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Christ's Death and Resurrection

Christ's death was essential to the salvation of the world. The Scriptures point this out beyond all question. The world was involved in the wreck of sin. To rescue it required innocent blood. There was no innocent blood in mankind. All had sinned and come short of the glory of God. Had all men died it would not have redeemed mankind. Such a sacrifice could not have satisfied the demands of justice. All men were under the law and condemned by the law. The sentence of death rested upon all men. It required the death of a victim who knew no sin, and upon whom the law had no claim. Such an offering could not be found among men. Therefore, Christ came into the world and lived a sinless life. There was no guile found in him. He fulfilled all the demands of the law of justice. His was a perfect life because he was a perfect man. Strange to say, the world hated him because of this fact. His claims of perfection and of oneness with God turned the world against him. He was in the world, but not of the world, and for this reason the world despised him. "He came unto his own, but his own received him not." He was pursued to his death. He was crucified as a malefactor. He became our sacrifice. On the cross, he died for mankind. His blood satisfied justice. For "he was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquity, and with his stripes we are healed." In the face of his death, God can now be just and yet be the justifier of the ungodly, for he has tasted death for every man. He is become our surety. In him we have life; out of him is death eternal. We are saved by his blood.

But his death would have availed nothing had he remained dead. In this event death would have triumphed forever over him. Sin would not have been wiped out, and men would not have been free. The regions of despair would have gained the victory. The world crucified him to get rid of him; but in his crucifixion God provided an atonement for the sin of the world, and his death and burial presupposed his resurrection. He was not only to be a crucified and dead victim for sin, but he was to be raised into life and forever be a living Savior of men. It was destined that the grave should contain him only for a season. He experienced death that our salvation might become complete, and that life and immortality might be brought to light in the gospel. For he came not only to triumph over sin, but also to triumph over the dire results of sin. Death and the grave follow in the wake of sin. Christ not only died that sin might be destroyed, but also that death might lose its terror and the grave the fruits of its victory "O death, where is thy sting; O grave, where is thy victory?" Death, along with sin, has been abolished in the highest and best sense. In Christ death has lost its power. "The hour is coming in which all that sleep in the graves shall hear his voice and come forth; they who have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they who have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." And the time is approaching when there shall be no more

death. Christ's resurrection prefigures the resurrection of all men. This is why we look to his empty grave on this recurring Easter morning and shout with joy. He is risen and we shall also rise! This is our hope and our fond anticipation. "We shall sleep, but not forever." Whatever may be the nature and the character of our resurrection bodies does not seriously concern us now; we accept and believe the great fact of Christ's resurrection, and this fact guarantees our own resurrection, and this is enough. Here our faith finds a permanent anchorage and our joy is complete. We have no room for idle speculation. God will take care of all the rest. "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." Among the second fruits, we expect to be numbered, and we ask no more. "Come, see the place where the Lord lay," and listen to the Easter herald: "But he is not here; he is risen as he said."

FORT WORTH'S AWFUL TRAGEDY.

The most shocking crime that has ever blackened the pages of Fort Worth's history transpired on her streets last Friday afternoon. The Texas Cattlemen's Convention was in session in the city and the members of the Legislature were the special guests of the occasion. Thousands of visitors were in the city and Fort Worth was doing her best to entertain them on a large scale. No one was dreaming of harm, and happiness seemed to be the portion of the great throng. Toward the close of the day, when the streets were crowded, the dull report of a pistol rang out on the quiet, spring-like air and the Hon. Jefferson D. McLean, the brave and courageous County Attorney, was gasping in death on the blood-soaked sidewalk. The assassin was seen to rush through a saloon and out of the back door, where he encountered Deputy Sheriff Scott. Another report was heard and the officer lay mortally wounded near the building. The man grabbed the pistol from the officer's side, rushed across the street into a large lumber yard, where he was pursued and surrounded by a number of policemen and fifteen hundred excited people. He was located as he crouched between two stacks of lumber and fire was opened upon him. He returned it with grim purpose. His shoulder was pierced by a bullet and he sprang into an opening. Another shot entered his leg and one went through his abdomen and he fell to the ground. He was hurried into a patrol wagon and driven rapidly to the police station, followed by thousands of angry men, shouting: "Kill him! Lynch him!" The report that he was practically dead quieted the people and prevented mob violence. Otherwise a lynching would have occurred. He lingered till the next evening and died.

What was the cause of this tragedy? A disposition upon the part of gamblers and saloons to override the law, and the effort of the County Attorney to enforce and uphold the law. The man who did the killing was a professional gambler, who has made Fort Worth his haunt for twenty-five years, and

during this time the saloons have been his place of lounging. He had a gambling den in operation at the time of this trouble over a prominent saloon. The saloon was a part of the institution, for the two are the devil's twins. The County Attorney was apprised of the violation of the law that afternoon. He repaired thither with the Sheriff and a body of deputies and raided the place. Several offenders were arrested and their paraphernalia taken in charge. As this was being brought down and loaded in the wagon, the proprietor came up and, without a moment's warning, drew his gun and killed the County Attorney. The other acts in the tragedy soon followed.

This is another horrible example of what desperate men will do when their lawless habits are interfered with. For years and years the saloon has been the pet institution of Texas. Our laws have fostered and protected it, and gambling has been an inseparable part of its existence. Wherever the saloon has thrived gambling has flourished. Our Legislatures have been playing with this crime against society for sixty-odd years, passing ineffectual laws altogether inadequate to suppress it. During these years gambling has been a misdemeanor, yet it is known, and has been known, that the owners of these saloon-related dens stand ready to violate the law at all times and, if necessary, to kill the officers who dare to molest them. We are glad that the members of the Legislature were in Fort Worth last Friday afternoon and witnessed the awful work of this gambling hell. It is a fearful price to pay for a law making gambling a felony and making men who rent property for such purposes particeps criminis, but if the untimely death of Mr. McLean will stimulate the present Legislature to put such a law at once upon our statute books, his death, as much as we lament it, will in part be atoned for. It requires something like this to awaken the moral sense of people. Nothing short of it will arouse them to do their duty as citizens. And the saloon must be made to bear its part of this crime. This noted gambler was the product of the saloon. His den was a part of the saloon. If the saloon had not been there this gambling den would not have been located in that room above stairs. If, therefore, these bloody crimes will lead the people of Tarrant County to rise up and smite the saloons, then the death of Mr. McLean will be further avenged. And at present this is the trend of public sentiment. Down with the saloon! On with the battle!

THE CHURCH AND NEGRO EDUCATION.

The policy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, toward the question of negro education is well defined and unmistakable. Soon after the close of the Civil War, when the negroes were liberated, our Church proceeded to set off our negro members to themselves and to organize them a separate Church of their own. This was in accordance with their desire, and in keeping with our idea of their best interests. We also proceeded to aid them in the establishment of a school and to equip it for the education

of their own ministry, so that they could have an intelligent gospel preached to them. From that day until the present time we have annually levied an assessment for the benefit of this school, and we never fail to make this appropriation of several thousand dollars every year toward the further promotion of its interests. We also permit their appointed representatives to visit our conferences, whenever the necessity demands it, and take special collections for their school interests. One of our white ministers has been for years in charge of the management of one of their institutions, and under his efficient work it is prosperous and influential. The effect of this training on the work and character of their ministry is most marked and successful. Some of their ministers thus trained are intelligent and cultured men, an honor to the Church and a blessing to their race. Not only this, but we believe in the State giving all possible aid as well as the Church toward the education of negro children. This is our position, because, as a Church, we believe that education and religion are the hope of the negroes. Ignorance is the mother of vice and immorality, while true knowledge is the source of power and elevation. True knowledge is an advantage to our citizenship, but ignorance is a curse to all the people. The great majority of the crimes of this country originate among the ignorant classes, whether white or black. The well-informed of all races better understand their relation to society and the obligation arising out of such relation. Take the brutal crimes of the negro race, and the intelligent members of their race, with good moral sense, do not commit them. The ignorant and vicious members of their race commit these crimes. We, therefore, not only owe it to the negro race because of the fact that they belong to the human family to give them the benefit of religion and education, but we owe it also to the maintenance and perpetuity of our civilization as a free people. No government can abide if dependent upon the ignorance and the vice of its people. Intelligence, virtue, piety and rectitude make a permanent civilization. The negro is an indissoluble part of our society. He is here and he is a voter and a citizen. If he remains ignorant and vicious he is a menace to society, but if he is intelligent and moral he becomes an important factor in society. Such a man, whether black or white, makes a better individual, a more intelligent citizen and a more useful factor in our industrial system. Viewed from every standpoint, it is the duty of the Church and the State to do all in their power to elevate and enlighten the negro race; and the man, whether minister or statesman, who teaches to the contrary has not yet apprehended his duty to his neighbor, his community and his God. One thing is certain, the Church will never relinquish her effort, but rather increase it, to aid in the moral, the mental and the religious development of the negro race. This has been her position since the emancipation of the black race, and it will continue to be her position for all time to come.

AN OCEAN VOYAGE

Another "Breezy" Letter From Our Special Correspondent.

By S. J. THOMAS.

An ocean voyage is not necessarily one of uninterrupted pleasure. This brief prologue is prompted by a recollection of some very disagreeable hours on this particular trip. The Arabic is not responsible for it, however; noble ship of Oriental nomenclature, she did her best, and but for her steady beams and serene behavior it might have been worse.

The beginning of the journey was all that could have been desired. Promptly at noon, Thursday, February 7, the Arabic quit her mooring in New York harbor and glided noiselessly, majestically, through the ice-floes out toward the open sea; fluttering from her masts the pennants of all the nations, the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes over-topping them all; under an azure sky dappled with cloudlets that were feathers in the cap of as fine a day as ever opened its glories to an innocent about to go abroad. A thousand handkerchiefs waved a long and fond farewell from the receding pier, a thousand eyes on deck and pier were red with the sorrow of parting. The tall buildings of the metropolis, the streets of snow, the lanes of dark, moving thoroughfares, passed in swift panorama; the long span of Brooklyn bridge, the cities of Jersey and Brooklyn, Castle Garden, Staten Island, the Statue of Liberty with torch uplifted, all swept by in solemn review; and at last the only link that bound us to native land was severed when the pilot, who had steered our boat safely along the treacherous channel, climbed down and was off in a waiting skiff.

The land grows dim and dimmer on the horizon until its profile is lost in the mist of the distance. And now for the first time comes a thorough realization of the fact that we have parted, temporarily though it be, with all that we love and hold dear. Alone on the desolate deep, without a friend among the hundreds who swarm the decks in companies and parties, calling each other by familiar names, and endearing terms; the vast unpeopled ocean just entered upon, and on its other side strange lands and faces, and stranger tongues and customs—as I stood in serious contemplation of these things, in the freezing February wind and the frigid social environment—I do not mind telling it—a tear, the essence of a homesick heart broke over the dykes, and I experienced a pang of sorrow as does the child when any cruel circumstances separate it from its mother for the first time.

The Arabic is a great passenger steamer, 629 feet in length, drawing 34 feet of water and capable of carrying a cargo of 20,000 tons. She is of English make and ownership and is manned by a crew of 320 men. When running on regular schedule she carries over 2,000 passengers, but her mission is now a special one, and to avoid overcrowding, the number is limited to 600. The personnel of our party is most excellent—men and women of culture and refinement, most of them Christians. During the day when the weather is favorable most of them sit on deck swathed in shawls or walk the long promenade. At night they gather in the libraries and dining salons and engage in conversation, in games, or smoke, while a considerable number are so infatuated with the sea and the saline air that they would sit forever on deck did not the officers rout them off to bed.

The cuisine is sumptuous and is served in royal style. The pantry of the boat when it left New York contained 88,000 pounds of beef, 28,000 pounds of turkey, chickens, squabs and rabbits; 144,000 pounds of potatoes, 32,000 butter, 24,000 boxes of ice cream, 5,000 tons of drinking water, 95,000 flour, 7,500 coffee, 25,000 sugar, 10,000 gallons of milk, 60,000 dozen eggs, 750 pounds of tea. (These figures are taken from the books of the boat.) Bugle

announces the meals; two sittings are required to accommodate the guests; and each repast is made the more enjoyable by strains of music from the orchestra. At dinner (which translated in Texas dialect means supper), the women appear in evening dress, and the men in swallow-tailed coats and immaculate shirts, the lights are brilliant, the linen spotless, the tables decorated and burdened with viands in vessels of crystal and china, the waiters in uniform and full dress, the laughter, conversation and music—'tis like the materialization of a dream, a mirage that comes once a day to the delight of the caravans of the sea. Not mine the swallow-tail, but mine the vision whenever it appears.

A stateroom with three tenants is quite a close communion affair, especially when the tenants hail from the generous western States of Michigan, Minnesota and Texas, and when each of them carries a change of clothing for the return trip three months hence. When Michigan makes his toilet, Minnesota and Texas remain in bed and await their turn at the mirror. A regular schedule has been arranged for retiring and arising, each having ten minutes to dress and back out. This system is necessary in order to avoid smashups and collisions. The room measures 7 feet one and a half inches square, and contains three beds, two trunks, three suit cases, a dresser, wash basin and a bar of soap. It also contains 500 cubic feet of discomfort. The acoustics of the partition walls between staterooms is excellent, and a whispered conversation may be easily heard through them. The fact that we are regaled each night with stories of each day's social successes by a couple of frolicsome New York girls, and of their little vexations with their beaux and bows and things, is not because we are eaves dropping, but because of the splendid acoustics of the partition wall. At this unavoidable interruption we do not complain, but the stentorian nasal censure that precedes from a sleeper in another adjoining room is justifiable provocation for any radical defense this side of suicide and murder. This disturbance begins innocently enough, in soft and measured cadences, but it soon rises in volume and pitch until it becomes an extravaganza of guttural discordance which continues unabated till the morning bugle blows and with no relief from its rasping resonance but an occasional collapse like the exhaust of a bath tub. We earnestly pray that he may rupture a membrane or blow his epiglottis into atoms, but our faith is weak. We resolved in a committee of the whole in the small hours of a certain sleepless night to throw him overboard, but when the psychological moment arrived only two of us were present and we weakened.

The first two days out were uneventful. The sea was comparatively smooth and the skies alternately clear and clouded. But during the night of the second day we encountered a fierce gale that tried the nerves and gastronomy of the strongest of our company. We retained our berths with the greatest difficulty, and through the long hours there was a churning of the anatomy that wrought a sad and pitiful havoc of the inner man. The next morning only a few appeared at breakfast (so it is said) and at noon the ranks were reported as still farther depleted. A malignant type of the malady of the seas had come with the storm and every cabin was a hospital with its pale and pathetic patients. To be seasick is to be superlatively miserable. It is the ragged edge of despair where hope with poised wing is all but taking its flight. It is the rebel demon of nausea inciting all the elements within to riot. It is a tangled agony of aches, a rumbling of threatnings within, and a maudlin wretched-

ness of eruptions, with no remedy but endurance and no palliative but the grave. No insult is so keen as the bugle call to meals and you would, if you dared, hurl the bugler into the booming ocean. At least so I am informed. But it takes a good case of seasickness to bring out all there is in a man; it is bread east upon the waters. It is also a good time to break off a bad habit; many of our party gave up coffee after being addicted to it from childhood and many even went so far as to give up beefsteak, bread, potatoes, etc. For two days and more 600 men and women were prostrate on their beds or in a more pitiable plight over the rattling of the deck.

In the meantime a scene was being enacted on the outside that would challenge the brush of a Dore or the pen of an Irving. It was a calamity to be at such a time in the thrall of an epidemic and unable to appreciate the grandeur of this great cataclysm of wind and wave. Overhead a gray canopy in violent convulsions; beneath and all around, the tumultuous jargon of the clashing devils of the sea; and every where the shrieking furies of the tempest. Great titans of water, colored in deep indigo with the venom of their own madness, rose and clashed and fell, and over the places where the duels were fought, the residue of their wrath was resolved into seething troughs of foam. Farther out, the scene was like unto the rise and fall of mountains, ten thousand ominous cones rising high out of the maddened main, their crests exploding in a fury of foam and dying as others rose in their turbulent graves.

But throughout the conflict the Arabic kept her course serenely, now trundled in the cradle of waves as high as her lofty masts, now coasting the crystal declivities or plunging the lance of her bow into the vitals of a billow—not a halt in the long fretted furrow she was cutting from America to the African coast, and drawing majestically in her wake a train of blue overlaid with fantastic laces of foam. So calm was her demeanor that none of her precious cargo ever doubted her ability to weather the storm. In her we trusted, and in Him who is master of storm and ship and man.

The tempest continued for forty hours, and when it subsided into a calm and the hospitals were cleared, our large family began to cast about to find schemes to amuse and entertain itself. The clannish spirit asserted itself and the Masons got together in an organization, the forty-five preachers formed an alliance, the card players banded into a bridge whist club, the dancers met, a kodak club was organized. The Catholics arranged to have mass, the Episcopallians to have lent services; the lectures and musicales were planned. And so we have dancing and preaching, whist and prayer meeting, and every sort of entertainment for this assorted crowd. A pastime often engaged in is the game of shuffle-board played with discs of wood and an oar shaped stick on the floor of the deck. It is as thrilling a game as croquet and as exciting as mumblepeg.

There are said to be 350 men and women on the crew of this ship and of the number I dare say 325 are "stewards." Turn where you may, you are face to face with a steward of some sort. There are dining room stewards, and of these a chief and first and second assistant; there are cabin stewards, deck stewards, baggage stewards, kitchen stewards, chair stewards, boot-black stewards, champagne and apollinaris stewards, and so on, from stoker to captain, from furnace to hurricane deck. And each and all of them have itching palms and receptive dispositions. Every service, however trivial, calls for a tip. It is customary and all but obligatory to tip every employee who comes within the range of your least necessity. It is an unwritten law that you dare not violate.

There are, I am glad to say, two large and magnificent salons on this floating palace, or floating city I should say, for every function of a city is here in vogue, from the Chinese dens where in suspension beds we dream of home

and loved ones to the great machinery that drives the wheels of the utilities of light, water and heat. In these salons there are sparkling beverages, clinking glasses, conviviality and intemperance. Ministers and women mingle there with the worldly minded, and it is considered correct moral form, inasmuch as the salons are only dining salons and no liquors but coffee, tea and water are served. It is around the dining table, where we have special permanent seats, that acquaintances become friends and friends become companions and the whole a confederation to promote the general welfare. I am most happily favored in this respect. Col. McCurdy, the Irish jokesmith from Pittsburg, with his wit and wassail, tuxedo vest, a jolly word for everybody and a special fondness for the ladies; Dr. Marks, the dignified Indiana divine with a disposition as smooth as a February sea and his serious purposes shot with the sunshine of mirth; his wife, the keystone of our table arch, amiable and attractive even in disheveled tresses; Miss Spiers, of Landsdale, Pa., captivating yet uncapricious, our artist, chaperone and depository of sweets; Dr. Weld, the flower of the Minnesota ministry, even as his home is the flour city of the world, with his journal forever interrupted and his dignity shocked by Pittsburg levity and Texas innocence; Dr. Haines, of New York, another of our galaxy of reverends with his Presbyterian scruples inlaid with good cheer and as free of acerbity as his head is of hair—these are the congenial spirits that gather around our table thrice a day, and it is their companionship that gives the voyage its chief pleasure.

It is now five days since the storm, the events from which we reckon time and all other occurrences, and for practically the whole of that time we have glided in a crystal groove over the great blue plains, under smiling skies and fanned by semi-tropic winds. What a delight these beautiful days, to stand in the early morning on the proud uplifted bow of the boat, when the sun is ready to burst through the parting purple curtains, and in the midst of an infinity of sky and water drink deep of the pulsing ozone, the finest tonic ever brewed in the dispensaries of God or man. How exquisite the picture at mid-day, when the ocean, placid and unruffled, shimmers from rim to rim, reflecting the blue of its arching canopy and puckering its lips just enough to meet the caresses of an ardent sun! But nobler still, and more entrancing and sublime, the picture that is limned upon the canvas of the sky at the close of a faultless day—this delightful period of faultless days. The radiant round sun grows in dimension as he dons the robes of evening and his smiles dance along the waters in a beautiful perspective like angels on the ladder of a Jacob's dream. A retinue of clouds may chance to attend the closing exercises, and if so, the effect is the more delightful by reason of their flaming livery—vestments of crimson and gold in which they lie against the gates of night. And when the day is done, the afterglow upon the idling clouds, and the long spires of violet that fall back upon the darkening dome like the shadows of steeples that are hid, produce a picture that is prettier than any ever painted by man, and is an earnest of the glories we may expect in the world to come. Such a scene and such a day is ample recompense for all the pains and penalties of seasickness.

The Arabic is so fast that she outruns every watch on the boat, gaining 30 minutes in time every 24 hours. While I am writing this, at eleven o'clock, you in America are just getting out of bed. We have not hailed a solitary passing boat, and only a few have we seen in the blur in the distance. But land is in sight, some one announces. If so, it is Madeira and we shall stop there for a day. About the sensations experienced upon seeing land after eight days on water, and of the truly wonderful things on this strange island, I will tell in my next.

You may try to hide the good you do, but you cannot. You might as well try to hide the sun with a candle extinguisher.

PREACHERS' MEETING AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, CALVERT DISTRICT.

The Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference of the Calvert District was held in Marlinton this week. The opening sermon was preached Tuesday evening by Rev. Jesse Lee, of Franklin. Rev. J. T. Smith was appointed to preach the opening sermon, but did not arrive until Wednesday afternoon. He preached Thursday morning and evening two helpful sermons. From the opening sermon to the close Thursday evening the interest was good and oftentimes intense. The program was well thought out by the presiding elder, Rev. E. L. Shettles. All the subjects were of vital interest. The reports of the pastors present showed the work of the district in good condition. The outlook is indeed bright.

It was cause of much regret that a number of the preachers were not present. Any preacher who stays away from such a meeting, when it is possible for him to attend, is very much in his own light, for I am sure the conference was helpful to all present.

Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was present for a few hours and delivered a stirring speech on our foreign population. Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, of Huntsville, was present and delivered a very instructive address Wednesday evening on Mexico. We looked for Bro. Sears, but he did not show up, much to the regret of all.

Nearly every preacher present reported his missionary collections paid, and several reported all the assessments covered with good subscriptions. That is a fine showing for this early in the year. Bro. Shettles manifests deep interest in the work and looks carefully into every cause committed to his care. The people of Marlinton entertained us royally. Bro. O. T. Hotchkiss is already in much favor with his people. They feel that they have the right man. Marlinton needs a new church as much, if not more, than any place I know. Our cause is suffering every day that work is delayed. They have a splendid new parsonage completed last year. It was the feeling of every preacher in attendance that with a modern church building, well located, Methodism in Marlinton would be a great power in that splendid town and would move forward as never before.

But this last was not the text given me. Our conference was a success and will mean much to the district.

I. F. BETTS.

Bryan, Texas, Feb. 22, 1907.

CLARENDON DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AND PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

The Clarendon District Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference convened in Claude, Texas, Thursday morning February 28, 1907, at 9 o'clock, with Presiding Elder J. G. Miller in the chair, and nine pastors present. After song, "Come Thou Fount," by the congregation, prayer and Scripture reading by Bro. Miller and prayer by Bro. W. C. Hilburn. Rev. J. Winford Hunt, of Channing, was elected Secretary, and the regular program was at once taken up with an address, "The Clarendon District—Its Opportunities and Responsibilities for This Conference Year," by Rev. J. G. Miller, in which it was shown that the great size of this district, and the constant immigration to this section of the State give us a great lead of some other districts in opportunities to do things.

This address was followed by Rev. Ben Hardy, of Memphis, in an able discussion of the need of missionary sentiment and how to produce it. He placed stress upon the necessity of the preacher being well informed and inspired, in order to lead his Church in the development of the missionary sentiment.

Others followed in a general discussion, in which special attention was called to the Mission Study Course for the Epworth League.

Rev. E. B. Chenoweth discussed the teaching of the Scriptures on missions. The 11 o'clock hour having arrived, the congregation sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Rev. A. W. Waddill, of Stratford, led in prayer, the congregation sang "Blessed Assurance," and Rev. A. T. Culbertson led in a discussion of "The Church's Resources," and closed with a proposition to pay half the expense of a foreign missionary next year, if the other preachers present would bear the other half. The proposition was accepted.

Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, District Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, spoke on the work of that organization, and Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson discussed the resources of the Church, declaring they embraced three things: men and women—the pick of creation; money in unlimited supply; God behind the movement.

The afternoon session was marked by the arrival of Revs. J. R. Mood, President, and W. B. Wilson, Financial Agent of Clarendon College. Rev. P. Warner, of Claude, a super-

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annate of the M. E. Church, made an excellent address on the "Reasons Why I Believe in Missions," with divisions as follows: 1. I believe in God and that when He made the world He did not turn it over to the tender mercies of the devil. 2. I believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who came to save the lost, and tasted death for every man—emphasis on "every." 3. I believe in the Christian Church, God's vehicle for communication with the world. This was one of the best addresses of the entire conference.

Rev. A. W. Waddill, of Stratford, followed with a discussion of the benefits of early collections, showing it was the money already in the hands of the church boards that was on its mission of mercy to the world.

Rev. J. C. Carpenter discussed the reasons why some of the preachers secured their collections in full, and why some did not. Several took part in the discussion of this subject, with following points: Go after the collection and keep going; avoid apologetic manner; determination; distribution of burden on membership; prayer and faith.

At the 8 o'clock hour Rev. Ben Hardy, of Memphis, preached an excellent sermon on tarrying for power.

Friday morning's session was enlivened with a relation of personal experiences as a missionary in Mexico, by Dr. Mood, and a discussion of Roman Catholicism, indulged in by all, and especially Bro. Ferguson. You are referred to the brethren for what he said. So mote it be. General discussion was the order of the morning.

The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of Leagues and Sunday-schools as related to Missions, led by Rev. J. W. Hunt, and Our Educational Institutions as related to Missions, led by Revs. Wilson and Mood. The public school children came and sat with us during these addresses, which were of especial interest to young people.

Rev. W. C. Hilburn, of Clarendon, made one of the best speeches of the conference, on the Home and Foreign Mission Work of the Women of our Church, and Mrs. Carpenter organized a W. F. M. S. at Claude.

A vote of thanks to the good people of Claude for their presence and hospitality was unanimous and enthusiastic.

At 8 p. m., Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, of Amarillo, preached a fine sermon, thus closing the conference.

The occasion was most heartily appreciated by all, and will be of great value to the district. Bro. Chenoweth handled the affair to the satisfaction of all.

SECRETARY.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

Our work for the new year is well under way. We have eighteen pastoral charges and nineteen preachers, six being supplies. Of the supplies, three will be up for admission on trial into the traveling connection. We have already had four good meetings. One at Justin, Rev. D. L. Coale assisting the pastor, Rev. C. W. Hearon. The parsonage at Justin will be completed and a new church built.

Roanoke also had a good meeting, Brother Coale assisting. We also hope to build at that place soon. Saint Jo, Rev. Minor Bounds, pastor, has just closed a fine meeting. Our Missionary Secretary, Rev. L. S. Barton, and his singer, Bro. Ramsey, were present ten days.

Good meeting at Nocona, Brother Andrews assisting.

We are planning and hoping for good meetings all around before the season is over.

As shown by missionary chart prepared by Brother Barton, Gainesville District stands second in this conference in per cent of missionary assessments paid. This has been the case during our three years here. In 1906 eight of our charges paid out in full, eight had deficits, more or less small, and two overpaid. We expect this year to bring the district out in full; the fourth year ought to be and will be the best. The preachers are workmen that need not be ashamed.

Denton Street and Broadway were never in more hopeful and satisfactory condition. We have tried to get at least a fair attendance at our District Educational Meeting, the first week in April, and hope to make it profitable.

District Conference at Myra, May 16-19. Examining committees:

Admission and Readmission—A. F. Hendrix, W. T. Harris, M. C. Dickson.
For Orders and License to Preach—J. J. Clark, W. T. Morrow, J. D. Whitehead. J. A. STAFFORD.
Gainesville, Texas.

LLANO DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

Our institute was by no means a failure. At the beginning a few of us felt a little blue because more of our preachers and laymen were not present. But soon all seemed to feel that with even ten preachers and three laymen something could be accomplished, and we plunged enthusiastically into the work. From the opening our every address, paper and deliverance of whatever kind had in

it the ring of confidence and eventual success. A pervasive oneness seemed prevalent that the education of our boys and girls is a paramount issue, that Southwestern University must be endowed for her work, and that we are well able to endow Southwestern.

I was specially impressed with a further feeling that seems to me to be important. That is the need of a closer alliance and a more mutual sympathy and co-operation of the Church and State schools in solving our educational problems. This educational campaign now being waged is going to bring all schools closer together, and make single as never before in the history of the world the ideal end in education. But I must write of that in another article and confine this scribble to our institute.

Rev. J. Sam Barcus opened up for us Monday night with a splendid address on the value of the child, the obligations of the parents, and some of the elements of Christian education. This put a "wire edge" to the institute and made central her entire session. Tuesday morning the presiding elder took the chair, made a fine speech, and then followed a lively general discussion, inspiring and helpful.

At eleven o'clock Bro. Barcus preached a strong, convincing sermon on Christ's teachings of money. I have never heard anything better on the subject. In the afternoon we had two fine addresses from two fine laymen. Hon. Sam Spears, of Llano, and Dr. W. D. Yett, of Marble Falls. These excellent gentlemen inspired us with their scholarly deliverances and their manifest interest in this cause. We were again deeply impressed with the importance of the laymen's place and part in this movement.

Bro. Matthew's address Tuesday night on "These Sons and Daughters of Ours" was well prepared and interestingly presented.

Wednesday was full of good things. Bro. Harless, our Commissioner of Education, towered out in two earnest and well prepared addresses on "The Making of Men and Women" at eleven o'clock, then at night on the resolution passed by the Annual Conferences. Bro. Harless is the right man in the right place. He is doing a fine work.

One of the best works being done by these educational institutes is the seed sowing which cannot fail to bring forth a rich harvest by and by. A feature of our Wednesday's session was arranging institutes for the pastoral charges in the district. The following arrangements were made:

Marble Falls, March 24, J. Sam Barcus, helper.

Burnet, March 17, T. F. Sessions, helper.

Rock Vale, July 21-28, J. Sam Barcus, helper.

Walnut Church, Sept. 1, J. Sam Barcus, helper.

Bianco, T. A. Matthews, helper, and will arrange date.

Center Point, Kerrville and Boone will be arranged by the presiding elder.

Kingsland, J. T. King, helper, and will arrange date.

Cherokee, June 19, District Conference.

Valley Springs, J. T. King, helper, and will arrange dates.

Center City, March 24, 11 a. m., Dr. Jno. Allen, helper.

Goldthwaite, March 24, 7:30 p. m., Dr. Jno. Allen, helper.

San Saba, March 17, C. M. Harless, helper.

Mullins, Bro. Bowles, helper, and will arrange dates.

Bandera and Medina, Z. V. Liles, helper and will arrange dates.

I hope the brethren in our district will take note of these arrangements made by the institute, get in touch with your helper and plan great things for your rally. If I can give you further information write me and I shall Johnson City, April 21, T. A. Matthews, helper.

T. F. SESSIONS.

NOTES FROM PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Since my last the grip has had me, and for seven days we had a hard fight, and I got the best of it; that is, I am hard at work again and feel all right.

Bro. Cameron went down and assisted Bro. Morgan in his Quarterly Conference. Pastor's salary was raised to \$900. Good for Naples and Omaha.

Bro. Morgan is doing a fine work; will soon have a good parsonage completed; has raised and paid to Conference treasurer one-half of all the assessments ordered by conference.

Bro. Hamblen has things in fine shape on the Kellyville charge; assessed for his support \$700, which is \$150 more than last year, and one-half of conference collections paid.

I could not reach the Cason charge, but got Bro. Allen to go out and assist Bro. Pully. They report a good Quarterly Conference. Salary same as last year.

Bro. Allen is rejoicing over the ad-

vancement on the Daingerfield charge; salary raised \$100 over last year. We had a fine service at Hughes Springs. The presiding elder was delightfully entertained in the splendid home of Bro. Keasler. The collection for missions on Sunday amounted to \$74. We went to Daingerfield on Sunday night, and after preaching we took a collection and got \$76 for missions.

The Quitman Circuit, under the leadership of Bro. Kirkpatrick, is doing fairly well. This is a large circuit and requires much hard work. Bro. Kirkpatrick is hopeful of a good year.

Bro. Bell is in fine favor with the Leesburg charge. We had a good Quarterly Conference at Morris Chapel. I feel sure Bro. Bell will have a fine year.

Last, but not least, Bro. Wagon is moving things along nicely at Jefferson. Salary was fixed at \$1000, and just a little more than one-fourth paid.

All assessments for conference have been paid save \$33. The Church has taken on new life, and is doing well.

I find as I close the first round that the ministerial support has been increased over last year \$2600. Most of the charges are up to date on salary and several have paid missionary assessments in full.

Now let each pastor and charge go to work in good earnest to get all the conference collections in at once. Get all these things out of the way, so we can do other work that needs to be done.

I believe every charge in the district can raise every dollar of assessments by first of June. Suppose we do that and have it all paid by District Conference. What do you say, brethren? R. A. BURROUGHS.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT.

The Beeville District embraces 14 counties with an area of 19,000 square miles. In this large territory are 14 pastoral charges representing Methodism. We have over 3000 members and are the strongest Protestant Church in this territory. The Roman Catholic Church is very strong in membership. Of the 14 county seats, only one enjoys local option. There are a number of dry precincts in some of the counties, but the liquor interests are pretty strongly entrenched. This section is being widely advertised at present and train loads of people are coming from week to week to take a look at it. Some sections of the district are receiving a very desirable class of settlers and the time will come when we can place this section of the country in the dry column. Methodism is making a strong forward movement this year. Revival meetings are being held and many conversions are the result. Salaries have been increased in all but four of the charges. A brief note from each will give an idea of the work being done.

Alice, W. H. H. Biggs, pastor: Salaries for the year 40 per cent paid; conference collections nearly all subscribed; nine members received; new \$1500 church being built at Falfurrias.

Beeville, I. T. Morris: Salary increased to \$1000; 30 per cent paid; \$2068 paid on church debt (subscription secured under J. F. Webb's administration); 73 additions; a big revival.

Corpus Christi, S. B. Beall: Salaries paid in full to date; 20 additions; foreign and domestic missions and Orphanage collections paid in full; congregation too large for the house and a new church building movement on foot which will bear fruit in a modern house of large size to meet the demands.

Floresville, A. L. Scarborough: Salary increased to \$1000; a fine revival meeting already held, conducted by pastor; 12 additions; finances up to date; church building to be enlarged to accommodate congregations and Sunday-school.

Goliad, J. M. Lynn: Finances well up; Orphans' and Rescue Home paid in full; \$460 debt on parsonage paid since conference; parsonage now being improved; 5 additions.

Kenedy, J. W. Black: A new three-quarter station; salaries 50 per cent paid for the year; domestic missions and orphans paid in full; 30 additions; conference collections secured; church property improved; a banner charge.

Karnes City, J. D. Dorsey: A new three-quarter station; finances well up; parsonage movement on foot; 4 additions; collections being secured.

Mathis, I. B. Gordon: Six appointments; a good start made; conference collections well in hand; pastor popular and will have a fine report.

Oakville, H. B. Henry: Salary increased to \$650; first quarter paid in full; three big revivals; conference collections nearly secured; 57 additions; everything in fine shape.

Pleasanton, J. B. Smith: Salary increased; collections good; will have a full report on all finances; pastor and people in love with each other.

Runge, W. A. Govett: Raised to a full station since conference; salary increased to \$850; 37 additions; a fine

revival; a beautiful church building still being improved.

Rockport and Aransas Pass, E. W. Morton: Salary increased; 14 additions; two new churches organized; work in good condition and will try to relieve mission board next year of part of appropriation.

Kingsville, A. T. White: Now has seven appointments; Church at Raymondville organized since conference; parsonage movement on at Kingsville; a fine field and a fine young pastor.

San Diego, A. B. Chapman: A new work; Quarterly Conference not yet held; Chapman will have good reports.

The figures in above notes are the latest I have received. No doubt in some charges the figures are larger than here reported, as some are for one and some for two Quarterly Conferences. The District Stewards requested the presiding elder to raise the amount assessed for Rescue Home lot debt, and \$81 of the \$100 has been secured. While all of these pastors are still in the flesh, the presiding elder wants to say that he has never known a more consecrated, faithful band of brethren. I appreciate with all my heart the brotherly love of these pastors to me, and the hearty co-operation in the work of the district.

F. B. BUCHANAN.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT NOTES.

In my notes of last quarter I posed as a prophet relative to the material growth of several charges in the district, as at that time none of the proposed movements had taken tangible shape. It will take only a casual glance to see wherein I was right. A native Texan as I am will not prophesy as to the weather, but they know the people of Texas can do things, and that they will do things.

The new church at Stiles is now under construction. Lumber from San Angelo is being hauled every day. Bro. Belcher, the pastor, in a letter under date 14th inst. also adds: "Have collected over \$200 on the parsonage to be built at Garden City." The membership of this charge is found to be about twenty-five; they are assessed for all purposes outside of buildings about \$19 per capita, and they will pay same, for when such laymen as Utzman and Gassaway and T. W. Taylor say a thing it goes.

Last Friday week about 11 a. m. there stood upon the front step of the parsonage door the pastor of Miles Station, who invited us down to see him in his new parsonage at Miles. He had no time to come in, as he had come up to San Angelo to see about some business relative to the building of this house. He did pause long enough to say "we will have no debt, but will pay as we go." Bro. Campbell will have a pleasant year, we predict.

Rev. J. W. Howell came from Missouri. He hit the ground running and has not thrown on brakes. He thoroughly captivated the people of San Angelo. They raised his salary \$300, paying \$1500. His congregation purchased the building occupied by the non-progressive Christian organization priced. I felt it in the air while there in December.

I had not visited Sherwood at my last writing, but the visit is now a thing of the past as to time, but not in memory. Bro. Dunn's people appreciate him even beyond his most sanguine comprehension, for when all the returns were in they had assessed him \$700. Dunn had to figure it up twice before he could believe same. Now a letter of the 8th inst. states: "We are having a great meeting in Sherwood; some ten or twelve souls saved and scores of others under conviction."

Osona will seat the church with new pews to cost over \$1000.

At Sonora and Eldorado Bro. Paine has spent \$1000 on improving the parsonage, painting and papering the for \$800 and have moved it over on our lots in North San Angelo. This solves a very imperative need in San Angelo Methodism. He has received over one hundred and thirty members since conference; has obtained his conference collections; has worked faithfully in the college movement. He is a man of many parts. May his tribe continue to come South.

In a letter from N. B. Read, of Midland, dated the 14th inst., I was thrilled when I read: "Our Church movement at Midland is now an assured fact; will have \$11,000 to begin with. We hope to be at work on same when you visit us again." I am not sur-churches at Sonora and Eldorado. This is one of the most delightful charges in the district, and is growing stronger every year. Our District Conference is to be held in Eldorado, and the good people say everybody is invited.

J. W. Kelley of the Brady Circuit has bought a lot in Corothers for a parsonage and has collected some money for that enterprise. He will build this year. Summers has just closed a good meeting at Mason, of which we will hear later.

As you will have observed, every prediction of last quarter has more

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Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains the linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it, or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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or less materialized except the new church building at Brady. Bro. Davis has collected his missionary money and clearing the decks in other particulars. The old church is crowded at every service, and it is only a matter of time when they will have to have a new building.

Every charge in the district is going to have paid its missionary assessments by the District Conference, for the preachers are obligated to that, and that fact insures the results. Those that have paid are San Angelo, Miles, Paint Rock, Brady Station, Brady Circuit, Sherwood, Midland, Menardville, Junction.

WILL T. RENFRO.

TYLER DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Institute met at Emory, Feb. 20, and continued two days. All the preachers of the district were present except two or three. We also had with us Judge Davidson, a live, active, religious layman from Grand Saline. He gave us a splendid address on "What Laymen Should Do." It showed he was hearty sympathetic with the work of the Church.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. H. T. Cunningham, of Mills Point. Of one thing about Cunningham I am absolutely certain, he towered above all of us—in height. Our splendid presiding elder, Bro. Morris, had given each man on the district a part on the program, and they were vital subjects to the life of the Church. I believe each man was enthusiastic on the subject of missions, and if I am not badly mistaken the Tyler District will do more for missions this year than she has ever done. We are catching the spirit of missions, and that means our people will catch the spirit also. We have arranged to utilize every fifth Sunday in the year, dividing the district into sections and have a missionary institute on every circuit in the district. You realize at once that this is a forward movement and means much for our mission work. Our people must be informed and it will have to be done through the lips of well informed and enthusiastic pastors. Our presiding elder is a wide-awake missionary and under his direction this district will hum this year. No drones allowed. All must be workers. We want every charge to be in Class A when the work is finished this year.

H. J. HAYES, Sec.

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Secular News Items.

County Attorney Jefferson D. McLean, of Ft. Worth, one of the most prominent prosecuting officers of the State, was shot and almost instantly killed March 22.

Former Deputy Sheriff Hamil P. Scott, now claim agent of the Denver Railway, was badly wounded and William Thomason, who has but one hand and that his left, was riddled with bullets by the police, who surrounded him in a lumber yard, whither he had fled after the shooting, and he has since died.

All this came about as the result of a raid made on a gambling hall over a saloon one afternoon last week, by County Attorney McLean, Sheriff Wood and a large force of deputies.

Five men, it is charged, were found playing poker and faro. They were arrested and the paraphernalia was hauled off in a wagon. The deputies departed to raid another suspected place and Mr. McLean crossed the street to request his wife, who was seated in her buggy, to remain there until his return. He retraced his steps to follow the officers and as he reached the front of the Stag Saloon Thomason stepped from the interior and accosted him, uttering an oath. Thomason had been running the games in the rooms above, but was not present when the raid was made.

McLean paused when at the foot of the stairway leading to the gambling hall and as he did so Thomason fired, the heavy bullet striking the County Attorney in the Adam's apple, passing through his neck and producing death in ten minutes. He was picked up and carried into Anderson's drug store, where he expired in the presence of his wife, physicians and friends.

Reports from the famine districts of interior China indicate that the famine will exceed in horror the India famine. Hundreds are dying daily. Disease is spreading at an alarming rate, striking down the weakened people like the plague. The horrors seen by missionaries are indescribable and appeals are sent broadcast to the world for aid.

