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## THE MINISTRY OF CHANGE.

The world rolls on from change to change, while realms of life expand. Our life is planted on the surface of a whirling sphere, and in its motion changes from light to dark, from spring to winter; and all the while the soul longs for a tranquil center where we may revolve no more. We burn for progress, yet long for rest from the ceaseless flow of change. But God has kindly given us the discipline of change lest we fall asleep on the crust of usage. For the best things become an evil when we rest in them as a final goal. The better a goal is the more capable it is of harm. The garden of the Lord was so luxurious that it concealed the Lord of the garden! It was hard to keep the garden of the Lord and the Lord of the garden at the same time. The first man could not do it, so the Lord made him move on, and go to digging in his sand lot and thistle patch. When the Maker's own tree hid the tree's own Maker it was time for a change! The sun sometimes lifts a fog that hides the sun. Then it is time for a change of weather. Some men become so wise that in their wisdom they know not God. Then it is time for them "to become fools that they may be wise!" Prejudice is simply the premature hardening of opinion that must be broken up before the man can advance. Good forms, too, are ever in danger of hardening into stiff formalism. When forms cease to express a growing faith they must be broken up, even if God must make the whirlwind his chariot, or hitch the scoffing critic or blatant revolutionist to his plow! Every reformation is the breaking up of the crust of formalism in Church or State. When a creed imprisons instead of nourishes the Church's life, then the explosion ought to come and let in the sunlight of God. When a preacher has a barrel of well-nigh perfect sermons, a big fire at the manse is his only hope of future success. David said of a certain set, "Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God." When Ezekiel's seraphim stood they let down their wings! Only in the training of constant change are we driven upon faith in the unchanging God!

Life with its ceaseless changes is from a God of love, who would bring us to lovingly seek his face, just as the ever-varying challenge of the mother's looks wreaths the infant's tender cheek into a responsive smile of recognition! "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord" dealeth with us until we are prepared for fellowship with the Eternal! Even the Sea of Glass is mingled with the energy of fire. If we finally reach it, after passing through "the ringing grooves of change," the rest of it will be shot through and through with the energy of flame! Even here on earth Isaiah asks the question: "Who among us shall dwell with perpetual burnings?" Then he answers, "He that walketh uprightly... He shall dwell on high," and he "shall see the King in his beauty, and behold the land that is very far off!" With the "Father of Lights" there "is no variable-ness nor shadow of turning." But His constant love makes it necessary that the plow,

and the harrow, the pruning knife and the wine press of life shall shift us round and shake us up; for God is ceaselessly, changelessly bent upon character and progress for his children; and the sieve of change in which he shakes and sifts us is that the wheat may be separated from the chaff. For what is the chaff to the wheat, or the dross to the fine gold? Better, then, to stem the roaring tide of life, or with naked nerve meet the needles of goading change, than to lie in the lap of sensuous ease and forego the god-like power to be, to know and to do!

## THE WORLD A TRAINING SCHOOL.

A great many people seem to see nothing but sorrow, burden and oppression in this great world, and to hear them talk you imagine that they are only biding their time because they have it to do until God calls them hence. But this is not our view of the world and our duty to it while it is our dwelling place. True, it has its sorrows and its heartaches, but the most of these are the result of our own or somebody's misdoings. God made this a beautiful world and he adapted it to the happiness and well-being of his children. Its earth, its streams, its plains, its mountains, its air, its winter, its summer, its fruitful seasons and its sky are all laden with possible benefits for mankind. When these blessings are properly used and not grossly abused, peace, happiness and experiences of usefulness are the result. Youth, manhood and old age are made to teem with blessings. Thus viewed, it is glorious to live in a world like this. Its opportunities are boundless. Mentally there is no limit placed upon our development and growth. Morally we stand so related to our fellows that friendships and sweet communions abound. Physically we can conform to the laws of health and live to be robust, vigorous and strong, while spiritually we can grow into the image of God and become his loving children. This world is thus intended for our use as a training school to fit us for the largest possible usefulness to mankind here, and for the greatest happiness in the life beyond. We grow strong in service and we grow good by devoting ourselves to our kind. Every experience that comes to us is to be a factor in the growth and perfection of life and character. Our afflictions deepen our sympathies and bring our friends closer to us. In fact, we never know our warmest friends until some misfortune reveals them to us. And we never know how to help others until a heavy hand has crushed us. God comes closer to us when under the shadow and the gloom than when the stars laugh above us and the sun glows along our way. Uninterrupted health and fortune do not always contribute to the largest development of character. It takes a mixture of experiences to make great men and good women. Every event can be made to help in our moral and religious training. Hence "all things work together for good to them that love God." This world is the scene of this sort of education for life and for character. We need its varieties, its extremes, its ebbs and its flows to touch all the chords of our

marvelous being. Under the touch of these seen and unseen forces comes the sweetest music of which we are capable. We need them all—the bitter and the sweet, the laughter and the weeping, the sighing and the smiling, the living and the dying. In the end we find the culture that fits us for the life beyond. There ought, therefore, to be no room for moroseness, dejection and perpetual gloom. God lives in this world and he is our Father. His hand leads us, his eye marks our pathway, and his kindly heart is in sympathy with our every need and our every demand. If tears come to-day, they will dry tomorrow; if we weep to-night, we will rejoice in the morning; if we labor and have pain now, then by and by we will rest and have repose; if we suffer and die here, we will gain relief and life everlasting beyond the river. In this world we are being trained, and its hardships and its woes will be more than compensated for as we pass through it and more than doubled when we enter the better and the unending day. Let us, then, look up and turn our faces toward the morning and find in this beautiful world the abode of happy days and peaceful nights, the open gateway to the other world, where we shall know as we are known. Then this world will be a blessing and not a curse, a joy and not a sorrow, a hope and not a despair, a highway to heaven and not a path to the regions of darkness and desolation. Thank God for such a world with its opportunities and wondrous possibilities, to say nothing of its wealth of hope eternal!

## CHINA'S STARVING THOUSANDS.

During the past three months the northern districts of China have been under the blighting curse of famine. Fifteen millions of those people are affected by its ravages and possibly four millions of them have died of either starvation or the prevalence of disease caused by famine. These figures are staggering, and yet they are approximately true. And the worst of it is not yet passed, for weeks are yet to intervene before new crops will grow and be harvested, and this is their only hope of relief. It will be even months yet, in all probability, before the resources of that country will be sufficient to stay permanently the tide of this awful calamity. The causes of this famine are several, among them chiefly was the uninterrupted rainfall of some months ago, preventing the planting of much of the crops of the country and destroying largely those that were planted. Those heavy precipitations of summer rains kept up for weeks and weeks until the streams were swollen to overflow from their sources to the mouth. The homes of thousands of the people were swept away with their growing crops of rice, wheat and maize, the staples of that country. Those people, as a rule, live very close to their income. Their reserve supplies are always meager, and the coming of this startling visitation leaves them without even bread to eat. They are at the mercy of the monster—ghastly want. Famine and disease stalk throughout that piteous region and the multitudes are re-

duced to the direst extremities. Old men and women and children, helpless and dependent, are falling ready victims to this desolation. And, think of it, they are human beings, born with souls, capable of deepest suffering; they are a part of the great brotherhood of the race, and their cry is ringing in pathetic appeals to the ears of Christendom for bread! England and America are responding and the whole world ought to hear the cry. There is plenty to spare in the more fortunate sections of the earth, and none of God's children ought to be permitted to die for lack of bread. If any reader of these lines wants to contribute his or her mite to the relief of these sufferers, send it to our Mission Board at Nashville, Tenn., and it will be properly credited and sent forward on its mission of mercy.

A jealous heart has often been the cause of disrupting the home, undermining the character and wrecking the lives of people. Jealousy has green eyes, and always beholds outward objects through grotesque colors and misleading vision. The man or the woman with a jealous heart needs to bow before God and ask deliverance from the thralldom of such an evil spirit. Jealousy is born of the devil and is most cheerless of all his progeny.

In early life we are full of enthusiasm and impulse. We enter into its activities, its joys and enterprises with a strong flow of spirits. But when we get older we become a little more cautious and suspicious. Yes, we become less confidential and more distrustful. Hence, the importance of becoming Christians in the youthful period of life. At that time we do not have to combat prejudice and skepticism; and as a rule the great majority of religious people made the start when they were young.

Temper, when uncontrolled, is a curse to the one who possesses it, and he makes it an injury to those with whom he has dealings. The man who flies into a fit of anger and does violence to one who had been his friend would give the world if he could recall the deed. But it is too late and his whole life is clouded by a hasty act when under the heat of an angry temper. Genuine religion is the best force with which to regulate an ungovernable temper.

We do not know when Christ will come the second time. It is useless for us to puzzle our brains about this event. It is our business to live as though he would appear at any moment by doing the things he places before us; then we will be ready, it matters not when that event will occur. To dream about it and waste time looking for his advent is a useless indulgence. If he comes in our day and finds us helping the world to be better, he will welcome us and we will be ready to welcome him. It is none of our business to puzzle our souls over what it is impossible for us to know; but it is our business to do with all our might the things our hands find to do.



## From Washington, D. C.

One of a Series of Letters Written By Our  
Special Correspondent on His Trip Abroad.

By S. J. THOMAS.

Washington has been called the City Beautiful by writers of every ilk and persuasion, and having seen it, I am not disposed to dispute the estimate so nearly unanimously pronounced by others. Perhaps, however, had I seen it in June instead of February I would have more enthusiastically joined in its praise. Just now its trees are naked, its parks are bare, its skies are leaden, its streets muddy, its statues stark and rigid in the cold, its great buildings veiled in translucent fogs.

But there is that in Washington which gives it pre-eminent charm and interest over every other American city. It is our National Capitol—the magnetic pole which attracts the needle of patriotism in every loyal citizen's breast whether he live in Maine or Texas. When from a car window I caught a first glimpse of the dome of the great Capitol building, my bosom instinctively swelled with patriotic pride; and when a few hours later I stood with reverent and uncovered head in the midst of this splendid pile, though I knew that those in authority were the deputies of the Prince of Error, in this imposing presence all petty partisan feeling subsided to dregs in the bottom of the cup of my better self and I felt as another has felt, and said as another has said, "My Country! May she always be right; but right or wrong, my country!" How imposing its stately approaches, how dignified and sublime its massive, lofty dome, how exquisite its interior decoration; its columns a replica of the best of Grecian sculpture; its friezes and frescoes worthy of the chisel of a Praxiteles; its paintings scarcely inferior to the masterpieces of Michael Angelo—that is, not having seen any of the art of either of these masters, I cannot believe they could have done better.

The doors of the House portico are of sculptured bronze and are said to have cost the princely sum of \$15,000. Two others on the Senate side perhaps cost as much. To a Texas newspaper man this is an appalling price to be paid for doors, but he supposes it is proper, confessing, however, his inability to reason it out.

Interrupting the long corridor between the two legislative houses is a hall, against the walls of which are life-sized statues of distinguished men of the various States, two such being allowed to each commonwealth by congressional enactment. Texas is represented by statues of Houston and Austin, the former a beardless young man and altogether unlike the Houston of mature years to whom Texans are accustomed—the Houston of San Jacinto, of the Republic and the early State. It occurs to me that the artist has made a mistake in giving us the Tennessean instead of the Texan. Illinois has given one of her niches to Francis E. Willard, the only woman so honored in Statuary Hall. My understanding is that Virginia wants Robt. E. Lee as one of her representatives, but that Congress has not yet given its consent.

The rotunda is 100 feet in diameter and rises to a height of nearly 200 feet, the walls being adorned with mammoth historical paintings, sculptured pioneers and frescoed illustrations of early American events. On the canopy is a painting, said to be a very fine work of the brush, representing Washington seated in majesty with angels or some kind of imaginary aerial beings in full flight in clouds around him, and in the outer circle figures personifying Freedom, Commerce, etc.

The capitol occupies an area of nearly four acres on a commanding eminence. The central and oldest part of the building is constructed of limestone, and the more recent extensions of marble. The corner stone of the main building was laid by Washington

in 1793, and the building was completed in 1827, after having been partly destroyed by fire by the British in the war of 1812.

From the Capitol to the Washington monument, a distance of a mile and a half, is the Mall. I do not know what a Mall is, but in this case it seems to be a stretch of ground three blocks wide, occupied mainly as a public park, and incidentally by the botanical gardens and that old fossilized and antiquated structure, the Smithsonian Institute. There is now a bill before Congress, with the sanction and authority of the President, which has for its object the utilization of this large unoccupied space for the erection and congregation of all the principal public buildings. To my mind the proposition is a wise one, for at present the Government offices and bureaus and chiffoniers are scattered so widely that it requires several days' time and the services of a guide and a detective to find them all. To all of which I certify.

Congress is now in session, and it has been my privilege for several days to witness its proceedings. From the galleries I had little difficulty in recognizing many of the leaders in American politics from the pictures of them I had seen in the periodicals.

It is twelve o'clock, the hour at which the daily sessions begin. Place: the Lower House. The members are scattered about the hall engaged in conversation. The desks, covered with papers and documents. The Speaker's stand of white marble rises like a throne—as throne it has been since the days of Reed—above the marble table of the Chief Clerk and his assistants. In front of these and lower still is the desk of the official stenographer, an expert who catches every word uttered in the labor and delivery of legislation.

A short, stout man in a funeral suit of jet, and with an accumulation of half a century of snows upon his head, crossed the floor. If it were not that I know him to be General Grosvenor, the passionate Republican statesman of Ohio, I would have taken him for a superannuated preacher. The partisan fires have been banked in his bosom and he sorrowfully awaits the fourth of March when he will enter into the retirement his people have prepared for him.

Presently from the cloak room a familiar face emerges. The white, close-cropped beard, the square jaw and ever-present cigar betray the identity of Speaker Cannon. On his coat he wears a pink carnation in honor of McKinley's birthday, an event gracefully remembered in this manner by the friends of the martyr President. He ascends the stand and raps for order. The blind chaplain in profound silence delivers the invocation in a petition of less than fifty words. Brevity is not only the soul of wit, but the political salvation of a Congressional Chaplain as well. Following the prayer, the House broke into a buzzing beldam that the Speaker vainly attempts to suppress. A number of members seek recognition, but the Speaker has his plans and specifications for the day's program, and in accordance therewith, recognizes Mr. Burton, of Ohio, for a speech on the Rivers and Harbors Bill.

The Democratic members are seated together to the right of the Speaker, the Republicans to his left, the latter heavily in the majority. The Texas delegation measures up intellectually with that of any other State, and their ability is recognized both on the floor and by the public.

But Mr. Burton is tiresome, and I leave him to the discussion of his figures and visit the millionaire's club at the other end of the Capitol. There the venerable Chaplain, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, the distinguished divine of four-score years and more, has

concluded his prayer and sits to one side enveloped in meditation and a heavy suit of chestnut hair, while the Reading Clerk with the rapidity of a machine gun is putting private pension bills through the hopper—one of the greatest frauds on a small scale ever perpetrated in the name of legislation.

The Vice-President, tall, stately and suave, is engaged in conversation with Henry Gassaway Davis, the running mate, or, I should say, rather the trotting mate, of Parker, on the last Democratic National ticket. The members sit together here according to their politics, as they do in the House, and the discrepancy in numbers in favor of the Republicans is even more marked than in the House.

Over against the aisle sits Spooner, the Republican interpreter of the Constitution, his natural dignity reinforced by a pair of nose-glasses. Lodge, the watch-dog of the White House, is evidently the little man in a business suit, his eyes run down at the corners and a perennial smile sleeping through his whiskers. Across the aisle, sitting on his spine, his hair negligee, one optic in eclipse, a pitchfork in readiness for use at a moment's notice, sits the eruptive Tillman, the most spectacular member of the chamber. Pettus, in his eighties, looks a prophet in his dotage, senile, infirm, pensioned by his State with the position he holds. Morgan, his usefulness over and his vitality now but a spark, is not on the floor and rarely attends upon the sessions. Daniel, of Virginia, diminutive and crippled, wears a gracious smile beneath a massive brow. LaFollette, the pompadoured neophyte from Wisconsin, the man who collided with the railroads of his State, resulting in his elevation to the Senate, is a political maverick who sits on the Democratic side. Berry, of Arkansas, silently nurses his crutches as he nurses a grudge against the machine that has ended his political career. Carmack, the pathetic victim of fickle politics in Tennessee, is engaged in a tilt with Lodge over Bryan's advocacy of Government ownership. Blackburn looks like a farmer, but talks in a deep, resonant voice in a serious vein, his trembling finger directing a torrent of philippics at the forces on the other side. He, too, has gone down with the ascendancy of Beckham in Kentucky. More's the pity, I think. Culbertson, alert, conservative, his guns never accidentally discharged, of handsome appearance, but aging fast under manifold political duties and cares, the peer of any in the chamber, watches the proceedings an d takes a prominent part in legislation from a seat in the center of his side of the chamber.

The Senate as a whole is not a body of statesmen now as it used to be. The majority do not look it. They have the appearance of a group of shrewd business men, more particularly those on the Republican side, and perhaps it is best. Perhaps it is a part of the processes and evolution of destiny that in an epoch of commercialism all things legislative, religious and social should partake of the spirit and trend of the times. The House has few brilliant men. Some are above the average, but it has no Reeds, no Carlises, no Bryans, no McKinley's even. The Senate is a much abler body.

Of course I visited the White House. But I saw little of it, merely the East Room, which is a spacious reception room with mammoth crystal chandeliers, a polished floor and a saddle-colored negro attendant on duty. I did not go to see the President, because of his discourtesy in locking his doors and placing a big man with a blue coat and bright metal badge to guard them. I do not believe I was rude and uncivil in absolutely declining to see him under the circumstances. In a hall in the basement are large portraits of Mesdames Roosevelt, Harrison, Tyler and McKinley. The picture of the prettiest and sweetest of all the mistresses of the White House was not there. Is jealousy or politics responsible for its absence?

This letter would be incomplete without a mention of the Congressional Library building, absolutely, I am sure, the handsomest structure in America. I have neither the words nor the ability to even outline a description of it. Suffice it to say that it cost six millions; is of granite and marble; that it has 2,000 windows; it dome coated with heavy gold leaf which glitters resplendently in the sun, if the sun ever shines in Washington; that the interior is alive with exquisite creations of sculptured marble; the ceilings and railings richly decorated; the whole to me a vision so gorgeous that it seemed like a dream of a celestial palace from which I was not awakened till I stepped from the door into the muddy streets of the material world.

An hour in the bureau of engraving department of the U. S. Treasury was one of the most interesting of the entire time spent in Washington, for it was there that I saw in detail the intricate and perfect system employed in the printing of paper money. The original paper used for this work is manufactured by a certain mill in Massachusetts where its texture and construction is a closely guarded secret. To each pressman in the Government office 1,000 sheets of this paper are given at a time and so careful is the work that only 500 are printed by each pressman in a day and that only on one side. After printing, the notes pass to the numbering machine. First and last these pieces of currency pass through the hands of thirty people and are counted and recorded by each. None of the employes are allowed to leave the room until closing time and then only after every count of the money has been verified and found correct.

A million dollars of new currency is carried to the Treasury from the bureau daily in a wagon of steel attended by armed guards. The new money usually takes the place of cancelled currency which is run through a machine and ground into pulp. So anxious is the Government to utterly destroy this cancelled money that it is ground in the machine four different times. The pulp is then converted into bookbinder's board and sold for \$40 a ton. In a corner of the bureau buildings works a woman expert in burned and torn money. With marvelous skill she makes out the class and denomination of bills that would have baffled others. At the time of my visit she was working on a mass of stuff that had been chewed up by a cow, but which she had found to be a couple of \$20 bills. On her desk was the ashes of a bill burned to a crisp. All currency whose class and denomination this lady is able to ascertain is redeemed by the Government in good money. The Treasury itself is carefully guarded by a force of sixty-eight watchmen, and during the day a special guard is on duty. Arms are stored in the building for use at a moment's notice and there is a special connection by wire with the city police department and the military post.

Equally as interesting as this mechanical process of money making was a ride by trolley to Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington. On this 14 mile journey down the Virginia side of the frozen Potomac we had the company of a guide who with a rasping nasal twang sang his little song periodically in explanation of points of interest on the way. Here is one of his songs: "We are now on the property formerly owned by Washington. It contained 8,000 acres and extended from this point 4 miles to Mt. Vernon." We tried to buy him in order to stop his ear-rasping spiels, but the more of his literature we bought the louder and more frequent grew his sing-songs. But we were finally rid of him and with reverent and uncovered head we entered the old home of the great Washington. Through the 18 rooms of this majestic homestead we walked, looking with curious and patriotic interest upon the various articles that have come down to the present with the home. The big two-story high-posted beds canopied with lace, the steps required to mount them, the colonial chairs, a bed warmer (did you

ever see or hear of one of these things?), Washington's compass, his farm horn, his trunk, clothing, silver shoe buckles, silk hose, betraying a mammoth foot, the key of the Bastille presented by Lafayette, his punch bowl, champagne glasses, etc., etc. In one of the window panes is the name, Eliza Custis, August 2, 1792, cut with a diamond ring by one of Mrs. Washington's grandchildren at the date named. The banquet hall must have been a magnificent room in those early days. It has a marble mantle piece presented to Washington, besides other handsome furnishings and costly decorations in eighteenth century style.

There is every evidence around Mt. Vernon that its illustrious master was an aristocrat of the first water—his fine velvet clothing, silver and gold trappings, silk hose and every appointment and surrounding of the home attesting his blue blood.

A number of small houses on the premises bear the signs: Butler's quarters, laundry, etc., all being the originals used by Washington. The old barn, built of bricks imported from England, is well preserved. In the carriage house is Washington's coach, used especially in official trips to the city of Washington in his last days.

Mt. Vernon is situated on a high point overlooking the Potomac, a deer park intervening between the house and the river, just as it did in Washington's time. The deer in this park at present are not the ones owned by Washington. The great statesman and soldier's remains lie beside those of his wife in a tomb on the grounds. The sarcophagi of the two are visible through an iron grating. An old negro guard occupies a booth close by. Certain trees on the grounds were planted by notables, among whom were King Edward, Prince Henry and Emperor Dom Pedro as an evidence of esteem for the first President. Washington died from loss of blood caused by bleeding for a cold which was the medical practice of the early days.

We returned to the capital which bears the name of the great master of Mt. Vernon, impressed somehow that we had been down on a visit to him and had found that he had just left and that everything indicated his intention to return and occupy his noble residence.

A day spent at this old Virginia shrine is worth a thousand lessons in patriotism by precept. It inspires respect and admiration for the pioneers who laid the foundation of this Government. And as I looked upon the public buildings of the present Washington and contemplated the great present, I wondered if the leader of the colonial forces ever dreamed of the vast proportions to which the nation, whose mudstills he laid, would grow in a century.

Thou, too, sail on, oh Ship of State,  
Sail on, oh, Union, strong and great.  
Humanity, with all its fears,  
With all its hopes of future years,  
Is hanging breathless on thy fate.  
Our hopes, our fears, our prayers,  
Our tears, are all with Thee,  
Are all with Thee.

### SUNDAY BASE BALL.

Resolutions adopted by the Sunday-school of the M. E. Church, South, on last Sabbath:

Whereas, The Sunday baseball game with its attendant evils is exerting a very demoralizing influence upon society; and whereas there is now pending in the Legislature a bill seeking to remedy such evil practices; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Methodist Sunday-school of Sulphur Springs request and urge our representatives in the Legislature to support and work for the passage of this or any other like measure to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be furnished Senator Chambers and Representatives Nelson and Shelby, also our local papers and the Texas Christian Advocate.

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# Civic Righteousness

By Rev. J. W. HILL, Of Dallas, Texas.

(A paper read before the Pastors' Association of Dallas.)

"Civic righteousness may be defined as moral principles affecting the whole people, crystallized into civil enactment and faithfully enforced when thus constitutionally made and provided. This presupposes a healthy popular sentiment, of which the Legislature and constabulary are both the products and expression.

"It is well known that the British Empire has no written Constitution, but that by a kind of legal fiction—which is not entirely fiction, after all—every act of Parliament is declared and accepted as the statutory expression of what was always the common though unwritten law of the realm.

"This practice of the English Legislature is based upon a principle that is true, not only in Great Britain, but everywhere. Civil enactment does not constitute right, nor is it in the power of the Legislature to create an ethical principle, and the most and the best that can be said for legislative endeavor is that, if its enactments are wise and just, it simply quadrates with and is the expression of the principles of eternal ethics—principles existent before the first Folkmoot assembled; yea, even before the foundation of the world. The ulterior goal of legislation, therefore, is to fit and adjust the shifting sands of civil enactment until they shall conform to the granite configuration of the eternal principles of righteousness.

### Reproduce Life of Christ.

"The substructure of civic righteousness being therefore the popular acceptance of ethical principles expressed in the legislative and executive departments of government, it goes without saying that the teacher and expounder of these principles is a necessary, an indispensable factor in bringing about 'a consummation so devoutly to be wished.' A step forward at this point discovers the minister who reflects the sentiments, imitates the example and voices the teachings of him who spoke the last word in the realm of the ethical, as the chief and primary agent in the inculcation and dissemination of these eternal principles. Up to this point most men—all men who recognize the Christian minister as a useful member of society—are agreed. That he should reproduce the sinless life of his Master in his own conduct among men and that he should echo the ethical sentiments of the great teacher in his pulpit ministrations has the common consent of all who have any just and adequate conception of the theoretical and practical significance of the gospel. But that the minister as one of the masses, as a subject or a citizen of the realm or commonwealth, should advocate or oppose any suggested legislation, or should by word or pen espouse any cause that has its final settlement at the ballot box—this is a question that has elicited much discussion, and with this question this paper is chiefly concerned.

