD.—Mrs. Nancy Adaline Boyd, the daughter of Goodwin and Rachel Harris, was born June 12, 1829, in Monroe County, Tenn.; was married to Andrew L. Boyd February 4, 1847; and died in great peace December 31, 1906. Her father was of sturdy stock, having been born in Meeklenberg County, N. C., from whence he moved and settled in Tennessee. Revolutionary blood ran through his veins, and his daughter inherited his sterling qualities of mind and heart. Her life was one of vicissitudes and trial. Soon after her marriage, her husband volunteered and went to the Mexican War, leaving her to meet the issues of life almost alone. After two years in the army he returned home, but soon left to try his fortune in the gold fields of California, where he spent two years prospecting. After this he settled in Concord, Tenn., where he and she lived happily and prosperously until the War between the States called him again to the field. After the close of that memorable struggle, he found his slaves and property gone. He took his family and moved to Atlanta, to begin life anew. Here they remained and prospered until 1873, when she returned to Sweetwater, Tenn., where she lived to the end of her eventful days. During all the hardships incident to the stirring times above outlined, she displayed all those traits of character and energy of life so manifest in her noble ancestors. While she was gentle in her disposition and submissive in her spirit, nevertheless she had wonderful will power, a fine business judgment and a self assertion out of which martyrs are made. Death came often into her home, taking first her eldest son, afterwards a married daughter, and later on, another devoted son. But amid all these griefs and burdens, she bore herself with courage and womanly devotion and consecration. For more than fifty years, Mrs. Boyd was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Her religion was a solace, a strength and a support to her in all the trying conditions of life. Whatever else befell her, her religion was her constant stay and the one unmistakable fact in her experience. Her home was the center of hospitality, and none were more welcome than the ministers of the gospel. She was always present in the place in the house of worship as long as her health would permit, and her hand was open to help the Church she so much loved. She brought up her family to know and fear God, and nearly, or quite all, of them became members of the Church. She was a kind neighbor, a fast friend, and one of the truest women whom this writer has ever known. Hers was a beautiful life, and after long years of service she has passed to her rich reward, leaving loving children and a host of friends to mourn her absence. Mrs. Boyd has a sister Mrs. Emma Duff, now living in Llano County, this State, in her eighty-ninth year. She has a married daughter, Mrs. Ida B. Robertson, residing in Austin. She also has a son and daughter residing in Buena Vista, Virginia. Her sacred remains are now sleeping beside those of her children in the cemetery at Sweetwater, Tennessee, awaiting the resurrection of the just. Peace be to her dust, and everlasting joy to her released spirit! G. C. RANKIN.

HEARON.—Mrs. Bettie Hearon (nee Asby) was born January 6, 1876; was married to Joe Hearon August 25, 1895. For five years they made their home in Louisiana, the State in which Sister Hearon was born, after which they came to Texas. Here they began life anew. Sister Hearon was much interested in the well-being of her family. She took great pride in trying to raise her children right. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about three years ago, and lived according to our Church obligations. To know her was to love her. The last of September, 1906, she took to her bed with typhoid fever and suffered for four weeks. She wore her sickness with patience, but alas, on October 20, 1906, she died. She leaves a husband and four children, together with a number of relatives and friends, to mourn her death. May the husband and motherless children, as they shall cross life's stormy sea, put their trust in mother's God and meet her in the sweet bye and bye. E. C. ESCOE.

GREGORY.—Mrs. Margaret (Robinson) Gregory was born in Tishomingo County, Miss., March 31, 1837. On July 29, 1873, she was married to W. W. Gregory, in DeSoto County. To this union was born a son, which died in infancy. In 1900 she moved to Lone Oak County, Ark., where she lived until January, 1907, when she came to Fort Chadbourne, Coke County, Texas, where she died January 29, 1907. She professed religion when a girl, and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She loved to talk of God and His goodness, even to her dying hour. She left a brother, a husband, and an adopted nephew, which she raised from 15 days of age. Best of all, God was with her. W. T. JONES, P. C.