The estimated population of the State of Texas, June 30, 1906, as made public by the Census Office, is 3,536,618; for the United States, 83,941,519.

The estimated population of San Antonio on June 30, 1906, is 62,711; Houston, 58,132; Dallas, 52,793; Galveston, 34,325; Fort Worth, 27,696; Austin, 25,292; Waco, 24,443; El Paso, 19,242; Beaumont, 13,900.

The Census Bureau issued a bulletin that the per capita indebtedness of the country is \$36.50. The total indebtedness, National, State, county, township, precincts and of school districts, is \$2,789,990,120. For every \$2.85 of the public debt there is \$109 in national wealth. European countries make a poor showing in comparison with the United States in this respect.

The end which merchants of Texas have been seeking for nine years—the repeal of the occupation tax law—is now an accomplished fact. The Senate passed the bill finally, with a few trivial amendments; the House concurred, and within an hour the Governor had signed the bill.

The report of the secret service operatives who investigated alleged irregularities in the purchase of inks for the use of the bureau of engraving and printing, is in the hands of United States Attorney Baker. The matter is said to involve from half to a million dollars and to extend over a period of from four to seven years. Mr. Baker is at present determining whether the matter is such that criminal charges may be preferred against those guilty and up to the present has not made any report to the treasury department on the matter.

Leroy Parke, an agent of the War Department, has been in Europe for some months soliciting foreign labor for work on the Panama canal, and although he has encountered much opposition, he has succeeded, since October, in shipping 4500 men, nearly all Spaniards or Italians, and they are now going forward at the rate of about 500 a month. They are being sent from three ports, Vigo, Spain, and Bordeaux and Saint Nazaire, France, by the Spanish and French lines. They are given free transportation, repayment to be out of their earnings at the rate of \$1 per month and are guaranteed a rate of 20 cents an hour with everything in the shape of lodgings, medical attendance, etc., on the isthmus furnished, except meals, which are paid for at the rate of 20 cents a meal, or 60 cents a day.

Notwithstanding the inducements offered, both the Spanish and Italian Governments are opposed to allowing their subjects to go to Panama. The objections of the Spanish Government

were in a measure overcome and with the advent of the new Maura Conservative cabinet there was still less hostility, but on the other hand a sudden agitation has grown up in Spanish commercial circles against emigration in general on the ground that it is draining the country of labor. The Italian Government has remained steadily hostile and formal notices warning Italian laborers not to go to the isthmus were placarded throughout the country. Nevertheless many Italians, attracted by the offer of work, crossed the frontier and left from French ports.

The Grand Jury at San Francisco, Cal., March 20, returned seventy-five indictments charging bribery, sixty-five being against Ruef and ten against T. V. Halsey, former general agent of the Pacific States Telephone Company. Halsey is now in Manila installing a telephone system.

A statement to a representative of the Associated Press, probably the first authoritative announcement that Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney has made for publication, in regard to the number of indictments returned by the Grand Jury, says in substance:

"Of the sixty-five indictments charging Abraham Ruef with bribery, eighteen are for the alleged bribing of the Board of Supervisors in connection with the granting of fight permits to the so-called fight trust. Ruef is charged with having paid each one of the eighteen supervisors \$500, and one indictment was returned for each supervisor alleged to have been bribed.

"Eighteen indictments against Ruef are for bribing the eighteen supervisors to vote for 85c gas instead of a 75c rate, it being charged that each one of the supervisors was paid \$750 by Ruef.

Thirteen indictments against him are for the alleged bribing of thirteen supervisors in connection with the granting of a franchise to the Home Telephone Company. The telephone company bid and paid to the city \$25,000 for the franchise. In connection with the same matter, fourteen indictments were returned against T. V. Halsey, formerly general agent of the Pacific States Telephone Company, for the alleged bribing of four supervisors to vote against the granting of a franchise to the rival company."

Gov. Folk has issued an official proclamation convening the Legislature in extra session on April 9 at noon. The subjects named in the call are:

To enact such legislation as may be necessary to provide for the regulation of the rates of public corporations.

To control dram shops.

To provide legislative enactments for the enforcement of the dram-shop laws throughout the State.

To provide for the recall or removal of derelict officials.

To enact laws relating to the police systems of cities of this State of 100,000 inhabitants or more.

To provide an enactment, with an emergency clause, for the suppression of race-track gambling.

The State Department has received the following dispatch, dated March 22, from Jose D. Olivares, the American Consul at Managua, Nicaragua: "This Government reports that on March 18, an army of 5,000 Salvadorans and 1,000 Hondureans, commanded by Gen. Pressa, a Salvadorean, attacked the Nicaraguan vanguard near Namastique, Honduras. The battle lasted three days, resulting in the complete rout of the Salvadoreans, who lost 1,000 men. Nicaragua has 20,000 men at the front and will commence an immediate attack on Choluteca and Tegucigalpa."

Mr. Corea, the Nicaraguan Minister, has received a cablegram from his Government confirming the press report to the effect that the Nicaraguan navy has captured the Honduran Caribbean port of Ceiba. The naval vessels are now on their way to Puerto Cortez, where they probably will repeat their success at Ceiba, and as Trujillo already has fallen into the hands of the Nicaraguans, practically the whole north coast of Honduras now is in their possession.

Pope Pius has accepted the invitation of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, of Spain, to act as godfather to their expected child.

The pope, it is said, will send Queen Victoria a golden rose when the child is born. A rose is given each year to the sovereign performing the most pious deed for the Catholic Church. The custom is centuries old.

The extraordinary expenses to the United States up to date caused by the sending of an army of pacification to Cuba aggregate about \$2,500,000, according to figures which have been prepared by the war department. The navy made no extraordinary charges for the part it took in maintaining peace in the island, but the marine

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corps charged extra expenses for organization of a brigade of marines to assist in preventing trouble. It has not been determined exactly when this money will be collected from Cuba by the United States.

Rev. Henry Whitney Cleveland died March 20 at Louisville, Ky. He was 71 years of age. Mr. Cleveland was a native of Georgia and before the war acted as private secretary to Alexander H. Stephens. He was the biographer of the Georgia statesman.

When the war broke out he became a chaplain of the Fifty-Fourth Georgia Regiment and also served in President Davis' secret service, rendering valuable assistance to the Confederacy.

Mr. Cleveland was related to former President Grover Cleveland.

Miss Rose L. Fritz, two-time winner of the National championship typewriting contest, at the Coliseum in Chicago, March 22, won the championship for the third time, winning permanently the silver cup offered and breaking the world's record for copying dictation from shorthand notes. The record she established recently was 2,445 words in thirty minutes. This is 200 words better than her last record, which was made a year ago at the contest held at Madison Square Garden, New York.

A PROPOSITION FROM FIRST CHURCH, TEMPLE.

We propose to open up the \$1,000,000 club for the endowment of Southwestern University—approximately twice the pastor's salary from each charge in the four Texas Conferences will make. Temple opens up with \$4000 pledged and means to make it \$5000 for good measure. Put us down, Temple No. 1, Million Dollar Endowment Club. Who will be second?

This is in co-operation with Dr. Harrison's \$100,000 club, and Temple will send two or three names to that which is counted in the above total. This means business. It can be done by every charge in Texas. Who will be next?

This is the way. Double your pastor's salary. Divide it in five annual payments and get your laymen to subscribe and sign up notes to that effect, and the great feat will be done. Southwestern University endowed with a million dollars. Glory be to God! What a thought! It is the great need of Texas.

FIRST CHURCH, TEMPLE.
P. S.—Shaw is too happy to write. More later.

A WORD TO THE LAYMEN.

The Summer School of Theology, which meets in Georgetown May 28-June 6, should be attended by all our preachers. Many of them are coming. Others would like to come. It would be a most graceful thing for a few laymen in each charge to complement their pastor with this trip. It will be money well invested. The entire cost will be \$10 p/us the railroad fare. A fine program has been arranged and preparations are being made for a great gathering.

J. SAM BARCUS.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Dr. Rankin will dedicate the Bra-shear Church in the Sulphur Springs District the fifth Sunday in this month. All the former pastors are requested to be present, and also Rev. W. H. Brown, of Whitewright, Texas.

L. F. TANNERY, P. C.

BIG PRIZES IF YOU COUNT RIGHT

Absolutely a Square Deal



This is no chance or guessing scheme. It is a plain problem and the best man wins. Contest closes August 10th.

The post office department has ruled on the proposition and pronounced it fair and impartial. We have been conducting the contest for one month, and we can say that you have had if you had put in the first count.

In case of a tie we will write each person 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.

The directors of our Company are among the most prominent business men of Dallas. We refer as to responsibility to Gaston National Bank or Union Bank & Trust Company.

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Enclosed find..... for subscription to your Magazine. If 60 cents is enclosed my count is..... If \$1.00 is sent my counts are.....

Name.....

P. O.

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.

We refer as to responsibility to Union Bank and Dallas, Texas.

TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS.

There have been enrolled in Southwestern this year 78 young preachers. Many of them can be used after May. Some are in the graduating class and can supply worse till conference. Many of them will return next fall, but will be free to assist in meetings during the summer. Our young men are not yet great preachers, but are almost to a man enthusiastically religious and know how to lead sinners to Christ. We are anxious for as many of them as possible to make full proof of their ministry during the vacation. It gives them needed experience, increases the army of active workers and adds to the Church such as are being saved. Those who desire supplies for pulpits, assistant pastors or helpers in special meetings can supply their wants by addressing the writer at Georgetown, Texas.

J. SAM BARCUS.

PROHIBITION VICTORY.

In the northern part of Palo Pinto County, in a very fertile and productive section, are located the thriving towns of Oran and Graford. Having been so far removed from a railroad point, this section has not developed as it otherwise would have done. But with the extension of the M. W. & N. W. Railway the whole country has taken on new life, and Oran and Graford are building up very rapidly along all lines. But with the coming of the railway came the saloon. But the people determined that there should be no stain on the progress of their development, and so the prohibitionists called an election, and on March 2 voted the nefarious business out of their precinct by a majority of 112 to 77. The anti's have received such a drubbing that we predict they will not soon try to force their dives of iniquity upon that section. The people are very much elated over their victory and are determined that their homes shall be kept free from this blighting curse. The doom of the whiskey business is sealed with all fair-thinking people, and we take up the war cry, "On with the battle!"

W. C. CHILDRESS.
Palo Pinto, Texas.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

By invitation from our pastor, Rev. Z. L. Howell, and myself, as superintendent of the Kirk Sunday-school, Bro. C. S. Field and wife came February 22 and held a Sunday-school Institute.

His work is a very plain, practical presentation of facts well calculated to revive interest in the good work of the Sunday-school and to unravel the knotty problems often so troublesome to pastor and superintendent.

Any one who loves little children will enjoy Sister Field's talk on the primary work. B. W. FOWLER.

MUSIC TEACHER WANTED.

We are in need of a music teacher at Tunnell's Chapel, Methodist, and a ready leader in Church music.

J. T. HOOKS.
Canton, Texas.

A GREAT BOOK.

"Life and Memories of Jas. D. Barbee, D. D." by Horace M. DuBose, is indeed a great book. All our young men in the ministry should read it. Fathers should put this book in the reach of their boys. It will be worth many times the price to them.

G. J. IRVIN.
Roby, Texas.

BRYAN METHODIST CHURCH OPENING.

Our new church will be formally opened the third Sunday in April, which is the 21st. Bishop Ward will preach the opening sermon. All former pastors and presiding elders are cordially invited to be present. We also invite any of our preachers and friends to attend. Entertainment will be provided, if you will let me know that you are coming several days ahead. Revival services will begin with the opening of the church.

I. F. BETTS.

NOTICE.

The Y. M. C. A. of the University of Texas have two or three dozen Young People's Hymnal No. 2 which they desire to give to some needy Methodist Sunday-school. Any pastor or Sunday-school superintendent who wants these books may secure them by paying the cost of carriage.

CULLOM H. BOOTH.
2407 Guadalupe St., Austin.

TEACHERS' BUREAU.

At this season, when schools are making up their faculties for next year and teachers are looking for positions, we remind both schools and teachers that the General Board of Education of our Church is conducting a Teachers' Bureau at Nashville, Tenn., under the charge of Rev. J. D. Hammond, our Secretary of Education. Write to him for particulars.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF HON. J. D. McLEAN.

Whereas, On the evening of March 22, 1907, J. D. McLean, an officer of the law in Tarrant County, Texas, in the discharge of his sworn duty as County Attorney of said county, was murdered in cold blood by a violator of the law; therefore, be it

Resolved by Jones-Bethel Sunday-school, 1. That we deplore the death of this brave officer who dared to discharge his duty, notwithstanding the threats of the violators of the law, and we pray the blessings of God upon those who are left desolate by the death of this brave officer.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication, and also that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

G. L. PATILLO,
Chairman Committee.
Greenville, Texas.

NOTICE.

Brethren: In sending any special missionary money, please send it through Mr. A. F. Platter, Denison, Texas, so that our conference will get credit for same. The money to which Dr. Moore calls attention in last week's Advocate should be, by all means, sent to Mr. Platter, with instructions to whom it should be sent, or where it should be directed.

L. S. BARTON,
Missionary Secretary.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTERS AND OTHER HONEST MEN.

There is a special provision Life Insurance Policy issued by the strongest and largest Western Life Company which you can sell and make more money out of during your spare moments than you can out of your salary, and every time you insure a man you have done his family a kindness and made money yourself. Write me for particulars about this policy.

G. R. DRAUGHON,
Agency Director National Life Ins. Co. of the United States of America.
626 Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

Notes From the Field

Hewitt.

On Sunday the 10th, at Stamford's Chapel, we had Bro. M. S. Hotchkiss with us. He preached for us two red-hot missionary sermons. The effect was contagious; our hearts were fired with new zeal for the lost at home and abroad. Fifty-three dollars was raised to put a man at Thurber. On Sunday the 17th Bro. Jackson B. Cox, of Mexico, preached for us at Hewitt. He gave us a description of the condition and needs of the people of Mexico. The sermon was not only instructive, but highly spiritual. This service will linger in our hearts for years to come. We gave Bro. Cox \$36.10 for the work in Mexico. At night our beloved was on hand; though somewhat tired from the duties of the day, he preached to us with unusual vigor and strength. On Monday morning we were met at the church by an unusually large congregation, and they were well paid for coming. We shall not soon forget this service of consolation. Brother Nelms has a strong grip on us in these parts. The coming of Brothers Hotchkiss, Cox and Nelms has been a great benediction to both pastor and people. Our Quarterly Conference was a success in every respect. Good congregations, good preaching, good feeling and good money were the chief features in second Quarterly Conference for the Hewitt Circuit.—R. J. Tooley, March 19.

Kosse.

We are starting into the third quarter and still this is only March. Last Saturday and Sunday our painstaking presiding elder, C. L. Shettles, was in his place and at his best. Closely and carefully the details of the Church were looked into. Bro. Shettles can but succeed with such a helper as Sister Shettles, who looks so carefully after the women and children. This is as it should be. Our wives are a great help to us, I think. Twenty of the children were organized into a society, and we expect great things of them. Many good things have found their way to the parsonage. A few days ago the good women got a plan on foot and in a short time this scribe had a nice buggy and a nice

set of harness. To say we were pleased is to put it mildly. This is our third year, and we want it to be our best. This is a good charge and some as loyal to the Church and pastor as you will find anywhere; always ready to lend a helping hand in the work of our Master. We expect by the last of this month to have in the hands of L. L. Jester our missionary money in full. Now, brethren, Calvert District to the front with a revival in each charge, the Advocate in every home and the collections in full, should be our watchword.—D. W. Gardner, March 19.

Nacogdoches.

The good men who have served this charge in the past laid a foundation for a rapid growth of Methodism in the future; and our present pastor, Rev. J. W. Mills, has proven to be the very man to take up the difficult work that his indefatigable predecessor, Rev. J. T. McClure, had so faithfully performed. Bro. Mills has completely captured these people. He preaches to a full house every Sunday, and his sermons are of the highest type—very instructive, strictly evangelical, and deal with sin in the concrete. He preaches that there is a burning hell, where lost immortal (?) souls are tortured forever and ever. He doesn't claim to have attained to that degree of wisdom that would cause him to doubt the inspiration of some "spots" of the Bible. Hence, you see the blessed old book is still his text book, the Holy Spirit his guide; and that he is a Christian of the Wesleyan type. If we preach that lost souls are annihilated it would destroy the belief of a hell, for there would be no necessity for one; and if there is no hell, there is no heaven. You may take the following for what it is worth: I predict disastrous results to our great Church if this pernicious heresy among some of our Methodist (?) preachers isn't forever silenced. As soon as men allow this devilish spirit of atheism to creep into the hearts and heads, the power to win souls to Christ immediately leaves them. But I started out to write a "field note," so I will switch back on the main line again. Under the superintendency of John T. Garrison, son of our much loved T. S. Garrison, of Timpson, Texas, our Sunday-school is experiencing a remarkable growth, the average attendance of which is about 115. The prayer meeting has an attendance of about 50. Last, but not least, is our \$15,000 church we have under consideration. In fact we have of this amount \$11,000 assured us. We expect to begin the building at an early date. It will be put upon the same lot that the old one now occupies. I shall not forget to mention the good work of Rev. Walter W. Armstrong in his charge—Nacogdoches Mission. He is very much in favor with his people, and seems very much interested in their spiritual welfare. Bro. Frank Luker is also bringing things to pass on Melrose charge. God bless the Advocate and its editor!—Mark N. Terrell, Local Elder, March 12.

Queen City Circuit.

A cordial reception awaited us after conference which has been followed by many deeds and tokens of kindness and a fine spirit of courtesy. Bro. Vinson left many friends after a year of splendid work here. I have received seven members, baptized five infants, and am preaching to large and appreciative congregations. Our second Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday and Sunday, Bro. Burroughs presiding. Some of the places are more than half out for the year on salary. Half the collections in subscription and cash together. The W. H. M. Society at Queen City has hard-rolled the church inside and has in hand money for painting the parsonage. The other places have put a good cook stove into the parsonage. We have some fine Sunday-schools, but no League. The outlook is good for a year of spiritual development and for revivals, for we are among a loyal people, willing to work for the spread of the kingdom of our Lord.—Clyde B. Garrett.

Mason.

Rev. Joe F. Webb, Missionary Evangelist of the West Texas Conference, came to Mason the first of March to assist me in a meeting of ten days. The meeting was a success. There were 12 or 15 conversions and several were reclaimed. Sixteen joined the Church and others are expected to join soon. The conference made no mistake in putting Bro. Webb in the field. He is the right man in the right place. His preaching is strong and scriptural, and the absence of sensational methods is marked. The meeting not only strengthened the Church spiritually, but financially, and we ex-

pect to pay the assessments on the charge in full. Bro. Renfro, was with us several days and did splendid work. A meeting was held here in a tent by a holiness evangelist by the name of Neely and did good. Neely is a Methodist and preaches well. He lays stress on the second blessing theory, but not in an offensive way. We thank God and take courage.—P. B. Summers, March 14.

Southmayd.

We are still on the up-grade, except at one place, on the circuit. Two good Sunday-schools are laying the foundation for future success. One school is to start the first of April. Six have joined the Church by profession of faith and two by certificate in the last three weeks. Two more will join soon. Recently the Church yard has been set in trees and shrubbery. I mean at Southmayd. The pastor earnestly aspires for a good, spiritual year.—J. C. Cavener, March 14.

Graham Mission.

We are in the new parsonage. Ernest and I have just finished painting it and Callie and May just finished canvassing and papering. We have a 900-gallon tank set up, with the necessary guttering to catch the water when it rains. Mr. Clark, just across the street, called us over and bade us use water from his cistern till we got things fixed. Mr. Clark is not a member of any Church, but his heart is in the right place. We have also built a nice lot and stable for the pony and cow. Bro. T. Ragland, one of our big-hearted Methodists, said we should have a cow and it came to pass. While we have been at work soon and late to get the parsonage finished, we have been putting in our best licks on the work. We have five up-to-date Sunday-schools with good attendance. Will organize one more in the near future. We have a good house now for Callie and the children. We expect to spend the most of our time from now on out among our people. We would not forget our station preacher, Bro. Cox. He has given us much encouragement and helped us in many ways, for which we are grateful.—H. H. Windham, March 14.

Orange.

We have now had three months in this new field of ours and they have been busy ones indeed! Bro. Godbey sounded the charge, "Forward!" and forward it has been. Every organization of the Church has nobly responded and we are enjoying an era of great spiritual prosperity. Our Sunday-school, under the sympathetic and efficient leadership of Bro. W. H. Malone and a consecrated band of teachers and officers, has nearly doubled in attendance, besides a large Home Department. Our Leagues, Junior and Senior, are also splendidly attended and doing good work under the able leadership of Miss Annie Sells and Mr. B. H. McMinn. Our W. H. M. Society, with Mrs. W. H. Malone at the helm, assisted by a corps of devoted ladies, is as usual planning and working for larger results. Soon we are to have a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Then we shall be thoroughly equipped on that side of our Church work. Our Board of Stewards, with Bro. M. A. Watson as chairman, is doing well, and though they have not made any advance in salaries this year, yet they are collecting the salary monthly and are expecting to do greater things by and by. As to our congregations, they fill the house, and our prayer meetings average about 50. About two-thirds of the conference assessments are already provided for and we trust will soon be collected. Taken altogether, the three months' work among this people has prospered amazingly. Last Monday we had the great pleasure of having Bishop Morrison with us. He ran down from Beaumont with Bro. and Sister Godbey and Bro. Turrentine, and after a trip down the river to Sabine Lake the Bishop preached a most touching and fruit-promising sermon on "Answers to Prayer." We had a large congregation and many were the expressions of delight at the able discourse. The Bishop stirred us all up at conference, but it was "after a godly sort," and with much prayer for divine guidance, and as the grand old Texas Conference is moving on to larger and better things, we may easily believe that the Great Head of the Church worked through his servant the accomplishment of his divine will. May God grant us to see that we are occupying the place "over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers." Success to the Advocate and its great mission.—C. J. Oxley.