### Makes Two Divisions.

"A recent writer has divided those who occupy the negative in this controversy into two classes—classes morally antipodal to each other—the notoriously wicked and selfish and the professedly superlatively holy. From diametrically opposite motives, these extremes meet in demanding that the minister drop out of the procession as an active agitator for or against all mooted questions of civic concern and devote himself exclusively to the proclamation of abstract principles, avoiding the application of those principles to public questions of common interest. The cry of both of these classes is, 'Let the minister preach the gospel. Let him keep out of politics, lest he soil his robes and lower the standard of his dignified and holy calling.' It is worthy of remark, it is pointed out, that the worst men among us seem to be specially solicitous for the purity of the ministerial office, and make the strongest and loudest protest against its degradation—especially if the active influence of the clergy

seems likely to affect any pet scheme intended to further their own selfish ends. Men who never darken the door of a church, and some of whom are confessed and outspoken infidels, are suddenly seized with an agonizing shiver, and quake and tremble for the safety and security of the Christian religion whenever a minister enters the lists in the interests of moral reform and undertakes to apply the principles of the gospel to the civic conditions of the times.

### Result of Superficial Examination.

"I will not go so far as the writer referred to in classifying those who take the negative side of this question. It is unquestionably true that the most vicious characters are lined up on that side of the controversy; but I do not believe that every man who holds that opinion and professes to be a Christian is either a crank or a hypocrite. There are level-headed and altogether reliable people who would confine the public ministrations of the preacher to the discussion of purely abstract principles, without making any practical application of them except, possibly, in the case of the ancient Egyptians or some inferior tribe in the heart of the dark continent.

"I am persuaded, however, that their view of this matter is the result of a too superficial examination of the question in the light of reason and history, and I shall now offer a few suggestions in that light intended to strengthen the affirmative side.

### Limits and Scope of Ministers.

"But first I would define the limits and scope of the minister's active participation in civic matters. Necessarily, it should not be general. It should be confined to those questions that affect the general welfare of the people morally and spiritually. Economic, fiscal and purely political questions should be barred. If it be suggested that all civic questions affect more or less in their final analysis the moral and spiritual welfare I answer that the wisest statesmen are often unable to forecast the final outcome of many political schemes, but that there are questions whose moral effects lie open to the dulled minds, and concerning these under the law and in the exercise of his unquestionable rights as a citizen, the minister may—yea, to be true to his Lord, to his brethren and to himself—he must cry aloud and spare not.

### Citizen and Sovereign.

"For, be it remembered, he is a citizen, and as such, especially in our country, he is also a sovereign. In this dual capacity, he becomes doubly responsible in so far as his influence and ability go for the wise and timely enactment of just and righteous laws and for their general and impartial enforcement. His duty in these premises, as I see it, can neither be shirked nor avoided. The issues are joined. The conflict is between what he believes to be right and what he thinks to be wrong. Neutrality is out of the question. Trimming or fence riding is morally impossible. Jesus said 'He that is not for me is against me,' and it will hardly be denied that every principle embodied in civil enactment, which has a moral bearing, either furthers the cause or retards the progress of our Lord's gospel among men.

"If it be objected on the other hand that the scope of ministerial activity, as here indicated, is too limited; that because a man is a minister of the gospel he does not—should not—surrender any right he may possess as a citizen, I reply that in all other matters than those evidently affecting the general moral and spiritual welfare he should follow rather than lead, for at least two reasons: First, because those who make statecraft a study are better qualified for leadership than he, and to undertake to compete with them would place him at a disadvantage, producing at the same time friction and irritation calculated to cripple his influence as a minister among those whose prestige and good will are valuable assets in his power for good;

and, second, such a course is likely to wound the weak consciences of some worthy Christian people. It is eating meat in an idol's temple—a thing quite insignificant in itself, but misunderstood and therefore misconstrued, may possibly, as the apostle declares, destroy a brother for whom Christ died.

### Light of Sacred History.

"Now when we turn to sacred history for light on this question, the examples of Samuel and Nathan, Elijah and other prophets are on the side of a bold, vigorous and uncompromising stand against every decree, statute or ordinance that hinders or hurts the piety of the people. John the Baptist and his controversy with Herod will occur to all who turn their thought to the New Testament for examples along this line.

"Now when the light of profane and ecclesiastical history is turned on, the records are seen to be replete with the instances of the un wisdom—yea, of the disastrous results—of not limiting the scope of ministerial leadership as herein above suggested. Most of the trouble that has arisen between Church and State during the past centuries of Christian history is referable, largely to the encroachment of ministerial authority in matters purely temporal which the State was compelled to eventually resent. The present controversy between the French Government and the Vatican is directly or indirectly traceable to this usurpation of priestly power and authority beyond the limits of the moral and spiritual and which, if I may be allowed to say so in this connection, is, in my judgment, the greatest menace and the most imminent peril to the free institutions of these United States.

### Final Summing Up.

"To sum up then: The minister as the representative of the Great Teacher must imitate his life and echo his teachings, one result of which is the dissemination of ethical principles among the masses of people and which are crystallized and embodied in civil statutes faithfully enforced in the interest of morality. Secondly, as a citizen—and in this Nation as a sovereign also—the minister must advocate the passage and encourage the enforcement of all those statutes made and provided that look to the moral and spiritual betterment of his people. Third, he must yield to those who are better equipped than himself the leadership in the advocacy and enforcement of laws that are purely, or at least mainly, temporal in their character and effects. In conclusion, the minister should keep steadily in view the primary object of his calling—the salvation of human souls, not forgetting the Pauline doctrine that the obligations of Christian charity are always greater than the privileges of Christian liberty."

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great life is laid. A college education means a definite thing to be acquired as a foundation for life, and the college course is designed to reach that end. Some men under the disadvantage of inability go to college at individual effort that definitely thing in individual culture—denominational college education—while others who go to college fail to get that for which the college stands.

The college is the educator of the people. It is the great college that makes a great people, because it gives them the broadness and the bottom necessary to real greatness. The man who has the foundation of a liberal education is prepared to take up the special work of a university in the sciences, philosophy or literature, or to take the special schools leading to a professional life. People are so loose in their ideas of college work!

A young man has gone to a business school and learned typewriting and stenography. He came not in touch with real thought and learned not the great truths and principles of science and mathematics. Purely practical and without mental culture, yet it passes for a college, and the young man passes as a college-bred man.

A college deals in great thought, great knowledge, and great principles. We have no university in the State of Texas, but we have some good colleges. Methodism has a really first-class college, or rather a college with great potentiality. It has the ability to make that a college equal of any in the Union if it will place the necessary funds for the employment of great instructors.

We must give our boys and girls a college education—lay for them the solid foundation, and inspire them to build upon it for themselves. The foundation is necessary, but a superstructure must be erected on it by individual effort.

Let our call be heard, and let those who wish to do the very best with their money, come into this club. J. E. HARRISON.

FROM WHEELER COUNTY. The Lord must be partial to Wheeler County. He has given us a country of idyllic beauty, if nothing else. The eyes dwell with delight upon its virgin landscapes, smiling with pastoral loveliness. Our little hamlet seems almost to be dreaming in the soft embrace of a peaceful valley. Gentle orange hills stretch away on all sides to the meeting-place of earth and sky. The sage grass waves in the invigorating breeze, and the air is bracing like a tonic. To the north runs the rippling Sweetwater, in whose pellucid waters swim the sportive bass. To the south flows the placid Red River. Quail and prairie chicken abound.

I find myself surrounded by friends of my youth. Andrew Morris lives across the Sweetwater. I knew him in "the morn and liquid dew" of childhood and we have renewed the sweet associations of other times. Grandma Rogers and Sister Helm are among the Lord's elect. The recording angel will have a long list of good deeds marked up to their credit at the last day. They are not happy except when doing good. Time would fail me to speak of all the good people on this work—men and women true, who love God, the Church, and their pastor. We have finished the parsonage begun under the administration of my estimable predecessor, Bro. G. F. Harris. We expect to build a church or two this year. We must have one at Wheeler, the future metropolis of Wheeler County, and these good people are not the kind to fail.

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Secular News Items.

The immigration authorities at San Antonio are advised that it is probable that the 10,000 Japanese employed in Mexico at various occupations will attempt to get into the United States via the Texas border previous to the time the new Federal law barring Jap colliers becomes effective.

The right of way of the railroads in Mexico are said to be black with Japs on their way to this country. The first to arrive in San Antonio this month reached there February 21. They numbered fifty, and the leader stated that they were only the advance guard of hundreds who are to follow. It is estimated that the Jap population of Mexico is over 10,000. These men are employed on the railroads and in the mines. It is said that they are deserting by the hundreds and starting for the United States.

Practically all of them came to Mexico with the ultimate hope of reaching the United States. The passing of the coolie exclusion act by Congress disarranged all their plans and they realize that if they are to get into this country at all it must be done previous to the time that law slams the door in their faces.

"The size of Mr. Rockefeller's gift of \$32,000,000 to the general Education Board should not blind the people to the methods by which this money was made," said William J. Bryan, in an interview at Columbus, Ohio, last week.

"The money, it seems adequately proved, was extorted by wrong business methods, from the people, and it would have been better to return it to the people to whom it belonged, if that could have been done, rather than to have attempted to subsidize the people into acquiescence to those wrong business methods."

The House Committee on Appropriations, by inserting an item of \$150,000 in the sundry civil bill to enable the census bureau to study the subject of child labor, gave an example of the immense sway which the President has over Congress.

The Judiciary Committee of both Houses have affirmed that Congress has no authority to legislate on the subject of child labor. The Appropriations Committee was reminded of this fact, and asked why the Government should spend \$150,000 to investigate a question over which it had no legislative jurisdiction. The somewhat surprising answer was given that the President earnestly desired this appropriation, believing that when the evil of child labor shall have been exposed to the country there will be such an arousalment of public sentiment as will compel Congress to act.

The four years' contest against Reed Smoot being permitted to retain his seat as a Senator of the United States from Utah was ended Feb. 20 by 42 of his colleagues voting to sustain against 28 for the resolution to un-seat him. Added to this there were 18 Senators paired, making the actual standing on the resolution 51 votes against it and 37 for it.

None of the Peabody Educational Fund established by George Peabody, of London, in 1867 and amounting to between \$2,300,000 and \$2,400,000, will be distributed among the educational institutions of the Southern States at this time.

This decision was reached after a six hours' meeting of the trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund in Wash-

ington, Feb. 20. It was also decided that the next meeting of the trustees shall take place in New York in November next, when it is expected that the proposed distribution of the money will be made.

Dr. Greene said after the meeting that the educational fund would be distributed among fourteen Southern States, and that it is probable the Peabody Normal College, which was founded by Mr. Peabody, will be the benefactor of about \$1,000,000 of the fund when the distribution is made.

A dispatch from Washington says: Preliminary estimates made by the Bureau of the Census as a result of the investigation of marriage and divorce statistics, which began last summer, indicate that the number of applications for divorce filed throughout the United States during the twenty-year period from 1887 to 1906, will reach the enormous total of 1,400,000. It is estimated that three-fourths of the applications have been granted, so that the statistics when compiled will show that in the period stated more than 1,000,000 divorces have been allowed. In the twenty years from 1867 to 1886, for which divorce statistics were secured, the total number of divorces was 328,000.

On their face the figures indicate a stupendous increase, but when the ratio they bear to population is considered it is not so great, though still large enough to warrant the serious consideration of American people. Upon the basis of the average of the normal population of each period it appears that the number of divorces in the first period was 33 per 500,000 of population, and approximately 70 per 100,000 for the second period. It is estimated, therefore, that for the whole country divorces have more than doubled.

A mass meeting of citizens held at Kingston last week condemned Gov. Swettenham for preventing momentary assistance coming here. The meeting adopted a petition to Parliament for a grant of \$750,000 and a loan of \$5,000,000 to assist in the rebuilding of the city.

Plans are now on foot for rebuilding a vastly improved Kingston. All the principal thoroughfares in the commercial section will be widened, while Little Port Royal Street, that nearest the harbor front, will be abolished. Owing to its narrowness this street proved a veritable deathtrap at the time of the earthquake.

Then it is purposed to dispose of the thousands of tons of debris by using the stuff in the construction of a great seawall along the harbor front. It is also purposed to put in operation the long deferred scheme of erecting a magnificent pile, in which practically all the public departments would be centralized.

Dead bodies are still being recovered from the ruins, and while the actual number of killed will never be known, the total can not be far short of 1,100.

As a memorial to his daughter, Charlotte, who was killed in an automobile accident in Southern France, last summer, J. G. Schmidlapp, a widely known Cincinnati banker and millionaire, has announced the establishment of a trust of \$250,000, the interest of which is to be devoted to the benefit of young women. This makes a total of half a million dollars given by Mr. Schmidlapp recently, in memory of his wife and two daughters, all of whom at different times met accidental deaths.

The sundry civil bill, the making of which is finished, carries an item appropriating \$1,000,000 for the Engldam. The purpose of this appropriation has been explained heretofore; it is only necessary to say now that it will enable the United States to carry out its agreement with the Mexican Government with respect to the distribution of the waters of the Rio Grande at El Paso.

The importance of it to Texas is in the fact that this work was made a condition of the reclamation project which will result in the irrigation of a

million acres of land about El Paso on the American side.

The official text of President Roosevelt's amendment to the exclusion bill has been published at Tokio. As was expected, it created the strongest dissatisfaction among interested parties, although their movements of procedure have not yet assumed definite shape.

The Japanese residents of the Hawaiian Islands telegraphed President Roosevelt and the Hawaiian representatives in the House indicating the seriousness of the injury which would be caused to the rights and interests by this legislation.

The leaders of opinion at Tokio are aware that under the circumstances the only alternative is to calmly resign themselves to the situation, hoping the Government can arrange with the American authorities to reduce the sacrifice of the interests of Japanese emigrants to the minimum. They regret the new law, lest San Francisco, glorying in her success, will assume an overbearing attitude. News of this kind would only tend to injure the Japanese susceptibilities, which President Roosevelt has been specially careful to avoid.

The end of the Penrose court-martial, at San Antonio, is by no means in sight yet. The announcement of Col. Glenn, attorney for the defense, that he would recall all army officers who testified as witnesses for the defense is calculated to cause the trial to be drawn out even longer than had been anticipated. There are still many witnesses to the prosecution to be called, and Capt. Hay, Judge Advocate, will hardly close his side of the case before the middle of March.

War is an actual condition in Central America, said Under-Secretary of State Algara, of Mexico, last Friday.

"We have received a message from the Mexican Consul General at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, which says: 'Minister of Foreign Affairs Cullon declares that active war has been declared against Nicaragua. President Bonilla is now at the head of the Honduran troops and marching to the frontier to meet the forces of President Zelaya.'"

In response to questions as to the attitude of Salvador in the struggle, Secretary Algara was reticent, but when assured that the Associated Press had received information that this republic would be forced to become involved as an ally of Honduras, he admitted that the department had received telegrams corroborating this.

A high State official, who asked that his name not be used at this time, said:

"You may state that this upheaval will perhaps be the most formidable that has ever occurred in Central America. At first, it will be Honduras and Salvador against Nicaragua, but from information which we have obtained we know that Guatemala will be the ally of Nicaragua. Whether the aid of President Caberera's country will be open or secret we do not know, but we do know that the country will be drawn into the controversy. This will mean that all Central America will be in a state of war with the exception of the republic of Costa Rica. As to her attitude we are uncertain."

THE SECRETARIES CONFERENCE.

The first authorized conference of Conference Missionary Secretaries convened at Nashville, Tennessee, in McKendree Church, at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, January 22.

About eighteen Conference Missionary Secretaries were present at this first sitting. Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Senior Secretary, conducted the devotional exercises.

Dr. T. A. Kerley, President of the Tennessee Conference Board of Missions, was introduced, and read a strong paper on the "Holy Spirit and Missions."

At 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning the conference met in the Bishop's Room in the Publishing House, where the number in attendance had risen from eighteen to thirty. Dr. W.

R. Lambuth was elected Chairman and Dr. C. H. Briggs, of Sedalia, Missouri, was elected Secretary.

When the roll had been perfected, it showed thirty representatives of Conference Boards, representing twenty-five conferences from fifteen States. Sixteen of these were Conference Missionary Secretaries. Two were Conference Missionary Evangelists, and three were Conference Missionary Secretaries and Conference Missionary Evangelists. The others of the thirty were officers and members of Conference Boards. To these thirty must be added the office force in the Publishing House—Drs. Lambuth, Pinson, Nelson and Cook.

Of these Conference Missionary Secretaries and Conference Missionary Evangelists I have checked out eight men, with perhaps two additional, who are employed by the Conference Boards for all their time; besides one Conference Missionary Evangelist, who is employed for all his time. So there are nine men, with perhaps three others, who, in these fifteen States, are giving all their time to this missionary work. This is one strong evidence that the Conference Boards of Missions are at least planning a forward movement, whether they ever really realize the "forward movement" or not.

Some of the most striking features of the conference, and the points at which the "forward movement" is most likely to take fire, were these: The Young People's Missionary Movement, with an able advocate and wise and enthusiastic leader in Dr. Ed. F. Cook. Certainly the Church has not yet dreamed of the importance of this work. Another valuable lesson was the foreigner among us. There is an unprecedented rush of immigrants to the South, and our Church must reckon with the problem of their moral and social condition. Another fascinating department of our deliberations was found in the Conference Missionary Evangelist. It seems likely that one of the most effective workers in the mission cause is likely to be the Conference Missionary Evangelist. Still another department in the work of educating the people in missions was the use of the stereopticon. This instrument combines many features of the educator's work, and will certainly come more and more into use. Nearly every point of efficiency of Conference Boards and Domestic Missionaries was warmly and wisely discussed.

It may be safely predicted that not only will there be more zeal in our domestic mission work, but in the near future there will be more uniformity in our domestic work throughout the Church.

Allow me to say in conclusion that this first Secretaries' Conference, not only of Southern Methodism, but the first meeting of its kind in any denomination, all the Texas Conferences were represented.

One important item given out just before adjournment was the official definition of the offices of the Conference Missionary Secretary and the Conference Missionary Evangelist, viz.: The office of Conference Missionary Secretary is "administrative and educational." The Conference Missionary Evangelist is "evangelistic and educative."

JOS. B. SEARS.  
Jacksonville, Texas.

OUR CHURCH IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

From the Oregon Daily Journal is taken the following description of the proposed M. E. Church, South, in Portland, Oregon:

"A design for the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, located at the northwest corner of Union Avenue and Multnomah Street, is presented today. The structure covers an entire quarter block. It is Romanesque in design. The main walls will be 29 feet, 6 inches, and the tower 65 feet in height. The walls of the superstructure are to be of a light gray sandstone, resembling granite in the brightness of its appearance, but, unlike granite, it is unaffected by fire,

however severe. The foundation is of concrete, with heavy concrete footings.

"The main entrances to the building, both similar in design, are embellished with carved work, while the interior of the tower is finished in bush-hammered stone to a height of six feet.

"The basement is subdivided into a large assembly-room 60x45 feet, containing the church kitchen, boiler and motor-rooms, choir-room, pastor's retiring-room and toilet rooms. The main floor contains the auditorium, Sunday-school-room, infant-room and ladies' parlor. A gallery extends entirely around the auditorium and Sunday-school-room, while opening from the gallery are the rooms of the second floor, comprising the church officers' room, the pastor's study and reception-room, and the rooms of the Ladies'Aid Society. The entire seating capacity is about 1,700. The lighting of the whole building will be by reflection, no open light being directly visible.

"A large pipe organ will be installed, power for which will be supplied by electricity. A full set of chimes will be put in the tower, which will be operated by electrical attachment from the organ motor. The plans of the building were prepared by Architect A. H. Faber.

"The church was organized a little more than three years ago. It has since received 217 members and has an Epworth League of 55 members. Rev. E. H. Slowre is the pastor."

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# Notes From the Field

## Graham Mission.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Salem February 16. Our elder, Bro. Little, was here on time and preached to the delight of everybody present. The business session of the conference was very pleasant and harmonious. The stewards did us nicely in regard to salary. We are moving along nicely with the new parsonage at Graham; will have it completed and ready to move in to in about ten days. It will be a four-room house, and will be a credit to the mission. Will report the pounding later—after we have moved in. Our Sabbath schools are the very best. Two good, live prayer-meetings. We are working and planning and praying for a great revival all over the Graham charge this year. We are praying for 100 conversions this summer.—H. H. Windham.

## Weatherford, First Church.

Things are moving along nicely at First Church, Weatherford. The services are well attended and interest splendid. We have organized a Senior League which promises to be one of the best. They have taken up the Mission Study course. Have also organized an Intermediate League with 73 members, and the Juniors are doing well. Our women's societies, Home and Foreign, are working admirably. Have received 47 members since conference. Our revival meeting begins the third Sunday in April and we ask for the prayers of the brethren that we may have a great meeting.—J. C. Mimms, February 25.

## Mabank.

Fortunately for myself I chanced to be one of the exceptional few of the North Texas Conference brethren who did not have to move last year. We were kindly received back among our already true and tried friends. Our good women never tire in looking carefully to the comforts of the pastor's home, and the pounding, though begun just before conference, has had a steady continuance. Our first Quarterly Conference reported ahead of anything in the district. Our Mabank meeting, conducted by Bro. Bar-

ton, with his good wife and Bro. W. D. White assisting, was a great success. Bro. Barton is certainly the right man in the right place, and the preacher who can see no good in a Conference Missionary Secretary and Evangelist cannot see the moon through a telescope. As a result of his being with us, this place will far exceed, this year, anything she has ever done for the cause of missions.—W. C. Howell, Feb. 23.

## Moody.

Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, our Missionary Evangelist, gave us ten days' work in a meeting this month. The work was hindered by rough weather, but was attended with good results. The General Conference made no mistake when it created this office. Bro. Hotchkiss combines the educational feature along missionary lines with the work of an evangelist successfully. While we did not reach the adults as we had desired, our Church was strengthened in membership and spiritual tone and missionary conscience. In the children's meetings great good was done. Aside from reclamations and conversions under his ministry, Bro. Hotchkiss is doing much good in the distribution of a select line of good books which the people buy.—J. H. Wiseman, Feb. 25.

## Cloud Chief, Okla.

We began the building of a church near Cowden a month ago with the understanding that I handle the square and pencil and boss the job. But it seems that if we ever get a house of worship I will have it to build. We have had so much bad weather almost the entire winter that farmers have got behind, and there is not a carpenter to be had for love or money. So we are driving away. We have the walls up with most all the weatherboarding and ceiling on. Only trying to fill our Sunday appointments for the present. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 9th and 10th inst. Bro. D. Matthews, our new-ord presiding elder, was with us and looked well after all the interests of the Church. Our Board of Stewards, who are a select body of business men who both know and love the doctrines of Methodism, made a liberal assessment for our support and made a good showing the first quarter. So we feel like we are in good hands, with a kind people to serve. One little boy who had a nickel and four coppers, said to his mamma, "Bro. Holt can't suffer as long as I have a cent." This same child, six years old, has paid me 44 cents quarterage. Methodism is coming to the front out here. It will not take long to take the country if we can get in our own houses of worship. God speed the day.—J. M. Holt.

## Crandall and Seago.

We are moving on all O. K. down this way. Have been very busy since conference. "Unfortunately" I had to succeed myself this year and find plenty of work to do. I have raised the last note against our church at Crandall, amounting to \$227.50, and we will soon dedicate it to God for worship. Our first Quarterly Conference is past. The stewards provided well for their preacher and made a very good start on same. I began a meeting on Feb. 6, and on Saturday night following Rev. H. M. Pirtle came to us, and for the next six days he preached the doctrines of our Church. His preaching was clear, logical and scriptural. He can quote more Scripture from memory than any man I have ever heard. And I might add that his preaching is unanswerable. Some of the people who do not agree with us are considerably disturbed in their consciences, that is, if we are to judge by their actions. Bro. Pirtle did us good work, and my people are well satisfied. May the Lord bless him in his work. We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the District Conference, which meets at Crandall this year, and are praying that it may give us a great spiritual uplift. Brethren, come praying for it.—R. B. Moreland, Feb. 20.

## Beckville.

We are an oddity in this country, an unmarried Methodist preacher. For this reason, "we" have not been pounded. However, I was most kindly received on my arrival, two days after conference adjourned. A company of laymen met me at the train, and after words of cordial greeting, I was taken to the home of Brother and Sister M. J. Whitfield. Here I was delightfully entertained for a month, while the parsonage was being vacated. On getting possession of the parsonage, a company of ladies gave it a general renovation and made some greatly appreciated additions for their pastor's comfort. We are now settled and busy at work. We spent December and January getting acquainted, shaking

hands and looking pleasant. By the first of February our head was full of plans, and we began to work them. The people have delightfully co-operated with me in every plan. We have had ten additions to the Church. A slumbering Junior League, that had ceased to meet, now has an attendance of twenty, and the Senior League continues in its splendid work. This company of young people have just supplied their Church with a large number of the new Methodist Hymnals. We are organizing this League into a Mission Study Class, in which the young people will do splendid work. They are ready to begin their work. We have baptized a good number of children, and have engagements for many more. Five young couples have come to us for words of comfort, which, when spoken, sent them on their way rejoicing. We have organized a teachers' meeting in one of our Sunday-schools, with every teacher in attendance. As to the material development, we have received some new subscriptions for the Advocate and renewed others. With the least effort we have secured a good list of subscribers to "Go forward." The reading of this missionary paper will help make a forward movement. We have preached on missions far and near, and to-day the missionary assessments, home and foreign, are paid in full and are in the hands of the Treasurer. The assessment for the orphans we paid some time ago. All the other conference collections, with the exception of a few dollars, we have in cash and good subscriptions. Besides these things that are done from year to year, we have on a forward movement. One church has just added a good supply of the new hymn books, and the ladies of this Church are now ready to add a new coat of paint to the building, inside and out. At another church we have about enough money to buy a new organ, and we have a plan by which we hope to rescat the church before the end of the year. At another church we have the lumber to finish the building that has stood unfinished for twenty-two years. We expect to finish this church this week. This Church has also started a fund to buy new hymn books. At still another church we have the lumber to finish the building that has stood unfinished for twenty-eight years. We thought this was long enough, and the people thought so, too, and in five minutes we had donated all the lumber that was needed. At this same church the young people have started a movement to buy a new organ. They hope to have it by the time the church is finished. We have still other things up our sleeve which we hope to get down before the end of the year.—Claude M. Simpson, Feb. 19.