WARENSKJOLD.—To another saint God has said, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Mrs. Ophelia Warenskjold (nee Spikes) was born in Kaufman County, Texas, August 27, 1851. In March 2, 1871, she married O. C. Warenskjold and in 1879 they moved to Hamilton County and to the town of Hamilton in the fall of 1882, where they resided continuously until the 23d day of April, 1906, when she with her husband moved to Cleburne, where she was living at the time of her death. She was the mother of eleven children, all of whom died when small except three—Mrs. Little Feagin, of Cleburne; Mrs. J. W. Bailey, of Bay City, and Willie E. Van Shaw, all of whom, together with her husband, survive her. Both husband and wife were raised within a few miles of each other and there were but a few months difference in their ages, he being her senior. The deceased had been a consistent member of the Methodist Church, which she joined when twenty-one years of age. Her last words were so comforting, her husband said, "Mama, your time is short." She replied: "Yes, I know it, but I am better off than you that are left behind." A smile then played over her face. Later, after looking around the room, she replied: "I love everybody." Thus died this saint as she lived—in great peace. Cheer up, sad ones, the parting will not be long. JNO. W. HOLT.

FOX.—Sister Ellen B. Fox (nee Vinson) was born September 15, 1839, and died at home, near Thornton, Texas, January 8, 1907. She was united in holy wedlock to Brother H. G. Fox January 15, 1857; was converted and joined the M. E. Church in her thirteenth year. To this happy union were born twelve children—nine boys and three girls. One boy and one girl died in infancy, preceding their mother to the glory land. Sister Foster was a kind and devoted wife and mother, willing to labor and suffer for her loved ones. She lived a devoted and consecrated life in the service of God, it has been the privilege of the writer to know her in her home life for eighteen years, and it was always a great pleasure to visit this godly home and talk of heaven and heavenly things, but she passed on before. We know where to find her. Sister Fox was sick only a few days, but suffered much. She leaves the companion of her youth, ten children, all grown, respected citizens and members of the Church, to mourn her death. Weep not, loved ones; our loss is her eternal gain. May grace sustain and keep the bereaved ones. All that is mortal of Sister Fox lies in the cemetery at Thornton, TEXAS, to await the general roll call to come up higher. J. O. JORDEN.

SUTPHEN.—Miss Ethel Sutphen was born in Texas, February 3, 1885; professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of twelve years; died at the home of her parents in Stephens County, January 6, 1907. Miss Ethel graduated in the High School of Abilene, May 19, 1905. Her mind and heart were well cultivated. Some years ago she pledged herself to read from the Bible every day, which pledge she kept. She was engaged in teaching at the time her health failed. She was well qualified for this work, her heart was in it, and she hoped to do much good in the world by leading the young to high ideals of life. Truly she was a polished shaft. She was the joy of father and mother and the idol of brothers and sisters. We cannot understand why she should be taken away so early in life, but we shall know better hereafter. We bow to the will of our Heavenly Father. He doeth all things well. She leaves a father and mother, three sisters and three brothers. The Lord bless them and bring them to a happy reunion in heaven. H. P. SHRADER.

ARDIS.—Edna E. Ardis (nee Collins) was born in East Tennessee, April 9, 1868; came to Texas when about five years of age; professed religion and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the age of twelve; was married to W. H. Ardis September 30, 1885; and joined the Methodist Church, of which her husband was a member. She died January 8, 1907, after a lingering illness of about six weeks. Sister Ardis was a good woman, a faithful wife, a kind and affectionate mother and an excellent neighbor. She was aware of her serious condition and expressed herself as ready to go, but desired to live for the sake of her husband and children. How sad! but the Lord knows what is best and we believe "all things work together for good to them that love Him." Our sister is now with Jesus. She leaves a husband, three boys and six girls—one of whom is an infant—and five brothers and three sisters. God bless them all. Dear Brother Ardis and family, you have our prayers. May divine grace sustain you and bring you all to a happy reunion in heaven. H. P. SHRADER.