Kennard.

Things are moving on about as usual on the Kennard work so far. We have had our second Quarterly Conference and a good time at the same time. Bro. Willis was with us; gave us three good sermons, which were enjoyed by all. We have been treated well enough since we came to the work—indeed better than we deserve. We have been pounded twice and you all know there is no Methodist preacher who deserves such treatment as that. We are working and praying for a glorious revival season this year, for if there ever was a work that needed more strength all around, it seems to this writer just now that it is Kennard Mission. We also have some other things on foot and possibly we will have something to report which is worth something before we gather at Houston this fall.—Walter L. Gibbons, March 21.

Pecan and Friendship.

We are now well acquainted with our new appointment and we are very much pleased and greatly in love with our field of labor. Daily expressions of love and good will find their way to the parsonage, besides we have been the objects of two very enjoyable poundings. Much Christian hospitality has been extended to us; many kind things have been said and many

prayers are being offered for the pastor. Our predecessor, Bro. Lovell, left the work in a prosperous condition, and to follow one so generally loved and who wrought so well is indeed a pleasure. We hope to build substantially and nobly upon the foundation he has laid. My Epworth League has assumed the pleasure of clothing a little girl of the Orphanage, and a letter just received from Bro. Vaughan will put us to work with our scissors and needles. The separation of the Friendship portion of the Home Mission Society into an independent organization gives us two splendid societies on this work. Both are growing, aggressive and industrious. The Pecan Society is now considering the support of a Korean helper and Friendship is doing some much needed sewing for some little motherless children who live in the community. Congregations are good, hearts seem to be responsive to the word and we are praying for a year's work honored of God in the salvation of souls.—F. B. Wheeler, March 22.

Whitney.

Since conference we have held our own in membership in Church. We have increased the Sunday-school membership 50 per cent and attendance 100 per cent. Prayer meetings are well attended and good to our souls. Have had with us on different occasions, representing their special work, Bros. C. S. Field, J. D. Young and C. M. Harless. Bro. Field and wife did us good in the Sunday-school. Bro. Young got that for which he came—students for the Polytechnic College. Bro. Harless gave us two fine sermons and left a fine impression for southwestern on our hearts and did us good. Sorry his coming was unexpected, for more of us could have heard him. The cause he represents is a grand one and must receive our support. In a financial way our people are doing some things, too. Pastor's salary increased \$60 and presiding elder's salary proportionately. The parsonage is receiving some substantial improvements. Our presiding elder, Brother Nelms, has been with us for the first Quarterly Conference, and comes again for the second, March 31 and April 1. We will be glad to see and hear him when he comes, as he is deservedly popular with preacher and people. We have planned and are looking forward with much interest to the coming of Bro. Abe Mulkey, on April 12, for a ten days' meeting. We are praying for and expecting a great meeting.—A. E. Faraway, March 20.

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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 constive. 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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Saratoga and Batson.

I arrived safely at Saratoga Dec. 24. With the hearty co-operation of the good people all over the work we are getting things in very good order. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Saratoga Feb. 9. Bro. and Sister Godbey arrived here Feb. 8 and their visit was highly appreciated by all. Bro. Godbey seems to have a good many warm friends all over his work, especially among the young preachers. Our W. H. M. Societies at Saratoga and Batson are in splendid shape to have had only two months' experience. We have recently organized a Sunday-school at Saratoga, which has grown from a membership of 25 to one of 56. Our ten days' revival at Saratoga was a glowing success. Bro. Bayless, from Aubrey, Texas, was with us and did the preaching. Over 40 were converted and 19 added to the Methodist Church on profession. Bro. Bayless is a very forceful and sweet-spirited preacher and everybody fell in love with him. We hope to finish our new church at Saratoga by the middle of April. I want to solicit the prayers of the readers of the Advocate that God may use his humble servant toward helping to plant his gospel in the oil fields.—H. B. Landrum.

Roby.

Roby Circuit covers properly an area of about 15 miles square, embracing seven organized societies in and adjacent to the center of the county of Fisher, but there is outlying territory susceptible to profitable tilling—missionary territory on our every side where our gospel should be preached and our literature planted. This is a great and promising field, and most resourceful in the fertility of her soil, and the climate is delightful—air and sunshine exhilarating. The average price of land, improved and unimproved, is about \$25 per acre. The new railroad towns, two of which are within the limits of Roby charge, excel in prosperity, which speaks for the liberal type of our citizenship. Schools are good and religious services well attended. Our need is that renters and small farmers from the Eastern and Central portions of the State, men who are accustomed to economic farming, come without delay to this, the place of opportunity, and secure a home before the land is too high. I have in my charge one man who came here (five miles from Roby) on the 8th day of March, 1906, bought 160 acres of land, then at \$10 per acre; hauled lumber and material 25 miles from the railroad; built his house and grubbed and put in 40 acres, from which he gathered 24 bales of cotton and I will not tell you the number of bushels

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FIFTEEN YEARS OF ECZEMA

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(Can be sung by tune of "Auld Lang Syne.")

There's something more than friends or fame;
The love of Christ, the risen Lord,
Is riches yet untold.
He made the greatest sacrifice
When bleeding on the tree;
He died that we might live again
Through all eternity.

O what a precious gift to us
His noble life of love!
And for our sheaves and labors here
He's waiting now above.
What have you done to help his cause?
O count your deeds and see,
Where is the tenth of your increase?
What will your answer be?

If you would serve the Master now,
There's work for all to do;
Though he may give you crosses
Great,
It shows his love for you.
"Come unto me, ye laborers,
And I will give you rest."
O hear the words of Christ the Lord,
And be forever blest.

(MRS.) EULA LONG.

Rockwall, Texas.

BETTY'S VISIT.

Betty Lindsay and Nellie Barrett lived next door to one another and were great friends. At least, they had been great friends; but ever since Nellie's mother had told her that she was to go for a week's visit to her grandmother at Middle River a cloud had come over their friendship. Nellie put on such airs and talked so much about her visit and her grandmother that Betty felt a strange, left-out feeling in her six-year-old heart.

"You never went away for a visit, did you?" said Nellie, intending to be sympathetic. But Betty felt it as a taunt.

"I could go if I wanted to," retorted Betty.

"Where to?" asked Nellie skeptically. "Have you got a grandmother?"

No, Betty had no grandmother that she knew of. She had never thought about it before, but now she realized it was a shameful thing to be without a grandmother in the family. It was unbearable.

"I've got three aunts," she said faintly.

"Aunts are not grandmothers," said Nellie loftily. "Besides your aunts all live far away. You can't go to visit them. What is the use of having relations if you can't go to visit them? My grandmother lives in a big white house with green shutters and a flower garden in front; and there are stone dogs on the gate-posts, and my Uncle Jim says they bark when they hear the clock strike twelve every night. It's just splendid to go visiting as if you were really grown up, you know. I s'pect I shall be a very 'portant person when I come back. I'm so sorry for you, Betty, 'cause you can't go visiting."

It was really not to be endured. Of course, if Betty had been grown up, if she had even been a big girl of ten or twelve, she wouldn't have minded being crowded over and pitied. O dear, no, not at all! But, being only six, it cut deep, and Betty, who had patiently put up with it for three whole days, lost her patience on the fourth.

She made up her mind then and there that she would go visiting, too. "I am going visiting," she said.

Nellie stared. "Where to?" she demanded.

"Never mind where. That's a secret," said Betty mysteriously. "I won't tell you where I'm going. But it is to a big white house, too—bigger than

your grandmother's, and it has green shutters—greener than your grandmother's, and a flower garden with ever so many more flowers in it than your grandmother's, and stone dogs on the gateposts that are so much stonier than your grandmother's."

"I don't believe it," cried Nellie, in amazement.

"Well, you needn't then, Nellie Barrett. But you needn't s'pose that you're the only person in the world that can go visiting, because you're not."

"How long are you going to stay?" said Nellie, curiously getting the better of incredulity.

"I s'pect I'll only stay for the afternoon. But if the lady I'm going to see is very pressing p'raps I'll stay longer, even if I only stay a little while, just p'raps I'll stay a year. But it's a visit, as much a visit as a whole week. So there, Nellie Barrett."

"When are you going?" persisted Nellie.

"I guess I'll go this afternoon," said Betty resolutely.

"I'm going to watch and see if you go, 'cause I don't believe you're going anywhere, Betty Lindsay," declared Nellie.

Betty got up off the cellar hatch with very red cheeks.

"You're a mean, horrid girl, Nellie Barrett," she cried. "I am going visiting. I wouldn't say so if I wasn't. So there!"

Betty marched into the house indignantly, while Nellie went home mystified. Where could Betty Lindsay be going? Nellie hadn't the least idea. Neither had Betty. But she was going to "visit" somewhere. She had quite made up her mind to that.

After lunch, when papa had gone back to his office and mamma was busy with the dishes, Betty put on her sunbonnet and took her blue parasol. Not that one really needed a parasol when one wore a sunbonnet. But it was stylish, especially a pale blue one with a white silk ruffle all around it. Betty felt that the big world outside the front gate was not half so terrifying when one had her blue parasol. Not that one really needed a parasol when one felt the proud consciousness that she was vindicating herself in the eyes of Nellie Barrett, who was watching her from the Barrett parlor window.

Betty walked down the street with her head held high. She was going visiting, and she was not going to be frightened, no indeed! Nor was she frightened after a little; it was very nice and easy to go visiting after all; all you had to do was just to walk along a quiet, shady street and keep a sharp lookout for a green-shuttered white house with a big garden in front and stone dogs on the gateposts. Nothing could be simpler.

Betty walked on and on. There were a great many houses along the street. Truly, she had never supposed there were so many houses in the world. There were all sorts, big and little, brown and gray, red and green, houses with flower gardens and houses with none, houses with gates and houses with no gates, but never a white, green-shuttered house with stone dogs. Yet Betty did not lose courage. There was a house somewhere like that of course, and she would find it if she only kept on.

By and by the houses grew fewer and further between. The sidewalk narrowed down to three planks and then to two and then stopped altogether. Betty was out in the country now. The wide green fields were lovely, and so were the grass and flowers, but she thought it a little lonesome; besides, the road was dusty now and the day very hot. Betty felt tired and thirsty; O, where was the white house with the green shutters?

"I'm sure I must have walked a hundred miles," sighed Betty. "I never s'posed white houses with green shutters and stone dogs were so scarce. O, dear, O, dear."

Two big tears rolled down the cheeks under the sunbonnet and two more were all ready to start but never did, for just at that moment weary little Betty rounded a curve in the road and there, right before her, was the very house she was looking for—big and white, with green shutters and the loveliest flower garden, and great stone dogs on the gateposts, looking fierce enough to frighten you if you didn't know they couldn't move until they heard the clock strike twelve at night.

"O!" said Betty joyfully. She forgot her tears and her weariness as she tripped up the walk with her blue parasol held jauntily over her sunbonnet. And there on the veranda sat the prettiest old lady Betty had ever seen—a tall old lady with snow-white hair, pink cheeks, and bright black eyes, and beautifully dressed with a white lace cap and a fluffy silk shawl over her shoulders. The old lady looked at Betty with a smile, just as

if she had been expecting her, and Betty said politely:

"Please, ma'am, are you a grandmother?"

The old lady looked startled and the smile faded out for a moment. She almost frowned.

Then the old lady told Betty how glad she was to see her; had the maid bring in some dainty cakes and a cup of chocolate, and after a happy visit Betty went home a happy little girl.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

"BEING A MAN!"

Children were playing together when one spoke up, "I'm a bird!" "O, I'm a horse!" said another. "Well, I'm a bear," added a third. "H—m, I'm a lion," chimed in the fourth. The littlest one of all continued his play apparently oblivious to all that was being said. But suddenly rising, stretching himself and throwing out his hand, he said, with all the pomp imaginable, "And I'm an elephant."

With such vividness did their imagination work that coming to themselves again, their spirits were crushed to find that they were but boys—just prospective men.

But would you not rather be a man than any other creature under the sun? I would.

What is a man? asked the psalmist, and his question has been repeated by every thoughtful, earnest soul since. Human science and philosophy by description and dissection have told us much about man, and have associated him, by reason of similarity of structure and system, with the beasts of the field; and David gives a better answer, lifts man to higher point of view, and associates him with God. "Thou hast made him!" That means more when applied to man than when it is applied to the rest of creation, for "in the image of God created he him," and "He breathed in his nostrils the breath of life." The form and essence of man's soul is Godlike. What is that you are saying in disparagement of man? God is not ashamed of His workmanship. He has stamped upon man His superscription.

Still further David answers his own question, "Thou crownest him with glory and honor." As the reverent artist hangs the halo above the blessed Master's head, so God places a crown of possible honor and glory above the head of every man. What may not a man become? There is no limit to his possibilities.

Christ gave yet a better answer to the question. It was in concrete form. Go back nineteen hundred years to Palestine. See there the man approved of God. There were heights and breadths of being in Him of which we have but the faintest idea, but whatever else He was, Jesus was God's ideal man.

In the month of June, on inspecting your rose bush, you find a full-grown flower. At once you will scan the bush to see how many buds there are, for that one full blown rose enhances the value of every bud on the bush. Jesus Christ is the full-blown flower of humanity which gives promise and value to every bud of the race.

It means more to be a man since Jesus lived a man.

A young artist, facing a masterpiece, was at first overcome, and then exclaimed, "I too, am an artist." It was possible for him to attain unto what others had done. Paul saw a vision. What then? Despair? Not at all. "I press toward the mark." That is the human side of the attainment. There is a divine side which must not be overlooked.

A business concern in a certain town was capable of wonderful success. It made the goods the market demanded. They had a ready sale, and the plant was running day and night. But for some strange reason there was a failure. Why? Bad management. Man, who is managing your concern, that is, the unfolding and development of your capabilities? The master can get the most out of you and at last present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

Being a man is, indeed, a wonderful privilege, but everything depends, after all, on the "management."—Rev. Geo. B. Swinerton.

THE DEAD LINE.

It may seem heartless, but there is wisdom in placing the dead line across the path of the living. The grave is not an inviting place, but in the interest of the living, it is the proper place for the dead. Nor need serious complaint be made. To have had one's chance at life is all that one can ask in a world like this.

The same inexorable law is at work among the activities of life. When a man crosses the dead line, his proper place is away from the activities of men. If he has done his share of the

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world's work, he need not be ashamed when the time comes for his relief. But it is hard for men to accept the stern fact that their working force is spent and their working day over. The dead line is invisible to the man who crosses it. But all about us, in every calling, in the professions and in the trades, in private business and in public service, there is felt the heavy weight of the dead man's hand.

A man may cross the dead line long before his flesh fails or his muscles relax or the wheels of being cease to turn. That fatal passage is made whensoever the mind closes against new ideas and the heart against new enthusiasms. Thought and feeling and emotion are the marks of life; when these fail, the dead line has been crossed and the rest-time has come.

Not a few business enterprises are handicapped by the management of men who have lost power of initiative. They are impervious to new ideas, and their methods remain stereotyped despite the changes in the conditions of the business world. A business whose management is in the hands of men, all of whom have passed mid-life is in serious danger of loss, not from lack of money, or of attention, or of work, but from lack of new ideas. The tendency of the business mind is to become fixed, and a mind without electricity is a mark of the dead line.

In public service the men who have passed the dead line are the incubus on progress and efficiency. Men sit in the council and in the legislature to whom a new idea is an impossibility. They began their public life with certain notions, and within these, as in a shell, they have ever since lived and moved and had their being. They may be noisy, but their chatter and gesticulation is only the result of mechanical stipulation.

In the pulpit, in the schoolroom, in editorial offices, everywhere, the men who have passed the dead line block the way of progress. And the dead man's hand is never so heavy or so hurtful as in those spheres where the intellectual and spiritual are the dominant interests. The preacher or teacher or writer out of whose heart the springy enthusiasm has died, and whose mind is not kept alert, alive, and awake, has a chance to work injury almost beyond reckoning or repair. Wornout phrases, stereotyped methods, hackneyed ideas and arguments are made to do duty where life alone should enter, and the touch of it all is death, alike to him who gives and them who take.

But the dead line is not a matter of years. Gray hairs do not mark the decay of thought or emotion. Some men have crossed the dead line before they have graduated from college and some at forenoon are quick and vital and progressive, abreast of the foremost in business, or in government, or in intellectual pursuits. It is not a thing of dates or of external conditions, but of mental attitude and of emotional power.—Ex.

RIGHTS, OR PRIVILEGES?

Many years ago a girl found herself suddenly denied a pleasure to which she had been looking forward for many weeks. The very morning of the excursion an unexpected relative "dropped in." The carriage, even by crowding, would not hold more than six, and some reason of necessity or courtesy made it impossible for any one to stay at home except the girl. The situation was evident from the first moment.

The girl looked round the group gathered for hasty and secret conference with stormy eyes.

"It isn't fair!" she cried. "Every single one has been before except me. Because I'm the youngest, haven't I any rights?"

A guest entered the room just in time to catch the angry outburst.

Clearly he had stumbled upon a "scene," but it was too late to retreat. With the charm that never failed him, he turned to the girl.

"Ah, Miss Peggy, these 'rights!'" he exclaimed. "They are troublesome things, aren't they? How they do dog us all our lives! Really, the best thing I know about them is that, since they are our rights, we have the privilege of surrendering them for others." And then, after taking a book from the table, he left the room.

The girl stood still; she could not understand, but dimly she seemed to catch a glimpse of a wide country of beauty. When she came to herself her mother was speaking:

"If only I could give you my place dear! But I can't stay when Miss Betty has come. You—"

The girl spoke briefly. "I'll stay," she said.

The guest went his way a day or two later, and the girl never saw him again. But all her life after, the giving up of her "rights" came to her as a privilege, and not as a burden.—Selected.

Why should we not rejoice in the good things of God? If the day is pure and serene, we enjoy its gladness. Why should we not rejoice in the serene light of truth that shines from heaven upon us? We find in the presence and cheerful greeting of our friends. Why should we not look up to heaven, whence so many pure and most loving faces look upon us with divine affection, and with most tender desire to cheer and help us? Having an almighty and most loving Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, let us rejoice in Him. Having a most loving savior, who has made Himself our brother, and feeds us with His life, we ought surely to rejoice in Him. Having the Holy Spirit of God with us, making us His temples, and pouring His love into our hearts, we ought certainly to answer His love, and rejoice in His overflowing goodness. "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."—William Bernard Ullathorne.

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On the Wrong Tack

By Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D.

Visible from the window of the attic where I write is the spire of the prettiest church edifice in Brownwood. A few months ago it was a hive of earnest, happy Christians, living in harmony and peace, and wielding an influence for good to the whole community. Now it is closed and silent, the congregation divided and scattered, its work suspended, and bitterness of feeling exists where peace prevailed before. It was a flourishing Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It is a striking example now of the disastrous effect of "organic union."

Recently articles have appeared in several of our leading Church papers, advocating organic union between the Methodists North and South. Dr. Palmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate; Dr. Kilgo, President of Trinity College; Dr. Lloyd, pastor of one of the chief Methodist Churches in Kentucky, and Rev. J. H. Light, a vigorous and instructive writer in Virginia, are among the champions of organic union. These are honored names among us, and almost any cause they advocate would deserve serious consideration. It is one of the curious things of this queer world that such level-headed men should deliberately support such a proposition. One does not like to take issue with the principle on which they put their plea, that of Christian fellowship. A closer approach between all who love our Lord Jesus Christ is greatly to be desired. But these writers belong to a class of amiable sentimentalists who substitute emotion for reason, and whose amorous gush is dashed into sparkling spray against the rock-like facts that must be reckoned with on the practical side of the question. We may admire the mimic rainbows they toss into view, but a safe pilot will pay more regard to the rock.

The arguments of these good men if by courtesy we allow the radiant rhapsodies in which they indulge to pass for argument, are based upon a fundamental fallacy. That fallacy is that Christian union means ecclesiastical uniformity. That to be one in Christ we must all belong to the same visible organization. This idea contradicts the universal analogy of nature and providence. Everywhere there is the one principle of life manifesting itself under endless varieties of types. In the vegetable world, in the animal world, in the social world, in the political world, we have countless forms of life. When we pass into the religious world, why should we depart from this universal order, and expect to find one, and only one, form of belief and organization? God made the world in this way, and we cannot make it better by ignoring his plan. One star differs from another star in glory. There is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. This diversity of type in the natural world is a true analogue of the diversity that must, and always will, prevail among men where the mighty principle of freedom works.

So at bottom these advocates of organic union are wrong. Denominationalism is the natural, healthy, and inevitable result of that freedom of thought and action which is the essential condition of human progress. Reduce everything to a dead level of uniformity, and you enslave mankind. We need not abuse this liberty, and go to the other extreme of individualism. It might be wise, for practical reasons, to unify related and harmonious groups, as in the case of the Canadian Methodist bodies. But it must be for practical reasons, not upon the fallacious principle that there is anything contrary to the genius of Christianity in the independence of the various denominational bodies concerned.