## Cotton Gin.

We have settled down on our work. After a long and severe snow storm in Oklahoma and a move of about 600 miles, we find ourselves among a good people. They have shown us much kindness since we came. I found the charge in a somewhat rundown condition, but we are rallying our forces and are beginning to show some improvement. I believe we are going to have a good year. Our first Quarterly Conference was very good. Bro. Bishop preached for us two very fine sermons. This is his old stamping ground. He served in Cotton Gin Circuit some twenty-odd years ago. Our Board of Stewards made ample provision for the support of the preacher. Our congregations are getting better. Our Sunday-schools are growing in numbers and interest. Organized one Sunday-school last Sunday and expect to organize one more. Organized one prayer meeting, and expect soon to have a W. H. M. Society. I am indeed glad to get back among my old Texas friends once more.—W. J. Land.

## Seminole.

This town is only about nine or ten months old. Seminole is the county seat of Gaines County, located 26 miles from the line of New Mexico, and about 70 miles north of the Texas & Pacific Railroad, Midland being our nearest railroad point. We have a splendid little town of about 300 inhabitants. And it is surprising to everyone that the town continues its rapid growth. I came to the work as early as possible after the snow storm and long rain. I do not believe that anyone has ever met better and bigger hearted people than there are on this charge. I have four regular appointments: three in this county and one in New Mexico (Monument). Seminole claims half time, the rest is divided between the other points. We have purchased lots for a church and parsonage at this place, and I hope to know in the near future that there has been splendid buildings erected. I am glad to note that I have people who are truly religious and anxious to do what they can for the Church. This being a western country there are many in our midst who are not religious and do not care for anything in particular for the Church, but will

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## Chandler.

The sun shines beautifully this morning on the home of the Chandler preacher after the cyclone of last night. It came at 9 o'clock, when entirely unexpected to the preacher. A vast throng of humanity, ladies, men, boys and girls, rushed past us in the entry hall, and made their way to the dining room, where they deposited good things, luxuries, and substantial of every kind almost, for the preacher and family, with many nice dry goods presents for Mrs. Hall and the girls, capping all with a cash deposit of \$7.50. Total value of gifts, \$50. Then howdies, salutes, congratulations, laughs, music, song, thanks, prayer and praise, and social conversations reigned supreme for one hour, and all departed, leaving the preacher's home with the usual after-storm quiet, and no one either killed or wounded, and no property destroyed, as is usual after cyclones. God bless the people of Chandler and surrounding country; they are a whole-hearted people and are doing a splendid part for their preacher, and are co-operating with him in establishing prayer meetings, Sabbath-schools, and in laying plans for a great revival year in Chandler Circuit; and we believe it is coming, and that the time draweth near, yea, is at the door for the salvation of many souls from sin. We are taking our collections for missions this round, and they are responded to nobly so far; and the spirit of work for God and of salvation from sin is seen at every meeting; and we feel the mellow touches of God's Spirit in every service.—Dr. Hall, Feb. 19.

## Mt. Sylvan Circuit.

Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Mt. Sylvan. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Morris, was on hand and preached two good sermons. The good sisters had plenty of dinner on the ground for all. We had one of the best conferences that Mt. Sylvan has experienced in years. The assessment was raised on all of the Churches. The people are well pleased with their elder. We are getting along nicely with our work. We have made some improvements on the parsonage since we came on the work. We are expecting a good year and praying to that end. A few weeks ago the good people of Van slipped up on the blind side of us and give us an old-fashioned pounding. No one knows, except a pastor, how these little tokens of kindness and appreciation gladden our hearts. There are as many loyal Methodists on this work in proportion to membership as can be found on any work in the conference. How can we succeed without them? This week we are expecting the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We trust and pray that His blessing may find its pathway into the homes and hearts of the people in this country.—M. F. Wells, Feb. 18.

## Daingerfield.

Our Hughes Springs Church gave us a great surprise last Saturday night. We went down to fill our regular monthly appointment, and was stopping with Brother Charles Kennedy, and after supper we were sitting in the family room when we heard singing, and it was that grand old song that our dear mothers used

to sing, "Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly." I first thought of the Salvation Army; then we remembered that their was no Salvation Army at this place; so we asked what is that, and to our surprise a great number of people were on the gallery—from old hoary heads down to children, women and men, and with song and prayer, they took possession of us, and such a pounding as is not common to men—fruits, flour, sugar, rice, salt and soap, and other good things too numerous to mention. There were some other denominations in the crowd. Oh! how such expressions of kindness got this preacher! We were almost too full for utterance. Well, bless God, we will try to do the best work of our lives this year. But we will not be satisfied unless we can win the dear children of those people for Christ. God bless this good people.—S. N. Allen, Feb. 20.

## Snyder.

We have been in the clutches of a gripe. We are all up now, how ever, and at work again. The Snyder people are good and loyal and have given us a hearty welcome. We all love our presiding elder. In the Quarterly Conference just gone by, he preached as usual with spiritual power. That is what we need. If the spiritual condition of the Church is to be good, the preaching must be spiritual. Snyder has had two or three years of prosperity and the town is advancing along other lines, so the stewards thought the Church ought not to stay behind; therefore they put the pastor's salary at \$1,000, a raise of \$200 on pastor's salary and \$30 on presiding elder's salary, which was greatly appreciated. We have organized a Woman's Foreign Missionary with twelve members and have reorganized the Woman's Home Mission Society

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# The Home Circle

## FRIDAY.

It's heaps of fun to be a boy  
When Friday comes along;  
That day a boy don't mind a bit,  
No matter what goes wrong.

Sometimes on Friday we are good,  
A regular model class,  
The teacher smiles at three, and says,  
"The first line rise and pass."

We get our hats; our books we strap;  
And whistling a tune,  
We hurry out. There's nothing like  
A Friday afternoon.

You say it's odd that Friday should  
A part so noted play?  
Just ask a boy. He'll tell you why;  
The next is Saturday.

—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

## "I DIDN'T THINK."

That is what a woman said the other day, rather sorrowfully, in speaking of her great carelessness in girlhood in connection with her teeth. Another spoke up, declaring she thought it was a great shame that her parents had sinned against her so grievously when a child on this and a number of other subjects. These women are now paying dearly in decayed teeth and dental bills for the negligence of earlier years.

A girl should begin early to look after her teeth, cleaning them thoroughly twice a day, at least; and then being careful what she bites that may injure the enamel, or what she eats that may produce decay. Many of us have inherited bad teeth to begin with, but that is more the reason that we look after them.

## There are Other Things.

If we could go back of many of the ills of later life—defective vision, diseased stomachs, persistent headaches, bent shoulders, and so on—we should find that because we "didn't think" in girlhood, womanhood has had to reap distress and trouble.

The fact of chewing up your food thoroughly well mixed with spittle is a very small thing, and yet on that may depend the prolongation of your abounding health. Air, sunshine and water are our commonest blessings, and yet how woefully we neglect to use them in the maintenance of our health. Almost every girl to-day at school gets fine training in the principles of physiology and hygiene, but the danger is that she may despise it because of the careless habits of those older around her.

## Good Manners.

Unless we begin to practice good manners in youth, it will be difficult to exemplify them in later life. They can not easily be learned from a book on etiquette, or the "coaching" of a few months; it is the result of our careful training in youth. Not the mere veneer of polish, but the real fiber of your heart life, nourished and directed in daily contact with others. A bad, sour-hearted woman may at times put on the mask of most agreeable manners, but the world will soon learn to know the sham.

Somebody has said that courtesy is but the Golden Rule expressed in life; but the Golden Rule must be in the heart before it can find real expression. Hence it ought to be the ambition of every girl to seek and cultivate first of all that love which Paul says, "loveh not behave itself unseemly." While polishing is not the good manners we are talking about, yet they, emanating essentially from the heart, can be polished.

Good manners pay, like mercy, "twice blessed." It does not only make others feel at ease in our presence, but it gives us access to their hearts as nothing else can. They facilitate social intercourse. They are the oiled key which turns the lock of every heart. They are the prime factor in our success in the business of life. They not only recommend the young person seeking a position, but they make him or her invaluable in dealing with the public.

## Applied to Conversation.

I saw the other day a definition of a "bore:" It was: "A bore is one who keeps on talking when you want to talk yourself." This is a very common violation of conversational etiquette. Another form is that which rushes into and interrupts the speech of another

other in the midst of a sentence, or the recital of a story, without any regard for what you have been saying.

We have known others, who were not themselves talkative, but they sat before you, apparently listening intently to what you were saying, and then with a vacant stare, suddenly ask some foolish question, indicating that the whole thing was lost on the desert air.

Possibly in our large cities there is no better evidence of ill breeding than to find persons in a street-car, or other public place, talk and laugh in a loud way, about matters, too, which ought not to be discussed in the presence of others. They act as though there were no strangers present, and monopolize the occasion.

Our conversation—wide as it is in its scope of subjects—ought never to be unkind in its reference to others who are absent. It ought to be free from all slang and vulgarity and unclean insinuation. We must avoid subjects which are apt to irritate; forego all contradiction and correction, which is gratuitous. Let us cultivate patience, kindness and gentleness. Even the voice itself may become a pretty good index to good breeding.

## The Ethics of Our Promises.

Possibly there is no one thing that we show so little conscience in as our promises in daily contact with one another.

Women are in the habit of using the slippery, hollow words, of just so much breath, when there is no serious intention of carrying them out. "Now do come and see me real soon." "Of course, I will; I have been desiring to do so for some time." They separate, and that is the last of it, and there is never a qualm of conscience on the part of the solemn promiser who was filled with such a strong "desire" to do so.

We must begin to recognize early in life that a promise is a very sacred thing. It can not, without injury to our character, be kicked about like a football. Every failure to fulfill one says our character, and like the formation of the stalactites, those teardrop-like pendants of the cave, insincerity grows drop by drop. When we become indifferent to our promises, however small they may be, we are making it possible to be untrue and unfaithful in more important matters.

The careful making of promises, and our faithful keeping of those we make, is an index to one of the most noble and honorable characters.

I trust that none of the girls who sit around our Round Table to-day will ever have to lift up that despairing, sad cry which is on the lips of so many in reference to physical and moral truths: "Didn't think!"—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

## WORD PICTURES OF HOME.

The late Sam P. Jones made many telling references to the home life, and I think it would be worth the space of your paper to give your readers the two following word pictures. I read them years ago, and have never been able to forget them.

God bless the mother! These two pictures I want you to take away with you. Here is a mother, a real mother, and here is a mother in name only. Here is a little Annie, the daughter of the mother in name only—a sweet six-year-old girl—and she comes in and says: "Mamma, please give me some scraps for my doll's dress." "I shan't do it," the mother answers; "you have wasted more scraps than you and your doll are worth, and I will punish you if you don't quit bothering me." Little Annie hangs her head and goes away. Next day she comes in again: "Please, mamma, give me some thread for my needle." "There you are again, you little trouble. You just worry me from morning to night. Go, put on your hat, and see if you can't bother Mrs. Brown a little while; I'm clean worn out." And Annie goes away, and she says to herself: "I just wish't I was dead; mamma never says a kind word to me." And the next day she comes in again and says: "Mamma, please let me have your scissors." "I shan't do it. You just want to stick your eyes out, and I will certainly punish you if you don't go off and let me have some peace." The little one goes off to herself again, but this time she says: "I wish't my mamma was dead." And so little Annie is coming up, and now she is eighteen years old, and a perfect typhoon. Her mother draws the corners of her mouth down and says: "I don't know what is the matter with my daughter; I've done the best I could for her." I can tell you what's the matter. She is a chip off the old block.

But here is the true mother. Little Mary comes in and says: "Please, mamma, give me some thread for my needle, and mamma says, "Very well, dear, in a moment," and she takes the

thread and threads the needle and ties it in a strong knot for her, and little Mary says, "Thank you, mamma." When she comes in the next day and says, "Please, mamma, give me some scraps," the mother says, "Yes, dear, in a moment." But the mother was just now reading a verse in the Bible: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." "Do you know what that means, darling?" "No, mamma." "It means that you ought to begin right now to be good, and grow up a sweet and noble Christian." And the next day Mary comes in again, and her mother says: "Do you remember, dear, the verse that I repeated to you yesterday?" "No, mamma, I can't repeat that verse, but I remember what you told me about being a good, sweet little girl, and when I went out yesterday I knelt down and said: 'O Lord, help me to be a sweet Christian girl like my mamma.'" And her mother says, "Will you go into the next room, Mary, and kneel and pray with mamma a little while?" And I can imagine I can see a thousand disappointed angels shut out on the outside. They wanted to see what great things God was going to do for mother and Mary. And by and by, when the mother comes out, holding the little Mary by the hand, and tears that would not have stained an angel's cheek run down little Mary's face, and an angel went up and put his hand under the tear and caught it and it crystallized in his hand, and then, ahead of all the other angels, he winged his way back to the skies and called the hosts of heaven together, and said: "Here is the crystallized tear of a sweet girl that a mother is training for this world." And when Mary is eighteen years old she is the joy and blessing of her mother's heart, and a comfort to her friends. Do you know what is the matter with little Mary? She is just like her mother. Go thou, sister, and do likewise.

## THE CURIOUS TORCH FISH.

There is a strange fish that swims in the deeper parts of the sea that is commonly called the torch fish, though in the scientific books he has a Latin name which is much too long and difficult for everyday use.

The most remarkable thing about this fish is the queer, egg-shaped growth on the end of his long, thin nose. This looks very much like an electric light bulb, and it answers much the same purpose, for the fish can light it up whenever he wants to—which is whenever he happens to be hungry. For the oddest thing about this ocean lantern is that it is not intended to light the fish about in the deep gloom under the water (but as a trap for the smaller fish that he likes to eat. So when the little fish that are swimming by happen to see the light they mistake it for a certain deep-sea firefly that they are very fond of, and in their eagerness to scramble for this dainty they sail right into the torch fish's big mouth, which is, of course, wide open ready to receive them. Then, when the fish has eaten all he needs to make him comfortable, he puts out his light and goes off to amuse himself in other ways.—Exchange.

## MARK TWAIN'S MYSTERIOUS CARD.

When I was leaving Hartford for Washington, upon one occasion my wife said: "I have written a small warning and put it in a pocket of your dress-vest. When you are dressing to go to the Authors' Reception at the White House you will naturally put your fingers in your vest pocket, according to your custom, and you will find that little note there. Read it carefully, and do as it tells you. I can not be with you, and so I delegate my sentry duties to this little note. If I should give you the warning by word of mouth, now, it would pass from your head and be forgotten in a few minutes."

It was President's Cleveland's first term. I had never seen his wife—the young, the beautiful, the good-hearted, the sympathetic, the fascinating. Sure enough, just as I had finished dressing to go to the White House I found that little note, which I had long ago forgotten. It was a grave little note, a serious little note, like its writer, but it made me laugh. Livy's gentle gravities often produced that effect upon me, where the expert humorist's best joke would have failed, for I do not laugh easily.

When we reached the White House and I was shaking hands with the President, he started to say something, but I interrupted him and said:

"If your excellency will excuse me, I will come back in a moment; but now I have a very important matter to attend to, and it must be attended to at once."

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which I had written "He didn't"—and I asked her to sign her name below those words.

She said: "He didn't? He didn't what?"

"Oh," I said, "never mind. We can not stop to discuss that now. This is urgent. Won't you please sign your name?" (I handed her a fountain pen.)

"Why," she said, "I cannot commit myself in that way. Who is it that didn't?—and what is it that he didn't?"

"Oh," I said, "time is flying, flying, flying. Won't you take me out of my distress and sign your name to it? It's all right, I give you my word it's all right."

She looked nonplussed; but hesitatingly and mechanically she took the pen and said:

"I will sign it. I will take the risk. But you must tell me all about it, right afterward, so that you can be arrested before you get out of the house in case there should be anything criminal about this."

Then she signed; and I handed her Mrs. Clemens' note, which was very brief, very simple, and to the point. It said: "Don't wear your arctics in the White House." It made her shout; and at my request she summoned a messenger and we sent that card at once to the mail on its way to Mrs. Clemens in Hartford.—From Mark Twain's Autobiography in The North American Review.

## HOW THE BROWNIE'S RAN AWAY.

On Paul's birthday a box came from Aunt Mattie with the nicest little brown figures in it you ever saw. There were four for each of the children, for Ruth and Paul always celebrated their birthdays together, and thus had two every year.

"I'll take the boys and you may have the girls," said Paul. "It's my birthday, and mamma said I could have first choice."

"Goody!" cried Ruth, clapping her little hands. "I like the girls the best."

The children called them Brownies, and soon each Brownie had a name. Lucy and Nellie and Rosamond and Polly stood in the side window, while Paul's four boys had the place of honor in the front window waiting for papa to come to dinner. It was a bright winter day, so the children went out to coast down hill after examining all the presents, and the Brownies were forgotten for a little while.

"O, papa, Auntie sent us the nicest little dolls you ever saw," said Ruth, running to meet her father.

"They aren't dolls, they're Brownies," said Paul. "Mine are in the front window."

Papa looked, but no Brownies appeared. Ruth hurried around to the side of the house, and hers were gone out of the window where she had placed them. "Some one must have taken them out of the windows," said papa. "We will see when we get into the house. Shake the snow off well, for mamma doesn't like to have it on the carpets."

"No, I didn't put the Brownies away," said mamma, when they asked her about them. "Perhaps Sarah did."

There were hot water radiators in front of every window, and the children stooped down to look under them, but no Brownies were in sight. "Some one stole them," said Paul, while Ruth looked ready to cry. "I just wish I had the thief."

"They couldn't be stolen right out of the sitting room, children," said papa. "That is impossible. You'll find them

one of these days just where you put them for safe keeping."

Just then the postman brought in a letter from Aunt Mattie, and mamma laughed a great deal when she read it.

"Your Brownies were not stolen, children," she said. "They ran away. Auntie says they are made of chocolate, to eat, instead of being dolls to play with."

"But how did they run away?" asked two voices at once.

"See!" Their papa held them up above the radiator, and there under each window were four thick, brown streams where the heat had melted the poor Brownies. The wall paper was brown, so the poor little men and women did not make much show on the wall.

Mamma scraped part of the Brownies off with a dull knife, and the next places they ran down two little red lanes. Can you guess what the lanes were?—Hilda Richmond, in Sunday-school Times.

## "YOU HEVE MY PARDING, MISS."

A young lady, in hastily turning the corner of a street in London, accidentally ran with great force against a ragged beggar boy and nearly knocked him over. Stopping as soon as she could and retracing her steps, she said very kindly, "I beg your pardon, my little fellow, I am very sorry that I ran against you."

The boy was wholly amazed; he looked at the lady one moment, and then, taking off his tattered cap, made a graceful bow and said, as his face lit up with a smile: "You heve my parding, miss, and ye're welcome to it. And say, the next time you run ag'in me, you kin knock me clean down and I won't say a word."

After the lady had passed on, the boy said to a companion: "I say, Jim, it's fine to hev somebody asking yer parding, ain't it?"—Selected.

## NO MISTAKE HERE

Discovery of a Proof-Reader.

Even a proof-reader may make mistakes unless careful reading is maintained all the time.

It makes a lot of difference sometimes, just how a thing is read.

This is the tale:

"No tea and not one drop of coffee," ordered the doctor—and I rebelled. But alas, with nerves that saw, felt and heard things that were not, rebellion was useless.

"With the greatest reluctance I gave up these lifelong companions, and drank milk, milk—until the very step of the milkman grew hateful.

"My nerves were some better, but breakfast without some warm beverage grew wearisome, and bid fair to be entirely slighted. And with a brain that for nine hours daily must work hard, ever demanding nourishment, the falling appetite was a serious proposition.

"Then in despair, Postum was tried. I had tasted it once and heartily disliked the pale watery compound, but now, literally starving for a hot drink, I read and re-read the directions on the package with the critical eye of the proof-reader following them out to the letter and lo! the rich brown liquid of the advertisements.

"Not one but three cups disappeared and since then Postum has been my sole warm beverage, unfailingly refreshing and helpful; both body and nerves testifying to its helpfulness by new strength and vigor." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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## Methodist Sunday School Conference

Which is to Convene in Houston, Texas,  
Next March, the 26th, 27th and 28th, is Expected to be the  
GREATEST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE EVER HELD IN THE STATE

Every Sunday-school worker, teacher, superintendent, primary worker, home department superintendent and pastor in Texas Methodism should be present.

The best talent in Texas is on the program, including judges, lawyers, business men, bankers and pastors, all of whom have made some special work in the Sunday-school a success. Besides, the world famed Dr. H. M. Hamill, superintendent of teacher training of our Church, will be present and discuss many of the most important features of the Sunday-school work. He will give a special lecture on each of the following very interesting topics, as part of his work during the conference: "The Book of Genesis," "The Mosaic Code," "The Mosaic Ritual," "The Old Testament Missionary Idea," "The Jewish Church," "The Easter Sermon Taught." It will be worth a trip to Houston to hear Dr. Hamill in either one of these lectures, and then there will be the many other great features of the conference.

Mrs. Hamill, the greatest specialist on primary work in America, will be present to discuss the many topics of the primary department.

Our own Bishop Seth Ward will be with us, giving to the conference his assistance in counsel and the discussion of the most important relations of our Sunday-school work to the Church.

Dr. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, will edify us with a discussion of the live topic—"The Sunday-school and Civic Righteousness."

We will notice in another communi-

### CORSICANA DISTRICT.

The first round has just been completed. The book handed me by my esteemed predecessor, just as the Bishop began to read the appointments, was a sufficient preparation for the slight shock that attended the announcement of my name as presiding elder of this good district. In fact, having received similar startling appointments twelve times before, there was no real reason for any shock at all. But the romance of the appointments will never cease.

The book mentioned above contained a very fine and accurate statement of the affairs of the district; just such a one as was to be expected from J. M. Barcus. Ten days later we were in the district parsonage in Corsicana. It is a good house and located in a good community. There is plenty of room for all the belongings of an average presiding elder, and plenty of lot room for a good barn and a horse and cow. Not that this scribe intends to cultivate the kine family. No; far be it from me to do the like of that. I once did, but have learned better. Now, my fad is chickens—frying size and on the table.

But a truce to this kind of talk. Barcus did nobly in buying this excellent home for the presiding elder, and the people in the district have done likewise.

We began the round at First Church, not according to appointment, for the appointment was at Eleventh Avenue. But Brother Whitehurst was sick and unable to preach, so Brother Moore kindly excused us from the engagement and First Church had first service. As this station was organized some time ago by the present presiding elder, when he was a benedict and his bride the most beautiful of women (no change in this last statement yet), it was a real pleasure to meet the friends of other days. But oh! so many absent. "Some to the bridal and some to the tomb."

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For fear that some may misunderstand, let us say that this conference embraces the whole State of Texas. Every Annual Conference of Southern Methodism and Sunday-school worker is a member. No need to elect delegates, no certificates necessary; just get ready and come, one, two, three, five, ten, or more from every school in the State.

A great time awaits you. We expect you; your duty calls you; come! STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

### Short Notes.

Are you satisfied with yourself as a teacher, superintendent or primary worker? If not, then you should by all means attend the Houston Conference.

As superintendent or teacher how often have you desired the help of some experienced Sunday-school co-worker in solving the perplexing problems that confront your work? That's just what this conference is for. Jot down questions you desire answered and bring them along.

One of the pleasant features of the Houston Conference will be an excursion to Galveston Friday, with \$1 for round trip, with entertainment by the Methodists of the city, under the management of Rev. Glenn Flynn. Don't you want to go?

Pardon my sentimentalism. When I think of the days when Marion Fry, Captain Halbert, Col. Mills, Jas. H. Doolen, Col. Winkler, Major Beaton, the two Jesters (L. L. was only a boy then), and last but not least Uncle Billy Roberts, were my constant friends and wise counselors, I can't help indulging myself a little. Happy are the young preacher who is enriched with such friendships. Some of these are gone on; but in life or death not one of them ever ceased to be my warm personal friend. Perhaps this prelude is too long. If you think so, Mr. Editor, condense it yourself; for I can't and, what is more, I won't. Not only was the aforementioned book a fine statement, but the Church in the district shows the guidance of a master hand. (Now, Brother John, wear that in your button-hole till you get a better bouquet.)

The second appointment was at McCord's Chapel on the Frost Circuit. Brother R. B. Young, preacher in charge. It was so soon after conference that all the stewards who don't take the Advocate were in ignorance of the time. Consequently the attendance was small. But we had fine, religious services, and postponed the Quarterly Conference for two weeks, when we held the meeting. They were not ready to make their assessments, but their spirit is good and they will do the right thing at the Quarterly Conference next round. Thence we went to Brandon, conducted thither by Brother Moore, a fine layman of the Frost charge, and by Brother Walter Griffith, pastor of Brandon Circuit, who met us at Mertens. We had a fine conference at Brandon. Full representation and spirit of progress. "The elder" occupied the pulpit Sunday night and Monday at eleven. At three that afternoon we transacted the business of the Church. They made a fifty-dollar advance on pastor's salary, and did other things nice and pleasant.

Next came the Purdon Circuit. This is a new circuit, made out of several old appointments. Brother J. T. McKeown, a local preacher, is in charge. We had a large attendance, but owing

to the newness of the circuit, and the sickness of one of the leading stewards, assessments were deferred, after each place had expressed a willingness to go beyond its record.