EMERSON.—Henry Miles Emerson was born in South Carolina, August 22, 1822, and died at Roscoe, Texas, September 26, 1906. He was born of Christian parents and was baptized in infancy. He came to Texas when a boy. He joined the Confederate army and spent four years in the war. After the surrender he came to my mother's house and spent ten years and married my youngest sister, Miss O. P. Gober. He moved to Nolan County in 1881; settled near Roscoe. Henry Emerson was noted for his candor; there was no deceit about him. His word was his bond—nobody doubted his honesty or his truthfulness. He lived to a ripe old age. He never joined the Church, though he left unmistakable evidences of his conversion. He died with a strong faith in Jesus and a well assured hope of heaven. He left a wife and two grown boys. His comrades during the war say he made a good soldier. He was a good husband, neighbor and a kind father. His wife and boys will miss him, but they have the consolation that he is at rest and that they may see him again. J. B. GOBER.

McKinney, Texas.

DYSPEPSIA.

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DEETS.—A cloud of sadness spread over our town on January 12, 1907, when it was announced that Lalah Deets, who was not quite ten years old, was dead. She was a child of such exceeding brightness and sweetness of disposition that it made her unusually noticeable, and so nearly everybody in town knew her and loved her and really felt grieved that one so young and full of promise should die. At her funeral at the Methodist Church, of which she became a member soon after she was eight years old, there was the largest crowd ever assembled at a funeral in Big Springs. No face was more frequently seen at the church here than the shining face of this sweet child, who never allowed any service of the worship of God to come which she did not attend, if possible to get there, regardless of weather or other conditions. She will be greatly missed. Her mother and father, brothers and sisters, are sorely bereaved, but they feel sure that her life, which was so sweet here, has bloomed into one far richer and sweeter "beyond this vale of tears." C. A. EVANS.

Big Springs, Texas.

LANE.—Maggie Olevia Lane, daughter of Thomas and Anna Lane, was born in Eastland County, Texas, June 9, 1881, and died January 11, 1907, at 9:30 p. m., aged 25 years, 7 months, 2 days. She was converted at 19 years of age and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She was confined to her bed 8 months. During her illness she never murmured nor complained. She often said she was ready to go. Her favorite song was "There's a Blessing in Prayer." When the end drew near, she called the family and talked to all of them. And may her dear brother, when he is tempted, think of the scene about her bed when she begged him to be a good boy. To her sister, who was with her continually, we would say, we miss her, but sorrow not; she is a thousand times better off. No sorrow, pain nor death can reach her now; all is bliss, happiness and peace. To her sisters: May they always remember her words to them and live so as to meet her in heaven, for we feel that she is at rest in heaven with all that have gone on before. To her father and mother we would say: Grieve not; she is safe at home, and we all can go to her. She leaves a host of relatives and friends who will meet her where sorrow never comes and parting is no more. We laid her to rest by her Grandfather and Grandmother Lane until the resurrection. ATTICUS G. WEBB.

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In Memoriam.

Little Henry Strickland, whose life and death we commemorate today, was born August 26, 1904, and died May 30, 1906. He was the light and life of the homes of both his parents and grandparents and a very attractive child to all who knew him.

Little Henry did not live for naught, but has finished his little mission on earth and gone back to the Father who gave him life. He has left an imprint on the hearts and lives of those who loved him, and they have been made better by having known this sweet spirit.

We know that little Henry is in God's safekeeping and that pain and sorrow will never touch him again, and in the hereafter we expect to know him as one of the brightest jewels in heaven.

Not only in the home has little Henry left an influence, but in loving memory of him his mother and grandmother each keep the little mite boxes which were his and into which many pennies go helping to swell the thousands of dollars which our Methodist children raise annually to make a refuge for the afflicted poor.

MRS. T. D. LEMONS.

EVANS.—Inez, little daughter of Henry and Eva Evans, departed this life July 6, 1906. She was born June 21, 1903, and was taken sick on her third birthday. How happy were those three, short years to her father and mother, years of sunshine and love, filled with sweet memories.

HER LOVING AUNT.

KUTCH.—Bro. J. D. Kutch was born January 21, 1865, and departed this life February 5, 1907. The writer lived a neighbor to Bro. Kutch in Parker County, Texas, and his affable and congenial spirit and disposition won for him the admiration of his neighbors.