Now it is for practical reasons that the organic union of the Methodists, North and South, is not to be considered. Could it be effected, nothing would be gained and much lost by the movement. In spite of all the brilliant rhetoric of Dr. Kilgo and the love-making of Dr. Palmore, there are stubborn facts in the way. The naked truth is that we are wider apart to-day than we were at the beginning, and all the reasons that justified the separation justify its continuance. I love the Methodist Episcopal Church. There are thousands of people in that great Methodist family with whom we could live in union with never a ripple of disagreement. But the Church holds to the doctrine of the equality of the negro, and practices it. The negro sits in the General Conference, and has a share in making the laws that govern the whole Church. I find no fault with that fact. They have as much right to recognize the negro in this way as I have not to do it. It is a matter that concerns them alone. But were we to unite it would concern me, and oblige me to find some other Church home. This difference between us is not a superficial one, but goes down to the roots of things. It is

not a question of sentiment, but of vital and invincible conviction. I believe as firmly as I believe anything that the Bible and science and universal experience teach that the negro is an inferior race to the white race, and that this inferiority is in the nature of things, and cannot be altered by legislation, or philanthropy, the law or the gospel. I believe that the whole policy of the North in dealing with the negro has been in violation of these indestructible scientific facts; and that this insistent error, this determination to set nature aside and treat the negro as a white man, has been and is responsible for all the trouble we have had in the race problem, and will bring more trouble. I furthermore believe that this view of the negro, with all its logical implications of his proper relation to society, is the view held by the majority of intelligent Southern people.

What folly, therefore, to put ourselves in the power of a Church that conscientiously holds the very opposite of these views, and prides itself on the conspicuous and influential record it has made in securing the negro what they consider to be his rights. The Methodist Episcopal Church has not changed its views of the negro, and will not change. To do so would be to renounce their past and make themselves responsible in a large measure for some of the most disastrous events in American history. So far from changing their views, should any of them read this screed of mine, they will say: "What a pity that Dr. Steel should be a hundred and fifty years behind the age. We thought he was a progressive man." Bless your life, honey, that is just what I am. I am old enough now to know that simple change is not progress, and that no real progress can be made when we ignore the facts upon which the world is built; old enough to know that the starchy effusions of these romantic quill drivers are wide of the mark that must be hit before anything can be done. The idea of Palmore, who cannot find even one woman in America, North or South, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, of the numberless islands of the sea he has visited, with whom he is willing to entrust himself in the bonds of organic union, urging us to get married! This old chap is a pretty oracle on the subject of organic union, isn't he? As for Kilgo, the wine of Los Angeles fraternity seems to have intoxicated him. Under the magic elixir inhaled by association with the genial Northerners among the orange groves of California, like the Indian wizard, he can eat red hot coals and dance unhurt on cactus bed set thick with thorny spikes. It is a rare performance for a tar-heeler, too dangerous for a Mississippian. You don't catch me trying it.

When I believe that the moon is made of butter; when I believe Mrs. Eddy is a rational woman and the vagary called "Christian Science" has any sense to it; when I believe that a straight line is the longest distance between two points; when I believe that things which are equal to the same thing are unequal to each other; when I believe the orang-outang fled off his tail to get into good society; when I believe you can have an effect without a cause; when I believe that a Harvard degree de-Africanized Booker Washington and transformed a coon into a Caucasian; when I believe that the leopard can change his spots or the Ethiopian his skin; when I believe the Bible is a fable, science a fraud, and human experience an illusion; when any of these impossibilities happen in my intellectual make up, then, and not till then, will I be ready for the question of organic union. It may come. I am not a prophet, and have a keen sense of my own fallibility. It may come, but when it does, I take to the waves. Palmore, Kilgo, Lloyd and Light are on the wrong tack. The ship, thank the Lord, will not answer to the r' grip, but keep on her providential course, with a cheer from the heart for the staunch old Methodist Episcopal greyhound as she sweeps along the waves; and a merry "No, I thank you," to all suggestions to come on board, whether the proposals come from the old ship itself, or from such emotional passengers as Palmore and Kilgo or our own deck. Co-operation between independent but fraternal bodies is the best we can do where differences exist like those that divide us. For a closer fellowship and a more effective co-operation, like a common hymnal and order of worship, and consolation in the foreign field where conditions are different, let us thank God. But let us keep our separate ways here in America, and then we will never know the sorrow that vexes the Church I see from my attic window.

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It can be said that all the preachers in this district are faithful. Brother J. W. Aker, at Lordsburg, fully understands the situation there, and has completely captured the people. Our Church is meeting with splendid success. We are glad to have Brother Aker, and believe he will do good work in this field. He takes the appointment given to Dr. Adkins, who could not come because of sickness.

Our church at Deming is doing good work. Brother Foulks, our pastor there, is measuring up manfully to all the demands of that important charge. The efforts of this excellent man and his interesting family are appreciated by that loyal membership, and our cause at that place is steadily growing.

At El Paso, Trinity, Brother Gibson, with his membership, has just gone through a protracted meeting of unusual power and interest for El Paso, and doubtless his Church is very much helped. This splendid man of God has a heavy pastorate, and many, many calls outside, but withal he has a spirit of leadership that can meet conditions even heavier than these. He is well-rounded and fully capable.

Brother Bond, that gentle, sweet-spirited man who has charge of the East El Paso work, is tugging away. We are very hopeful that a new church will soon be in use out in Highland Path. His success is really amazing at his other appointment. This man is a blessing to us all.

Las Cruces is doing all that can be looked for under the ministry of that prince of preachers, Brother Lallance. Our Church there is awakening to her possibilities as never before.

Brother Smith, of Roswell, is the man of the hour. He is diplomatic, tactful and shrewd. This year our Church there assumes a position that commands an influence of unusual usefulness. The entire debt that has been on the church for years has been provided for and those good people are planning for a great time at the dedication.

At Hagerman and Dexter Brother Evans is distinctively the man for that place. He is a bright, capable man and is pleasing that difficult charge. The prosperity of our Church there is very pleasing.

Brother Messer, at Artesia, is pleasing the people. I hear his folks say: "The more we know him the better we like him." This pastor is made of material that wears well. His work will never suffer for lack of attention or conscientious devotion to duty. He is a hard student and his congregations get the benefit of it. There will be nothing lacking from the reports from the reports from Artesia.

At Dayton and Lakewood, Brother Rogers gave in some of the best reports during the year. He is a man who goes after every interest entrusted to him, faithful, and a very spiritual preacher. His reports are very encouraging.

Brother Cochran, at Carlsbad, is charming that appointment. The demands on him are very great outside of his flock. So many sick persons come to Carlsbad, and this faithful man visits and assists them in every way he can. The many friends of Brother Cochran will rejoice to know that his health is improving. He is astonishing the people with his big preaching.

At Pecos Brother Hedgpeth is indescribably. He has wonderfully improved this appointment. His preaching is causing much favorable comment. His usefulness is remarkable. He is a young man of much promise, and is marked with a deep current of spirituality. Our cause under him is rapidly growing.

Our Alamogordo charge, under that affable man, Brother Wright, is going on to a large place of usefulness. That pastor is always looking about for something to do for God and his Church. Those good people up there are finishing one of the best parsonages in this conference. Our Church is growing and increasing in strength.

Brother Bragg, at Maria, is a faithful and reliable man, of strong character and of marked ability. He says his congregations are getting larger. There will be fine reports from that man's field.

At Alpine Brother Brooks "sweeps the deck." His charge is in the leading of development. They are finishing a splendid church building. Those Alpine folk say they they have the big preacher. They are proud of him, and well they may be, for he is distinctively a preacher. He plans for large things and his people measure up to the plans. We are well cared for last by this fine young man.

Now last, but not least, is Odessa charge. Brother Ward is our pastor there, and it seems that he is doing the work of his life in that field. He has a large circuit—a part of several counties—but is very faithful and efficient. At Odessa he has built one of the best parsonages and is planning to build another at Fort Stockton. He is a man of large information, a strong preacher, and very acceptable.

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Those fine people at Hagerman will entertain in royal manner all who go.

J. T. FRENCH.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Preachers' Institute, Missionary Institute and Educational Rally of Waco District met in Fifth Street Church March 11 and continued for two days. Every preacher in the district was present but one, and several laymen.

A good program was lucidly discussed and the missionary and educational interests were given prominence and had the enthusiastic attention they deserve.

Our own Hotchkiss was with us (missionary evangelist) and he is thoroughly on fire with his cause.

Rev. C. M. Harless, "our Commissioner of Education for our Southwestern University," was with us, and also Dr. Hyer and Rev. J. Sam Barcus, of Southwestern, and of course the presiding elder, Dr. Nelms, gave them full privileges of the occasion.

From the addresses made by these representatives of our central institution we feel sure that larger interests in her needs and claims will be felt and a more definite effort be made to endow the Southwestern University, so that she may be able to do the work that we demand of her.

On Sunday previous this educational rally the four pulpits of Waco were filled with Georgetown men—Rev. C. M. Harless, Dr. R. S. Hyer, Dr. J. R. Allen and Rev. J. Sam Barcus. Thus eight telling sermons on Christian education were preached from the Methodist pulpits of Waco in one day. I am sure the work of that day will bear fruit. Some substantial evidence of this fruit bearing was manifest immediately.

Dr. Bishop addressed the meeting Tuesday morning on missions, and the effect was an intense religious fervor at the close of his address that resulted in an old-fashioned handshaking.

Rev. B. R. Bolton, of Georgetown District; Rev. J. H. Wiseman, of Moody; Rev. J. M. Sherman, of the Gatesville District; and Rev. J. W. Story, of Gatesville, spent a little while with us.

The meeting was full of interest from first to last, and we feel sure that much good will come of it.

T. S. ARMSTRONG, Secy.

DENTON DORMITORY.

On December 11 I was appointed by the Home Mission Board as Financial Agent for the Training School Dormitory at Denton. Since that time I have been going from place to place trying to raise money to erect that much-needed building. I have visited several towns and have secured what I thought was very liberal amounts for this enterprise. So far Bonham has taken the lead. There they gave me more than \$600 in cash and good subscriptions. Denton Street, Gainesville, has given more than \$400 in all. McKinney about \$400. In fact, nearly every place I have visited they have done well. I wish I had space to

mention each place and what they did, because they have all been liberal.

I think it due the Bonham folks to say that besides what they have done for us they have raised money to run a free kindergarten for the poor laboring people in those factories in that town. This is a much-needed work, and I am sure God will bless them in it.

I want to say just here that if there is any one who would like to put out some money on ten-year bonds at eight per cent, I would be glad to confer with you. You will not only get a good interest on your money, but you will at the same time be helping in what I consider a very great and good and a much-needed enterprise. Write me at once.

W. H. BROWN, Agent.

WORDS FROM A NEW CONVERT.

I am a Christian and want to do my duty to God. I was converted last summer while Bro. Pulley was holding a meeting at Lang's Chapel—a new place—and I want to say I am trying to do all I can for the good work. A friend of mine came to me some weeks ago and asked me to read the Bible to him (as he could not read) and to pray for him, as he was a sinner. So he and his family would come to my house, or I would go to their home every night. Finally I got him to thinking of the hereafter and of the example he was setting before children and of the little ones who had gone to the glory world. One night, after I had read and talked to them, we bowed in prayer, and the Holy Ghost came down and blessed him, and he found forgiveness for his sins, and then he shouted to the Lord, and the evening passed off happily. I am glad to say he is now trying to serve his Lord.

J. N. MILLIGAN, Casa, Texas.

Obedience is freedom when we have learned to love the lips that command. We are set free that we may serve.—Beecher.

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Ablene, Haskell	April 12
Waxahachie, Italy	10 a. m. April 23
Beeville, Corpus Christi	9 a. m. April 24
Cuero, El Campo	9 a. m. April 25
Terrell, Crandall	9 a. m. April 25
Georgetown, Hutto	April 25
Corseana, Rice	11 a. m. April 25
Plainview, Plainview	9 a. m. April 26
Fort Worth, Cleburne	9 a. m. April 30
Jacksonville, Henderson	May 1
Austin, Columbus	9 a. m. May 3
San Marcos, Waelder	7:30 p. m. May 3
McKinney, Farmersville	May 7
Abilene, Melrose, N. M.	May 8
Clarendon, Canyon City	8:30 a. m. May 10
Beaumont, Liberty	May 14
Houston, Alvin	May 15
San Augustine, San A.	8 p. m. May 15
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San Antonio, Fearall	May 15
Gainesville, Myra	May 16
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Beaumont, Liberty	May 21
Taylor, Lindale	8 p. m. May 23
Sulphur Spgs., Cumby	7:30 p. m. May 29
Llano, Cherokee	9 a. m. June 7
Fort Worth, Godley	11 a. m. June 19
Calvert, Calvert	June 25
Colorado, Snyder	8:30 a. m. June 26
Weatherford, Ranger	June 27
Dublin, Gorman	9 a. m. June 27
Greenville, Commerce	3 p. m. June 27
Gatesville, Clifton	9 a. m. June 28
Waco, Mt. Calm	9 a. m. June 28
Brownwood, Comanche	8:30 a. m. July 1

We are crowded for room just now on account of giving the right of way, a while back, to the special edition of the Advocate. We have on hand a great deal of excellent matter from the brethren, and just as fast as we can reach it we will give it due prominence in these columns. Be patient, brethren. You will get a hearing as soon as possible.

The St. Louis Advocate, which is one of our very best exchanges—live, wide-awake and rich in its contents—often says kind things about Texas and our Texas work. Its last issue had the Texas Advocate's contribution to the "Editor's Edition" of the central organ copied in full in its columns. Once upon a time, the St. Louis and the Texas used to spat a little as to the territory to be occupied by each paper, but there was no ill feeling between them. We always read with interest the St. Louis paper, and it never disappoints us in its subject matter and its vigorous stand for righteousness.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN FORT WORTH.

The devil over-did his work at Fort Worth last Friday afternoon when one of his pitiable minions murdered County Attorney McLean and desperately wounded Deputy Sheriff Scott. The poor creature whose wickedness perpetrated this crime has gone to his grave and his soul is facing impartial judgment in the presence of God; but the dull shuddering reports of his deadly pistol are reverberating with increased volume throughout every nook of Tarrant County. Yes, they are sounding throughout Texas. No people have ever been so aroused as the moral element in Fort Worth and in all sections of the county. Mass meetings have been held by the citizens in all the towns and country villages, and the city itself has joined in the development of a sentiment against lawlessness. Sunday afternoon, a great gathering met in the city hall and, through the earnest solicitation of Dr. Boaz, I was present to address the assembly. I have never seen such a solemn and determined audience, and one more responsive to the demands of a better state of things in that city. For more than an hour I talked to them on the evils of the saloon and the gambling den, and the enthusiasm was at fever heat. At the close of the address, Dr. Boaz made a few stirring remarks and requested all who were in favor of bringing on a local option election at once to signify it by holding up their hands. A forest of hands went up and a storm of cheers followed the vote. The fight is on to a finish, and the shot that killed the County Attorney has precipitated it. As a result, the liquor and the gambling interests of Fort Worth now have the fight of their life on hand. And it is a fight to the death. But it will be a peaceable and a lawful fight so far as the moral element is concerned.

A great concourse of people followed the remains of the County Attorney to his grave in the afternoon. Strong men wept as they filed by his casket and looked into his brave, silent face. Dr. J. H. McLean, uncle of the deceased, and presiding elder of the Greenville District, conducted the sad funeral rites. At the same hour the remains of the poor, deluded creature who did the wicked deed were also consigned to the tomb. His wife and children wept, but no other manifestation of sympathy was noticed. His life was a miserable failure, his memory all law abiding citizens will anathematize, and his absence from society no good man will mourn. He lived a misspent life, and died as the fool dies; but he has left sorrow in his path.

G. C. R.

There is much interest being developed in the contemplated local option campaigns in Dallas and Tarrant Counties. The time is ripe for bringing on the battle in these two liquor centers, and this year will witness a struggle royal. We want to beard the debauched old demon in his two North Texas dens, and the fur will fly. A great many people are asking us what is our prospect for success? Well, we are not considering that part of the program at this stage of the proceedings. It is the fight we are organizing. We want the agitation to get the people to thinking, and then the result will take care of itself. When we make the beginning the end will be in sight by and by.

LIQUOR MEN IN FORT WORTH AWFUL PIOUS.

When the devil gets sick then he feigns great piety. The saloon men of Fort Worth got together last Monday and thus resolved: "We the undersigned saloon men of Fort Worth hereby agree and bind ourselves to comply and obey all the provisions of the law regulating the sale and conduct of the liquor traffic in this city, both in the letter and spirit thereof, including the strict observance of the Sunday law." Bah! What is the matter with the saloon men of Ft. Worth? Why this outburst of pious submission to the law of the land? Why, the raw head and bloody bones of local option are haunting them by day and

by night. They are awful pious because they are awfully frightened. They see their doom written on the wall. And a leading business man comes out in the papers and says that he had several deals on for real estate at good prices, but the deals are off because of the fear of local option. Bah! Said business man is a strong anti, and so are the most of the committee now urging and begging the local option people to call off the agitation of the election. It is all a subterfuge. The liquor men are not going to obey the law. They never have done it and they are not going to do it in the future. It has come to a nice pass that these lawless brigands come up and promise obedience! The men in Ft. Worth, giving comfort to these lawless liquor dealers by trying to get the local option people to call off the election, will never give any support to local option, any more than they are doing now. Dallas is going to have an election, and let Ft. Worth proceed. On with the battle!

NOW IS THE TIME TO STRIKE.

The tragedy at Fort Worth has determined the Legislature to pass a drastic law, making gaming and renting property for gaming purposes a felony. This will effectually kill gambling houses. Men will be slow to take the risk of going to the penitentiary. Why not bring pressure to bear on the Legislature, while the interest is at fever heat, to make violation of the local option law also a felony? It is a grave offense against society when the people say by their votes that they do not want liquor sold in the midst to have evil men trample the people under foot and force illicit liquor upon them. Such an offense ought not to be regarded as a light matter, and when the law only makes it a misdemeanor, a great many wicked men do not have any respect for it. But if they realize that an offense of that sort will endanger their liberty by giving them a term in the State prison, they will be very careful about assuming such a risk. Let all lovers of local option write their representatives at once, and petition them to give us such a law. The representatives are there to do whatever their constituents want done, provided it is proper and right. And now is our opportunity, and we ought to make haste to avail ourselves of it. Act at once!

In a private note from Bishop Seth Ward, he announces that he has fully determined to make his home in Houston, and that workmen are already engaged in the erection of his permanent home. The fact that Bishop Ward has spent much of his ministry in Houston and that the people there have been very insistent upon his abiding with them, makes it hard for him to live anywhere else in the State of his nativity. However, he expresses the warmest appreciation of the many kind invitations he has had to locate at other points. He loves all Texas and all Texans and he will be ever ready to serve them anywhere and at any time he can reach them. Such are the railway facilities in and out of Houston that he will have no difficulty in responding to our demands in so far as his time and strength will permit. We all rejoice that he is to be permanent among us, for we are sure that he will be a benediction to the entire State.

A few issues back, the Nashville Advocate brought out a special edition known as the Editor's Edition. It was a stroke of enterprise revealing the hand of Dr. Jno. M. Moore, who has charge of matters of that character in connection with the general organ of the Church. Its editorial department gave an interesting history of the origin, progress and status of the Advocate. It had pictures of the men who have been at the editorial helm for seventy odd years, beginning with Dr. Stringfield, its first editor. Then follows Dr. McFerrin, Bishop McTyeire, Dr. Summers, Bishop Fitzgerald, Bishop Hoss and the present incumbent. It also contained the pictures of all the present Southern Methodist editors, together with a few

words of utterance from each of them on some topic of interest to the Church. Altogether it was a commendable and helpful stroke of enterprise upon the part of our central organ and worthy the plaudits of the great communion it represents.

We have received a cordial invitation from the Committee on Interstate Inland Waterway Celebration, to take place in Victoria, April the 4th. It will be a most interesting celebration, and quite an event in that enterprising little city.

Our Baptist brethren have been conducting revivals throughout the city in all their Churches during the past two weeks. Each Church has had a visiting minister to do the preaching. The most prominent among these helpers are Rev. W. J. Williams, D. D., of St. Louis, and Rev. W. B. Riley, D. D., of Minneapolis. They have had good meetings and a great deal of genuine religious interest. This is a good move, and our own Churches in our cities might profit by such a concerted effort—or something similar to it. Good, old-fashioned revivals, under good, old-fashioned preaching, will prove a blessing to the Church life of any people.

The Masons held a great meeting in Dallas last week. Prominent members of the order from all over the State were present, and many high degrees were administered to a large class of applicants. Masonry is strong in Texas, and its benevolent work is of the noblest character. Their home, near Fort Worth, for the orphans and indigent widows of deceased Masons, is an honor to humanity. The Scottish Rite Temple to be erected in this city will be a great structure. Its cornerstone was laid last week by the State gathering in the midst of a great throng.

Rev. I. F. Betts and his people at Bryan are about ready to open their new church. See their notice in this issue. It will be remembered that several months ago their handsome new Church was burned; but they went to work with a will and now have a more handsome and convenient one than before. They also have a brand-new parsonage. Those people possess merit of a high order, and their pastor is a man of resources. Most any other pastor and congregation would have been hopelessly discouraged when that calamity overtook them. But they have rallied and now have one of the completest churches in the conference.