Then came Powell. Brother E. O. Williams, pastor. A new charge and no organization as yet practicable.

It was refreshing to get to Cooldge, the new station on the T. & B. V. Railway—a growing town and a plucky Church. They went far away beyond their record in estimates for the support of Leon Henderson, their pastor. The weather broke up everything but the Quarterly Conference.

Mexia—the kid glove job. From the days of C. R. Wright until now the Church there has been counted among the most pleasant appointments in the conference. It was always a delightful place, but somehow they took on some peculiar ways about that time. One of their peculiarities is, they let the pastor go to the bank and get all his money as he needs it. Another is, the conference collections are about as well arranged for. They have a good parsonage (thanks to Tom Armstrong and the leaders in Mexia), and a nice church. The church is not new, however. They will look after it as need requires. S. J. Rucker is in fine favor, and no wonder. He is an excellent preacher, and fits the place. I blame his wife for that.

Ben Crow picked up the Richland Circuit and flung it on his shoulders the first day he was there. He is a live wire, and the people found it out at once. He had not been there three days until he had sent off his collection for the Orphanage. He is getting them all seriatim. He had two candidates ready for the vows when I got there, and two babies to baptize. The last were the children of a local preacher, who believes the Bible. Vinsant is on the Corsicana Circuit for the second year. He is a local itinerant. His people made a big advance in his salary, and hereafter Corsicana Circuit will be counted among the best.

Now, don't forget Irene, where George Kincheloe and Uncle Sam Morris are. A new parsonage last year, and a new church completed this one. New seats bought and half paid for at the first Quarterly Conference, and a new stove in the new house, and on top of that all the conference collections in full. When I took the collection I told them if they did not subscribe liberally I would send Kincheloe after them on the streets. They surrendered at discretion. This new circuit can do anything they undertake.

Wortham Quarterly Conference at Woodland. Brother Simon Peter Neville took me in his buggy. We had a fine day. Neville is another success. His work shows it. Notwithstanding heavy losses, they moved forward on salary. That is right, for they never paid enough before. Besides, the way to do is not to give up when one drops out, but close up the ranks and go ahead.

I am not out of adjectives yet, but facts are all that are needed. Groesbeck gives Wynne a raise of \$100, all the collections secured in full and made arrangements for a revival, besides looking after the debt on that beautiful brick church built during W. W. Moss' administration. By the way, John R. Nelson is in the habit of saying that we would never have had any church buildings in Texas if we had not gone in debt. I believe he is correct; but we always pay for them. Moss did well.

Thornton and McAfee match each other nicely. Both are growing. Thornton is advancing in every respect under his aggressive leadership.

Next is Horn Hill. R. S. Heizer has charge. (Put that last word in italics.) They moved forward bravely to meet the losses occasioned by the loss of territory. With such a Board of Stewards as that one, Heizer would be ashamed if he failed. But that is not his kind of language.

Now let us stop a moment at Dawson. R. W. Nation is the preacher in charge. He fits nicely. A fine young man, and doing a good work. The



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## POTASH

"Cotton Culture" is the title of a book of 90 pages, full of "meaty" suggestions for the cotton grower. It discusses the proper cultivation of the cotton plant, and gives valuable hints on fertilizing necessary to secure the greatest yield. It will be sent free to all interested.

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stewards were discouraged somewhat because of loss of one or two strong appointments, and could not see their way clear to make the salary the same as before. That is a mistake; for has not Bishop Key just proven, point blank, by the Bible, that any ten men can take care of their own and one other family? I think he has; and before you dispute it, read his new sermon.

To Alma we go next. O. C. Sweeney is in evidence as pastor. Big-bodied and big-hearted, he is meeting the demand, although the price of horses and his salary do not tally well. But the stewards did what they thought was their best and he will ride the circuit. They like him, and they ought to.

Rice finds herself blessed with a nice gentleman (reports say a good preacher) in N. E. Gardner. Sister Gardner was right badly burned at the beginning of the year. We are thankful to say she is about well. They moved forward enough to compensate for the loss of Tupelo to Alma. Rice ought to be a station, and if they retain their present spirit I think they will soon.

Blooming Grove, the site of the Training School, is no doubt all right, but the smallpox scare, now about over, prevented anything like a satisfactory Quarterly Conference. They have an ideal gentleman for pastor. The salary will remain as hitherto.

Barry fits C. W. Simpson, and he fits Barry. They moved forward courageously, and made up for the loss of Dresden. Brother J. H. Walker is a man of great capacity for organization. The work starts off with every one full of faith and expecting great things this year.

Kirk! Listen. Read and profit. Bought a new parsonage, doubled their estimates for salary over last year, started Z. L. Howell into his work with revival spirit, and did everything they ought to have done. I would like to have a work with two such men as Fowler and Melvin Sharp for leaders. But such blessings are rare.

Now, John Barcus, hold your breath. Cotton Gin Circuit has exactly the right man—Brother Land. His estimate for the year is \$500, and one-fourth of it paid. Boll weevil, nothing! What is that to Cal Keys and Sam Bond and those other stewards. Some of them I knew when I was a boy preacher. I expect to meet them in heaven. I married Tobe Hancock and his wife not very long ago, as it seems, but they have grown-up children.

Now is not this a big district? Twenty-three appointments at conference and one more in prospect, have held Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute, expect to hold an Education Rally, a District Conference, an Epworth League Rally and three Sunday-School Institutes, beside all the Quarterly Conferences.

The sad thing has been Brother Whitehurst's continued illness, but he is on his feet again and improving rapidly, for which we are devoutly thankful. I skipped Eleventh Avenue, reserving it for this place. Of course

you read about the big time they had about their parsonage matter. The redoubtable Abe Mulkey got under conviction for stinginess. He only gives, habitually, about five times as much as others of his means; but he got convicted of sin on this question. So he flung down a glove to the Eleventh Avenue people and paralyzed them. No, they are just walking around with that gaze on their right hands, and the parsonage will soon be built and ready for the preacher. They advanced a hundred dollars on salary, and are having a revival all the time. The Church is moving along the lines of her mission, and when Brother Hotchkiss gets here we will have some living links.

HORACE BISHOP.

### CUERO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Cuero District Conference will be held at El Campo, April 25-29. Committees:

Admission on Trial.—G. W. White, J. D. Burke, V. G. Thomas.  
License to Preach.—C. Williamson, W. A. Dunn, R. S. Adair.  
Deacon's Orders.—B. H. Passmore, A. Y. Old, M. Williamson.  
Elder's Orders.—I. M. Carter, R. S. Collier, W. H. Nelson.  
R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

### DEDICATION.

On account of Bro. J. R. Morris being sick he was not able to dedicate the church at this place on the second Sunday in this month, as announced in the Advocate. It was postponed until the fifth Sunday in March. On that date Bro. Morris will dedicate our church. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend this service.  
W. V. GEORGE, L. P.  
Eskota, Texas.

### A FRIEND'S TIP

70-Year-Old Man Not too Old to Accept a Food Pointer.

"For the last 20 years," writes a Maine man, "I've been troubled with Dyspepsia and liver complaint, and have tried about every known remedy without much in the way of results until I took up the food question."

"A friend recommended Grape-Nuts food, after I had taken all sorts of medicines with only occasional, temporary relief.

"This was about nine months ago, and I began the Grape-Nuts for breakfast with cream and a little sugar. Since then I have had the food for at least one meal a day, usually for breakfast.

"Words fail to express the benefit I received from the use of Grape-Nuts. My stomach is almost entirely free from pain and my liver complaint is about cured, I have gained flesh, sleep well, can eat nearly any kind of food except greasy, starchy things and am strong and healthy at the age of 70 years.

"If I can be the means of helping any poor mortal who has been troubled with dyspepsia as I have been, I am willing to answer any letter enclosing stamp." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."





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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Table of District Conference dates and locations: Austin, Columbus, 9 a. m., April 19; Waxahachie, Italy, 10 a. m., April 22; Beeville, Corpus Christi, 9 a. m., April 24; Cuero, El Campo, 9 a. m., April 25; Terrell, Grand Hill, 9 a. m., April 25; Georgetown, Hutto, 9 a. m., April 25; Corsicana, Rice, 11 a. m., April 26; Plainview, Plainview, 9 a. m., April 26; Jacksonville, Henderson, May 1; Albuquerque, Melrose, N. M., May 8; Clarendon, Canyon City, 8:30 a. m., May 10; San Antonio, Pearshall, May 15; Gainesville, Myra, May 16; San Angelo, El Dorado, May 20; Tyler, Lindale, 8 p. m., May 25; Llano, Cherokee, 9 a. m., June 19; Fort Worth, Godley, 11 a. m., June 19; Calvert, Calvert, June 25; Colorado, Snyder, 8:30 a. m., June 25; Weatherford, Ranger, June 25; Dublin, Gorman, 9 a. m., June 27; Greenville, Commerce, 2 p. m., June 27; Gatesville, Clifton, 9 a. m., June 28; Brownwood, Comanche, 8:30 a. m., July 1

Some people, when they move to a new country, leave their religion, their Church affiliation and their Church paper behind them. Mr. C. W. Osborne, now of Lubbock, is evidently not of that kind. He renews his subscription to the Advocate, and his pastor writes: "This is a Hill County man that I have caught. Send us many more like him."

One of our Dallas brewers is very much distressed over the proposed uniform high license bill now pending before the Legislature. He says if it should become a law that it will put about seven-tenths of the saloon men out of business in this city; that this will make them mad and that they will at once vote for local option so as to put those out of business who are able to pay the tax. Bah! This old brewer don't want to see the divers beer joints put out of business in the city by this high license. That is all that is bothering him. Then, too, he says that local option will set Dallas back twenty-five years. Bah! Bah! The only thing that would get a setback would be crime, vice and immorality. Everything else that is good would go forward twenty-five years. On with the battle!

R. S. Munger, of Birmingham, Ala., that noted man of large enterprise and an Israelite in whom there is no guile, is in the city. He did more than any one man to make our General Conference at Birmingham a success, than almost any other man connected with its local management. We are always glad to greet him. He will be in the city several days, as he has large interests here. A year ago he purchased about three hundred acres of valuable land in the edge of the city, and he is putting it in fine shape as a most valuable addition to the residence district of Dallas. He has much of it laid off in beautiful streets that are paved and otherwise improved, and he will soon have the property ready for use. He took us a spin in his auto the other day through his addition, and we were surprised to see what he is doing. He is spending a great deal of money in this enterprise, and it will be worth much to the city.

The present Legislature seems to have it in for the newspapers. Their reason for it is that the newspapers have developed a sentiment against public officials using free railroad passes while serving the interests of the people. As a result, three or four of the last Democratic Conventions have included a plank in their platforms demanding the enactment of an anti-free passlaw. This plank has just as often been ignored by the following Legislature. But the last convention reached such an intense state of feeling on the subject that it put so strong a plank into the platform that the new Governor recommended in his opening message to the Legislature that this demand take the shape of a definite law on this subject. The present Legislature can not ignore this matter. So the Senate went to work and drew a very drastic bill and passed it. It went down to the Lower House, and there it was laid aside and another one drawn in its stead. Both of them, however, excluded newspapers from the right to exchange advertising space for mileage; and the newspapers came in for general and severe criticism. Now, as a matter of fact, newspapers do not come under the head of the free pass evil. They pay the railroads in advertising space for every mile of travel they receive in return. But public officials, elected by the people, pay the railroads nothing in exchange for these free passes, unless it—well, we need not mention it. Legislators have no right to such a privilege, for the law of the State provides for their transportation at the expense of the people. And the people only demand that their officials do not bring themselves under obligation to the railroads by accepting free passes from them. It has reached such a state that just as soon as a man is elected to a public office, the railroads fill his pockets with free passes. Why do they do this? They get nothing tangible in the way of remuneration for such favors. But it is a fact that these public officials have to deal with these roads in various ways in attending to the duties of the people. And this is why the people demand that they shall be free from obligation to these roads. But aside from the public servants whom the people elect, the Legislature has not been called upon to do any legislating on this subject. That body seems to be in a fair way to make a mess out of their entire effort to pass an anti free pass law.

A Dallas wholesale whiskey dealer was in Austin when it was announced that the liquor people were going to test the C. O. D. law in the United States District Court in this city. When he found out that the members of the Legislature were not looking with favor upon this effort to turn down their new law, he made haste to disclaim any responsibility upon the part of the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association for this step. Well, he did not tell the truth. They are all into this effort, but they are afraid that the influence of this litigation will cause the Legislature to impose harder restrictions upon that infamous business. But these liquorites can not deceive anybody. They have no respect for decency, except while the Legislature is in session.

We give in this issue the first of the series of letters of travel by Mr. S. J. Thomas, of the Comanche Chief. Some time ago we announced that he would make a trip to the Orient and that we had made arrangement with him to have from his facile pen his sketches of travel. He is now working his way toward New York, preparatory to sailing, and his first letter tells us about Washington City, the members of the two houses of Congress, the State buildings and the historic Mt. Vernon. Bear in mind that he is giving our readers an opportunity to see and hear things through the eyes and ears of a wide-awake and vigorous layman. We have often had letters of travel from preachers, but this is the first time that we have ever had a layman in

the field. But Mr. Thomas is an educated man, a trained writer, as bright as a new dollar and a good Methodist. Of course, as a layman he will have a little wider latitude than is usually taken by a minister, and he will write things just a trifle different from the style of a preacher. We venture no risk when we assert that the Advocate has never had a more sprightly, discriminating and up-to-date correspondent than Mr. Thomas is sure to be.

Mrs. Key gave an annual reception at the North Texas Female College on last Friday morning. It was the occasion of the anniversary of George Washington's birthday, and she always makes this event one of interest to the college and its friends. A large number of guests attended the reception, and it was a most delightful occasion. The school is on the high sea of prosperity. All the room is taken and all the departments are full. Even larger accommodations are now in contemplation for another year. No school in Texas surpasses this in its progress and patronage. Its advantages are number one, and the people appreciate the opportunity it affords them for training their daughters under the best of influences.

The University Training School at Terrell, under the presidency of Rev. Joseph Morgan, is contemplating a removal from its present site on the railroad to a location in the northern part of the city. A good friend has donated a twenty-five-acre tract for the new campus, and the City of Terrell proposes to do a handsome thing by the new buildings; and the change will take place as soon as the quarters are ready. The school is in fine condition, and has the promise of a very large success. The present site is not desirable because of its proximity to the railroad and the lack of room for further improvements. Then, too, the colored population of the town live near the same locality and it became necessary to change for these reasons. The new site is all that can be desired, and with the equipment in view, the school has a bright future.

This has been a good winter so far for the brethren on circuit and mission work. There has scarcely been any cold weather, and the rains have not interfered with travel. Ordinarily the winter is a bad time for work in the country districts; not so this winter. Hence a great many revivals have already been reported from the circuit work and the collections, in many instances, have been pushed. We have no more important work than the country work in Texas. From it the larger towns and the cities get the most of their members. There is a tendency to drift toward the town and the city, and these country converted people make good city Methodists. We hardly know what we would do without them. The circuit preacher has the post of honor, if it does impose hard work upon him. He is the hope of Methodism.

That "Prayer Chain" craze still seizes a great many people with a degree of seriousness that would be ludicrous were it not so solemn. The prayer itself is harmless, but the threat of dire calamity to those who refuse to copy it and keep it going, is the thing that bothers a great many susceptible folk. Every week this absurd thing is sent to the Advocate with a request to give it special attention because of the fact that it is taken very seriously by numbers of people who receive it. It seems to us that any sensible person receiving such a missive would simply throw it in the fire or the waste basket and never give it another thought. That is what we do with the samples sent to us.

Our Northern brethren are burdened with too many Church organs and too many publishing houses. Recently their commission took these questions under consideration, and they have recommended a unification of their publishing interests, and they have also recommended to their Book Committee the consolidation of three of

their leading papers, to-wit: The Western Christian Advocate, the Central Christian Advocate and the Northwestern Christian Advocate. In this consolidation they recommend the one paper to be known as the Central Christian Advocate, to be published in Chicago. This arrangement, if agreed to, will absorb the Central, now published in Kansas City, and the Western, published in Cincinnati. These papers have been published at a loss to the Church for the past few years, and this recommendation is in the interest of economy. The next General Conference of that Church will meet in May, 1908, and if the Book Committee concur in this recommendation that body will take the matter in hand and bring it to a consummation. It takes money, and lots of it, to run a first-class religious weekly.

Rev. J. M. Binkley celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth on the 26th inst., and his children gathered at his home in Sherman on that occasion and enjoyed a great family reunion. It was an event of much pleasure to them all, especially as Bro. Binkley has reached this advanced age in good health, with all his faculties still in perfect repair. He has the spirit of a young man and retains his interest in the affairs of the Church with the same degree of alertness that characterized his habit in the days of his activity as a traveling preacher. One can scarcely think of him as an old man, and to meet him and come under the influence of his life and character is a benediction. No one stands higher in the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and friends than Bro. Binkley, and his brethren throughout the Church love and honor him very tenderly. When the history of Texas Methodism is written, he will fill one of its most important chapters.

The issue of the Nashville Advocate of Feb. 8 had a splendid picture of the grand old man of the Texas Conference, Rev. John Adams, D. D., together with a fine sketch of his life. He is now in retirement in Tyler, under his own vine and fig tree, after many long years of faithful service in the active work of the Church. For a half century he has been one of the most consecrated and spiritual ministers in Texas Methodism. He is an unobtrusive man in his relation to his brethren, but firm in his convictions and determined in his purpose. He has never been a self-seeker, and under no circumstances has he ever pushed his own interests; but such has been his merit and his devotion that the Church has always kept him to the forefront as a prominent and useful factor in the growth and progress of our work. As a preacher he is far above the average man amongst us, sound in his theology, wide in his reading, accurate in his intelligence and strong in his expositions of the truth. For thirty-two years he filled consecutively the office of presiding elder, and he was a member of five General Conferences. About four years ago he took a superannuated relation and since then has lived in quietude at Tyler, preaching as he has had opportunity and writing for the Church papers. There is nothing sour in his nature, neither is there anything morose in his disposition. All Texas Methodists love and honor Bro. Adams.

The latest news from Bishop Duncan is that he is gradually improving, and the hope is expressed that he will be fully restored to health. Also we continue to hear good reports from Bishop Galloway. He is now regarded as practically well again. This intelligence will perhaps satisfy the secular press beyond the Mississippi that there will be no need for a called session of the General Conference to elect several Bishops to help carry on the work of the Church. These papers have persisted in demanding a called session of the General Conference because of the death of Bishops Tigert and Smith, and because of the serious illness of Bishops Galloway and Duncan. But in the extreme event caused by the death of two and the illness of two others of our Bishops, there would be

no necessity for calling the General Conference together for the purpose of electing a number of new Bishops. We have a number of active Bishops, even sufficient, to manage the affairs of the Church in almost any emergency until the regular session in May, 1910. It is wonderful how the secular press in some quarters is interested in helping the Church to manage its business. We are glad it feels so much interest in us, but the secular press is a little premature in this movement.

**LIFE AND SAYINGS OF SAM P. JONES.**

The above is the title of a handsome large volume just issued by Mrs. Jones, the widow of the late Rev. Sam P. Jones. It is a large book of more than four hundred pages, giving a delightful story of the wonderful life and matchless sayings of this wonderful man. It covers his fifty-nine years and presents him just as he lived, wrought and died; and it is by the wife of his bosom, who knew him more intimately than any other person in the world. Hence the interest that this volume possesses! It is handsomely illustrated. It will be sold by subscription and those desiring the book will not find it in the book stores. They will have to correspond with Mrs. Jones at Cartersville, Ga.

We sometimes hear our Methodists say that we are not doing much, not half what we ought to do as a Church; that the Baptists are outstripping us on all parts of the ground. Well, we rejoice to see our Baptist brethren succeed; they have a grand Church organization and they are doing a great work in Texas. But we have contended all along that while we ought to do a great deal more than we are doing, nevertheless we are not idle by any means; neither are we neglecting, altogether, our opportunity. And we are glad to publish the following item from a recent issue of the Daily News, and it will show what the Baptists think of our work in this city:

The relative strength of the Baptists and Methodists was compared yesterday morning at the regular meeting of the Baptist pastors in the city. In this connection the following figures were submitted: Total membership of all the Dallas Baptist Churches, 3,600; total membership of all the Dallas Methodist Churches, 4,436; total enrollment in Baptist Sunday schools, 2,400; total enrollment in Methodist Sunday-schools, 3,963.

Property investments: Baptists, \$170,500; Methodists, \$100,000. Amount to be expended this year by Baptists in improvements, \$50,000; amount to be expended this year by the Methodists in improvements, \$225,000.

The gain in membership during the period of about the last five years: Baptists, 20 per cent; Methodists, 50 per cent.

Number of Baptist Churches, 6; number of Methodist Churches, 10. This embraces only the strong Churches. The total number listed at present, including missions, are: Baptists, 15; Methodists, 16.

PERSONALS.

Rev. W. T. Morrow, of Broadway, Gainesville, was to see us this week, and he reports his charge in fine condition and the work generally prosperous up that way.

Rev. H. A. Boaz, D. D., of Polytechnic College, made us a brotherly visit recently. He is one of our most successful school men, and his work is to the forefront in Texas.

Rev. E. L. Spurlock, business manager for the North Texas Female College, spent last Sunday in the city and made the Advocate a good visit. He says they have matriculated 543 pupils this year.

Rev. L. A. Webb, of Central Church, Ft. Worth, called to see the Advocate force the other day. He has charge of the youngest Methodist enterprise in Ft. Worth, and he is pushing it to a successful issue.

Rev. N. B. Bennett, a superannuated member of the Northwest Texas Conference, died recently in the Panhandle country, and his remains were interred at Childress. He was a modest,

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earnest and devoted man, and during his active days served the Church well; but some time ago that dread disease, consumption, seized him, and for months he suffered its ravages and finally passed away. He wrought well, and has now entered upon his well-merited reward.

Mrs. S. H. Lumpkin, wife of our good Brother S. H. Lumpkin, of Meridian, is suffering from an attack of illness, and will be in the Temple Sanitarium for a few days. We trust that her recovery may be speedy and permanent.

We have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth O'Neal, of Clarendon, to Mr. Frank M. Neal. The ceremony was performed Feb. 6th, and the couple will be at home in Cleburne after March 1st.

In a private note from Rev. O. A. Shook we learn that his mother died on the 17th instance. Hers was a long and useful life, followed by a triumphant departure to the Church on high.

Rev. W. W. Nunn, of Ozona, was in the city recently looking after some furniture for their Church, such as seats, pulpit and so on. He is 85 miles from the railroad, but they have a station, a parsonage and a most excellent congregation.

Rev. C. G. Shutt and daughter, of the Northwest Texas Conference, made the Advocate a pleasant visit recently. Bro. Shutt is devoting his whole time to missionary work throughout the bounds of the Colorado and Plainview Districts.

Mrs. L. H. Poits, of Grace Church, gave an "at home" last week to Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Knickerbocker. A general invitation to the Methodists of the city was extended and a large number gathered to pay their respects to the former pastor of Grace Church and his new bride. It was a delightful occasion and quite an event in the Church circles of the city. For four years Brother Knickerbocker was pastor of the Church, and during this time he built the present beautiful edifice and really organized the Church. He was recently married to Miss Wordsworth, of Itasca, and their future home will be Oklahoma City, where he is now pastor.

Mr. A. K. Ragsdale has for the time being dropped out of railroad work and is devoting his time to the Epworth League interests. Particularly is he interested in the permanent improvement of the Encampment enterprise down by the sea. He will push the bond project and put that undertaking on a good business basis. The Dallas Leagues have all gone into it with enthusiasm, and we doubt not but that the State Leagues generally will do likewise. In this event the Encampment will be worthy of the importance attached to it, and it will command the fullest attention of the young people of the Church. We hope Brother Ragsdale will get the co-operation of all the pastors and their Leaguers in this worthy undertaking.

D. M. Smith, one of the Agents of our Publishing House, was in the city last week looking into the matters of our Branch House business. He comes out once a year and visits Mr. Everett and talks matters over with him. He expressed himself well pleased with the Branch House affairs, and he said it was the purpose of the Book Committee to carry out the instructions of the General Conference and erect or purchase a suitable building for the business in this city during the quadrennium. Brother Smith made the Advocate a pleasant visit while here. He is much pleased with their new building in Nashville, and says that it has put the business in fine shape.

Rev. J. A. Moody, of Mansfield, made the Advocate a delightful visit this week. He is a new man in the Northwest Texas Conference, having transferred to it last fall from the Memphis Conference. But from the work he is doing for the Advocate, to say nothing of his other fine qualities, is enough to mark him high up on the list of our useful ministers. He is doing well in Mansfield.

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

During the last two weeks I have helped to nurse my old father, who is quite feeble. He is gradually dying of senility. As a life-long Methodist he has been faithful, serving as steward, class leader and Sunday-school superintendent. He is a Southern gentleman of the old school. He was never quite able to get rid of his secession sentiments, for which he has been counted among the unconstructed. After fighting four years in the Civil War and losing his negroes and other property, he seemed to lose his love for the United States Government. He wanted to move to Honduras after the surrender. Peacefully he nears the end of an eventful life.

I have found some time to get out among the brethren. On Sunday, 3d inst., I heard Bishop Ward preach a strong sermon in Grace Church at Houston Heights. Bro. McKenney, the pastor of this new Church, has a promising plant. Last Sunday I preached for Bro. George Sexton at St. Paul's. Sexton says the next time I am in the city he will go around with me to canvass his quota of the Methodists. He believes we can get a hundred subscribers to the Advocate. There were twenty-two accessions to St. Paul's last Sunday. New members are coming there every week. The foundation of their magnificent building is being laid.

Last Sunday night I worshiped with the congregation at the Tabernacle Church. Bro. Crum has that Church making good time on the upgrade. I hear good news from all the Houston Churches. They are all well manned and are prosperous.