CAMERON.—Mrs. Mahala Cameron (nee Loyd) was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., March 13, 1826; moved to Texas in 1836; was married to L. R. Cameron in Jasper County, Texas, Dec. 27, 1842. They moved to Limestone County, near Tehuacana, in 1875.

months ago, she made her home with Mrs. Wm. McGee, her granddaughter, and for the last year she had been bed-fast, and daily her strength wasted away, and for six months she was as helpless as a child.

JOHN L. WEST.

ALLEY.—Mrs. Catharine Alley was born December 27, 1830, and died December 4, 1906. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1849. From the time of her conversion she lived an exemplary Christian life.

J. D. BURKE.

WEEKS.—Mrs. Ola Weeks (nee Ryan) was born September, 1887, and passed up to her reward January 22, 1907. Only six months since she stood at the altar where she became the wife of George Weeks.

W. A. GOVETT.

NIX.—Little Joseph Robert Nix was born in Kaufman County, Texas, Jan. 20, 1899, and died near Stephenville, Erath County, Jan. 28, 1907. Bobby was the pet of the whole family. He was kind and sweet-spirited. He was sick a long time with dropsy, and suffered much, but was very patient and kind all the way through.

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F. E. B.

We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February—Feb.—means FREEZE EVERY BODY, and that man looked frozen in his uster.

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EARLY TEXAS RUSTIES.

As Capt. Duncan, of Wheelock, and Rev. S. C. Littlepage have worthy claims to "Early Methodism in Texas" and "Reminiscences," I am tempted to file on "Early Texas Rusties."

These rusties may now be out of date, but they were on time and up-to-date fifty years ago. However, should you think they would be of any interest to the Church and historian of Texas Methodism, please give them a real genteel rubbing and send them out.

My parents moved from the Blue Grass regions of Kentucky to Texas in 1848, and settled in Freestone County in 1850, the year the county was organized, and were charter members of the old Mt. Zion Methodist Church, six miles east of Fairfield.

The early settlers found a Methodist preacher on the ground in the person of Andrew Davis. Bro. Davis was popular with all classes, being a native Texan, he well knew how to adjust himself to Texas life.

In 1856 the preachers and people decided to have a big camp-meeting, and they sure had it—after the old style. They built a large arbor in a beautiful grove, near a fine spring, twelve miles east of Fairfield.

During the Civil War we lost many of our best Church workers. Some died at home, others on distant battlefields. Hence, our joy was often mixed with sadness and sorrow.

The first preachers who came to our relief at the close of the war, were Horace Bishop, T. G. Gilmore, S. C. Littlepage, H. M. Glass, John S. McCarver, A. Davis, Dick Burnett, S. D. Akin, G. W. Graves and Frank Compton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report for West Texas Conference for quarter ending January 31, 1907: Austin District.—Austin, University Church, C. H. Booth: Domestic missions, \$88.56; orphanage, \$17.

Morris: Orphanage, \$16; Rescue Home, \$11. Goliad, J. M. Lynn: Rescue Home, \$14. Rockport and Aransas Pass, E. W. Martin: Domestic missions, \$25.65.

Llano District.—Burnet, M. J. Allen: Orphanage, \$15; Rescue Home, \$19. Center Point, Z. V. Liles: Orphanage, \$15.55; Rescue Home, \$6 lot, \$12.

San Angelo District.—Brady, C. T. Davis: Domestic missions, \$57. Junction City, M. C. Blackburn: Foreign missions, \$31; domestic missions, \$45.

San Antonio District.—Carrizo Springs, E. Y. S. Hubbard: Domestic missions, \$25. Del Rio, J. C. Wilson: Orphanage, \$8; Rescue Home, \$9.

Summary.

Austin District.—Foreign missions, \$20; domestic missions, \$198.56; orphanage, \$31; Rescue Home, \$9. Beeville District.—Domestic missions, \$25.65; orphanage, \$16; Rescue Home, \$25.

W. C. LEE WOODS.

Treas. West Texas Conference.

Greenville District.—Second Round. Kingston, at Kingston, Feb. 23, 24. Celeste, at Celeste, Feb. 23, 24.