The Y. M. C. A. Convention recently held their annual meeting in Dallas. A large crowd of earnest Christian workers were present and took part in the gathering. While here the cornerstone of the new Y. M. C. A. building, now in process of erection on their handsome lot on Commerce Street and just above the First Methodist Church, was laid with appropriate ceremonies. When completed this will be the finest building of the sort in the State.

The Inter-Denominational Sunday-school Convention of the State met in Dallas last week, and a large crowd was in attendance. Distinguished speakers were present and filled numbers on the program. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill, now connected with our Sunday-school work. It was difficult to provide room for the convention—it was so large. All the proceedings were interesting and instructive. It is wonderful how the Sunday-school idea is developing, and the growth of this movement is phenomenal. A few years ago there was scarcely a corporal's guard, but now it is a mighty host. We hope that our own convention next week at Houston will also be a great success. In fact, we know it will, for it always is.

PERSONALS.

Rev. O. S. Thomas, of the Terrell District, made us a call the other day. He often passes this, as part of his

territory is reached by this route, and he is always a welcome visitor—as all our friends are.

Bro. J. W. Albritten, of Livingston, renewed his acquaintance with the Advocate force last week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Howell, of Floydada, gave good cheer to the Advocate family last week, and their visit was appreciated.

Bro. E. M. Snider, of Brashear, one of the best laymen in all that country, gave us the benefit of a brotherly visit recently.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong, D. D., of Fort Worth, and Financial Agent for Polytechnic College, spent a few pleasant moments in the office recently.

Bro. J. T. Robinson, now connected with the State Land Office, was in Dallas last week on business. He is an earnest layman and a reader of the Advocate.

Rev. E. V. Cox, of Graham, was in the city last week, and as his visit he made the Advocate a good visit. He is doing an excellent work in Graham.

Bro. J. B. Singletary, of Carthage, a good friend of the Advocate, called a few days ago to see the force who get out the paper and to form their acquaintance.

Rev. Ed. Wallace, of Arlington, dropped in to see us not long since. He and his people are getting ready to project a \$15,000 church enterprise at an early date.

Rev. E. A. Smith, of Hillsboro, gave us the pleasure of a visit recently. He has one of the best appointments in his conference, and the appointment has one of the best preachers, too.

Bro. J. W. Ables, of Boonsville, came over to attend the Sunday-school Convention last week and looked in on the Advocate family. So did Rev. E. M. Huff, of the Gibtown charge.

The venerable father of Rev. E. L. Egger, Bro. J. W. Egger, died Sunday, March 17, at Cooper. We deeply sympathize with Brother Egger in the loss of his father and express to him our kindly feelings in his grief.

Rev. R. F. Russell, one of our efficient local preachers in the Brashear charge, made us a pleasant call last week. Originally he hails from Georgia, and our first charge in the long ago took in his home.

Dr. C. C. Walker, of Gainesville, has been in the city for a few days undergoing treatment for an eye trouble, and he came in to see the Advocate family. Dr. Walker is a popular physician in his city and a good Methodist also.

Rev. J. A. Old, of Bowie, was down this week. He is a strong friend of the Advocate, and he is working to get his people to take and read it. He found twelve of his people taking it when he went to them, but he is gradually increasing the list.

Rev. G. R. Ford of Silverton, accompanied by his brother, made the Advocate a social visit the past week. So did several other brethren whose names we failed to get. Still we are glad they called and hope they will repeat the visit as often as possible.

Rev. P. C. Archer, of Lamar Street, Paris, was in to see us this week. He is one of the most hopeful of men and always bright and cheery. He is doing finely at Paris. Has his Church crowded at all his services, and he has a working membership. They know how to give and how to bring things to pass.

Bro. Wm. Stiles, of Waxahachie, spent last week in Dallas mingling with his Masonic brethren. He was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office. He is the happy possessor of one of those faces that draw his fellowmen to him. He made many friends during his sojourn in this city. He is one of our leading members in his section.

Mr. D. E. Walshe, of Grand Saline, made the Advocate a very agreeable visit last week. He is the very efficient postmaster at Grand Saline and is very popular with all classes of society. Though an Episcopalian, he attends the Methodist Church at nearly every service, his own denomination having no Church at that point. He is a subscriber to the Advocate and reads the columns with much interest. He is an affable and genial gentleman

—one whom it is a pleasure to know. He is an enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity and spent the week in Dallas with his Scottish Rite brethren, aiding materially in the work.

That splendid article in our special edition entitled "Missions in Furthering Proper International Relations," was one of our best contributions to that number, and Rev. E. M. Steel, its author, is the son of our Dr. S. A. Steel, of Brownwood. At present he is finishing his course at Vanderbilt, after which he will make a trip to the old world and then join the Tennessee Conference. He is a brilliant young man.

Rev. M. K. Little, presiding elder of Weatherford District, was in to see us the past week. He is very much encouraged over the prospects, as well as present success, of the work on his district. He is native to the manor born as a presiding elder. His preachers love him and his people are always ready to co-operate with him in any enterprise. He is looking forward with great interest to his District Conference which convenes at Ranger June 26.

In a note from Rev. J. T. Griswold, of the Colorado District, he tells of the death of the two oldest boys of Rev. M. H. Hudson, our pastor at Westbrook. And this is not all, for the family physician says that the next child cannot last very long. An aggravated form of measles is the cause. The brethren throughout the conference will remember this devoted brother and his suffering wife in this great distress.

Rev. Allen Tooke, our preacher at Grand Saline, spent a while in the Advocate office last week. He is much pleased with his work and the people he serves. And we get it from one who is not a Methodist that Bro. Tooke is very popular with the people of all denominations. He is a good mixer and makes lasting friends wherever he goes. He is one of the "team," in Masonic parlance, which took part in conferring the Scottish Rite degrees at the reunion in Dallas.

EMPHASIZED NEW TESTAMENT.

The above is a beautiful vest-pocket copy of the revised edition of the New Testament—or rather, it is the American Standard Edition. It is gotten up in very neat form and is most convenient. It is on the style of the Oxford edition of the Bible. This is its best style, though there are cheaper editions. The print is good and all important passages are emphasized in the printing. It is issued by Thos. Nelson & Sons.

THE "SPECIAL" APPRECIATED.

The special issue is simply fine.—R. A. Walker.

Your special edition was grand. As soon as I can get around I think I can send you a list of subs.—W. F. Hardy.

The special edition of the Advocate is indeed a treat to its readers. Our list over here is increasing, and will increase.—J. L. Sullivan.

Your special edition resulted in several voluntary subscribers. It was read with much interest and great profit. It was wisely prepared and will result in great good.—A. A. Kidd.

Hurrah for the Texas Advocate! That special edition is a daisy. I want to congratulate the whole push. I can talk on that one edition for a month. If a man will study it carefully, though he knew nothing of Methodism before, it will make him a fairly intelligent Methodist.—O. S. Thomas.

I want to congratulate you most heartily on your most excellent special edition, which has just come to hand. Such an edition as that can not fail to be of great value to the Church wherever the Texas Advocate is circulated. You have not only done the Advocate a great credit in this issue, but you have performed a splendid public service for our Southern Methodism.—John M. Moore, Nashville, Tenn.

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Last Sunday night we closed a really good meeting at Grace Church, in Palestine. Bro. H. W. King and his people seemed ready, from the first, for a forward march and very early in the engagement the church proved far too small. A twenty-foot addition to the building was hurriedly made—still many people were turned away. At times the interest was intense. We had hearty, whole soul shouts in the camp and some of the brightest conversions. Among our converts were a number of railroad men. They will make

good Church members. The healthful discipline of the almost perfect regime of modern railway systems go far towards fitting men for responsible positions in Church and State. There have been great improvements in railway systems in late years—much better roads and rolling stock. I am glad to be able to say that there has been still greater improvement in the character of railroad men. Plain facts here might seem like exaggeration. I simply say: "Railroad men are far superior in head and heart to their predecessors of a quarter of a century ago." During our meeting in Grace Church, a Christian engineer, who pulls the passenger train, said: "I never start out on my run without first asking God to take care of me and my passengers." A praying engineer at the throttle is one way to lessen the number of railroad accidents.

Grace Church has a bright future. A more religious official board is rarely

they lapped the water like dogs, but because of their alertness and truthness to the cause they espouse—looking ahead to espy danger while quaffing the limpid waters of the stream. So the lesson taught was to be ever on the outlook for some service and stand in the place assigned, though beset with danger round about. The Lord is looking for the busy man, for the Book of books tells that the King's business requires haste, discernment and action as well. There was profound attention on the part of the audience, and from the hearty amens which came from these devoted Christian Knights of the Grip, one would conclude that all were of the true, old-time Methodist camp-meeting type had not the speaker let drop that he was affiliated with the Congregational Church. After the very impressive ceremony of the installation of officers, Mr. Nickelson requested all Christians to assist the Band of Gideons to form a circle around this large church. There were more than sufficient and a smaller circle was formed. He then asked if any there were who wished to come under the banner of King Immanuel. Three gray-haired men arose



Parsonage at Knox City, Texas. Rev. Zoro B. Pirtle, P. C. This new parsonage has been projected and completed since conference at Brownwood, Texas. The contract price was \$1200 cash. It is a beauty, built upon an elevation from which the water runs in every direction.

found. The greater part of the membership manifest deep spirituality. Our meeting altogether was glorious. There were twenty-three accessions to our Church and more to follow. Some of the converts went to other Churches. Sunday night Bro. King asked this preacher to try to raise \$400 to pay for the new addition to the church, or our "chair car." In a few minutes \$416 were secured. The stewards have increased the assessment for the support of the ministry. Grace Church will soon be a strong station.

Palestine is evidently in a healthful state of growth. Our Methodism has some problems to solve in order to meet the growing demands. Our Centenary, under the leadership of Rev. Jas. Kilgore, it is believed, will soon unite in building a strong central church. Bro. Kilgore is equal to the emergency. May Methodism help to make Palestine a holy land. Tomorrow night we begin a meeting at Conroe. JNO E. GREEN. Houston, Texas, March 21, 1907.

THE GIDEON BAND AT FIRST M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, IN DALLAS.

The First Methodist Church had quite a unique service on Sunday evening, March 3.

The founder and National President of the Gideon Band of the United States, Fr. J. H. Nickelson, of Madison, Wis., being in the city, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Hill, invited him to hold the service in connection with the installation of the State officers elected. The speaker impressed one as a very earnest, intelligent, zealous Christian and worker. His theme, in the very nature of the case, was of service for the Master. He reviewed briefly the origin of the organization and its history. In the course of his talk—for talk he called it—he gave many impressive instances of the beneficent and happy outcome of little personal service in the vineyard of the Lord—even one little child being the preacher to a very incorrigible prisoner and murderer. How her sweet, childish prattle had softened the hard, adamant heart of him whom chastisement and irons had only made more desperate and irrepentant.

It was balm in Gilead sure enough to see and hear of so many Knights of the Grip being banded together to work for the Master, at the same time were also plying their vocation. One strong point made by the speaker in reviewing the choosing by the Lord of three hundred was that those three hundred were chosen, not because

and quietly joined this brave, consecrated band. They then all joined hands and sang as a prayer, "Blest be the tie that binds," etc.

Rev. J. W. Hill dismissed the audience. Seldom has it been my privilege to attend a more earnest, soul-stirring service. Long wave the banner of the "Gideons and that of Gideon's leader!" MRS. M. E. DOROUGH.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH, AUSTIN.

We are glad to be able to report progress along all lines at the University Church. The Church is well organized and the Sunday-school, Epworth League, W. H. M. S. and W. F. M. S. are all thoroughly alive and doing good work.

The finances are all well up, in fact the pastor's salary is overpaid to date. The subscription toward the new building is growing steadily and we hope to have something definite and something good to report in that connection by the latter part of this month. A campaign has recently been inaugurated, the purpose of which is to double the amount already subscribed by the local membership. We have already gone far enough to feel reasonably sure that we are going to succeed in doing this much at least. The pastor recently preached on "Tithing" and at the close of the service requested any who were willing to come to him privately and give their names for the "Tithing List." Twenty-eight names have been enrolled on this list to date.

Our congregations are as large as the present building will accommodate and sometimes we are embarrassed by our lack of room.

There have been accessions to the Church, either by certificate or on profession of faith, every Sunday since conference. The total number of accessions to date is forty-five. Although we have held no special protracted service as yet, ten persons have recently been received into the Church on profession of faith. One of these, however, was converted in the meeting recently held at Tenth Street Church. For the past seven Sundays, with one exception, there have been accessions to the Church on profession of faith at each evening service. Within the past few weeks three strong and stalwart young men from the Law Department of the University have professed faith in Christ and united with this Church. Some others, who had grown cold and careless, have taken a new stand for Christ. One very inspiring feature of our work here is the large number of young men in the congregation and the unusually large number of young men who take the communion.

This is indeed a field white unto the harvest. If we only had an adequate

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church building here our opportunities would be immeasurably greater. May God open the eyes of the Methodists of Texas to see this great need, this unparalleled opportunity. May He raise up throughout Texas far-sighted and liberal Methodists, who will see to it that this great work shall not languish for lack of the necessary funds. CULLOM H. BOOTH.

READY FOR THE FIGHT AGAIN.

After three months of much needed rest from revival work, we are glad to say to those who have spoken to us for help in meetings that we are now ready for the fray again. But, brethren, don't put off all your meetings until July and August, until the dog star is in his glory and then preach us helpers to death. If we could get the devil to declare an armistice until hot weather we would say all right, and then he would have the advantage of us, for he is used to hotter weather than we are and can stand it longer; so as he will not let up, summer or winter, spring or fall, in his efforts to destroy souls, why should the Church cease her special efforts in revival work to save souls? Let us keep up the firing line, brethren, all through the year. Business men lose no opportunities, the devil loses none, why should the Church? And yet through this unprecedented beautiful winter, there have been less revivals held than in any winter for years. Why is it? Is it the wonderful prosperity of our country? If so, shame on the beneficiaries who smite the hand of their benefactor, for He will smite back by withholding our bounty. Is it the indifference of our Church? Then the wife is neglecting her liege Lord and should not expect his protection or dowry. Is it true, as some assert, that in this time of graft and greed the ministry is becoming secularized and monetized? If so, the dollar and the devil are gaining on God and the good. One thing is true—the number of ministers is not adequate to the work to be done in any of the Churches. Pastors are scarce and the coming supply is meager. Let us pray God to send laborers into the harvest already reaping.

Now, brethren, you who have already spoken to me and have not set the time, and those who want me to help you, let us begin now, so that we may have more time and not preach us to death in the summer and fall. Praying God to give us the greatest revivals that we have had for years, we are yours for the work. C. L. BALLARD. Sherman, Texas.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Vernon District. Vernon District Conference, Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute will be held at Monday, beginning Tuesday, April 23. Opening sermon, J. M. Sollie. Committees: License to Preach.—L. W. Carleton, J. B. Wood, L. E. Riddle. Recommendations.—S. A. Barnes, J. B. Curry, M. W. Clark. Deacon's Orders.—R. B. Bonner, A. S. Doak, W. T. Gray. Elder's Orders.—W. E. Lynn, K. S. VanZandt, M. D. Hill. W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Abilene District.

The Home Mission Society of Abilene District will hold its annual meeting at Albany, April 2-4. The pastors and others who expect to be present will please notify us at once. We hope to have a good attendance. R. F. BROWN. Albany, Texas.

Houston District.

The Houston District Conference has been postponed till May 15. CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

March 21—H. W. King, subs. C. J. Oxley, sub. J. W. Patison, sub. A. L. Scarborough, has attention. C. P. Martin, sub. and change. C. R. Wright, sub. W. S. Easterling, change. C. C. Williams,

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A. M. Wilson, of Marinette, Wis., writes: "A friend gave me a box of Tetterine which I used with such satisfactory results that I want half dozen boxes by express. Have used everything for Tetter, but nothing benefited me until I used your Tetterine. It is a wonderful remedy; wish everyone afflicted with this terrible skin disease could know its merits." At druggists 50c or J. T. Shurtrine, Savannah, Ga. Bathe with Tetterine Soap, 25c cake.

DEDICATION.

Bishop E. E. Hess will dedicate the Methodist Church in Mineral Wells on Sunday, April 21, 1907.

All former pastors and presiding elders are cordially invited to be present. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. C. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Forth Worth District—Second Round.

- (Corrected List.) Covington, April 6, 7. Weatherford, April 8. Arlington, April 10. Rosen Heights, April 11. North Fort Worth, April 12. Blum, April 13, 14. First Church, April 15. Central, April 16. Glenwood, April 17. Riverside, April 18. Missouri Avenue, April 19. Godley, April 20, 21. Joshua, April 21, 22. Main Street, Cleburne, 8 p. m., Apr. 22. Britton, St. Paul, April 23. Mansfield, 8 p. m., April 23. Mulkey, April 24. Polytechnic, April 25. Grandview Cir., Price Chapel, Apr. 26. North Cleburne, 8 p. m., April 26. Bono, at Lone Willow, April 27. District Conference at Cleburne, at 9 a. m., April 30. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

When you feel ill and indisposed, and when in this condition your prayer is cold, heavy, filled with despondency and even despair, do not be disheartened or despairing, for the Lord knows your sick and painful condition. Struggle against your infirmity, pray as much as you have strength to, and the Lord will not despise the infirmity of flesh and spirit.—Father John.

HOTEL FOR SALE.

A 14-room hotel in Laredo, Texas, \$1.50 rate per day. House full all the time. Plans for 8 more rooms. Will sell all the furniture, ready for use, for \$1,500.00 or will sell half the furniture for \$750.00. Hotel rents for \$40.00 per month. Near I. & G. N. Depot, known as the International Hotel. Call on or write John W. Thompson, Laredo, Texas. Reason for selling, other business.

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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.

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THE DATE SET.

The date for the Summer Encampment of the Epworth Leagues of Texas has been set for August 1 to 11, 1907. A decision to this effect was reached at a session of the State Epworth League Cabinet held in Dallas on Friday of last week, at which President Ragsdale, Vice-Presidents Miss May Dye and A. H. McVeigh, Junior Superintendent Mrs. W. F. Robertson, Treasurer W. E. Hawkins and Secretary F. L. McNeny, together with a number of visiting League workers, were present. The program for the occasion received much attention. The speakers already secured were assigned to places, and a comprehensive outline was agreed upon covering the entire ten days' meeting. A special feature, this year, will be the attention given evangelical services. An able corps of evangelists are to be engaged to conduct services at stated periods throughout the session, and in this way the meeting will take on very much of the character of an old time camp-meeting. One day is to be devoted to the discussion of Christian Education, another to Missions, another to Sunday-school, etc., and a departure is to be made by setting aside one entire day as "Excursion Day," when boating trips, picnic parties, fishing parties, etc., are to be organized and duly chaperoned. Among the speakers definitely engaged are mentioned Bishops Ward and Key, with Bishops Candler and Galloway among the possibilities. Mrs. Mary Hargrove will be on hand from the Bible and Training School at Kansas City. Dr. F. S. Parker will represent the Central office. Mr. Ed. F. Cook will have charge of the Mission Study work. Great, big Frank Onderdonk will come from Mexico, again, also Miss Norwood Wynn, the Texas girl missionary stationed there. There are others who have promised, but we have not at command a full list. The provisional program will be forthcoming in a very short while, and from what we have seen of its make up it is going to be one of the finest ever undertaken by our young people's organization.

Perhaps it would be of interest to our readers for us to mention, in this connection, some of the plans of the Board of Trustees with reference to the Assembly Grounds, since their condition will have much to do with the Encampment attendance. As will be remembered, President Ragsdale was placed in the field to sell an installment of \$10,000 of improvement bonds this year. He has been out practically but one month and, he it said to the credit of Texas Methodism, not only has the entire installment been virtually placed, but bonds have been placed in excess to such an extent that it has been decided to sell the entire \$25,000 issue before closing the campaign. The cities have subscribed, tentatively, for the \$10,000 installment, and will dispose of the bonds in small lots to individuals and nearby chapters, and in this way the funds will be quickly raised. Now, let all our people co-operate and subscribe for the remaining bonds, to the end that in another 30 days the full issue of \$25,000 will have been taken.

With the funds which are already assured a large hotel will be built, work to commence within 30 days and finished by June 1. A bath house, with restaurant above, will also be built. Cement walks will be laid out, and various other improvements will be made, all in time for the grounds to be opened for occupancy by June 1.

With such progress made as this, the Encampment, when it comes on, will be one of the most successful ever undertaken in the South. Let our Meth-

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odists hosts prepare to invade Epworth-by-the-Sea, in anticipation of a great time, socially, mentally and religiously, for this is to be the accomplishment of 1907.

TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUE NOTES.

Reports are coming in awfully slow from the different Leagues. Only about 15 Leagues have reported to date. If no other information can be secured, I wish every pastor who has a League would simply write me that he has a League and give me the name of the President. I will thank them for it.

Quite a number of orders for Japanese bookmarks have reached me in the last two weeks, but still not so many as should have. Every Methodist can afford at least 10c for one of the bookmarks and thus have a personal part in the building of the Churches in Japan.

Mrs. H. T. Cunningham advises me that the Junior League at Willis Point was reorganized on January 27.

The Senior League at Marshall raised \$135 last year.