Methodism is a power in the great, growing city of Houston. The fellowship and general helpfulness of our Bishop Ward is indeed a blessing to us. The Bishop is a brotherly leader, yet none the less a real leader.

Bro. C. F. Smith is a true, sweet-spirited, efficient presiding elder. Our next Annual Conference will meet in Houston. We hope at that time to make a fine showing. I have several engagements ahead. As soon as I can leave my father I shall get out again into the field. JNO E. GREEN. Houston, February 14, 1907.

THE EDITOR IN FORT WORTH.

Dr. G. C. Rankin was in our city last Sunday, preaching at the Polytechnic College in the morning and lecturing at the City Hall on local option in the afternoon. It was not my pleasure to hear him at the morning hour, but I have something of a recollection of hearing him at the City Hall in the afternoon. I am told that he preached a fine sermon in the morning on "The Work of the Holy Spirit in Regeneration." He certainly gave us a fine lecture on local option. But, Mr. Publisher, aren't you glad that you did not have to look at him when a boy preacher in Tennessee? Of course, I do not know, but I am under the impression that he could excel the awkwardness of Abe Lincoln and give him some to start on. But you soon forget about your mother's winking blades as the Doctor's arms reach out and the fact that the balance of the time he has his thumbs stuck in his pockets, as, one after another, great thoughts roll from his tongue and hold you under a spell for any length of time he may wish to do so. He made a profound impression on the great audience that hung upon his words. He set out by showing that Texas did not get its idea of local option from Maine or Kansas, but that it was born in the mighty brains of the great men of our magnificent State in the constitutional convention of 1875; that the principle was in the Constitution and could not be removed by the Legislature. He showed that at that time the entire State was at the mercy of the whiskey power and that local option had wrested whatever of territory it now holds from the whiskey forces. He pointed out in a most forcible way how local option had succeeded, that something over two-thirds of the State was under local option rule and that he had no doubt but that he would live to see the day when the whiskey devil

would be driven from our entire State, and the white flag of purity would wave over the homes of the free and the land of the brave.

He closed with a wonderful arraignment of the hypocrisy of the Brewers' Association declaring their purpose to reform the saloon. It was a most splendid handling of the subject. The Doctor promised to come again when the fight was waged in this county for local option and give us a sure-enough speech on the subject. He can't beat the one he made. We would not object, however, to having it repeated. The door is wide open to him.

G. S. WYATT.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

Dear Brethren—Rev. N. B. Bennett died at his home, provided by the good people of Childress, February 21, 1907, at 2 p. m. His death was triumphant. He was a member of the Northwest Texas Conference Brotherhood and your mortuary fee of \$2 is now due. A long, lingering sickness makes the demands the more imperative. Let every member respond promptly to the relief of his loved ones. This call closes March 26. Address me at 1508 North Fifth Street, Waco, Texas.

M. S. HOTCHKISS, Secretary Brotherhood.

APPLICATIONS CHURCH EXTENSION.

Applications to General Board of Church Extension will reach the Executive Committee for endorsement if sent to me here by March 15—not later. C. B. GARRETT, Secy. Bd. Ch. Ex., Texas Conf. Queen City, Texas.

ABOUT SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

Brothers of the Northwest Texas Conference:

Do you know that it is possible for you to have a Sunday-school Institute in your own charge; that for practical utility will beat the State or Conference Institute? Rev. C. S. Field and wife, worthy disciples of Dr. and Mrs. Hamill will come and hold it for you; or if it suits you better they will come and spend a Sunday with you; and will give your people the best thought on this subject in such a manner as to impart enthusiasm to them. M. A. TURNER, Grandview, Texas.

PREACHERS OF TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Texas Conference Board of Church Extension will meet at Timpson, Texas, Tuesday, March 19, 1907, to pass upon applications to the General Board. All who are expecting to have applications before that committee will please forward same to Rev. C. B. Garrett, Secretary, Queen City, Texas, in time to reach him a week before the meeting named. F. M. BOYLES, Chairman.

AUTHORIZED AGENTS.

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

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

Pure Blood

Is certain if you take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine cures those eruptions, pimples and boils that appear at all seasons; cures scrofula sores, salt rheum or eczema; adapts itself equally well to, and also cures, dyspepsia and all stomach troubles; cures rheumatism and catarrh; cures nervous troubles, debility and that tired feeling.



Mrs. C. K. Tyler, Burlington, Vt., says: "The cures of a large family, so much to do and so little health to do it with, caused almost a complete break down; blood poor and thin; no strength, little sleep. Hood's Sarsaparilla gave appetite, natural sleep, perfect health, strength to do all my work."

GUARANTEED under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. No. 324.

A DOUBLE WEDDING.

At the residence of Mr. J. H. Mayfield, in Haskell, Texas, Feb. 17, 1907, Mr. W. J. Clay to Miss Emma Mayfield and Mr. P. M. Beaty to Miss Willie Hounsell, Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating.

GOSPEL SINGER WANTED.

A gospel singer is wanted for several meetings. Let me hear from you at once. Address E. M. MYERS, Bremond, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Feb. 21—W. C. Hillburn, sub. S. Q. Bass, sub. J. T. Bludworth, sub. J. E. Morgan, sub. W. H. H. Biggs, sub. B. W. Dodson, sub. H. H. Windham, sub. A. F. Hendrix, sub. Has attention, C. D. Pinkin, sub. M. D. Hill, sub. L. L. Nangle, sub. J. H. Clark, change, W. H. H. Biggs, sub. J. L. Murray, sub. C. L. Lilly, sub. A. J. Anderson, sub. H. B. Henry, has attention, J. W. Bowden, sub. S. W. Turner, sub.
Feb. 22—P. M. Riley, sub. L. B. Saxon, sub. H. M. Pirle, sub. W. W. Moss, sub. A. T. White, sub.
Feb. 23—B. H. Passmore, sub. Dr. T. H. Hall, sub. J. L. Sullivan, sub. W. C. Hillburn, sub. R. F. Bryant, sub.
Feb. 25—E. H. Casey, sub. I. B. Gordon, sub. W. R. Campbell, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. R. H. Helzer, sub. L. A. Webb, sub. T. F. Sessions, sub. W. B. McKee, sub. and change, W. P. Garvin, sub. J. A. Old, sub. W. T. Gray, sub. W. J. Holder, sub. E. L. Sullivan, sub.
Feb. 26—A. H. Hussey, sub. G. W. Kinchelo, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. O. P. Kiker, change, S. T. Francis, sub. A. C. Biggs, sub. H. T. Hart, sub. C. G. H. Phair, sub. H. V. Galloway, sub.
Feb. 27—H. H. Biggs, sub. J. C. Carter, sub. V. H. Trammell, sub. Dr. T. H. Hall, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub. J. D. Crockett, sub. D. B. Doak, sub. W. W. Armstrong, sub. R. F. Bryant, sub. S. Q. Bass, sub. J. N. Vincent, sub. J. D. Odum, sub.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

- Mineral Wells, March 2, 3.
Weatherford Cir., Green'd, Mar. 9, 10.
Couts Memorial, March 10, 11.
Springtown Cir., Goshen, Mar. 16, 17.
Millsap Cir., Willow Pond, Mar. 23, 24.
Cresson Cir., at Acon, March 26.
Weatherford, First Church, Mar. 30, 31.
Aledo Cir., at Benbrook, April 2.
Santo Cir., at Tarleton, April 6, 7.
Gordon, at Ningsus, April 12.
Ranger, at Mt. Zion, April 13, 14.
Wayland Mis., Cottonplant, Apr. 20, 21.
Wreckenridge Cir., Eolian, Apr. 21, 22.
Crystal Falls Miss., at C. F., April 23.
Whitt and Bethesda, at W., Apr. 27, 28.
Palo Pinto Mis., at Oran, April 29.
Peaster Cir., at Poolville, April 30.
Farmer Mis., at Markly, May 4, 5.
Graham Mis., at Henry's C., May 7.
Graham Sta., May 8.
Throckmorton Mis., at Profit, May 10.
Ellasville Cir., at Fish Crk., May 11, 12.
The District Conference will be held at Ranger June 26-30. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Richland.

The second Quarterly Conference of the Richland charge met at Quimby chapel, Saturday, February 23, with our beloved presiding elder, Dr. Horace Bishop, in the chair. The first great feature of the day was the good dinner spread at Sister Blanchard's, which had been prepared by several good ladies of our Church, and so much enjoyed by all. One of the brothers said as he passed out of the dining room: "Now that dinner is right up to now; can't be beat." So all said who partook thereof. We went to the church and at 2 o'clock heard a most wonderful sermon from Dr. Bishop, his text being, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." He was listened to with great interest, and all who heard him were delighted. After the sermon we were led in prayer by Bro. Nevill, of Wortham. The conference was then opened by Bro. Bishop. Bro. H. B. Laney was elected Secretary, and they proceeded with the regular business. All the reports were good. It was reported that twenty-nine members had been received, sold twenty-four Disciplines and secured ten subscribers to the Advocate, which doubled the subscription. We try to put a Discipline and an Advocate in every home. When question 6 was asked, the best report

was turned in from some of the points on the work that has ever been known. The salary was raised \$75 over last year. All in all, it was a very fine conference, all being blessed who attended. We carry our next Quarterly Conference to Grape Creek Church. The date will appear later in the Advocate. The pastor and family were entertained in the home of Sister Amanda Swinks—a delightful visit and very much enjoyed. We are happy in our work, and hope and pray that there will be a good revival at all points and we are working to that end.—(Mrs.) Benj. S. Crow.

Big Prizes Count Right

WHAT IS THE CIRCULATION OF THE AMERICAN HOME JOURNAL.

Count the Dots. A map of Texas with dots representing circulation. Text: EVERYBODY WHO COUNTS CORRECTLY GETS A PRIZE. BIG CASH PRIZES.

- 1st. Prize. One Elegant Piano, Guaranteed for 5 years.
2nd. " \$50.00 Cash.
3rd. " \$25.00 Cash.
4th. " \$10.00 Cash.

THE PROBLEM—The American Home Journal goes to exactly three times as many offices in Texas as there are dots in the map of Texas given above. At one-third of all these offices we have an average of 40 subscribers at each office. At one-fourth of all these offices we have an average of 32 to each office. At the remaining offices we have an average of 21 to each office. What is the total circulation?

CONDITIONS—Sixty cents pays for a year's subscription to The American Home Journal and one cent. One dollar pays for two years subscription (to one or separate addresses) and three cents. By taking three counts you can take one on each side of the count you make and thereby increase your liability for success.

AWARDS—Will be made to the persons giving the correct answers to above problem, or nearest correct. Next nearest second, etc.

JUDGES—We will have wholly disinterested judges to award the prizes. Here is what they say:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: We have been asked to act as judges in this contest and see that prizes are awarded fairly. This we will do. ISAAC B. WALKER, Cashier Union Bank & Trust Company, the great Southern Savings Institution; G. W. BAKER, President Dr. Pepper Co. and President Freckelenter Co.; C. E. GARDNER, Supreme President Modern Order Fraternities.

In case of a tie we will write each person so tying, asking them to make as many words as possible out of the letters contained in the words American Home Journal, using each letter once and only once. To the one furnishing the largest number of words will be awarded the prize. This practically eliminates any possibility of a tie, but should there still be a tie, we will divide the value of the reward between the persons so tying.

FURTHER PRIZES—We further guarantee that each person (if there should be more than four prize winners) who shall give a correct count shall receive a present worth not less than \$1.00. So if you count right you are sure of a prize worth \$1.00 and may receive a fine Piano or a handsome purse of money. If you do not count right you will still get the best Home Magazine published in the South for about one-half regular price.

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This blank is not necessary but is given for convenience. In order to stimulate early counts we will give \$10 each for extra prizes to the two sending the best answers before April 16, 1907.



# Epworth League Department

GUS W. THOMASSON . . . . . EDITOR  
Van Alstyne, Texas.

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

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

### State League Cabinet.

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Secretary, Frank L. McNeny, Dallas.  
Treasurer, W. E. Hawkins, Ft. Worth.  
Junior Superintendent, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, Gonzales.

### DALLAS UNION OF EPWORTH LEAGUE WILL DO ITS PART TOWARD IMPROVING ENCAMPMENT GROUNDS.

The meeting of the Dallas District Epworth League Union, held last night at the First Methodist Church, is declared to have been one of the most successful, enthusiastic and best attended sessions within the history of that organization.

The most important action taken by the Union was that of the adoption of the resolution to assist in improvements contemplated at Epworth-by-the-Sea, the resolution being in terms as follows:

"Whereas, The Board of Trustees of the Texas Epworth League Encampment, under the direction of the State League Conference, and with the sanction of the several patronizing conferences, have issued bonds for improvements at Epworth-by-the-Sea; and

"Whereas, Said bonds are issued by the Epworth League for the improvement of Epworth League property; therefore be it

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the Epworth League of Dallas that the Epworth Leagues of Texas should take over the first issue of these bonds, and, as an evidence of our belief, we request the Board of Trustees to assign fifty of these bonds, of \$25 each, to the Epworth Leagues of Dallas, and that the President of the League Union appoint a committee of one member from each League in Dallas, to be known as the Encampment Committee, and that this committee be instructed to arrange with our local Methodist laymen to secure money for immediate payment of the bonds, the Leagues to raise the money to reimburse them."

A. K. Ragsdale, State President of the Epworth League, told of the improvements proposed at Epworth-by-the-Sea and of the plans and methods of disposing of the bond issue of \$25,000. Mr. Ragsdale went into details with respect to the improvements contemplated, and at the conclusion of his remarks the resolution was framed, presented and adopted.

President Porter appointed the following to serve as members of the Encampment Committee, representing the several Leagues of the city of Dallas: Miss Mattie Harris, D. A. Frank, Miss Evelyn Wynn, Arthur Skillern, W. H. Cullom, L. C. Leeds and F. L. McNeny.—Dallas News, Feb. 22.

On Friday following the above meeting a called meeting of the Dallas Encampment Committee was held, organization effected and the fifty bonds prorated among the Leagues of Dallas as follows: First Church, ten; Grace, ten; Trinity, ten; Oak Cliff, ten; Oak Lawn, four; Colonial and Ervay, four; and Mallalieu, two. A special committee was appointed to secure a loan covering the amount of their subscription and sub-committees appointed in each League to assist in raising the money. Dallas Leaguers have camped at Epworth and have faith in its future.

### LEAGUE NOTES.

We want twenty-five Texas Leagues to subscribe for ten bonds each and fifty to take five each. This is easily accomplished if a few of your active

members will undertake it. Which class will you be in?

We still have a number of desirable lots for lease at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Those who contemplate building in time for the coming season will please write to Rev. A. J. Weeks, Secretary of the board at San Antonio, or to A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas. On account of the scarcity of labor we want to do all the building possible while the force is on the ground.

President Ragsdale will visit Ft. Worth, Waco and possibly two or three other points next week in the interest of the bonds. He will be glad to arrange dates at other points, and in order to save time it is better to arrange in advance. Call your workers together, arrange for a rally and address him at Dallas.

Secretary F. L. McNeny expects to issue at an early date a complete directory of the Texas Leagues, giving the names of officers with address, number of members in each League. If you have not already sent him this information, please do so at once. He also desires complete lists of district and conference officers. This directory will be valuable to the various departments.

Dallas Methodism is pulling together as never before, and the Leagues in Dallas are reaping the benefit. All the Leagues are in fine condition and doing good work. President Ralph Porter of the Dallas District is also President of the City Union and is certainly a "live wire" on League work. He is always in his place, and his helpers are zealously "helping him along."

The General Office has prepared the lesson helps in pamphlet form, giving the topics for devotional department for the first six months of 1907 as they will appear in the Era. If all First Vice-Presidents will secure these, they will be able to arrange for several meetings in advance and thereby increase the interest from having more time to prepare.

We will be glad to have notes from the Texas Leagues. Is your League undertaking any special work that might interest others? How about the literary and social meetings? Are they well attended, and are you using these departments not only for your own good, but as a means of reaching others? The League was not organized for a "few" young people, but for all the young people in the Church and who can be induced to attend Church. Cultivate the missionary spirit.

Our annual Encampment at Epworth will possibly begin this year on August 1 and continue ten days. This will be definitely settled as soon as we can get a meeting of the board and cabinet. However, we hope to have the grounds ready for visitors by June 1 at the latest, and will have a number of excursions and special meetings during June and July. It all depends on how soon you take up the bonds.

Think of it, more than 200,000 Methodists in Texas are looking forward to delightful visits to Epworth-by-the-Sea when we get suitable accommodations there, and only a few hundred small bonds to sell in order to do this. Won't you make it a personal matter and see that a few of them are held by your League and Church members? One young lady in each town can easily sell four bonds in one afternoon if she will only try. Write today to A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas, for literature that will give you information necessary to do this. The Junior Leagues are also stockholders in our property and have many pleasant summers ahead of them to enjoy down there. We can furnish them subscription blanks with which to solicit donations from their parents and friends.

### PASTORS' TEXAS CONFERENCE.

During the latter part of January I sent to every pastor in the Texas Conference, and many League officials, a circular form which I asked to have filled out and returned to me, giving information in regard to League work in their respective charges. I asked, if they had no League, that they should so advise me, and, if there were a sufficient number of young people to organize the League, that they give me their names and the officers of the Conference League would make an effort to effect an organization. Out of about 225 circulars sent out, less than 25 responses have made.

If you haven't time to give us the information asked, turn the circular over to the President of your League, and keep after him until he does it. If we fail in this work, don't let it be said of you that you contributed to the failure.

TOM C. SWOPE.

Pres. Texas Conf. League, Houston, Texas.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUE NOTES.

Hon. J. E. Niday delivered a lecture on February 8 before Tabernacle League, Houston, his subject being "The Crusades." This was the second of a series of second Friday lectures given by Tabernacle League. The lectures are free and are for the purpose of arousing and maintaining interest in League work.

Rosenberg League was organized on Friday, February 8, with eighteen members. The following are the officers: R. L. Morwood, President; Miss Willie Roberts, First Vice-President; Jay Rowland, Second Vice-President; Miss Mattie Cooper, Third Vice-President; Miss Mary Heard, Fourth Vice-President.

Bro. A. T. Walker has organized Reagan League, with seventeen active and four associate members. The following are the officers: Miss Fannie Johnson, President; Miss Lottie Neal, First Vice-President; Miss Inez Hearne, Second Vice-President; Mrs. C. Ward, Third Vice-President; Miss Leora Neal, Secretary.

Reports to the effect that no Leagues exist, but that there is hope of early organization, have been received from the following pastors: Rev. W. H. Brooks, Willis Point; Rev. J. M. Gaul, Brazoria; Rev. G. H. Phair, Lott; Rev. S. D. Harger, Silsbee.

Miss Eva Nettles reports that there is no Senior League at Marlin. Surely Bro. Hotchkiss will change this condition soon.

Rev. C. N. Morton, Caro, reports that there is no material for a League, but that they have organized a Juvenile Missionary Society with twenty-five members. This would sound good as a Junior League.

Bro. O. F. Zimmerman makes a fine report for his League at Pasadena. It has thirteen active and nineteen associate members, and last year raised the following sums: For charity, \$23; for missions, \$14.75; for fencing church property, \$48.40.

Mrs. H. T. Cunningham writes me that they have re-organized the Junior League at Willis Point. Bro. Cunningham stays home Sunday afternoon with the "Junior preacher" while Sister Cunningham goes to the Church with the other three children. On an enrollment of thirty-three, she had thirty present on the 10th.

Bryan has extended a very cordial invitation to the Conference League to hold its next meeting with them. This is the only invitation received to date. The other Leagues seem to be sleeping on their rights.

Miss Eva Sanders, in a letter from Center, says: "Don't worry any more about our League. We will be a band of workers before you come again."

The League at China has been re-or-

ganized on January 6, with thirteen active and seven associate members. Bro. Favre reports that he expects to organize a Junior shortly.

It has practically been decided to have the next annual meeting of the Texas Conference, June 28-30.

I want to ask the various League Secretaries and Treasurers in the Texas Conference to keep their records so that when we ask for a statement on May 31 in regard to increase in membership and money raised between December 1, 1906, and May 31, 1907, we will be able to get it.

Bro. B. W. Allen, of Mount Selman, reports that there are twenty-five or thirty children at Bullard and that Mrs. Bonnie Roney would be the proper person for Junior Superintendent.

TOM C. SWOPE, President.

Houston, Texas.

Because we inadvertently used the word North, instead of South, in discussing League work in South Carolina, recently, we have been taken to task by our good friend, Miss Montgomery, the League editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, in the following words:

"Brother Thomasson, League Editor of the Texas Advocate, seems to be getting the two Carolinas somewhat tangled in his brain. Now, we down here in the South Carolina may not possess a State or a League as large as the Texans, but we really are just vain enough to want full credit for our achievements—when we possess any new League ideas! So it's decidedly upsetting to our League pride when Brother Thomasson publishes items about as follows: 'How they do things in North Carolina—from the League page of the Southern Christian Advocate!' How do you suppose, Leaguers, that we can impress our Texas editor's memory with the permanent fact that the above named paper is the official organ of South and not North Carolina Methodists?"

### LIVER ILLS.

Dear Sirs.—I have been sick for nearly two years, and have been doctoring with some of the most expert doctors of the United States. I have been bathing and drinking hot water at the Hot Springs, Ark., but it seemed everything failed to do me good. After I saw your advertisement I thought I would try your pills, and have nearly used two boxes; been taking two at bedtime and one after breakfast, and they have done me more good than anything else I have ever used. My trouble has been with the liver. My skin and eyes were all yellow; I had sleepy, drowsy feelings; felt like a drunken man; pain right above the navel, like as if it were bile on top of stomach. My bowels were costive. My mouth and tongue sore most of the time. Appetite fair, but food would not digest, but settle heavy on my stomach, and some few mouthfuls of food come up again. I could only eat light food that digests easily. Please send Book of Advice. Respectfully,

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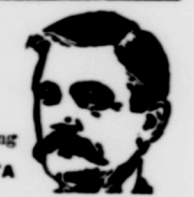
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### FIELD NOTES.

My last notes were written from Dickens County. This will undoubtedly become a great farming country when the Big Spur pasture is cut up and put on the market. It has already been demonstrated that it is a cotton-growing country, as farmers in many instances have gathered more than a bale to the acre. From Dickens County the evangelist dropped back through Kent County, and spent a Sunday with the Elkins Church—two services and dinner on the ground. These western people have a habit of taking their dinners to Church and spending the day. You may rest assured that there is always plenty of dinner. Elkins Church has a splendid Sunday-school. The roll was called in full and everybody, even to the evangelist, had to respond with a verse of Scripture. The school put in a new library. The schools at Union in Mitchell County, and at Barr in Howard, has also recently put in brand-new libraries. I am placing hundreds of volumes in our Sunday-school libraries as I go from place to place. Now it came to pass as the evangelist went forth among the disciples that he came to a certain town on the T. & P. Railroad called Big Springs. This is a live, enterprising, moving, growing city. Saloons have been voted out, but the law does not take effect yet for a few days. Judging from the crowds that I saw pressing in and around the saloons, some of the folks seem to be determined to put as much of the stock on hand out of the way as possible before the law takes effect. Big Springs is surrounded by a fine country, well adapted to farming, and is destined to become quite a city in a few years. Our beloved Bro. Evans has charge of the Methodist forces at this point. The evangelist had the pleasure of preaching to a good audience in the week time. We have a good church here, well located. So much can not be said of the parsonage. Brother Evans and the Official Board are taking steps looking to a better location and a more excellent building. Every Methodist and every friend of Methodism in that goodly town should rally to the enterprise. Methodism demands that we should move up in that particular in this rapidly growing city. Going on from thence, I came to a town called Stanton, twenty miles farther west. Stanton is another typical western town. The music of the saw and hammer is heard on every side putting up new buildings. The western people say that where the catclaw grows the farmer need have no fears about pitching a crop. If this sign always holds good, then the Stanton country must be a good farming country, for this growth is to be found in abundance. It has already been demonstrated, however, from the fine yield the past year. At this point that disciple called Bell is leading the Methodist forces very satisfactory. The evangelist spent two nights at this point expounding the Scriptures to attentive audiences. We have here a brand new modern church, seated with a fine quality of circular pews. The preacher has also just moved into a new parsonage. Talk about development, here is about as good a case of it as I have met! The Methodist Church here numbers about forty, yet they have built a new church and parsonage and raised the church from a monthly appointment to a station—all within a few months.

C. G. SHUTT.

Colorado, Texas.

### CALDWELL NOTES.

I have just returned from my first official visit to Caldwell. Soon after my arrival on Friday afternoon I found myself in the midst of a social meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society, presided over by Mrs. E. A. Potts. Several papers on tithing were read, and six of the ladies present signed cards pledging themselves to give a tenth to the Lord, as a goodly number are doing already. On Saturday I held the Quarterly Conference for Caldwell Mission out

at Cook's Point, a most delightful country neighborhood. Much was said about the great number of families that have moved away, but I could not help thinking how grateful we ought to feel for the many splendid people who still remain. Brother Potts, the pastor, reported his domestic mission collection in full, and at the evening hour the foreign assessment was paid also. Since then the assessment for the district parsonage has been met. We had two pleasant and profitable services in Caldwell on Sunday. It was a real treat to visit the Sunday-school, presided over by Wooten Stone, in the morning, and the Juvenile Society, presided over by Sister Kidd, in the afternoon. At night the assessment for the district parsonage was paid, with an overplus of \$15 for district parsonage furniture. The first Quarterly Conference was held on Monday morning, and all the reports were fine. The presiding elder was paid in full for three months and the pastor for about four months, with salary increased \$100. Foreign missions, domestic missions and conference claimants were paid in full. The Orphanage has been paid \$116 on assessment of \$18. A special of \$50 has been paid by the Sunday-school for Songdo, and \$50 has been spent in furnishing the station parsonage. They all think that they have for pastor the most promising Kidd in Texas. The men who give type to our membership at Caldwell would take high rank anywhere. Prominent among them stand R. S. Bowers and Hal Hitchcock. Bishop Key's tract on tithing has been industriously and judiciously circulated, and is bearing fruit, which is both abundant and wholesome.