Brenhan District.—Second Round. Davilla, Lebanon, 11 a. m., Mar. 16, 17.

Chapell Hill, 8 p. m., Apr. 14, May 13. Other dates later. C. R. LAMAR, P. E.

Brownwood District.—Second Round. Brownwood Station, Feb. 16, 17. Comanche Station, Feb. 23, 24.

Epworth League Conference, June 28. Sunday-school Conference, June 29. District Conference, July 1.

Georgetown District.—Second Round. Belton Sta. Feb. 16, 17. Bruceville and Eddy, at B. Feb. 23, 24.

Vernon District.—Second Round. Vernon Sta., Feb. 17, 18. Quanah Sta., Feb. 23, 24.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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Egan, with Bro. J. F. Owen as superintendent. The League at Joshua, is doing most excellent work. There have been ten or twelve new members added and the social and literary features are being stretched. Also about fifteen have joined the Quiet Hour League. Two good Sunday-school Teachers' Study Circles have been organized and are doing fine work—one at Joshua, with fifteen members, and one at Burleson, with twenty. Bro. and Sister Field are coming to hold a Sunday-school rally at each of these points in the spring. The Burleson people are very much pleased at getting half the preacher's time. The people all over the charge have been very kind to us and have not stopped with two good poundings, but have furnished the parsonage well, and will have it painted soon. One feature of the pounding was somewhat out of the ordinary. One Uncle Tom Ivens, who is not a member of the Church, gave us 100 bales of nice prairie hay. Brother, can you beat that? We are expecting to enlarge the Burleson church at a cost of about \$1,000 and build at least one new church during the year. Then we are an expecting many souls to be saved.—G. F. Winfield, Feb. 5.

Chandler.

We are on our second round on Chandler Circuit and our presiding elder, Bro. T. H. Morris, has been among us and held our first Quarterly Conference, and presided with an ease and dignity of a skilled official, and preached to our education and satisfaction. The good people of Chandler provided for us a nice home and moved us to it and we are among them, and daily they show us tokens of love and kindnesses as great as a preacher could enjoy among any people, and it is the pastor's purpose to make them a good shepherd, and truly be their servant for Jesus' sake. A liberal assessment was made for our support and we see omens of coming spiritual good to our people. We mean to take all the territory embraced in the work for Jesus this year.—Dr. T. H. Hall, Feb. 5.

Winnsboro.

I will send by this mail a copy of the Free Press. Bro. Suter, the new editor, is a Christian gentleman. M. D. Carlock has been the lawyer for the antis. H. and R. G. Andrews and R. C. Campbell have all been converted and joined our Church. You will see that each placed himself on record at mass-meeting. Come up soon and spend a Sunday with us. Will write you later about our meeting. These three men were influential antis. It is a great victory for us to get them. There seems to be no doubt but the boot-leggers had plotted the death of the City Marshal and his brother because they were enforcing the law against them. Wliskey and lawless men are responsible for this awful tragedy.—S. A. Ashburn, Feb. 8.

Kyle and Maxwell.

A few of our friends may probably remember that we were transferred from the Texas to the West Texas Conference last fall and stationed at Kyle and Maxwell, which I assure you is a most delightful pastoral charge and among as fine a class of people as we ever lived among. Our much esteemed presiding elder, Rev. D. K. Porter, of the San Marcos District, wrote us before we left Galveston that we had one of the best charges of the San Marcos District, and we believe it. We have a good Board of Stewards who will do the right thing by their pastor. We see that already. And we have splendid subscriptions now which will more than cover the assessments for our conference collections this year, and by the time our