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The following are the officers of the reorganized League at China: Miss Mattie Sulser, President; Miss Ella Turner, First Vice-President; Miss Laura Deaton, Second Vice-President; Miss Cora Jones, Third Vice-President; Miss Vera Abernathy, Fourth Vice-President; Miss Carrie Jones, Secretary.

Lott League (just reorganized) has the following officers: President, G. W. Glass; First Vice-President, Miss Ada Phair; Second Vice-President, Mrs. A. R. Hemphill; Third Vice-President, W. C. Crane; Fourth Vice-President, W. H. Early; Secretary, Miss Lillie Poe.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUE NOTES.

Elect your delegates to the conference to be held at Paris, June 20-23, and notify Secretary-Treasurer O. L. Hamilton at Frisco, how many you have elected, and whether male or female; so he can report to entertainment committee at Paris. Every Junior and Senior League in North Texas is entitled to one delegate for every 20 members, or fractional part thereof.

Every effort is being made to make the North Texas Conference a success. Leaguers, are you doing your part?

Send your 5c per capita North Texas League dues to O. L. Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer, at Frisco, Texas.

Miss Mattie Harris, 438 Swiss Ave., Station B, Dallas, Texas, has been appointed Second Vice-President of the North Texas Conference Epworth League, to succeed Miss Nellie Winn, of Sherman, who has moved out of the conference. It is urged that every Second Vice-President of local Leagues write her at once. Don't neglect this.

Some of the best talent and most consecrated Christian Leaguers in North Texas will be on the program at Paris. Don't fail to send your delegates.

FIELD NOTES.

On account of being a witness in a court case at Dallas, I have been compelled to remain in that vicinity for the past week and have not been able to visit the points as mapped out. In company with State Secretary McNeny and Miss Ruby Kendrick, of Plano, I spent Sunday, the 17th, at Mansfield. Bro. Moody, the pastor, is a live League man and gave us right-of-way at every service; in fact he talked some of us out. It was a treat to hear Miss Kendrick on our missionary work and I wish that every League in the State could hear her. The League at Mansfield is efficient and able to accomplish great things there.

An afternoon at Arlington and a day with Bro. McVeigh, in Cleburne, completed our round.

The State Cabinet met Friday the 22nd, with almost a full attendance and an afternoon was devoted to the needs of our work and mapping out a program for the Encampment which will convene this Summer on August 1 and close August 11. We hope to secure strong speakers and have the best program yet—and this will be a big undertaking after what we had last season. Information as to speak-

ers will be given out from time to time as they are definitely secured.

So far only a very few Leaguers and pastors have written us in regard to the bonds. Brethren, we can not wait for me to make each and every town—you know the situation fully and you can easily place a number of these bonds in your community if you will only spend a few hours time on it. I will gladly send you literature on the subject and am expecting you to take it up. We must borrow sufficient money to equip and we furnish gilt-edge security back of the bonds. Write me today and pledge me to sell ten or more of the bonds in the next ten days. We must build, or quit, and Texas Leaguers have never "quit" yet on anything they have undertaken.

A. K. RAGSDALE, Dallas, Texas.

FROM EPWORTH TO MEXICO.

Hundreds of Texas' very best people are already turning their thoughts toward Epworth-by-the-Sea. This coming Encampment will no doubt be the greatest yet held, and the prosperity that has abounded in Texas this year should cause thousands to enjoy this outing connected with the greatest intellectual and spiritual feast ever offered to the people of the greatest State.

One of the features of Epworth each year, should be a side trip to Old Mexico. In the first place a very low rate will be put on this year. Tickets will be sold from Corpus Christi to the following points and return as follows: Monterey, \$9.50; Saltillo, \$11.40; San Luis Potosi \$18.25 and to the City of Mexico, \$25. Arrangements will be made to honor these tickets or return over the I. & G. N. from Laredo to San Antonio, so that those who do not desire to return via Corpus Christi, can go direct to San Antonio. Stop-over privileges are given on these tickets and all the time needed. The Mexico City tickets will give a month.

There is no time in the year when the weather is more delightful than in August. There is no dust, everything is green and beautiful and the weather conditions are ideal. The people who came last year were more than delighted. They never dreamed that they could get so much for so little money, and nearly every one expressed the determination to return some day and spend a longer time.

You will find that hotels are cheaper in this country than in the United States. Last year the National Rail way gave the party a beautiful new coach through from Corpus Christi to Monterey, and the general passenger agent made a part of the trip in person.

If we can get a hundred and fifty people the company will furnish a special train. We should have this number this year. I noticed last year that many people at Corpus Christi wanted to come but they had not come prepared. Let scores of people take this matter under consideration and begin now to arrange for this now. No one who has not taken this trip in August can imagine what a pleasure awaits them. The cool, bracing air of the high plateau is something wonderful and delightful, to say nothing of the grandest mountain scenery on this continent.

We can arrange to have the entire party visit our splendid mission stations along the route. You cannot see these without feeling a new interest in missions. The party last year were delighted with the work and we got some substantial help from them later. How about that party from Bryan? Why can't a dozen or more from our cities and towns arrange beforehand and take the trip? It is an easy thing when one gets at it. Some times young ladies want to go, but they have no one with whom they are acquainted. The party will be composed of first-class people and no one need fear. Last year the party felt perfectly at home with one another by the end of the first day.

Those desiring information about this trip may address Mr. E. Muenzenberger, 122 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas. I hope to be at Corpus Christi in August, but nothing depends on this. Let everybody try and come to Mexico and we will try and give you a fine time.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL YEAR BOOK.

To Pastors and Sunday-school Superintendents of the North Texas Conference:

I have a limited supply of our Sunday-school Year Book left after furnishing each of the pastors and superintendents with one. If any of you wish some for your teachers, you can get them as long as the supply holds out by sending postage at the rate of 5 cents for four books. That is the cost of the wrappers.

J. A. WYATT, Editor, Paris, Texas.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL BIBLE SCHOOL.

In writing an article on the above subject we feel a hesitancy, because the very ones needing it most do not read the Advocate.

If you, dear reader, think that there is any good in it, show it to your superintendent. It is a hard matter for any Sunday-school to grow and prosper without a live superintendent, and so far as my experience and observation go, there are so few who are active or even express a willingness to learn, or improve. In some places we have as superintendents of our Sunday-schools, city superintendents of public schools who make the mistake of thinking that a Sunday-school can be run as a day school, and therefore make a failure of it. There is a great difference between a day school and a Sunday-school, between a day teacher and a Sunday teacher.

Now, Brother Superintendent, I want to help you. Are you willing? Are you a Christian? Well, I belong to the Church. Are you a Christian? Have you the witness of the Holy Spirit? If not, you may possibly build up a good organization (I doubt it), but not a soul-winning Sunday-school. You must have an innate consciousness of your own, your own acceptance by the Holy Spirit, if you are to lead your teachers to a higher spiritual height. Now, I take it for granted that you have this abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. If not seek it.

Next, do you love the work? Have you chosen this as your life work? If not, your work will only be partial. What next? I am a Christian, and I love the work. Well, do you have a teachers' meeting? No. Have you tried? Then keep trying; never give up. No well-regulated Sunday-school runs without a teachers' meeting. Do you study the lesson? You should by all means prepare the lesson thoroughly.

Now, a Christian superintendent, the lesson well prepared, teachers' meeting, praying daily for teachers and conversion of children. What next?

Do you get to Sunday-school on time, that is, at least thirty minutes before opening? Are you cordial in your manner to all, shake hands with every one, smile, smile, smile?

Open on Time to the Dot.

Tap the bell twice, no more, and get perfect silence if it takes an hour. Day schools have silence, why not Sunday-schools? You are a failure, your school is a failure, unless you can command enough respect to obtain perfect silence on opening and closing.

Open on time, then silence, then sing. Our poor singing and slow time are killing many of our schools. Quick, live, active, snappy.

Reading the lesson. Do not read the lesson all of the time; get out of this old rut. In sixty days I have read the lesson before the school once. Teach them the books of the Bible, the Psalms, call for verses, have an experience meeting—so many things you can do. By all means get out of a singsong, monotonous, school-killing rut! Use your Bibles, use your Bibles, encourage your scholars to bring their Bibles.

Never, never, never, Mr. Superintendent, read your lesson from your magazine or quarterly. No teacher should ever be guilty of such a thing. Bible school, and no Bibles! Do you not think that this should be corrected?

Next comes prayer. Now right here is a great weakness. How many in your school kneel? How do I do it? Well, listen. I go to my knees the first thing on rising Sunday morning and get my own heart right and get a true spirit of reverence, and when I get ready for prayer in Sunday-school reverently call my teachers in a circle about me and hold them thirty seconds in silent prayer and then lead in a short prayer.

Just as sure as a superintendent should have complete silence twice in the Sunday-school hour, so should he have every one kneel. This can be obtained. Very few kneel in prayer in our Sunday-schools. Why, Mr.

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NOTICE, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The second quarter mission drafts fall due May 1; but for two or three years we have paid these a month or more in advance, and would like to do so this year, as many of the preachers are in need of their money; also the General Board is calling for help, so it is important that these collections be pressed now. I desire to send as much as possible to Nashville by the 25th inst. Let the preachers send in both funds as soon as possible.

The following special offerings have been received: Edgar Freeman, \$10; Gorman Sunday-school, \$10; Mrs. G. S. Slover, \$10; Rev. S. W. Turner, \$10; Rev. W. T. Gray, \$10; Moody Station, \$13.75; Waxahachie, for Hendry, \$25; J. R. Milam, for Bro. Reid, \$270.

J. H. WISEMAN, Treas.

MISSIONARIES OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE, TAKE NOTICE.

Dear Brethren—I have sent out your second quarter drafts. But not having minutes yet, and some charges and pastors' names not appearing in the list of appointments as read at Tyler and published in Advocate, then so many changes having been made since conference, I can not tell whether I have sent to you all or not. If any one fails to get them, write me at once.

J. T. SMITH.

Cameron, Texas.

SOME BOOKS WANTED.

I want Life of Dr. Mood, life of any of the Texas Generals in war 1861-65. Journal of a Texan Expedition to Mer by General Thos. J. Green, Ripley's History Mexican War, Scouting Expedition of McCullough's Texas Rangers, A Trip to the West (Parker), or anything that has any historic value pertaining to our State.

E. L. SHETTLES.

Calvert, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved sister and co-worker, Ann J. Debusk; and whereas, in her death the W. H. M. Society feels they have lost one of its most valuable members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we mourn her departure, we strive to emulate her sweet-spirited character; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That while we mourn her loss, we bow in humble submission to His will who doeth all things well; and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy furnished her family, the Canadian Record and Texas Christian Advocate.

MRS. WALTER LEAGUE.

MRS. F. N. HAMILTON.

MRS. RUTH L. DUNCAN.

February 28, 1907.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Terrell District—Second Round.

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.

O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.

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.
Coffeetown, 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.
Leesburg, June 15, 16.

R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Huntsville District, Second Round.

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.

Calvert District—Second Round.

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 Mis., 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.

Houston District—Second Round.

Rosenberg, at Rosenberg, March 30, 31.
Richmond, 8 p. m., March 31.
McAshan, April 14.
Grace, April 14, 15.
Tabernacle, April 21.
McKee Street, April 21, 22.
St. Paul's, April 28.
Brunner Avenue, April 28, 29.
Angleton, May 4, 5.
Galveston, First Church, May 11, 12.
Galveston, West End, May 12, 13.
Alvin, May 18, 19.
Cedar Bayou, Barber's Hill, May 25, 26.
Columbia and Brazoria, June 1, 2.
Riceot, June 8, 9.
Shearn, June 10.

CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Jacksonville Dist.—Second Round.

Kilgore, at Bellview, March 30, 31.
Jacksonville Ct., at Cove S. Apr. 6, 7.
Jacksonville Sta., April 7, 8.
Troupe and Overton at Arp, Apr. 13, 14.
Church Hill at Fountain Head, April 20, 21.

Henderson Station, April 21, 22.
Hallville at Summerfield, April 27, 28.
Longview, April 28, 29.

District Conf. at Henderson, May 1.
Neeches C. at Pleasant G. May 11, 12.
Grace, May 12, 13.

Alto Ct. at Sunshine, May 18, 19.
Rusk, May 19, 20.

Brushy Creek at Paces, May 25, 26.
Centenary, May 26, 27.

Malakoff, at Malakoff, June 1, 2.
Athens, June 2, 3.
LaRue, at Poyner, June 8, 9.

Henderson Ct. at Union C. June 15, 16.
Elkhart at Antrum, June 22, 23.
Bullard Ct., at Walnut G. June 29, 30.

ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round.

Milano, at Gause, 11 a. m., Mar. 30, 31.
Rockdale, Mar. 31, Apr. 1.
Giddings, at Burton, 11 a. m., Apr. 6, 7.
Brenham, Apr. 7, (8 p. m.), 8.
Bellville, at Sempronius, 11 a. m., Apr. 13, 14.

Chapell Hill, 8 p. m., Apr. 14, May 13.
Caldwell Miss., April 19.
Caldwell Sta., April 20, 21.
Cameron Sta., April 21, 22.

Maysfield, at Pt. Sullivan, April 27, 28.
Sealy, May 1.
Fulshear, at Brookshire, May 4, 5.

Somerville, at Lyons, May 18, 19.
Lexington, May 25, 26.
Wharton, June 1, 2.
Bay City, June 2, 3.

C. R. LAMAR, P. E.

Beaumont District—Second Round.

Silsbee Cir., at Voth, March 30, 31.
Nederland Cir., at Deweyville, April 2.
Burkeville Cir., at Burkeville, Apr. 4.
China and Sour Lake, at C., Apr. 6, 7.
Jasper Cir., at Homer, April 10-12.
Jasper and Kirbyville, at J., Apr. 13, 14.
Call Cir., at Ford's S. H., April 17, 18.
Fort Arthur, April 21, 22.

Saratoga and Batson, Votaw, Apr. 24.
Warren Cir., Spurger, Apr. 27, 28, 29.
Woodville Cir., at Colmesneil, May 1, 2.
Westville and Benford, at Petersville, May 3, 4, 5.

Livingston Cir., Providence, May 9, 10.
Laurelia Cir., at Midway, May 11, 12.
Liberty Cir., at Dayton, June 1, 2.

Wallisville Cir., at Wallisville, June 3.
The Beaumont District Conference will convene in Liberty, Texas, May 14-17. Pastors, please notify delegates of time and place at once. Remember to bring the Quarterly Conference Records for inspection. Be on hand promptly, if possible, and let us have a helpful conference. Let all the stewards make a special effort to have good reports this quarter, and let every pastor try to have conference collections all provided for.

V. A. GODBEY, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round.

Tyler Cir., Bascom, March 30, 31.
Tyler, Cedar Street, March 31, April 1.
Marshall, North Marshall, April 7, 8.
Wills Point Cir., Burnett Chapel, April 13, 14.
Wills Point Station, April 14, 15.
Big Sandy, Gladewater, April 20, 21.
Colfax, Oakland, April 27, 28.
Grand Saline, April 28, 29.
Chandler, Chandler, May 2.
Edom, Union Grove, May 4, 5.
Harrison Cir., Karnack, May 11, 12.
Marshall, First Church, May 12, 13.
Meredith Cir., Phillips Ch., May 16.
Mt. Sylvan Cir., Union P., May 18, 19.
Canton & Edgewood, Wallace, May 22.
Arleston Cir., Bethel, May 30.
Harleton Cir., Center, June 1, 2.
Whitehouse, Noonday, June 8, 9.
Tyler, Marvin Church, June 9, 10.

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THE LEGEND OF THE EASTER LILY.

When darkening gloom hung o'er the earth,
With Jesus in the tomb;
Poor weeping Mary stood alone,
Her heart was filled with gloom.
Where was her Lord? Not in the grave—
His body taken—gone.
She turned and met him face to face,
And down upon the ground.

Her tears had fallen, while her grief
Was more than she could bear.
But when His voice called her name
She saw him standing there.
"Go tell my disciples all,
And tell to Peter too."
Thus spoke the Lord in accents sweet
And gentle as the dew.

"Tell the glad news the world around,
So that the world may know,
The Lord of Hosts is risen indeed—
Go forth and tell them so."
Her head was bowed upon the earth,
Her tears fell thick and fast.
The voice ceased, and looking up,
The form divine had passed.

And where He stood a lily fair
Stood forth in glorious bloom;
No more the earth in sadness lay
With darkness all around;
But light and joy and hope and love
Had covered sky and ground.
"How came this here?" the woman said.

I saw it not before—
I only saw my risen Lord.
His voice I heard once more.
The lily nodded in the breeze,
The sun shone from above,
And flooded all with golden light,
The emblem of God's love.

The woman plucked the lily fair
And laid it in the tomb;
And ever since, at Easter-tide,
In radiant, glorious bloom,
The lily with its petals white
Stands forth as it was born,
The emblem of that glorious day,
That first glad Easter morn.

MRS. H. A. CUNNINGHAM
Dallas, Texas.

A CORRECTION.

In the notice of the General Board meeting, W. H. M. Society, by Miss Bennett and Mrs. Siler, they made a mistake in the name of the Church to entertain them. It should be St. Paul Church, instead of Shearn Church, Houston. St. Paul feels the honor is due them, and it is, hence this correction. MRS. GEO. CALL, Secy. Texas Conf. Society, Orange, Texas.

THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR MARCH, 1907.

(The Woman's Home Mission Society, M. E. Church, South.)
The annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be held in Houston, Texas, beginning Thursday night, April 25, and continuing to May 1. Names of delegates should be sent to Mrs. George Sexton, 2010 Milam St., Houston, Texas.

A Few Comparisons.

During the year 1906 1,100,735 foreigners entered our land. During this same year there were added to the membership of the Churches 837,132 (This includes Catholics, Jews, Mormons, etc.) By comparison, we find that the increase in the Churches was 263,603 less than the increase of population by immigration alone.

The converts to the Mormon Church during the past ten years have exceeded by several thousand the converts of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches together. Mormon missionaries are in every State in the Union.

Bible Study.

Monthly Bible readings based on the topics for daily study, prayer and meditation of the Quiet Hour League. For full reference use the Quiet Hour Quarterly.

March Topic: Christian Service

1. The Source of True Service is a

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Take No Substitute.

Pure Heart. "If I regard iniquity in my heart," it shuts me out from communion with God and acceptable service. He cannot use an unclean heart. (Psalms 26; 1 John 3:3; Luke 6:43).

2. Motive of Service. Personal love to Christ impels us to desire to serve him. (Matt. 26:10-13). Loving sympathy for lost suffering humanity moves us to compassionate service to men. (1 John 3:14-18). The gospel imposes a debt upon those who receive it. (Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:14-17). A consciousness of the eternal presence of Christ is a great incentive to service. His promise, "Lo, I am with you always," is closely linked with "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." (Matt. 28:18-20; Matt 25:40).

(3) Divine Help is promised in the mighty task of bringing the world to Christ. We are to have him dwelling in us and his light shining through us. (Matt. 5:13-16). He chooses our labors, and as co-workers with him our toil shall not be in vain. If our lives are entirely given to him, he is to be found in our everyday avocation, and according to our nature we find fellowship with him in them. (John 21:1-14). Jesus in his life taught us to serve mankind. (Matt. 9:35-38; John 3:16).

The dying Savior bought by his "shed blood" all "aliens nigh." We do not need to break down any insuperable wall between them and Christ. The everliving Christ is making intercession for them as well as for us. (Eph. 2: 13, 14; Heb. 7:25). We have the help of the Holy Spirit in our service. He teaches us the will of God; he reveals the things of Jesus, bringing his words of power to our remembrance; he knows our needs and comforts or rebukes, strengthens for the struggle or gives patience for waiting; he is our sanctifier.

4. The Spirit of Service is the spirit of God working in "us and through us to save the world. We are witnesses because he loved us and we love him. He is our friend. (John 15:12-15). We need to be "strong in the Lord," and he gives courage to the timid. We are "saved to serve," and are false to our Lord if we do not seek to glorify him and are indifferent to the needs of humanity. (Rom. 16:17, 18). In service we may have consciousness of the mystic tie between the Christ life and ours (Gal. 11:20), and we should be watchful to maintain this, and also be ready for his final coming (Matt. 24:42-51). Patience with those who fall into sin is another expression of love which always can reclaim the backslider (John 21:15-17). Active sympathy is a necessity to all true service for Christ.

5. Human Needs. The vision of a great need that by God's help we can meet is the first step in God's call to special service. If in a line with this there are providential leadings and preparation, we should not hesitate to consecrate our lives to it. There are many opportunities offered by the Church for Christian service both in our home land and in the foreign field, viz: Educational work among the mountaineers, where there are few schools and but poorly taught; the moral and industrial training for the negro; the evangelization of the vast number of immigrants coming to our shores; the redemption of our city slums, while across the sea China's millions and India's countless throngs voice a need of the gospel that we must send them; Japan and Korea need our service; darkest Africa and the islands of the sea are still to be won for Christ; and south of us lies the great "neglected continent" of South America. "The Master is calling for thee." "Go preach my gospel to every creature."

Ports of Entry.

Savannah has recently been opened as a port of entry for immigrants from Europe. This makes four such immigrant stations in the Southern States—Charleston, Savannah, New Orleans and Galveston. A regular station has also been opened at El Paso, seeking to control the incoming of foreigners from Mexico.

A Jewish Work.