C. R. LAMAR.

### CHURCH EXTENSION NOTES.

The returns on the Annual Assessment for last year are nearly all in and indicate that there will be a substantial increase in the receipts.

A preacher, writing to the Church Extension office inquiring about a loan for a new church enterprise, concludes his letter with the following: "You may feel more interested in us when I tell you that two of Bishop — daughters live here. They and their husbands are loyal Methodists and enthusiastic workers in the Church."

Increased enthusiasm in the matter of the projection of new church building enterprises seem to be the order of the day throughout the entire connection. Presiding elders are on the alert, and District Boards of Church Extension are being organized in many places, which, of course, means intelligent and concentrated effort in the work of providing adequate houses of worship for our homeless congregations. These, and the City Boards, are destined to become a large factor in our Church organization.

A successful pastor, who has been distinguished for the elegant churches which have been erected in several of the charges which he has served, said recently: "I have met good people who argue that building a new church is diverting means needed elsewhere and crippling the spiritual influence of the preacher. My experience has been that the 'building year' has always been 'the best yet.' It has always meant all collections in full and running over; more additions; and general good will."

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# The Woman's Department

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

## THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

### The Easter Observance.

As the time approaches for the observance of Easter Sunday, which will be on the 31st of March, the last Sunday in the month, we are reminded of certain obligations resting upon the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the observance of the day. The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, at last annual meeting, stressed the importance of the Easter occasion, directing that special exercises be observed on that day, under the charge of the Golden Links, and leaving it to the discretion of each Conference Society to direct the use of the funds which might come from the collections taken at these special exercises. It is, of course, understood that the co-operation of the pastor be asked in each charge, and arrangements be made with him for an hour for these special exercises on Easter Sunday. It is hoped that every Auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society in our State will at once begin to look to the arrangements necessary to be made for these special exercises, and where there is no organization of the Golden Links to take in charge of the special exercises, the adult Auxiliary in each case will arrange a special program for the occasion, and call for a special collection for the benefit of the work of the W. F. M. Society. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society will no doubt have in hand a supply of programs, as provided by the Woman's Board, which will be sent out to the various District Secretaries in due time for distribution among the Auxiliaries and Golden Links. The President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference takes this opportunity to urge that the Golden Links of the Conference Society will begin without delay to arrange for the Easter exercises, and that wherever there is no organization of the Golden Links, the adult Auxiliary will feel a special responsibility to carry out the program for the day. It has been decided by this Conference Society that the collections taken on Easter Sunday shall be devoted to the fund which this Conference Society is raising for the purchase of a lot in Havana, Cuba, for the Eliza Bowman School. Let there be no delay, but let preparations begin at once by the Golden Links or Auxiliaries, in order to make the Easter occasion a blessing in every sense to all interested in the work of Foreign Missions. — Editor Woman's Department.

### ATTENTION!

That report from the Corsicana Auxiliary W. F. M. Society in the Advocate of the 7th is fine, interesting reading, and I wish we could have more like it.

If the societies would send reports of their work to our Woman's Department, especially when there is something good to tell, it would be helpful to the cause of missions.

To learn what some have accomplished and the methods by which it was done, would be an inspiration and assistance to others, and would lead to greater earnestness, perseverance, liberality and consecration, bringing larger results in our work.

The Corsicana ladies have done well. Are there not others whose year's work would be interesting to read about, and will they please let us hear from them?

MARY E. BULLOCK.  
Lorena, Texas.

## PILOT POINT AUXILIARY, W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Pilot Point Auxiliary W. F. M. Society was organized by Rev. T. E. Sherwood, December 14, 1879, which counts us among the first this side of the Mississippi River. Its membership

is 29, consecrated, big-hearted Christian women, ready and willing to work. We have had our successes and our failures, but the faithful one are standing at the helm and steering the ship straight ahead over all the waves of difficulties that come in the way, with her standard of faith and trust unfurled to the breeze. We observed the week of prayer, and God blessed our society. The offerings were seven or eight dollars. We try to keep in touch with our missionaries in the different fields, especially with our own loved one, Mrs. Norwood Wynn, whose support our Conference Society has taken in charge. We have sent in our conference pledge, and will send our pledge for the Eliza Bowman School in a few days. Have made one new life member this year. We expect to have an Easter entertainment. Have finished last year's study and begun Christus Liberator. We find these studies very interesting and profitable. Our birthday box is opened once a year. When we read of the great awakening of the people in this work, where they have been asked for \$5,000 and give \$10,000, and for \$10,000 and give \$15,000, we feel that the little we give is but a drop in the bucket. But we do the best we can, and it is given with earnest prayers that it may do some good. With the encouragement and help of our new pastor, Rev. Mountcastle, we expect to do much more this year. MRS. A. P. C.

## AUXILIARIES W. F. M. AND W. H. M. SOCIETIES, SNYDER, TEXAS.

I would like to say a few words relative to our work in Snyder. We have organized a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with 12 members; Mrs. Joseph B. Dodson President, and Mrs. A. G. Pierson, Corresponding Secretary. We are anxious to make this one of the best auxiliaries in the conference.

We have also reorganized the Home Mission Society, or to say the least of it, we have had our annual election of officers; several have subscribed for Our Homes, and new interest has been aroused. We now have 25 members, Mrs. A. G. Pierson President and Mrs. D. T. Davis Corresponding Secretary. The Home and Foreign Auxiliaries are working nicely together.

As the District Conference meets here this year we hope to have representatives of the Conference, as well as the District Societies, with us at that time.

We want help and encouragement, and I feel sure our good presiding elder will give us an hour or more for each society to represent their work.

MRS. JOSEPH B. DODSON.  
Snyder, Texas, February 19.

## HOW TO PROMOTE HARMONY AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS.

### Thoughts for the New Year.

1. To remember that we are all subject to fallings and infirmities of one kind or another.
2. To bear with and not magnify each other's infirmities.—Gal. 6:1-2.
3. To pray for one another in our social meetings, and particularly in private.—James 5:16.
4. To avoid going from house to house to interfere with other people's business.
5. Always turn a deaf ear to any slanderous report.
6. If a member be in fault, tell him of it in private, before it is mentioned to others.
7. Watch against a shyness of each other, and put the best construction on every action.
8. To leave off contention before it be meddled with.—Prov. 17:14.
9. If a member has offended, to consider how Godlike it is to forgive.—Eph. 4:2.
10. Remember that Satan desires to promote animosity among members of Churches.
11. To consider how much more

good we can do in the world at large, and in the Church in particular, when we are all united in love than we can when indulging in a contrary spirit.

12. Lastly to consider the express injunction of Scripture, and the beautiful example of Christ, as to these important things.—John 13:5; 16:35; Eph. 4:32; I Peter 2:21.—Selected.

## W. H. M. SOCIETY, VERA, TEXAS

In order that you and readers may know of the work done by the good people of Vera, in behalf of the Woman's Home Mission work, I send you this report:

The first Wednesday in November, 1906, we organized a W. H. M. Society with a good membership, and since that time our membership has more than doubled itself.

We gave a Thanksgiving supper and took in a neat sum. Had a bazaar Christmas, which realized a sum far beyond our dreams, for all of which we are very thankful. We gave our parsonage a nice cook stove for a Christmas present. We plan to do a great work in 1907. We want to canvas and paper our parsonage, also to buy some furniture for it. (Forgot to mention that we screened our church windows; also bought lamps for the church.)

We have some zealous workers on our roll call. At our last program meeting, our Vice-President read a very interesting paper which I am sending you for publication, that it may be of some benefit to some other W. H. M. Society.

The greatest evil that confronts us now is the whisky curse. Our county, so far as saloons are concerned, is dry, but the drummer is doing a fine business and our express companies in our railroad towns are doing an enormous amount of business, collecting express on whisky. This money secured by these drummers is being carried out of our community and State, where it can never benefit our schools and churches, besides bringing into our settlements a curse that will undermine our morals and retard the development of true citizenship.

Now, what we want is that our church papers take up this fight, and all people who love good, true manhood and desire to see our boys brought up in a healthy air, free from the smell of whisky, to join in and insist that our Legislature enact such laws as will protect the local option counties.

May many bright spots and few thorns be in the pathway of our editor during the year of 1907.

MRS. J. A. SHAWVER,  
President W. H. M. Society.

## SOME OF THE DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF W. H. M. SOCIETY.

It seems that the duties of the members of the W. H. M. Society and our natural duties are so kin that I can hardly describe them. Of course our first duty is to attend every meeting of the society, if not providentially hindered; to be there on the hour appointed, and be prepared with the work assigned us, thus giving courage to our officers and new members.

It is our duty to pay our dues regularly, and to attend preaching, Sunday school, and mid-week prayer meeting, to speak to strangers at Church and make them feel welcome in our midst, also to visit them and invite them to worship with us on the next Sunday. We should visit the sick and distressed and administer to their wants in a physical way, as well as a spiritual, for by our visit a dark hour may be brighter made and a sad heart lightened.

It is our duty to look after the parsonage, for it is the home of our pastor, and we should strive to make it as pleasant a home for him and his family as it is possible for us to do.

It is our duty to assist in any kind of an entertainment which our society sees fit to have, whereby we derive money to further the advancement of our work.

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Dr. Babcock once said: "Our business in life is not to get ahead of other people, but to get ahead of ourselves; to break our own record; to outstrip our yesterdays by todays; to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could; to whip the tempter inside and out as we never whipped him before; to give as we never have given; to do our work with more force and a finer finish than—this is the true idea—to get ahead of ourselves. To beat someone else in a game or to be beaten may mean much or little. To beat our own game means a great deal. Whether we win or not, we are praying better than we ever did before, and that's the point after all—to play a better game of life."

## TEXAS CONFERENCE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

March 1 closes our fiscal year. I hope every Auxiliary, adult and juvenile, has reported everything paid in full and over.

Let us begin the new year with renewed energy and zeal. Every Auxiliary will have the election of officers at their first meeting in March.

The installation service will be found in the handbook, page 55.

If you have not sufficient handbooks, write to Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Nashville, Tenn., Box 405, for the service.

Urge every member to pay the conference fund at once, as it will be needed early in the year.

Elect your delegate to the annual meeting, which will be held at Pittsburg, then begin at once to collect money to defray delegate's expenses.

Attempt greater things this year than ever before. Above all things, be much in prayer and expect success from God. "Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer. It is the preparation of every new triumph, the secret of all success."—A. T. Pierson.

MRS. J. E. GREEN,  
Cor. Sec. Conf. Society.  
Houston, Texas.

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Just another message, the last for this fiscal year! Just one more plea for all things necessary to a complete report from each auxiliary in the conference.

Only a few days and the record for another year is made.

It remains with you as to how the record reads!

Will we be able to truthfully say: "I have given of the very best that is in me? Every trust imposed has been developed to the very best of my ability." Will we? Earnest work in the few days remaining of our fiscal year could adjust many things that need it and compensate for much irregular work of the year. Try it!

Is every member of your auxiliary a subscriber to Our Homes? If not, why not? You cannot be a thorough, or an interested Home Mission woman, without this bright monthly visitor to your home. 'Tis indispensable to you and the work. Subscribe now if you have not done so before.

Bring this urgently before your auxiliary and let us swell the list of subscribers in this conference until at the top of the column alone can space be found for our figures.

Have you brought that conference

bulletin to the attention of your auxiliary, with its special plea for dues, conference pledge, Wesley House, Galveston, and contingent fund? If you haven't, get it right now from the pigeon hole in your desk, or from under that pile of papers on the table, and with these items as pointers, prepare the speech of your life, delivering it at your next meeting. If your regular meeting day does not fall again before the close of the year, call one! Here is an opportunity for the press superintendent, who has done little through the year, to redeem the time.

Just a little diligence now will bring fine results.

Try it. "Please, ma'am," and "Thank you, ma'am," in advance.

If some of our adult auxiliaries are not careful the Galveston Young Ladies are going to outstrip them.

God bless our girls who are devoting their time to good works instead of a continuous round of frivolous amusements.

Reports are due from press superintendents on March 1st; blanks were mailed you in February bulletins. Will you think to add number of subscribers to Our Homes? This question was omitted by mistake and noticed too late to be rectified. Report promptly, please!

MRS. J. L. CUNNINGHAM,  
Press Supt. Conf. Society,  
1608 Bibb Ave., Beaumont, Texas.

"Better out than in"—that humor that you notice. To be sure it's out and all out, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

## REV. W. T. MELUGIN.

The following have contributed the amount opposite their name for the purpose of placing a monument at the grave of Rev. W. T. Melugin:

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We ask all the friends of Rev. W. T. Melugin to send us a donation to place a nice monument at his grave. Acknowledgments will be made through the Texas Advocate. Send to K. T. Moore, Naples, Texas.

## MARRIAGES.

Blake-Neyland.—Mr. W. C. Blake and Miss Tora Neyland, at the home of the bride's mother, in Jasper, Tex., on the evening of February 19, 1907, at 8 o'clock, Rev. M. L. Lindsey officiating.

Skinner-Turner.—At the home of the bride, six miles from Clifton, Tex., at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning February 17, 1907, Mr. E. E. Skinner and Miss Lottie Turner, Rev. L. B. Saxon officiating.

Bruce-Tunnell.—At the Methodist Church in Morgan, Texas, Wednesday night, February 20, 1907, Mr. Robert H. Bruce, of Valley Mills, and Miss Avis De Lois Tunnell, of Morgan, Rev. Neal W. Turner officiating.

Taylor-Buckson.—At the home of the bride's parents, Jan. 23, 1907, Mr. Steve Taylor and Miss Charlie Buckson, Rev. W. C. Hinds officiating.

Godfrey-Crawford.—At the Methodist Church, Crandall, Texas, Feb. 20, 1907, Mr. James W. Godfrey and Miss Martha Crawford, Rev. R. B. Moreland officiating.

Waddill-Dixon.—At the home of the bride's parents, in Evans, Texas, Feb. 20, 1907, Mr. A. W. Waddill and Miss Ella Dixon, Rev. C. C. Hightower officiating.

The Lord does not say, "You shall have no trouble," but he does say, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

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The majority of these ladies were from out of town and were guests of the College.

In the evening the receiving line, besides the colonial party, was made up of the seniors.

During the afternoon and evening more than six hundred guests left cards. The souvenirs this year were silhouettes of George Washington in white, mounted on a red oval, the work of the young ladies of the Art Class. In addition to these, very unique post cards were given out with compliments of Mr. George Chapman who represented Gen. Washington in the colonial party. Mrs. Helen Riggan, of Rock Island, Ill., who was a member of our college family from her earliest childhood until she graduated, and who will be most pleasantly recalled by all who knew her, represented Mrs. Washington.

We are looking forward to a piano recital in the near future by Mr. Kruger. This will be his first recital in Sherman this season.

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 I told you how I loved you then,  
 And read the answer in your look.

'Twas then you promised to be mine,  
 To sail with me o'er life's rough sea;  
 You plucked a yellow daffodil,  
 And, sweetly smiling, gave it me.

You said to me, with trembling voice,  
 "My hand, my heart, I give to you;  
 And only ask you in return  
 To prove to me as fond and true."

'Twas then I took your hand in mine,  
 And fondly pressed you to my heart;  
 I vowed my love would never change,  
 That naught but death us two should part.

The years have come and gone since then,  
 And you and I are left alone;  
 Yet we have known some happy hours,  
 And sweet to us has been our home.

Just fifty years ago today  
 We stood beneath the marriage  
 bell;  
 And now that day we celebrate,  
 My love for you again I tell.

This, my Love, is that same flower,  
 That little gift I've kept till now;  
 It tells of love and bygone days,  
 When beauty sat upon thy brow.

Soon we'll cross death's dark, cold stream,  
 Then all our sorrows will be o'er;  
 We'll love each other then as now,  
 Where there's no parting never more.

T. H. YARBROUGH,  
 Ennis, Texas.

### PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Since my last notes to Advocate I have been to a number of places.

At Dalby Springs I had the pleasure of meeting a goodly company of people who seem to be much interested in the welfare of the Church. Dalby Springs was once a great health resort, and I was told that the water there would cure almost any case of indigestion. Bro. Summy is looking after matters over there, and I am hopeful of a good year for those people.

Bro. Vance has everything in fine condition at New Boston and DeKalb. The stewards made considerable advance on salary and paid just a little more than one-fourth. I am sure the assessments will all be paid and a fine excess on missions from this splendid charge.

The New Boston Mission is to me a problem. Bro. Ogle, the pastor, is now in his fourth year, and a more faithful man it would be hard to find; but progress is being made slowly. There are some men in this charge who could pay every dollar assessed for the pastor, and then would not have paid more than what they owe the Lord; but the question comes, How are you going to get them to do it? Our only hope in that country is to save the young people; and so we will do the very best we can.

Our Missionary Institute at Nash was a great success, although several of our pastors were absent. Some preachers think that these institutes are of very minor importance, and hence pay but little attention to them, but the time will come when the preacher who treats these things lightly will be left in the back-ground. I am almost ready to guarantee that every pastor who attended the meeting at Nash will have his collections in by March. A collection was taken the last night of the meeting and the assessment for home and foreign missions was secured. The Quarterly Conference was held on the following day, and the stewards made some advance on salary and made a good report for the first quarter. This charge will soon be self-supporting.

At Central Church, Texarkana, we had a fine service on Sunday and a good Quarterly Conference on Monday night, although only a few of the officials were present. The salary of pastor was increased over last year \$300, making \$1800 for the pastor. Bro. Solomon has things well in hand and I feel sure he will have a great year.

I preached to a good congregation at

Hardy Memorial Sunday night; had a good Quarterly Conference. Salary increased \$150, and about one-fourth paid. Bro. Daniel is in fine favor with his people and is doing a fine work.

At Redwater I preached and held Quarterly Conference; had a good service; collected the domestic mission in full. Bro. Mills is faithfully at work and will bring things to pass.

At Coffeyville Bro. Westmoreland is hard at work. Here we have another problem. Our people have moved away, and several of the stronger Churches have been taken off and put on other charges till we are very weak, but the few seem hopeful of a good year.

Bro. Stewart has raised and paid off the debt of \$570 on the Pittsburg parsonage.

We had a delightful time with the good people at Reeves Chapel. My dinner on Saturday—it was great, and then what a good conference; so many of the officials were present and had so good a report; made the pastor and presiding elder both feel good.

Preached to a fine congregation at Pittsburg Sunday night and held conference Monday night. Bro. Lon Morris said that it was the best Quarterly Conference held in Pittsburg in 6000 years! Bro. Cameron is doing a great work here.

Pittsburg District is coming! Look for us. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

### DALLAS PREACHERS' CONFERENCE.

The conference met at the usual time and place, Feb. 25, 1907. In the absence of Dr. Morris, Dr. Bourland took the chair. Religious service was conducted by Rev. E. L. Spurlock. Rev. W. T. Morrow led in prayer. The following members were present: H. A. Bourland, A. L. Andrew, Grover Roberson, D. G. Stokely, G. H. Adams, W. D. Thompson, G. C. Rankin, W. D. Bradfield, S. G. Sandel, J. M. Peterson, E. R. Barcus, J. C. Rawlings, W. C. Young, D. Schimpf, Jos Parkin and J. W. Hill.

Visitors: Rev. E. L. Spurlock, Manager and Financial Agent of the North Texas Female College, Rev. W. T. Morrow, pastor Broadway Church, Gainesville.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The preachers reported:

First Church.—Fine congregation in the morning. The "Gideons" were in charge of the evening service. A profitable day.

Dr. Bourland preached at the Central Congregational Church and called penitents.

Dr. Rankin preached for Dr. Munday at the Second Presbyterian Church. Reported a fine service.

Grace.—Good day. Prayer meeting growing. Three hundred and eighty-seven at Sunday school. Exchanged pulpits with Dr. Bradfield in the evening. Reported 13 accessions.

Bro. Roberson reports success in his work as assistant pastor at Grace.

Trinity.—Reported a good day with 12 accessions to the Church. Attendance at Sunday-school 304. Dr. Andrew preached in the evening.

Bishop Key preached morning and evening at Oak Cliff. Dr. Peterson reported a great day. Dr. Young, who was present, said that he never heard the Bishop in better preaching trim. He declared with tears that he loved the Bishop, and all the brethren said amen! There was one accession to the Church.

Smallpox, Diphtheria and other diseases cut down the congregation at Colonial Hill. Exchanged pulpits with Bro. Barcus at night. A good day. There were 6 accessions during the day.

Oak Lawn.—Fine day. Bro. Thompson preached at 7:30. Junior League now has 60 members.

Bro. Adams had no service in the evening at Maple Avenue on account of sickness and mud.

Four or five different kinds of sickness interfered with the services at Forest Avenue and Hope Chapel on the City Mission. Had a good day, however. Held an interesting service at the jail. Bro. Stokely preached at the

county farm. Had a good service.

Bro. Rawlings reported progress at Cedar Hill and Duncanville. Country densely populated and the people crowded to hear the word. About 70 per cent of the conference collections in cash and subscription secured.

Bro. Morrow reported his work at Broadway, Gainesville, in good shape.

On motion the committee on securing a location for the "Superannuate Home" was given further time.

The order of the day having arrived and the time for adjournment having also come, on motion the whole program for the quarter was moved forward one week and the meeting closed with the benediction by Bro. Rawlings.

J. W. HILL, Sec.

### WILL ASSIST IN MEETINGS.

As I have no regular work this year I will be glad to assist any of the brethren in their meetings.

CLYDE WILLIAMSON,  
 Kemp, Texas.

### San Augustine Dist.—Second Round.

Tatum, at Chalk Hill, Fri., March 8.  
 Beckville, at Ebenezer, March 9, 10.  
 Center Cir., at Sandhill, Fri., Mar. 15.  
 Shelbyville, Goodhope, March 16, 17.  
 Center Sta., March 17, 18.  
 Geneva, at Milam, March 22, 24.  
 Hemphill and Bronson, H., Mch. 24, 25.  
 San Augustine, Tuesday, March 26.  
 Cushing, at Lynndlat, March 30, 31.  
 Caro, March 31, April 1.

Tenaha, at Joaquin, Wed., April 3.  
 Minden, at Pine Hill, April 6, 7.  
 Timpson, Wed., April 10.

Nachodoches Miss., Bonita, April 13, 14.  
 Nachodoches Sta., April 14, 15.  
 Garrison, at Arlam, April 20, 21.  
 Carthage, April 27, 28.  
 Gary, at Gary, Wed., May 1.  
 Melrose, at Simpson's, May 4, 5.  
 Lufkin Sta., Friday, May 10.

Citys, at Huntington, May 11, 12.  
 Burke Cir., May 18, 19.

C. A. TOWER, P. E.

### Terrell District.—Second Round.

Fate, at Mt. Zion, March 9, 10.  
 Garland, March 10, 11.  
 Mesquite, at Long Creek, March 16, 17.  
 Forney, Wednesday night, March 20.  
 Royse, March 24, 25.  
 Rockwall, Monday night, March 25.  
 Kaufman, March 31.  
 Rosser, at Tolosa, April 6, 7.  
 Mabank, at Mabank, April 13, 14.  
 Reinhardt, at Rodgers, April 20, 21.  
 Crandall, at Crandall, April 26.  
 Kemp, at Becker, May 4, 5.  
 Elmo, at Able Springs, May 11, 12.  
 College Mound, May 18, 19.  
 Terrell, May 25.  
 Chisholm, June 15, 16.

District Conference at Crandall, April 25-28. Opening sermon by Rev. E. G. Roberts, Wednesday night, April 24. Let all local preachers be present or send written reports.

O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

### San Antonio District.—Second Round.

Bexar Cir., March 2, 3.  
 Laredo, March 6.  
 Devine, March 8.  
 Pearsall, March 9, 10.  
 Rock Springs, March 16, 17.  
 Uvalde, March 21.  
 Hondo, March 22.  
 Utopia, at Sabinal, March 23, 24.  
 Travis Park, March 30, 31, 11 a. m.  
 Sherman Sta., March 30, 31, 8 p. m.  
 Carrizo Spgs. and Batesville, Apr. 6, 7.  
 Moore Cir., at Leona, April 13, 14.  
 West End, April 20, 21.  
 Prospect Hill, April 27, 28, 11 a. m.  
 South Heights, April 27, 28, 8 p. m.  
 Del Rio, May 3.  
 Eagle Pass, May 4, 5.  
 Cotulla, at Millet, May 8.  
 Amphion, May 11, 12.

District Conference will meet at Pearsall, May 15-19.

A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

### Pittsburg District.—Second Round.

Queen City, at Jones Ch., Mar. 9, 10.  
 Atlanta Sta., Mar. 10, 11.  
 Linden, at Union Chapel, Mar. 16, 17.  
 Gilmer Cir., at Mt. Gillian, Mar. 23, 24.  
 Gilmer Sta., Mar. 24, 25.  
 Winfield, at New Hope, Mar. 30, 31.  
 Mt. Pleasant Sta., Mar. 31, April 1.  
 New Boston M., Hickory Grove, Apr. 4.  
 Dalby Spgs., at Godly Prairie, Apr. 5.  
 New Boston Sta., Apr. 6, 7.  
 Park, at Red Springs, Apr. 13, 14.  
 Texarkana, Central, Apr. 14, 15.  
 Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, Apr. 16.  
 Redwater, at Maud, Apr. 20, 21.  
 Pittsburg Sta., Apr. 24.  
 Pittsburg Cir., Friendship, Apr. 27, 28.  
 Coffeyville, at Cox Chapel, May 4, 5.  
 Kelleyville, at Shiloh, May 10.  
 Jefferson Sta., May 11, 12.  
 Cason, May 18, 19.  
 Daingerfield, May 19, 20.  
 Naples and Omaha, May 25, 26.  
 Quitman, June 1, 2.  
 Loesburg, June 15, 16.