friends are reading this we expect to have all the domestic mission assessment in cash. Of course we expect to pay all assessments in full. We found the spiritual condition of the Church at Kyle, in particular, not very good. Attendance upon the services of the Church was very poor and little interest taken in Sunday-school and prayer meetings. This condition was by no means inspiring to the new pastor. A revival was greatly needed for the sake of the Church as well as the unconverted. This revival effort was made, beginning January 20 and closing February 3. There are many things to hinder us and to prevent attendance, especially on the part of some we were so anxious to reach. But such is nearly always the case, I suppose. But we did the best we could and let the results with God. We are satisfied much good was accomplished. The Church was greatly revived and a few led to Christ. Four joined the Church and as many more said they were going to join the Church of their choice the first opportunity. Only three of that four joined on profession of faith. One reason why the results of a meeting cannot be large like it often is in some other places is, people are moving out of Kyle instead of coming in; that is, our American people are leaving and foreigners are taking their places in and around here. This makes the work more difficult, as there is not so much material available. We are losing some of our very best members in this way. In our meeting we had the cooperation of many Christian people of other communions. This is especially true of our Baptist brethren and sisters who were present in large numbers—the sisters in particular. They were a great help to us and we fully appreciated it. Speaking of "the sisters in particular," we are reminded of a remark made by one of our brothers here in Kyle. Just before the service began one day at Church he looked around and saw a good crowd of women and very few men, which caused him to say, "I think I can understand now why there is no marriage in heaven." It was Bro. Baker, Rev. J. B. Armstrong, pastor of the Baptist Church, here, rendered very efficient pulpit service, doing almost half the preaching for the meeting. He is a most excellent Christian gentleman and we all enjoyed his sermons immensely. Our pastor at Buda, Rev. Ross Williams, preached one splendid sermon for us and we regretted that we could not have more like it. We were anxious to have Bro. S. S. McKenney, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Houston Heights, but were afraid to send off for help as the winter weather is so uncertain. Bro. McKenney is a splendid preacher and fine help in a meeting. We hereby promise to work for the Advocate which so richly deserves all the support we can possibly give it. I most certainly wish all my members would take and read it. Success is assured where the Advocate is read generally. Brethren, please subscribe for the Advocate. It is due the members of the Maxwell Church to say that the conditions—spiritually and financially—are very good here. We take pleasure in saying this of those dear people.—A. S. J. Haygood, Feb. 8.

Trinity Church, El Paso.

We have just closed a great revival in Trinity Church, El Paso. I was assisted in my work by the Rev. John E. Brown and Mr. C. P. Curry, of St. Louis Springs, Ark. These faithful men were with me two weeks and a half, laboring night and day, and most effective were their labors. El Paso has never known such a religious awakening. We had just gotten into our new church a short time before the meetings opened and the people came in increasing numbers service after service, until our large audience room was filled; then they stood three or four deep about the doors, and large numbers were turned away. The result is, we have a wonderfully quickened church, which is seen in the Sunday-school, the prayer-meeting, the Epworth League—indeed all the work of the Church. We have received about seventy into the Church, and quite a number will come in through the next few weeks. Brown and Curry are great revivalists. They are not only safe men, but also men of superior effectiveness in revival work.—G. W. Gibson.

Reagan.

Brother Walker, our pastor, is about the business man in and around Reagan. Today he has been out in the country, working for one of the flock who had been sick and is behind in his work. But it is not necessary to multiply words, as this is his home, being called out from amongst us. He is our own "Archib." None other like him. How does he preach? Well, his preaching has the genuine tone to it. His sermons give evidence of having been thought out. His salary was fixed at \$500 for Reagan and \$200 for Stranger. Only a small amount short of the first quarter. The brethren

are responding to the collections liberally. Brother Walker, with the aid of Brother H. W. Ward, raised nearly \$100 for the poor during the holidays. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather for the last few weeks, our prayer-meetings are good. Our last one will be long remembered, as we had a right good bunch, and the spirit of the meeting was high.—Joseph M. Neal, Feb. 9.

Centerville.

Rev. E. L. Shettles, our presiding elder, was with us on the 7th of this month, and held our first Quarterly Conference. We had a large attendance and a good spiritual feast. Bro. Shettles preached three practical gospel sermons for us in Centerville, which we hope will bear fruit. Our assessment for the Orphanage has been paid in full, and we hope to report in full for missions in a short time. Pastor's salary was assessed at \$700, and paid \$197, and paid presiding elder \$25. We have bought very little since we came to this place. Our good people pound us with almost everything we need. We never had more. Pray for us, that we may be worthy of such blessings. We are visiting praying and preaching that we may have a great revival throughout this charge. With an earnest, practical presiding elder to assist us, and a faithful, pious Board of Stewards, we believe we will succeed. Every great revival has come in answer to prayer, and if the lady of our Church, and our pastors would work and pray as they should, this would be the greatest year in the history of the Texas Conference. May God help us to do our duty.—J. W. Treadwell, Feb. 8.