Will the pastors please see that the Quarterly Conference record book be at the place and time of the Quarterly Conference? I have not, on the first round, had the pleasure even of seeing but two or three of the records. We want and must have these record books at the Quarterly Conference.

R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

### Huntsville District, Second Round.

Navasota, Mar. 2, 3.  
 Hempstead, Mar. 3, 4.  
 Madisonville, Mar. 9, 10.  
 Kennard, at Prairie View, Mar. 16, 17.  
 Crockett, Mar. 24, 25.  
 Willis and Conroe, at W., Mar. 30, 31.  
 Trinity and Onalaska, at T., Apr. 1.  
 Groveton, Apr. 6, 7.  
 Augusta, at Enterprise, Apr. 13, 14.  
 Montgomery, at Stoneham, Apr. 17.  
 Iola, at Ellwood, Apr. 20, 21.  
 Anderson, at Roans Prairie, Apr. 27, 28.  
 Fostoria, at Fostoria, May 3.  
 Grapeland & Lovelady, at L., May 4, 5.  
 Cold Springs, at Evergreen, May 8.  
 Huntsville, May 11, 12.  
 Waller, at Oakland, May 15.  
 San Jacinto, May 18, 19.  
 Dodge, at Black Jack, May 23.  
 Willard, at Saron, May 25, 26.  
 H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

### Gainsville District.—Second Round.

Bonita, at I. Bend, 2d Sunday March.  
 Justin, at Roanoke, 3d Sunday March.  
 Ponder, at Krum, 4th Sunday March.  
 Nocona, at Ringgold, 5th Sun. March.  
 Nocona Sta., March 31, April 1.  
 Montague, 1st Sunday April.  
 Era, at Boliver, 2d Sunday April.  
 Marysville, 3d Sunday April.  
 Woodbine, at Callisburg, 4th Sun. Apr.  
 Broadway, April 28, 29.  
 Sanger, at Sanger, 1st Sunday May.  
 Denton St., May 5, 6.  
 Dist. Conf. at Myra, May 16-19.  
 Rosston, at Hardy, 4th Sunday May.  
 Greenwood, 1st Sunday June.  
 Saint Jo, 2d Sunday June.  
 Dexter, June 12, 13.  
 Aubrey, at Friendship, 3rd Sun. June.  
 J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

### Paris District.—Second Round.

Woodland and Kanawha, at K., March 9, 10.  
 Bossom and Sylvan, at B., Mar. 10, 11.  
 Lamar Ave., March 16, 17.  
 Detroit Sta., March 17, 18.  
 Centenary, March 24, 26.  
 Bonham St., March 24, 25.  
 Annona and Williams Chapel, at W. C. March 30, 31.  
 Whiterock Sta., March 31, April 1.  
 Deport Cir., at Bogata, April 6, 7.  
 Roxton Cir., at Elm Grove, April 13, 14.  
 Paris Cir., at El Bethel, April 14, 15.  
 Avery Miss., at Lydia, April 20, 21.  
 Rosalie Cir., April 27, 28.  
 Clarksville Cir., at McCoy, May 4, 5.  
 Clarksville Sta., May 5, 6.  
 Emberson Cir., at Round Prairie, May 11, 12.  
 Shady Grove and Marvin, May 18, 19.  
 J. F. ALDERSON, P. E.

### Waco District.—Second Round.

(In part)  
 Fifth Street, Mar. 9, 10.  
 Austin Avenue, Mar. 13.  
 Elm Street, Mar. 14.  
 Hewitt Circuit, at Hewitt, Mar. 15.  
 Lorena Cir., at Mooreville, Mar. 16, 17.  
 West Circuit, at West, Mar. 23, 24.  
 Aquilla, at Aquilla, Mar. 30, 31.  
 District Conference will be held at Mt. Calm June 28-30. Opening sermon June 28 at 8 p. m. Committees on Examination:  
 License to Preach—A. D. Porter, C. B. Smith, W. H. Matthews.  
 Admission—A. E. Carraway, S. C. Baird, J. H. Braswell.  
 Deacon's Orders—J. S. Tunnell, R. V. Galloway, D. C. Stark.  
 Elder's Orders—J. D. Odum, R. J. Tooley, W. H. Crawford.  
 Let these committees meet all candidates at 9 a. m. June 27, so as to be ready to report at an early time in the conference.

W. L. NELMS, P. E.

### Calvert District.—Second Round.

Bremond, at Petteway, Mch. 9, 10.  
 Kosse, at Harmony, Mar. 16, 17.  
 Travis, at Wards Chapel, Mar. 23, 24.  
 Rosebud Sta., Mar. 24, 25.  
 Reagan and Stranger, at Reagan, Mar. 30, 31.  
 Marlin Sta., April 3.  
 Lott and Chilton, at Chilton, Apr. 6, 7.  
 Calvert Sta., Apr. 10.  
 Durango, at Blevins, Apr. 13, 14.  
 Centerville, at Pleasant Ridge, Apr. 20, 21.  
 Wheelock, Harris Chapel, Apr. 27, 28.  
 Hearne Sta., May 1.  
 Fairfield and Dew, at Mt. Zion, May 4, 5.  
 Teague Sta., May 5, 6.  
 Millican, at Alexander, May 11, 12.  
 Bryan Sta., May 12, 13.  
 Jewett, at Buffalo, May 18, 19.  
 Freestone Miss., at Personville, May 20, 21.  
 Owenville, at Mt. Vernon, May 25, 26.  
 Franklin Sta., May 26, 27.  
 Normangee, June 1, 2.  
 District Conference, at Calvert, June 25-30.  
 E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

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**CARPENTER.**—Mrs. Annie Carpenter (nee Lanier) was born near Vicksburg, Warren County, Miss., Feb. 1865, and departed this life Jan. 24, 1907. She was married to Mr. P. C. Carpenter March, 1885. To this union were born two children—one of whom preceded her to the home above. The other—Harry E.—with the husband father, remain to mourn their loss. Sister Carpenter was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the summer of 1902, at Pelmont, Texas, where she spent her last years. She came into the Church under the ministry of Bro. J. A. King. Her love and devotion to Christ and the Church were beautiful. For months before her death she was an invalid, the most of the time confined to her bed. The writer in visiting her found that she was happiest when talking of Christ and his services in the sanctuary. She loved the prayer meeting services, and when she bowed before her Maker in the sanctuary she poured forth such a flow of thanksgiving, supplication and intercession to God that those who heard her will never forget with what tenderness of soul she made those touching appeals to God in behalf of the Church and the unsaved. There was something touching about her resignation. On one occasion during her illness she said, "I don't want anyone to pray for my recovery except they say to God, 'Not my will, but thine, be done.'" On another occasion, seeing that her husband was so sorely distressed at her suffering and approaching death, she quoted the first stanza of "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," showing that she was perfectly submissive to God's will in the way she should go. In the midst of her affliction she was thoughtful of the pleasure and happiness of others. On leaving for the hospital about December 1, she gave commandment concerning the things that should be done for and given to the pastor and his family during her absence. She was loyal to those men of God who were sent to break the bread of life to her. She was loved by both white and black, and oh, how the Church and neighborhood will miss her. May Bro. Carpenter and Harry be comforted with the thought of meeting their loved one on the other shore.

N. G. OZMENT, Pastor.

**GODBOLD.**—Bro. T. E. Godbold was born on August 10, 1820, in Fairfield District, South Carolina; moved to Alabama in 1834. He was married to Sarah B. Nunnelee in 1840; came to Texas in 1864 and settled in Harrison County. He moved to Uvalde in 1882. God blessed him with ten children—four boys and six girls. His wife departed this life Nov. 23, 1887, leaving him with seven children. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church with his wife in 1848, remaining a consistent member until his death on Feb. 13, 1907. He would have been 87 at his next birthday. He lived a quiet, consistent Christian, his home life testifying of this fact. He joined the Masonic Lodge in 1847. He remained faithful to his lodge duties to the end and requested to be buried with Masonic as well as Christian services. I must speak a word in commendation of Sister W. H. Godbold, his daughter-in-law, at whose house he died. I never witnessed more faithful and constant service even by an own daughter. May the Lord reward her and bless all the children and grandchildren, and may the influence of his long, well-spent life be an inspiration to them. C. W. PERKINS, Pastor.

**LESTER.**—On Saturday evening, February 9, 1907, the beautiful spirit of Ernest Lester passed in sweet peace to his home in heaven. He was born July 1, 1894. Sad, indeed, when I entered that home and Ernest did not come to meet and welcome me! But we know where he is. How can we grieve after him? Parents, be reconciled to Him who giveth and taketh away, for He will give them back again where pain, afflictions are no more. Let your great host of friends enter into grief and tears with you. We would that we could help you, but God knoweth best. Let your loss be his gain. But you will miss him. Ernest was the son of Z. K. and Pink Lester, who were devoted to him. His grandmother waited on him in his afflictions with such tender care. He leaves three little brothers and one little sister. We hope they will meet him some sweet day. His body sleeps in the dust, but his memory is with us. ADA McMILLAN.

**PROCTOR.**—Mrs. Amelia S. Proctor was born April 8, 1844, in Paris, Mo. She was converted when a child and joined the Methodist Church, of which she was a faithful and honored member at the time of her demise. She was married to William Smith Proctor, Sept. 3, 1863. This union was blessed with eight children, five of whom are now living, three of whom are deceased. This good woman was one of the most consistent Christians and loveliest of characters this writer has ever known. The unanimous verdict of all who knew her was, "She was a good woman and a true Christian." Truly no one who knew her ever doubted the genuineness of her piety. Though of a modest, timid disposition, she was in her own quiet, refined and queenly way, a fearless and valiant soldier of the cross. Being true to her conviction of right, she had no sort of compromise with wrong. She did not try to serve but one Master, and that was the good Lord Jesus. She did not cling to religion with one hand and to the world with the other. She was ever on the side of right. One did not expect her to be on the other side. The world knew where she stood. Occupying the firm vantage ground of eternal truth, she was invincible, never running up the white flag, but ever remaining under the banner of Prince Emanuel. Eternity alone may reveal the great good accomplished in and by the godly life of her who was one of God's own jewels. May the gracious Father bless her sacred and precious memory! A short time before her journey, she said to her pastor, "I may depart this life ere long; I no longer know. God's will be done. I have served him too long to give him up now. What would the world be to me without religion?" A few days later, summoning her loved ones to her and calling them by name, she bade them farewell, giving unmistakable evidence that she was soon going to heaven. On Jan. 18, 1907, surrounded by the same dear ones, whispering the name of her sainted husband, beckoning to him and others of the blood-washed throng on the other shore, and with heaven's own sunlight beaming from her face, almost without a physical struggle, she breathed her last to live beyond the skies. Her redeemed spirit, liberated from the weakly tenement of clay, was borne on angel's pinions to the gates of pearl and the streets of gold, where amid the glad songs of the redeemed she entered into glory everlasting. May her relatives and friends emulate her example, following the Savior of the world as she followed him, so they may be stars in her crown of rejoicing.

W. H. VANCE, Pastor. New Boston, Texas.

**LITTLE.**—Tom, the bright, industrious boy of Bro. W. R. and Sister M. L. Little, was born January 7, 1896, and died in a happy state of mind (thinking he was in a protracted meeting) November 14, 1906. Tom was a good boy, loved by all who knew him. He was a zealous Sunday-school scholar, always knew his lessons, giving none of his teachers any trouble. Suitable resolutions to the memory of little Tom were unanimously passed by his Sunday-school. There is a vacant place in the home, but a softer, tenderer place in the hearts of father and mother, and with new resolutions fixed and increased faith to meet little Tom some sweet day, where there will be no more separation, suffering, sickness nor death, but joy, peace and everlasting happiness will be the portion of all the inhabitants of that eternal city.

JAS. M. BAKER, Pastor. Winters, Texas.

**FARMER.**—Mrs. Marguerett Ann Farmer (nee Sapp) was born July 27, 1869. She professed religion at an early period in life and united with the M. E. Church, South. On Feb. 2, 1887, she was married to Mr. John Wesley Farmer. On Feb. 1, 1907, she passed from this life to the one beyond. One consolation, she was spared to see her three children—one boy and two girls—reach the stage of manhood and womanhood. To her mourning loved ones I would say, look not down in the dark, cold grave, for the senseless clay returns but to dust whence it came. Look up to the Giver and Taker of life. The soul returns to God. E. C. FARMER.

**SANDERSON.**—Ruth Sanderson, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sanderson, was born in Gordonville, Grayson County, Texas, October 25, 1892, and died February 3, 1907. After an illness of two weeks her spirit winged its flight to the home of the pure and good, there to join in the everlasting song of the saints and bask in the sunlight of God's love. Ruth was endowed with a bright mind and possessed all the qualities that make a useful and happy life. She was a loving and obedient child, the constant companion of her mother, and the light of that happy home. She was just emerging into young womanhood. No doubt the loving parents had planned many pleasant things for her future, but alas, how sad! On the fateful morning of February 3, at 3

o'clock, death knocked at the door and bore away their loving child, the only daughter. Rev. B. T. Hayes conducted the funeral services in the Methodist church at Gordonville, in the presence of many friends and relatives who had gathered to shed their tears of sympathy for the living and pay their loving tribute of respect to the memory of their little friend who had gone. The bereaved parents and brother are bowed with grief over their great loss, but with Christian submission they may lean on the everlasting arms of their Heavenly Father. Dear Ruth, we shall see thee no more in this life, but some sweet day we shall meet thee again and the association which was so delightful here will then be renewed. With her example to inspire and the grace of God to sustain them, her loved ones may patiently bear their loss, great though it be. MRS. B. T. HAYES.

**SCHRIMSHER.**—After a long struggle with typhoid fever, Ruth Schrimsher, born December 31, 1892, departed this life December 20, 1906. Her once bright eyes are closed in that sleep which knows no earthly waking. She has gone from the home that was made with hands to the city of God. She was a kind, loving and affectionate child, the idol of the home, much loved by all who knew her. We mourn our loss, but we feel sure that dear little Ruth is safe in the arms of Jesus, and those dear hands that never tired of helping papa and mamma, making happy the home for brothers and sisters, are now beckoning them to a home where there will be no more sad partings. To the bereaved, we would say, while you cannot bring back this precious darling, it is your blessed privilege to meet her in that heaven of eternal bliss where no blighting fever will ever steal away your loved one again. Dear father, mother, sister and brother, do you not purpose to meet her there? LELA CLARK.

Duffau, Texas.

**TOWNSEND.**—Mary Malinda Townsend, only daughter of N. B. and Judah Coker, was born in Bexar County, Texas, Nov. 5, 1876; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, Aug. 25, 1890, Rev. H. T. Cunningham preacher in charge; was married to William A. Townsend, August 29, 1897. To them were born four children—three sons and one daughter. The writer has been intimately acquainted with this lovely woman from her childhood. I can truly say, as a daughter she was obedient and loving; as a wife and mother, true, devoted and affectionate; as a neighbor, obliging and charitable; a faithful Christian, prompt in attendance upon all the ordinances of the Church. Those who knew her best loved her most. She is greatly missed by all dear friends, but most of all by the surviving father and mother, husband and precious children. While we mourn the departure of one so dear to our hearts, yet we rejoice in the hope of immortality and eternal life. Let us be faithful unto death and we shall meet our loved ones, who have died in the faith, in Emanuel's land, where mourning is ended and parting is no more. D. W. BENNETT, L. D.

**ALDRIDGE.**—John R. Aldridge was born August 4, 1829, in West Tennessee, and died Feb. 6, 1907, at midnight. He was married to Sarah Squires Jan. 9, 1851. To them were born four children, two of whom are living—Geo. W. Aldridge, of Gainesville, Tex., and Mrs. Ida Burnett, of Dallas, Tex. After the death of his first wife he was again married Sept. 25, 1890, to Mrs. Lucinda Cowan. He came to Fannin County, Texas, in 1858. Then came to Commerce and has lived here 16 years. Like most of people who have lived a long, useful life, he was converted and joined the Church when quite young. His former pastors and those who knew him well say he was a good man and a consistent member of the Church. He had a glorious experience and loved to tell what great things God had done for him. Surely our people die well. MRS. D. H. ASTON.

**KLENKE.**—Sister Sarah Jane Klenke was born August 29, 1855, in Jackson County, Ala. She came to Texas in 1879. She was united in holy wedlock to Bro. Klenke in 1881. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in her fifteenth year, and lived a consecrated Christian up to death. It was the privilege of the writer of this to be in her home, and she enjoyed to talk of religion and heaven. She was then in the last stages of consumption. She expressed freely her hope of heaven and said she was ready to die. We know where to find her. Sister Klenke was sick a long time and suffered a great deal, but she took it all patiently and was of strong faith in her God, and held strongly to her faith. She leaves a husband and four brothers and one sister to mourn her death. She died Jan. 31, 1907, and was buried near Brazos, in the New Salem graveyard to await the last roll call to come up higher. M. L. STORY.

**SHRADER.**—Mary I. Shrader was born Nov. 10, 1827, in Warren County, Tennessee. She was left an orphan when quite young, but she fell into good and kind hands and was led to God when but a child, joining the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was ever ready to do her Master's bidding. She was married to G. H. Shrader Dec. 23, 1847. To this union were born twelve children, all of whom are living to mourn their loss. Her husband preceded her several years and left her to battle life alone in a new country, as they had moved to Texas only a short while before his death, settling in Collin County, where she has lived to bless her children and help her church. Her son, Rev. H. P. Shrader, for many years a member of the North Texas Conference, but now in the Northwest Texas Conference, was present the last few days to comfort and console his dear mother. She was living with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Mathis, of Prosper, Texas. We all miss grandma so much. Everybody loved her. All her children were present but one, and are all on the road, we hope, to meet her in glory. She shouted her way through the valley and asked her children and friends to meet her in heaven. Her pastor preached her funeral to a large crowd and many were true tributes of respect shown her. Several preachers were present and assisted in the last sad rites. Her pastor, J. D. HUDGINS.

**THURMOND.**—Sister Grace Thurmond, who was thrown from a buggy on Jan. 16, while on a visit to her mother in Uvalde, remained unconscious and departed this life on Feb. 11, 1907. She was 29 years old; was reared in Uvalde, and was married to Mr. W. F. Thurmond, of Dallas, on June 21, 1905. She possessed a cheerful disposition, meeting everyone with a smile and carrying sunshine where she went. She was the joy of her father's heart, the consolation of her mother, the pride of her little sisters, and the life of her husband. Her husband came to her bedside as soon as he received the sad news and remained in anxious, prayerful suspense until the end. She was converted and joined our Church with her mother last January a year ago. What a comfort to the loved ones to know that she had professed a living faith in a living Christ. May God comfort the broken hearts as he alone can comfort, and especially the husband, Bro. Thurmond. May she become his guardian angel to beckon him home. C. W. PERKINS, Pastor.

**COSSTEPHENS.**—Ethel and Pearl Cosstephens.—On February 12, at 3 a. m., the death angel came and took away little Ethel; and at 2 p. m., he came again and took away little Pearl. In a ministry of twenty-four years, I believe I have met nothing so sad. Ethel was born August 5, 1893; Pearl was born Dec. 30, 1894. They were baptized in infancy by the writer and Rev. T. C. Eason. Both were small for their age—just children, happy and obedient; never gave their parents a moment's trouble. The Master said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Fond parents, brothers and sisters, look up through your tears and remember that at the last day God will raise them up and we shall meet them again in that bright land where sorrow and tears are unknown. I. L. MILLS.

**HOOPER.**—Kizza, daughter of Ambrose and Mary Petty, was born Oct. 3, 1820, in Montgomery County, Tenn.; was married to Nimrod Hooper in 1847; came to Texas in 1870 and settled near Cooper, in Delta County, where she lived till the death of her husband in 1878. She was the mother of five children. Two, the youngest and the oldest, preceded her to the good world. The other three mourn after a brief illness at her daughter's, Mrs. J. D. Nippur, in Ravenna, Jan. 26, 1907. Grandma, as she was familiarly called, was baptized in infancy and converted and joined the Methodist Church when only 11 years of age. She was a member for 65 years. She said to the writer, "I am so glad I was raised right and glad I am a Methodist and have been all these years. Thank God! When I was converted I got the genuine religion and it has stayed with me all through life." If faithful we will all meet her again. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Ravenna. Her pastor, J. T. BLUDWORTH. Bonham, Texas.

**TAYLOR.**—One of earth's noblest, Mrs. Georgia Roberts Taylor, died in Houston, Texas, Dec. 13, 1906. She was born at Georgetown, Texas, August 20, 1876, and was married to Charles Taylor, August 20, 1894. The three dates above indicate only three of the periods in her earthly career, which was suddenly ended with but slight warning, but into this life was crowded all those sweet and tender graces which go to adorn beautiful Christian womanhood. A more gentle and lovely

spirit never came to live among mortals. Oh, how much loss there is to the world in the death of one so pure, so gentle! How stricken her dear husband and the four beautiful children left behind, together with relatives and a host of friends who loved her so tenderly! I was her pastor for four years, and I could but weep as I looked into her pale face for the last time, a face once radiant with the light of heaven. Only one thought brings a ray of light and hope amid the gloom that fills the hearts of those who loved her—she is with God and we shall see her again. God bless her precious memory and comfort the hearts that are broken and sad. ELLIS SMITH.

Jacksonville, Texas.

**SMITH.**—Samuel Hancock Smith died at his home in Granbury, Texas, Dec. 9, 1906. He was born in Cherokee County, Ala., August 17, 1842. His parents were Col. Silas and Mrs. Epsila Perry Smith, who came with their family to Texas while he was a little child, and settled in Parker County, where this son grew to manhood. Several years of his early manhood were given to the life of a soldier. In 1859, while in his teens, he entered the Ranger service under Capt. A. B. Mason, and with that gallant band, aided in the defense of our frontier, until the breaking out of the Civil War. In 1861, June 22, he enlisted in Company K, 5th Texas Cavalry, C. S. A., and was in the service during the entire war except about ten months spent in a Federal prison. A letter before me from his old captain relates many of their war experiences in which this young man displayed all the qualities of a brave and faithful soldier. From the wounds received in the army he suffered much pain to the end of his life. Many of his old comrades attended his funeral and had his casket draped in the Stars and Bars as a token of their esteem for him as a soldier and as a man. Bro. Smith was married to Mrs. M. L. Hutcheson, Oct. 11, 1870, and settled in Hood County, which remained his home until his death. Sister Smith passed to her reward a little more than two years before her husband. Of this union were born one son and four daughters, all of whom survive him. Soon after his marriage Bro. Smith united with the M. E. Church, South, in whose communion he was an honored member till his death. This is the brief record of the earthly life of a truly good man. He was honest and diligent in business, faithful and painstaking as a public official, a model husband and father, and an humble disciple of the Lord Jesus. We expect to meet him again in our Father's house above. Till that meeting may his children and loved ones be kept and comforted by divine grace. W. H. TERRY.

**BROOKS.**—The subject of this sketch, Henry W. Brooks, was born March 9, 1856; died Jan. 20, 1907. He was married to Miss Effie Hensley, April 21, 1888, in Hopkins County, Texas. To this union were born one son and three daughters, the son dying in infancy. The wife and daughters survive him to mourn their loss. Rev. L. L. Naugle, his pastor, assisted by Rev. D. H. Aston, conducted the funeral services, and he was laid to rest in Oakland cemetery. He was converted and joined the Church at Old Mt. Zion in the summer of 1901 under my first year's service in the ministry. I received him into the Church and that fall I put him on the Board of Stewards, where he remained till death. Truly Henry was a good man. I was with him a great deal while I was his pastor and I loved him like a brother. He was perfectly devoted to his family and loved God and the Church. I have known him a few times to go horseback through mud and cold, sick, to attend the Quarterly Conference, when but few well men would go. The Church will miss him. The community has lost a good citizen and neighbor; his wife a devoted companion; the children an affectionate father. "Peace be to his ashes." To those who mourn, I commit you to Him who hath said, "I will be father to the fatherless and companion to the widow." He is gone, but we will meet him on the resurrection morn where all "tears will be wiped away," and there will be no more parting. His former pastor, R. B. MORELAND.

**BELL.**—Bernice Cleo, daughter of L. D. and S. A. Bell, was born in Navarro County, Texas, January 27, 1905, and died in Winters, Texas, February 8, 1907, after more than two months' intense suffering. This precious child was dedicated in holy baptism by Irvia F. Harris when a few months old. The father and mother and two sisters are faithful, earnest, consecrated, useful members of the Church, hence they look forward to a happy reunion with little Bernice when life's labor are over. Jesus, our Savior, has taken her home. J. M. BAKER, Pastor.

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MEXICO LETTER.

My letters are getting to be quite frequent. I am not responsible for this (only in a way). I am constantly getting letters from Texas friends asking me that I write more, and they assure me that these hastily written paragraphs from the pencil of a man at the front is stirring them up to an interest in missions. This is what tickles Frankie. I am very sure that if our people knew more about the work they would take a greater interest in it. The Corpus Christi talk and "Mexico Letters" have brought several hundred dollars into the work that otherwise would have been somewhere else. This money has helped beyond any power of human language to express. Young men and women are being educated who otherwise would have remained out in the little interior towns, unknown and unloved. The Church will hear from some of these young people in the future.