Mineral Wells.

Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, our Missionary Evangelist, will begin a meeting with us here Feb. 22. There is, perhaps, no more important field in Texas, and no place where greater responsibility rests on the pastor and also on Bro. Hotchkiss while he is here. We beg to be remembered in prayer for this meeting. Visitors are already coming to this great health resort, and will soon fill the town. I think no place has such a record of cures for all manner of diseases. We are praying that the Great Physician may heal a multitude of souls who come to this Bethesda. Remember our meeting in prayer.—S. J. Vaughan.

Gail Mission.

At the session of the Northwest Texas Conference we were assigned to Gail Mission. Owing to the extremely bad weather and a move of 75 miles overland, I did not reach Gail until December 10. Have met most of our members, and am favorably impressed with my new work. The good people of Gail did not forget to pound us. On Friday night before Christmas the crowd came and brought many nice things and left them in the dining room. We have had a great many words of welcome. We take courage, and pray that we may do a better year's work this year than ever before. Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 5-6. Bro. Griswold, our presiding elder, preached us four excellent sermons. This part of the State is getting a great many of the people from the East. This is going to be a great country in the future. A fine cotton crop has just been gathered. My work lies in Borden, Scurry and Dawson Counties. There is some very fine land in these counties, and Methodists in the East who desire to buy homes will do well to look at this country. We are planning for our revival campaign, and are working and praying for a great revival. We left many good friends on Emma charge, from whom we were sorry to separate, but we are making new friends, and hope to have a good year. Expect to report everything in full at Amarillo in November.—J. W. Childers, Feb. 7.

Roxton.

My family have all had measles, and now doing well. The outlook in our charge is exceedingly hopeful for a prosperous year. Bro. J. F. Alderson, our presiding elder, has just held our first Quarterly Conference and it was a great success in every particular.—W. R. McCarter, Feb. 11.

Woodbine.

We are enjoying a season of refreshing from the Lord on Woodbine Circuit at this writing. Bro. Stafford preached three splendid sermons during our Quarterly Conference. The brethren say it is the best preaching he has done and that he is growing in grace and knowledge. Considering the general financial depression the reports were good or splendid. We have had a great exodus of people to the West and many of our people have gone to return busted, but notwithstanding this we have a courageous little band left; have two new Sunday-schools, one teachers' meeting at Woodbine, one ladies' new organization at Callisburgh. Our congregations are

increasing and the general outlook is flattering indeed. We have moved and repaired our church at Bethel. Have the contract let to re-paper our church at Callisburgh. Have cemented the cistern at the parsonage and will repaint the parsonage. Will repair our church at Spring Grove Saturday. Our Whaley's Chapel people already have the prettiest church that I have ever seen in the country anywhere; it is a thing of beauty and joy. So we take new courage and make our watchword "Onward."—M. C. Dickson, Feb. 11.

Nubia.

Elm Grove is one of the appointments on the Nubia charge. This makes the sixth year since I first began preaching at that place. At first we only had six or eight members and part of them not working at the "trade," but we had two or three old stand-bys who would do to depend upon, so now we have a good strong band that will measure with any part of the West, everything considered. We held a holiday meeting which I thought at the time was a success. While we did not have very much outward results I feel sure we beat the enemy out of two or three dancing frolics, and that was a victory. A short time back I drove up to the home of old Bro. Collins to stay all night and while I was dealing out some candy to the children and asking them to sing for me, Sister Collins came in with a great big something in her hand and told me to sing. What do you think? The prettiest lap robe I think I ever saw! Well, you may know it looked well to me because it was pronounced mine. Well, I did sing and am singing it over yet. All I can do is to pray that every donor may get shouting happy. We are doing well and feeling well.—T. H. Davis.

Lingleville and Lunyan.