We are struggling to fix up our library in San Luis Potosi Training School. The Houston League had made a handsome gift for books. One day I got enough money from a San Marcos and a Goliad lady to buy the nice oak tables for the room. Then came \$35 from twelve Edna girls. Thus it has come along like a little stream of blessing right down from God. Don't you know I believe in praying for things! We have been trusting the Lord for the beginning of a library for Miss Norwood E. Wynn's school here in Guadalajara. It came about in this way: I was over there one day, and I said, "Sister, what are you praying for now?" She glanced up at a little shelf containing about a half dozen worn-out books and a few little papers, and said, "Oh, how I wish I had some books for the girls! They have read and re-read all these old things." She told me how she scanned the catalogues of Spanish literature, and what a fine set of books she had picked out if she ever got the money. We agreed that the Lord could do "abundantly above anything that we could ask or think." That day a letter came from Sister Lillard containing \$18.50 American money, or twice that sum in Mexican currency; money that the Mill Creek Juniors had made. Miss Wynn almost shouted when I put that fine beginning into her possession. Our bright girls, who devour everything they can find in the way of good books, will have a great feast now, and these books will be a blessing in building character for the years to come.

My last letter was written from Teclotlan. Our meeting there was a great victory. In some respects it was a record breaker. I don't think I ever saw a church so completely "turned upside down." Members confessed their faults, apologized for old offenses and had a general house cleaning. One member of the Church seemed to be a good man in most ways, but he would sell liquor in his store. We had worked and prayed with him for years, all to no avail. What a joy was felt when he voluntarily arose and confessed his sin and said that he had sold his last drop. The next morning it was all out, bright and early.

On the morning of our departure, Kitten and I were up at three thirty in the morning, making our coffee, and getting ready to get away, when this

same brother appeared to help me saddle up. When all was about ready, he disappeared for a few minutes and then reappeared on his splendid steed and rode out two hours with us on the road. When the time came for him to return, we dismounted, and Mexican fashion, embraced. He was weeping for the blessed joy of the Lord he felt in his heart, and begged me to never forget him in my prayers. This is quite a custom among the Mexican brethren—to accompany one on his way. I like it. I remember that on a former visit to El Cobre, which, by the way is on this same circuit, Bro Juan Pio accompanied on foot out some two hours from his home. We knelt down in the rough mountain trail, and I shall never forget the prayer-meeting we had there that morning about sun-up.

After a hard day's ride, "the Mrs." and I arrived at Ameca, the railroad station, from whence we had gone ten days previous. A good hot American supper did taste fine that night! After eating, we went up to make a visit to the American brother who had loaned us a horse for Kitten. He had never seen us before, but he said that nothing that he possessed was too good for a Methodist preacher. I was naturally anxious to cultivate the acquaintance of such a man. I found him to be a very intelligent member of the Northern branch of the Methodist Church, and as fine a man as I have met in a long time. We felt at home with this servant of God, his wife and daughter, and it was a sweet service of prayer that we enjoyed before we took our departure. He responded with fervent "amens."

The next day Mrs. O. took the train for home and I continued my journey to Ahualulco on the mule. I was to go over a new road that I had never traversed. It was a lonely mountain trail. I was warned not to go that way, as men had been robbed there lately. It was fully two hours nearer and I said to myself and to old Maud, "we shall see what we shall see." I confess that there were places that made me kinder breathe low like. It was the most lonesome trail I ever traveled, I do believe, and a man would have no chance on earth. I had not expected to take this trip and didn't have my six-shooter, and in fact, don't think it would have done me any good, anyway. I met no robbers, but I must confess that I felt just a little relief when I caught a glimpse of Ahualulco away in the distance. I crossed one stream twenty-two times in a mile of travel.

I arrived home the next day, and after forty-eight hours of work at my desk getting off letters, I left for Zapatlan to hold the last Quarterly Conference for the year. I spent three days there, preaching twice daily, but did not have the time that should have been devoted to the meeting, for on Monday I was due to begin a revival meeting in Atoyac with Bro. Rebollo, the converted sarracian. Mrs. O. met me there the next day, accompanied by Miss Wynn, who came down to help me look into some school matters. I should say that the little school that I started down there two years ago has grown so fast that another teacher was absolutely necessary. I wrote to Bishop Ward for \$13 per month to pay the teacher's salary, but he answered that he hadn't the money. What was I to do? Let that work suffer? Not much! I had written to Rebollo, and asked him what they could do. He said that he would respond for the teacher's board and five dollars per month. I felt ashamed of myself and said, "How can those people do this?" I wrote that I would find the other ten dollars some way, and the teacher went. It stirred my soul to see the sacrifices this good man was making to educate his people and spread the gospel among them.

The blessing of the Lord was upon the very first meeting, and they increased in power until the house and yard were packed with listeners. These people fairly drink in the gospel from the preacher's lips. The Church was thoroughly revived, and seven bap-

tisms were the results. There will be two more members. Both our church and school buildings will have to be enlarged. They are now too small.

I am now at home for a few days, prior to leaving for my last revival meeting for the year at Morelia, thence to the Annual Conference at San Luis Potosi. I have been running over my journal and find the following figures: Traveled over eleven thousand miles during the year (the trip to the General Conference is included), and have preached on an average of five times per week for the year. During the last four months I have (lacking two sermons) preached on an average of one a day and traveled one thousand, six hundred and fifty miles, three hundred and twenty five on mule-back. During these four months I have taken my yearly rest, also. Now I wonder if that looks like boasting? Well, many precious souls have been saved and the churches built up in the faith, and I am happy.

Bishop Seth Ward comes to hold our Conference. He knows the work and the workers, and will give us fine service. But I will not "brag" on him until after the conference is over, for missionaries sometimes move, too.

FRANK S. ONDERDONK.

WEATHERFORD NOTES.

I have just read "Bishop Galloway's Beautiful Letter" in the Texas Advocate, and think the editor truly gave it a very appropriate heading. I am sure every reader will be refreshed by its perusal. What a contrast from the outlook of this bleak morning in Texas is the picture he draws of the "balmy breezes," the "genial sunshine, the fresh tropical fruits in that garden of the gods." I have been rejoicing in thinking how all that delicious fruit will build up his physical being, and be sublimated in grand thoughts in his brain, and how the "golden glory of the days" and "glorious color effects of the setting sun" and the "mirror of silver stars at night" will refresh and enrich his imagination, so that he can charm his audiences with more beautiful word pictures than ever before; and as

"Darkness shows us worlds of light We never saw by day."

to this glimpse of spiritual things he has doubtless had in this period of suffering will be given to the Church in richer luster than ever. Praise God for such grand, good natures as our dear Bishop, and for the humblest preacher who tries to tell us the sweet story of the gospel. We are debtors to them all.

But to come nearer home, will say our preacher, Brother Mimms, has "made a good start" at First Church, Weatherford. He and his good wife are doing some noble work in our societies and among the young people, and many prayers are going up that we may have a year of blessing and revival.

I have had the pleasure and benefit of reading a book this winter that I wish all our preachers and people could read—"Down In Water Street." It gives a partial history of the work done in the slums of New York by Jerry McCauley and Hadley. As many know, this work was with the lowest, the hard cases, besotted with opium and alcohol. We so often hear it said there is no hope for the confirmed drunkard except by the Keeley Cure, or some other "cure," but this wonderful book tells of scores of the worst drunkards who had the taste taken away by the touch of the Great Healer. Do we not minimize the power of God in many cases? We so often see the question asked in our Church papers: "Shall we ever again witness the old-time revival power?" Well, why not? We see in our missionary reports, from Korea and Mexico especially, accounts of almost Pentecostal power in their meetings. Shall we have to go to our mission fields and to the city slums to once more witness these glorious displays of Divine power? The Savior said: "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Perhaps this is our great lack—not enough prayer and

self-denial and faith among our best members, and too great a love for the world among the other class.

The demoralizing influence of "society," with its dances and card parties and extravagance of display, seems often as insidious and deadly to spiritual life as the fumes of opium and alcohol; and it seems to require as great a measure of Divine power to bring these unfortunate devotees to a sense of their needs as to save the poor drunkards of the slums.

Sister Mimms has brought before our societies the work of the "Quiet Hour League," and many of our members have subscribed for the little quarterly, "Quiet Hour." After looking over a copy, I most earnestly recommend it to our societies and to all who want to get closer to the Lord and to better prepare for his work. The topic for February is "Christian Experience" and the comments are very inspiring. Our preacher told us in one of our society meetings lately that he looked to the good women of the Church for his greatest spiritual help in working for the Church.

May the time speedily come when our societies, both home and foreign, may become real spiritual dynamos. Then we will reach their highest purpose. Then, and not until then, will we do our best in all the departments of our organization.

We have now in Weatherford a "Woman's Christian Union," composed of members of all the different denominations. The idea was born in the heart and brain of one of the consecrated women of the Presbyterian Church, who, seeing our young people more and more drawn off into worldly amusements, resolved that something must be done to stay the tide and lead them to higher ground. This "Union" meets once a month to pray and confer about the work. During Christmas week four social entertainments were given in some of our best homes, and the young people were given innocent amusement. They seemed to enter into it heartily and realize that there were other social pleasures besides the dance and the card table; also that the Church cared for them as well as the world, and recognized the fact that they have natural and legitimate desires for social entertainment. The Union will give these entertainments once a month through the year, and devise other means of throwing the arms of Christian love and safeguard around them.

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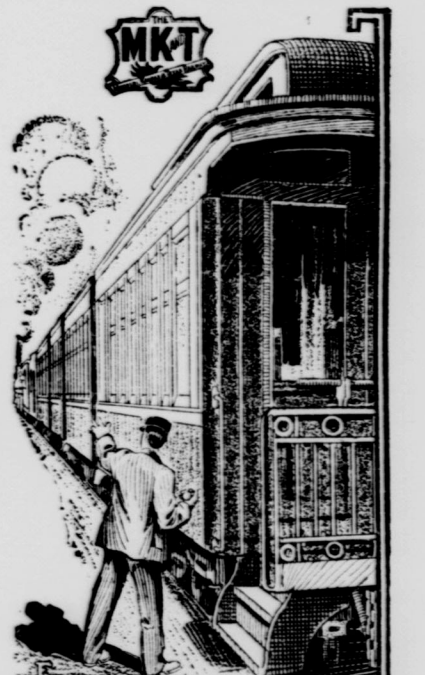
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### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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with twenty-five members and we all seem to be starting off well. We have a Methodist Sunday-school in every particular. What I mean by that is this: Our superintendent is thoroughly a Methodist; no better superintendent anywhere. He has a splendid corps of teachers. The Sunday-school is a Missionary Auxiliary Society, and we now have in operation the Home Department. We have received nine into the Church since conference. We have done about \$100 worth of furnishing and repairs on the parsonage since conference and are continuing the work; will do \$200 or \$300 more before the District Conference meets here, which will be sometime in June perhaps, at which time we hope to see the faithful, invincible editor of the indispensable Texas Christian Advocate, and the publisher, Bro. Blaylock, also. Snyder is an important center and the people here realize this fact. Our Church here must keep to the front. From almost every point of the compass the people are coming, coming, coming! This is indeed a great country; hence we expect to begin the erection of a \$10,000 church building in the near future. We are working and praying most earnestly that the Church may keep pace with the rapid development of the town and country. Hope to be able to write better things later on.—Joseph B. Dodson, Feb. 18.

#### Waelder and Thompsonville.

We were delighted when we were returned by the West Texas Conference to "our first love," Waelder and Thompsonville charge. Our people received us warmly and with open hearts and hands, showing their appreciation in more ways than one. We begin the new year with great hopes for a gracious good year and pray God that the harvest may be increased more abundantly this year than last. In fact, we are already having the blessings bestowed. Bro. K. J. Birdwell, of Weatherford, Texas, was with us from February 8 to 17 and conducted a most successful meeting. There have been as a result of these efforts thirty additions to our Church and twenty to the other Churches of the town, twenty-five or fifty per cent of these being persons of a mature age and the larger per cent of them men ranging in age from 25 to 60 years. Bro. Birdwell reaches out for men, and not only men, but the hardest men in all the community. The men's service at 11 o'clock on Sunday was well attended, at which service there were eight strong men who gave their lives to God and enlisted in his service. This, together with the night service, was the greatest service of the meeting. God hath wonderfully blessed us and given us a portion of the burning desire of our heart—some of these strong men and

women for his cause and kingdom. We made a nice offering to the Lord by paying Bro. Birdwell \$256. We have a fine Junior League in good working order, under the leadership of Mrs. Will Brookes. The League has just put gas lights in the church and parsonage at a cost of \$75. Our Sunday-schools and W. H. M. Societies are all doing good work. If God will always direct our path in such pleasant places to serve as the Waelder and Thompsonville charge, we shall ever be thankful to him for his love to us, for truly these people are good to us, and it is a delight to be the humble servant of God among them. Brethren, pray that God may use us in his vineyard to gather in the sheaves into his granary.—J. B. McCarley, February 21.

#### Oakville Circuit.

Praise the Lord! Score a third victory. This time Normanna Church in Bee County on S. A. & A. P. Railway. Rev. A. P. Lowrey and wife, evangelists, began with me February 19 and for nine days led the hosts of the Savior against sin. The Methodists were very few here and very much backslidden. The Missionary Baptists were very much stronger in numbers. There had been trouble among the people and religion was at a low ebb. Bro. Lowrey pours gospel denunciation against all sin without fear or favor. God honored the truth. Eighty-seven reclamations and conversions, twenty-six joined the Baptist Church, fourteen joined the Methodists and two joined the Menonites. The pastor of the Baptist Church, Bro. Appland, and Brothers Unziker and King, Menonite ministers, were co-workers in the full sense of the word. Gospel harmony was conspicuous from start to finish. Ninety dollars and fifty cents was given as a token of appreciation to Brother and Sister Lowrey. He raised a donation of \$10.20, which was equally divided between the pastors, Baptist and Methodist. Two prayer-meetings started each week and a Methodist Sunday-school is also a part of the results. The erection of twenty or more family altars of daily prayer will conserve the results. We are happy and hopeful. I have engaged Rev. T. N. Lowrey, of Merkel, Texas, to aid in two other meetings. We expect great things of God. We pray for and work for great things from God.—H. B. Henry, P. C.

#### Jasper and Kirbyville.

I enjoy the cards that I find in the Advocate from the other "field hands." This is my fourth year, and it bids fair to be one of the best on this charge. We want to make it so, if possible. The year is starting off well. The people made us feel welcome on our return from conference. First, by presenting us with a very substantial present of ten \$5 gold pieces. The ladies of Jasper did this, and Kirbyville sent up a 200-pound box of groceries, and Jasper has been pounding us every since our return. While the stewards have not made the assessment for the pastor, yet they are contemplating a considerable raise in the salary. This will be a delightful charge for the right kind of preacher next year. I am sorry that I shall soon have to leave it. Bro. Godbey, our new presiding elder, came up from Beaumont a few days back and held our first Quarterly Conference. The conference was held at Kirbyville, but he came to Jasper and preached also. Our people were all highly pleased and profited by his sermons and untiring work. Sister Godbey is accompanying Bro. Godbey on his rounds over this large district, and she is making herself indispensable to the work. She held for us six services, emphasizing the Sunday-school and women's work, together with the preaching and regular work of the Quarterly Conference. They were helpful indeed to us. Our first Quarterly Conference was a great success in every way. Two new churches are to be dedicated soon.—M. L. Lindsey, February 21.

#### Cooper.

Soon after the closing of the Annual Conference in Bowie in November I came to Cooper, and one of the first men I met with after landing here wanted to know what the Cooper people had done to be so sorely afflicted this conference year, and at once I thought of the apostle's statement, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing had happened unto you." So after all we have been treated royally. It was a great cross to say good-by to our old Mt. Vernon friends and go away from them just as we were learning their worth, for certainly no better people can be found than this writer found at Mt. Vernon. We also found a good, kind people here and indeed they have been nice to this preacher and his family. On reaching the parsonage I found that the new preacher had been remembered in a substantial way; and these tokens of kindness continue even to the present. I find that my predecessor had wrought well.

He had built a new church—one that would do credit to a much larger town than Cooper; yet there is plenty of work here to keep any man busy for the next ten years. When I landed here I found a debt on the new church of \$3200, besides some other debts. Some of our people were moving away, and those that were here were discouraged; and the Church without a pew in it, save some old benches borrowed from the Christian Church. So this preacher made up his mind that he had a job for at least one year. But, fortunately for the pastor, he was reared on a farm and for the last ten years has been hard at work in the bounds of the North Texas Conference, hence was not a stranger to a hard job. Last Saturday was the occasion for our first Quarterly Conference. Bro. Fladger was on hand and preached two good sermons. The pastor was able to report most of the little outstanding debts paid, and one note on the church debt of \$700 paid; some additions to the Church; the Junior League growing in interest and membership; also one Senior League organized with a membership of forty-five, and a League that any pastor might well be proud of. We paid for all purposes during the quarter \$917. Our next move is for a sweeping revival. Bro. Barton will be with me in April, and I am praying for a sweeping revival. Oh! for a revival of "old-time religion" that will sweep our people into the kingdom of God, that will bring us back to the old paths where we may find rest for our souls.

"Father, I stretch my hands to Thee; No other help I know. If Thou withdraw Thyself from me, Ah! whither shall I go? Author of faith, to Thee I lift My weary, longing eyes; Oh! let me now receive that gift, My soul without it dies." —T. M. Kirk.

#### West.

We are very much encouraged with the progress of our work to date, as also with the outlook for the future. I think we should be as grateful to God for what he has promised—for what he will do—as for what he has done. There are some things here that discourage our people. Many have moved away, the foreign element is strong and the town is cursed with the saloon. We have a debt, though not large, on the parsonage and we very much need a new church. But in the face of these adverse circumstances there is no real occasion for losing heart, and some of our people seem to be reaching this conclusion. A discouraged man or Church can but fail. We have 160 members and most of them are very well-to-do people. By the help and grace of God we can succeed here, and we will. The pathway to success for a man or a Church is usually hedged in by difficulties. When difficulties and obstacles are properly regarded and met with faith and Christ, they disappear, but not without often contributing to our success. The morning star of a better day is rising upon this part of the vineyard. It is a star of hope and promise. Our congregations are growing. The Sunday-school, the League and the Home Mission Society are all advancing. Our prayer-meeting has grown to an attendance of fifty at the last service. We preach once a month at Elm Mott. We have a delightful people and our work is moving on delightfully there. Affliction in my home hinders me some, but I am determined, hopeful and happy.—J. D. Odum, February 23.

#### Santa Anna.

We are moving on fairly well in our second year. The old church has been moved to one side and work has begun on the new stone structure, which will be by far the best church building in Coleman County. By using our local preacher, Bro. C. P. Morgan, for one Sunday morning service we are now giving Santa Anna full time. The stewards very kindly raised salary of pastor in charge from \$750 to \$800. Our good ladies last week treated the parsonage to another iron bedstead, two rockers, set dining chairs, dresser, and two sets bed springs. Part of this takes the place of old furniture which goes into "honorable superannuation." This with what has gone before gives us now a pretty well furnished parsonage, and we still declare this a "delightful charge."—J. W. Patison, Feb. 25.

#### Martin.

Believing that worthy service ought to be commended, I make report of a work that I think deserves special mention. For a month I have been preaching a series of sermons on Christian Stewardship, and kindred

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subjects, looking to larger liberality on the part of my people, and more interest in the work that we are called to do as stewards under God; and looking to a larger offering for missions. Yesterday was the day that I had set for the time to call for the offering. The day was unfavorable, and the congregation very small, but I had planned and worked to that time, and determined to go on with my plans, for it was the last Sunday that we would have in which we could make good our resolution to have our missionary money in the hands of our Treasurer by March 1. The call was made at the close of the sermon on missions, and from a congregation that numbered less than fifty by actual count we received \$260—an average of more than \$5.00 per capita for every man, woman and child in the house. The strangest part of the whole matter to me is that the collection amounted to our assessment for foreign and domestic missions to a cent, yet the congregation did not know the amount of our assessment, nor did we know the amount of the collection until after we had gone home, as the money was not counted until then. Others who were not present yesterday are responding readily and liberally today, and we will have in the hands of our Conference Treasurer by the night of the 28th at least 60 per cent over our assessment. My people have done well, and deserve special commendation. The matter was put on its merits, and we are not going to put the excess on the other collections. We are still in the front row, and we intend to stay there. The people continue to show us much kindness.—O. T. Hotchkiss, Feb. 25.

#### Willow City.

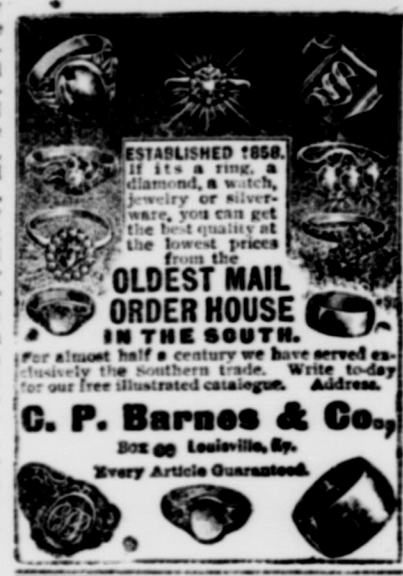
We got here the second week in November; found a neat parsonage fairly well furnished. Our reception has been cordial. Have had no regular pounding as yet, but many tokens of love and esteem have found their way to the parsonage. Just last week the good women of Oxford sent us a nice "block" quilt, for all of which we are very thankful. Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 13, 14. Our presiding elder, Bro. Lee, was with us and preached two strong gospel sermons. We all love Bro. Lee very much, having known him in former years. The stewards made a liberal estimate for the support of the ministry, and a goodly amount was reported paid. The salaries of the preacher in charge, and presiding elder are considerably behind at the present writing, but we believe it will be paid, as we have a good and faithful Board of Stewards, who love the Church and her ministers. The collections ordered by the Annual Conference are well up, and we hope to have the entire amount paid by the middle of the year. A number of our most substantial members have sold out, and are moving west. Have good congregations at every appointment. Have taken up some outlying points, and withal we are expecting great things from the Lord this year. Pray for us.—N. D. Wood, Feb. 20.

#### Canyon City.

I write to report the illness of our pastor, Rev. M. E. Hawkins. He was taken one month ago with erysipelas, and is still bedfast. Bro. Hawkins was starting off well here. He is in high favor with the people and his co-pastors in the town. We miss him much since he got sick, and are hungry for the gospel again at his hands. Rev. T. F. Robeson, one of our local preachers, and myself are filling the Sunday appointments for him. Bro. Robeson has served for many years as supply in various parts of these plains, and is a very acceptable preacher. His discourses yesterday and last night were fine, and no doubt will produce good. The stewards at the first Quarterly Conference fixed the salary of our pastor at \$1,000, and we have no fears of it not being paid.—John A. Wallace, Feb. 23.

#### Cedar Hill and Duncanville.

Although not present at the session of the North Texas Conference, yet I reached my appointment soon after adjournment of that body, and have met every Sunday service since my arrival. I find a very kind, open-hearted people whose instituted hospitality is evidenced by the frequent expression, "The latch-string hangs on the outside." Already have these whole-souled people shown as many substantial acts of kindness, at the same time using words of high esteem concerning the character of my predecessor. This charge of two half-stations, radiating from the first and second regular stations on the Santa Fe railroad, south of Oak Cliff, embraces a densely settled and fertile section of country reaching to the southern border of Dallas County. As our Church has already enlisted the largest following in this territory, our responsibility is great. At Duncanville we have undertaken some needed repairs. The response toward this work in the beginning has been quite good and a successful completion will soon be reached. That



Church has a good Sunday-school, while the attendance at preaching is increasing at a gratifying rate, with an outlook altogether hopeful and encouraging. With the contemplated improvements, this little church will be a neat structure and a credit to the village. At Cedar Hill, after some effort at increasing the attendance at Sunday-school, on last Sunday we had 132. We secured names for a good Senior and Junior Epworth League, and secured in cash and subscriptions about 70 per cent of the collections ordered by the conference. I should estimate the attendance at 300 at each preaching service, thus comfortably filling the church. I confidently expect that during the year Cedar Hill and Duncanville shall reach in their attendance at Sunday-school at least 200 and 150, respectively. I have some good workers in both places who are both happy and hopeful in the service. Much needs to be done, as in all fields, and we trust that we may make some contribution toward the advancement of the kingdom during this year.—James C. Rawlings—Feb. 23.

#### Call.

Call charge is moving along nicely. Our first Quarterly Conference is now in the past. Our new presiding elder, Brother Godbey, was present and preached to the delight of all that heard him. Brother Godbey believes in doing things in a business way. His heart is in his work. The officials were on hand and made a very liberal provision for the support of their pastor. When we returned home the good people of Call Junction gave us a big pounding, which came at a time when we were well prepared to appreciate it. We are praying and trusting that the Lord will do great things for us this year.—P. I. Milton, Feb. 25.

#### Beeville.

At the last session of the West Texas Conference I was read out for Beeville. Immediately I came down and took charge. Rev. J. T. H. Miller, who served this work for two or three years, left a beautiful church building as a monument to his work here. Rev. Joe Webb, my predecessor, did a good year's work and is in high favor with the people. He secured the services of Bishop Morrison last October, and a subscription of \$2,700 was taken to pay off the debt on the church. Since coming here we have collected about \$2,100 and will doubtless have the balance in hand by June 1. This will leave us free of debt. Recently we have been blessed with a great revival. Rev. R. R. Jones, of Alabama, did the preaching. I have never had better help in a meeting. I most heartily commend him to our pastors needing help. I wish also to speak a word in behalf of Mr. Henry Atterberry, recently from Illinois. He is a fine soloist and a splendid altar worker. He added much to the interest of our meeting. Yesterday, the 24th, I took in a class of forty-one on profession of faith and four by certificate. This was one of the best meetings I ever saw. We have received seventy-three since conference. Everything is moving along nicely, congregations large and the work of the Lord prospering. We have been kindly received and nicely treated by the people of Beeville. May God's blessings abide on them all.—L. T. Morris, Feb. 25.

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