Our pastor, Rev. C. D. Spann, and family moved some time ago into our new parsonage. To say that we are highly pleased with our pastor and his excellent family is putting it mildly. Bro. Spann and family seem to be supremely happy in their new home. They have taken hold of the work with great zeal and inspiration and are bringing things to pass. Bro. Spann preaches gospel sermons of a high order—the soul-stirring kind. He looks closely after the spiritual state of the Church and is awakening considerable interest in the mid-week prayer meetings. Sister Spann is a live worker, full of faith and good works. We are expecting great good to be accomplished this year. This charge has three appointments—an approximate membership of about 300. Lingleville gets two Sundays. There are three church houses, three Sunday-schools, one League, one Home Mission Society. Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Bunyan and was a very pleasant and profitable occasion. Bro. Putman, our new presiding elder, was on hand and preached an excellent sermon, and his business-like way of looking after the financial and spiritual interests of the Church made a good impression on our people.—Jno. R. McCleskey, Feb. 8.

Cement, Okla.

Our work thus far in the Oklahoma Conference has been quite pleasant. The people are very thoughtful of their pastor. I have never seen folks better to the preacher's wife. I have three regular appointments, and one afternoon place and the work will pay the pastor \$600. All of the conference collections will be paid in full. We have a neat little parsonage. Thanks to some good West Texas friends for help in furnishing it. The people in this country have been under a very heavy strain, but will soon be able to do great things for the Church. This is a fine country for many things, but you don't need your fans in winter. We had a good meeting here in January. Rev. M. J. Allen, of Burnet, Texas, did the preaching. I believe he is improving as he gets older. He did us good work. The Church was much revived and three souls saved. May God bless all you Texas folks, and if any of you decide to come out here let me hear from you. This is a fine conference for bright young men to come to. We welcome the great old Texas Advocate.—M. T. Allen, Feb. 7.

Justin.

We are in the midst of a great revival—a genuine, old time Methodist meeting with the altar and the mourner's bench. Bro. D. S. Coale is doing the preaching and it's not "cheap John" preaching, but old time gospel preaching with the Spirit attending—such preaching as moves men, and with lasting effect. We don't have "hold your hand" conversions, but men and women fall at the altar and repent of sin, and Jesus gladly saves them. All the Christian people of the town are heartily assisting us in this great work of soul winning. About seventy-five have already been saved and many are being added to our different denominations each day. Yesterday (Sunday) was a history making day in Justin. At the eleven o'clock hour

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after a great sermon on "Influence" some were added to the Church and the congregation made a contribution to my helper of about \$100. In the afternoon service a class of eleven was received into the Church, after which we had the Lord's Supper. At the night service we opened with a contribution of \$1,315 toward building a Methodist Church. This was followed by a touching sermon on "Heaven," after which several were happily saved, and seven more joined the Church. When I was made to realize that Methodism would soon own her home in Justin, I said "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. We are just completing our parsonage. Our lots are the most beautiful in town, located on College Hill, overlooking the entire town and surrounding country. We serve a good people and learn to love them more and more each day. May God bless and save them all before the year is past. With Bro. Coale's assistance we will hold a meeting at Roanoke as soon as we close here. We are praying for a great victory for God.—C. W. Hardon, Feb. 11.

Floyd.

We are at Floyd and Caddo Mills for a second year's work. Have received many tokens of appreciation; spareribs, backbone, a sack of flour, and two turkey gobblers, one of them, a big live one, on the Christmas tree. Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 11. Dr. J. H. McLean in the chair. Our people were very much pleased with the new presiding elder. There was a very good financial report and the assessments remain the same, though we have lost a number of our members by removal to the West. In the afternoon of January 24 we were much surprised by the good people of the town and several from the country gathering at the parsonage, some with one bundle and some with several bundles, packages or buckets. They left everything in the dining room. After an hour or so pleasantly spent and prayer by the pastor, the crowd went away, having left us with flour, lard, sugar, coffee, canned goods and other nice things, all of which we very much appreciate. We have a splendid Sunday-school superintended by Rev. J. D. Graham. We also have a good mid-week prayer meeting. We hope and pray for a good year in spiritual things.—(Mrs.) J. C. Moore, Feb. 11.