In accordance with the efforts made to turn the stream of immigration to Galveston instead of New York, a large amount of money has been contributed for a Jewish Bureau of Information at New York for the guidance of emigrants, particularly those who go Southward. A considerable amount has also been given for bureau work in Galveston. The Jews seem to have a better understanding of the situation than the Protestants.

The Work for Young People.

Miss Head, on her recent trip through parts of Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, visiting the Methodist schools, organized seven Young Ladies' Soci-

ties, four Brigades, ten Mission Study Classes and secured six volunteers for home mission work. One auxiliary was organized at Mariow, Ga., with five more members than there are members of the Methodist Church at that place. Twelve auxiliaries were led to take up the secular press work.

A Quotation.

Rev. Robert Forbes, D. D., speaking before the National City Evangelization Union, in annual meeting in Chicago, said: "Given money to secure property and support missionaries, given also men consecrated to this great work, we need next women. God bless the deaconesses of the Methodist Church. We should have a hundred deaconesses where we have one. Woman's faith, patience and perseverance generally eclipse that of men."

Vashti Home.

During the visit of the President and General Secretary of the Home Mission Society at Thomasville the city pledged to purchase a large property for the Vashti Home, costing \$6,000. This property covers forty acres and the large brick building, known as La Cubana Factory will be remodeled and fitted up to meet the growing demands of this industrial school. The people of Thomasville and Georgia are wedded to this institution because of the good it has done.

The citizens of Key West have undertaken to raise \$3000 to supplement the sum raised by the auxiliaries of the W. H. M. S. for the new building for Ruth Hargrove Seminary. As soon as funds are in hand the building will go up.

Tampa.

Tampa holds peculiar interest for home mission workers and possesses problems of national import. Thirty-five different languages are spoken. Cigar factories are located in every part of the city and flourishing business enterprises are going on at every point. The W. H. M. Society is employing nine consecrated women at the various schools for Italians and Cubans, which look to making Christians and good citizens of these foreigners.

Dear Sisters:

The Bulletins are a week late—due to illness in our family. We hope it has not inconvenienced you. The response to our call for reports this time has been so much better than at any time heretofore and we certainly appreciate it. We feel so much encouraged and are inspired to renewed efforts to build up this department. Many have sent us the names of the recently elected Press Reporters or Corresponding Secretaries, but more than half are yet to hear from. Please send these names or we can not reach you with the Bulletins. We frequently receive letters saying, "We have had no Bulletins for several months." Yet we have sent the Bulletins to some one's address every month. Why have the auxiliaries not received the Bulletins? Because the old Press Reporter or Corresponding Secretary has dropped out and a new one has taken her place and no one wrote the Press Superintendent of the change. Hence the Bulletins continue to go to the old address and never reach the auxiliary. We are so anxious for a correct and complete list of names before the next quarterly report, May 31. Accompanying this you will receive a leaflet, "The Quiet Hour." We urge that you present it to your auxiliary and urge the adoption of its suggestions. Many personal letters have come to us this quarter which we will answer personally as soon as possible. To those who have requested information regarding the duties of Press Reporters we will forward leaflets as soon as we receive them from Nashville.

MRS. FRANK BENNETT.

Press Supt., Conf. Society, Pottshoro, Texas.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Texas Conference will be held at Galveston, Texas, April 21-25.

Please send the names of all delegates to me at once, so that homes may be provided.

MRS. H. R. DUDGEON, Cor. Secy. First Church Auxiliary, 1716 Avenue G, Galveston, Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of Northwest Texas Conference will convene in Stamford, Texas, May 9-13, inclusive. Some members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be in attendance, and a large delegation is expected. A treat of this kind is very rare. Attend and learn of our work from the general officers.

MRS. A. B. HONEYCUTT, Pres. MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, Cor. Sec.

SPECIAL EASTER EXERCISE.

A special Easter exercise and young people's rally will be held on next

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Trinity Church, Dallas. The exercises will be conducted by Mrs. J. S. Waller, Lady Manager of the Juvenile Society of that Church, and an interesting program is promised, in which Misses Ruby Kendrick and May Dye, of Plano, the two young missionary candidates of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of North Texas Conference, are expected to participate. The collection to be taken on that occasion will be devoted to the fund being raised by the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference to purchase a lot in Havana, Cuba, for the Eliza Bowman School. A general invitation is extended to all friends, and it is hoped a large number will be present to enjoy the occasion, and at same time help a worthy enterprise.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Annual report Treasurer City Mission Board, Dallas, Texas, Methodist Churches, South, for the year ending March 1, 1907. Miss Adreansen, Head Resident, Dallas Wesley House.

Receipts.

Home Mission Societies, Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools, Conference Board and donations from friends of settlement work:
First Church H. M. Society... \$132.00
First Church Y. L. H. M. S. 115.00
First Church Epworth League. 5.00
Grace Church H. M. Society... 286.35
Mrs. R. W. Baird's S. S. class, Grace Church 100.00
Oak Cliff H. M. Society..... 229.49
Oak Cliff Epworth League..... 19.95
Erway Street H. M. Society..... 69.00
Oak Lawn Church H. M. S. 24.65
Forest Avenue charge H. M. S. Trinity Church H. M. and Aid Societies 270.00
Epworth League, Sulphur Bluff Donations from Dairy Kitchen and friends 59.00
Donations from Conf. Board W. H. M. S. 146.22
Contributions to Head Resident 300.00
Total.....\$1751.62

Disbursements.

Paid in salaries to Misses Ogilvie, Padgett, Ray, Rogers, Wilson and Andreansen\$640.00
House expenses 511.26
Rent Wesley House 154.00
Trained nurse and clinic 115.75
Disbursed by Head Resident... 300.00
Balance in bank..... 30.60
Total.....\$1751.62

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. D. THRUSTON, Treas.

Fourth quarterly report of Treasurer W. F. M. Society of West Texas Conference, ending March 1, 1907.

Conference Expense Fund.
On hand last quarter.....\$ 10.14
Received this quarter..... 50.95
Paid in this quarter from Minute Fund 4.15
Total \$64.35

To Mrs. H. F. Lewis (two quarters), correspondence 3.00
To Mrs. Theo. Lee, expenses and correspondence 10.30
To Mrs. W. E. Smith, correspondence 1.40
To Mrs. Kate Decherd, correspondence 2.14
To Mrs. S. Spears, annual meeting at San Antonio and correspondence 12.00
Total \$64.35
Balance on hand 35.50
Total.....\$64.34

Amount sent to General Treasurer:
For Austin Mission\$187.50
For Conference Mission..... 187.50
For dues 270.26
For balance school in Mary K. Inst., Mexico City (Lampasas Adult and Golden Links).... 33.48
Gertrude Swearingen Bible Women's School (Tenth St., Austin) 40.00
Palmore College, Chihuahua, Mexico (Travis Park Adult and Junior) 20.00
School San Luis Potosi, Mex. (San Angelo Society) 20.00
Mrs. Campbell, Korea (Edna Society) 1.00
Total.....\$759.74

Carried forward:
Austin Mission\$700.49
Conference Mission1093.00
Travis Park School 35.62
Tenth St. Junior, Korean school 26.21
Conference Expense Fund..... 35.50
Total.....\$1890.82

Disbursements.
General Treasurer\$759.74
Conference expenses 28.84
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W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of Robart, Okla., of the M. E. Church, South, has closed the work of another year. With a new set of officers and a membership of fifty we hope to begin the new year with renewed energy and zeal, "looking unto the hills from whence cometh our strength." We have been giving two meetings a month to nite socials, and two to quilting and tacking comforts, but in this new year we don't want to be so busy with material things that we forget the devotional part of our meetings. Last year we furnished our parsonage nicely; this year we want to enlarge it some, for the comfort of our preachers, who have large families. Let us expect great things from God, and do great things for him, and with the help and guidance of the Divine Hand we will accomplish much in his name.

Death has recently come into our band, and took from us one of our best and most loved members, Mrs. E. C. Shilling, Corresponding Secretary. Oh! to live each day so that we will be ready and willing to answer the summons when God has finished our work here.

MRS. LEE SUTTLE, Press Superintendent.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

One of the most pleasant as well as profitable years of our auxiliary has just closed. We have fifty members in our society and during the year we have made five hundred dollars, three hundred of which was paid on the building of the new parsonage and two hundred dollars for parsonage furniture. We worked hard to make this money and after the debt was all paid we felt it was time to play, so on last Tuesday the society invited all the lady members of the Church to a reception at the parsonage. About fifty guests accepted the invitation. After a few well-chosen remarks by our First Vice-President in regard to the year's work a delightful program of vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed by all, after which refreshments were served.

We now have a beautiful parsonage, and it is a great pleasure to know that our pastor and his family are enjoying the comfortable home they deserve.

PRESS REPORTER.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Second Vice-President of the Texas Conference, W. H. M. Society, reports 471 tithers this year, an increase of 315 over the number she reported last year, and 160 over the number reported by Corresponding Secretary. The discrepancy between her report and Mrs. Call's grew out of the fault of so many auxiliary Second Vice-Presidents in failing to report to her. Last year only sixteen auxiliaries reported to Second Vice-President, when this year forty-eight reported.

We have multiplied by three this past year. If we use the same multiplier this new year we shall secure reports from all the auxiliaries in the Texas Conference and over 1000 tithers. This shall be our mark for 1907. Watch us grow!

The Willis Point W. H. M. Society reports "ideal" again this year. This auxiliary has forty members, twenty-two tithers, eighteen subscribers to Our Homes; paid, dues \$48, conference expense fund \$10, conference pledge \$40, week of prayer \$7.20, Galveston Wesley House \$9, needy assisted to amount of \$41, supplies given locally \$9, spent on parsonage \$362.90, spent on church \$118.

MRS. H. T. CUNNINGHAM, Press Reporter, Willis Point, Texas.

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Haroldi is especially successful in infusing his pupils with his own enthusiasm and love of his art, something so necessary if one would get the best results from young students.

Miss Butler proved herself a most sympathetic accompanist. The following program was given:

- PROGRAM.**
- 1 Concertstuck (Violin) Weber
 - a. Larghetto ma non troppo.
 - b. Adagio-Fresto assai
 Orchestral part on second piano Helen Norfleet.
 - 2 Concerto (Violin) Seybold
 - a. Allegro Moderato
 - b. Romanze
 - c. Allegro
 Miss Louise Ball.
 - 3 Beauty's Eyes (Voice) Tosti
 - a. Song Selected
 - b. Song Cleo Cox.
 - 4 Concerto (Violin) Viotti
 - a. Allegro
 - b. Adagio
 - c. Allegro assai
 Miss Annie Hodges.
 - 5 a. Abide with Me (Voice) De Koven
b. Wind in the Trees. Goring Thomas
Miss Mattie Gooch.
 - 6 Concerto (Violin) F. Seitz
 - a. Allegro
 - b. Andante con moto
 - c. Allegretto
 Miss Catherine Norfleet.
 - 7 Concerto (Violin) Seybold
 - a. Allegro
 - b. Andante
 Miss Willie Rhea.

Invitations are out for a song recital to be given by the Misses Skiles and Miss Minnie Rosenthal. These young ladies are gifted pupils from the class of Mrs. Holt and the program promises a rare treat to lovers of vocal music. The numbers will be as follows:

- PROGRAM.**
- Chanson de Baises Bemberg
Mabel Skiles.
- Coquette Stern
Della Skiles.
- Getchen Am Spinnrade Schubert
Minnie Rosenthal.
- Nocturne in F. minor Chopin
Miss Oreil Harris.
- a. Fair Helen Hastings
 - b. Sweetest Flower Van der Stucken
 - c. Obstinata Fontenailles
Mabel Skiles.
- a. For This De Koven
 - b. Julia's Garden Rogers
Della Skiles.
- Romanza from Aida Verdi
Minnie Rosenthal.
- Tannhauser March Wagner
Cleone Bencini.
- a. All Soul's Day Lassen
 - b. With a Violet Greiz
Mabel Skiles.
- The Shadow Song Meyerbeer
Della Skiles.
- Venzano Waltz as sung in the Barber of Seville
Minnie Rosenthal.
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DALLAS METHODIST PREACHERS' CONFERENCE. REPORT FORT WORTH PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

Dr. J. L. Morris, the President of the Dallas Preachers' Conference, was not present when the time came for opening last Monday morning, so Dr. H. A. Bourland, the Vice-President, took the chair. Rev. R. Gibbs Mood, of Terrell, read the Scripture and led in prayer. Roll call showed the following members present: J. L. Morris, A. L. Andrews, Jos. Parkin, J. M. Peterson, D. G. Stokey, G. S. Sandel, W. F. Clark, W. C. Young, J. C. Rawlings, W. D. Thompson, D. Schrimpf, Grover Roberson, W. A. Edwards, Jno. S. Davis and J. W. Hill.

Visitors: R. G. Mood, J. J. Creed, J. J. Morgan.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Reports from the pastors showed general progress. Yesterday was a good day all around. Dr. Andrews reported for Dr. Bradford, who was absent from the city, that Trinity reached high-water mark with 22 accessions to the Church. The house was full at both services at Grace and 478 were in attendance at Sunday-school. They are taking steps out there toward paying their church debt.

First Church had 15 accessions since last meeting. Had organized a "Win One" Club among the young men of the Church—auxiliary to the Epworth League. An immense electric sign reading, "First Methodist Church—Strangers Welcome," had been hung over the sidewalk in front of the church.

Colonial Hill had had 6 accessions since last meeting. It had a fine Sunday-school. It breaks the record with a "cradle roll" of 148.

Oak Cliff, St. Mark's Church, is put to its utmost to accommodate the crowds who wait on the ministry of Dr. Peterson. Four accessions since last meeting.

Bro. Parkin reported good congregations at Forest Avenue and at Hope Chapel and the City Mission. Two conversions and two accessions yesterday. Sunday-school enrollment 300.

Bro. Rawlings reported \$146 raised for church improvement since last meeting. Cedar Hill and Duncanville charge is doing well. Large congregations meet the pastor at every service and all the interests are looking up.

Bro. Stokey preached at the cracker factory yesterday, and Bro. W. A. Edwards at West Dallas. Both report good services.

Bro. J. S. Davis reported a fine service at Hutchins yesterday. Bro. Roberson had a fine service at Forest Avenue. Rev. J. J. Morgan, principal of the University Training School at Terrell, and Rev. R. G. Mood, pastor of our Church at that place, each gave an inspiring account of his work.

Dr. Bourland and his Committee on the Superannuate Home was given further time to report.

The order of the day having arrived, Dr. Andrews gave a fine exposition of Psalms 50:2.

Rev. G. I. Jackson, of the C. M. E. Church, made a talk in behalf of a new church building he is enterprising among his people here in the city. On motion, his plea was referred to the Church Extension Board.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Bro. Sandel.

J. W. HILL, Secretary.

In the absence of Dr. Morris, Dr. H. A. Bourland occupied the chair at the Dallas Methodist Preachers' Conference last Monday. Dr. W. C. Young read Psa. 130 and Dr. W. A. Edwards led in prayer. The following were noted as present: H. A. Bourland, A. L. Andrews, W. D. Bradford, W. D. Thompson, Grover Roberson, J. M. Peterson, Jos. Parkin, W. C. Young, W. A. Edwards, D. Schrimpf, W. H. Hughes, H. L. Hare, G. C. Rankin, E. R. Barcus and J. W. Hill. Visitors: Revs. F. O. Miller, J. H. White, F. M. Sherwood, Rev. G. I. Jackson, of the C. M. E. Church, was also present.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been disposed of the Committee on the Superannuate Home reported. The committee was continued.

The reports of the pastors showed marked progress along all lines.

Dr. Bourland preached for Bro. Barcus at Oak Lawn at both hours Sunday, and reports a good time. Full houses were reported at all the churches. Nearly all of them reported accessions to the membership.

The "order of the day" was an exposition of scripture by J. W. Hill. The text was Rom. 7:16, 17.

Rev. F. O. Miller spoke in the interest of his work, the securing of superannuate homes.

There being nothing else before the house, the conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. Miller.

J. W. HILL, Secy.

LOST.

The minutes of the Waxahachie District Conference were lost in the shuffle at Brownwood. If any brother got hold of them, please send same to me by express, charges collect.

ROBERT E. GOODRICH.

Alvarado, Texas.

Meeting called to order by the President and led in prayer by Bro. Shearer. After usual business the following pastors reported:

Bro. Love: North Fort Worth moving along nicely, good service, two additions.

Bro. Bickley: Large crowds at Riverside, good services, four additions by letter.

Bro. Browning: At College, nothing special, good services.

Bro. Storer: Will be in new church basement at Mulkey in about one month. Everything going along fast.

Bro. Webb: Bro. Wyatt preached at Central at the morning service. Good services at night. Six additions by letter. Sunday-school continues to increase.

Bro. Hearon: Largest congregation at night of any service. Sunday-school growing and doing nicely.

Bro. Singleton: Sunday-school growing, large congregations. One addition on profession of faith.

Bro. Knickerbocker: Fine congregations and excellent services. Three conversions, two reclamations, three accessions on profession of faith.

Bros. J. D. Young, I. Z. T. Morris and H. A. Boaz were present and addressed the brethren.

The following was taken from the Fort Worth Record:

"Yesterday was a red letter day in the history of the North Texas University school at Terrell. The present location proving unsatisfactory on account of small quarters, plans were laid for securing a better campus and funds for new and larger buildings.

Mr. Stallings, of Terrell, donated twenty-five acres of well located ground for a campus. A committee consisting of Messrs. Warren, Bass and Roberts visited a number of citizens and arrangements were made for a great union service at the tabernacle yesterday. Dr. H. A. Boaz, President of the Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, was secured to preach the sermon and take the collection. Dr. Boaz went Saturday evening, met the committee in the home of Dr. Bass and completed arrangements for the day.

Sunday morning a large congregation gathered. After a strong sermon by Dr. Boaz, a collection was taken amounting to \$21,025, beside the gift of the campus, which is conservatively valued at \$10,000. A committee will finish the campaign this week. They hope to raise \$10,000 more.

The contract is to be let soon for a \$30,000 main building and for two dormitories to cost about \$15,000 each. President J. J. Morgan is to secure money for dormitories outside of Terrell. These buildings assure the permanent success of this valuable school.

A TENDER SPOT.

I want \$150—I am not begging for it, and don't ask it as a charity, but offer the privilege to a few to join me in a noble and tender offering to a man and his wife who have spent nearly forty years in active work in the traveling ministry in Texas. He now needs a little money to pay on his little home, and I suggest that a few of us "chip in" and make his heart glad and at the same time do a real Christlike deed. I ask this for Bro. Mussett. I do it without his suggestion or even consulting him; but I know of his need, and I am sure there are many who will be glad to take part in this offering. Who will join me with \$10 or \$5? The Advocate will keep the list. Send me your check or to the Advocate either. Don't wait, but do so at once.

CHAS. E. BROWN.

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[The Advocate will take great pleasure in acknowledging receipt of any amounts sent in for this very worthy cause. No more honored or useful man has served the Church than Bro. Mussett. Let the money be raised at once. There is, as Bro. Brown says, no charity in the movement. It is simply a "pounding" of the grand old brother, who is loved by all who have had the pleasure to meet him. If a sum larger than the amount asked for should be raised, all the better. Let the laymen on the works served by Bro. Mussett have a part in this noble cause.]

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the way through the meeting the missionary thought was kept prominent. Sunday morning dawned beautifully, the second Sunday of the meeting, and at the close of a sermon on "Kadish Barnea," Bro. Roach stood up and said, "We want money for a foreign missionary, so that our Church may have a pastor at home and a pastor abroad." One of his members, Col. Weldon, said, "I'll give \$200 of the amount." Dr. Neilson said, "I'll give \$100," and in a surprisingly short time the collection, with what had been already secured, ran up to about \$900, with more to follow. Oh, how happy the Church was! The people were on shouting ground. They could then claim the promise, "Lo I am with you." He was present!

Brethren, it seems to me that the widow of our Church appears here, in what she did in the last General Conference. The Missionary Secretary-Evangelist gets while here in this meeting a salary from the Mission Board of less than \$100, not a dollar more. All this \$900 goes into the Lord's treasury. Imagine the inspiration that shall come to this Church from this missionary in the field representing them. Bro. Roach is happy, his people are rejoicing and the Secretary and his singer, Bro. Ramsay, will go in the strength of the Lord, with happy hearts, to other fields. Pray for us.

L. S. BARTON.

We begin this week a meeting with Bro. Rosser at Honey Grove. L. S. B.

A PREACHERS' MEETING AND A POUNDING.

The Sherman District preachers and the Sherman District people generally do things up about right. We had a most enjoyable and most profitable time at our recent Preachers' Meeting in Sherman. All of the pastors were present except two, who were unavoidably detained. The papers were well prepared, forceful, instructive and spiritual; and uniformly breathed a spirit of hopefulness, enthusiasm and faith. The Master's presence was graciously manifest, and we all parted in confident expectation of the best year of the quadrennium, and humbly resolved to make the hope, through the Divine blessing, a realized fact.

But what about the pounding? Well it came in showers and then in a general downpour. Expressions of appreciation, valuable in themselves, but far more valuable from what they told of the people's generous loyalty and love, came from all directions, until the elder and elderess forgot that the presiding elder is considered to "have no people," and concluded that they had about six thousand of the best and most lovable "folks" in the world.

I am entering the fourth and last year of my administration on the Sherman District, and face the ne-

cessity of a change with feelings of sincere regret. In a ministry of more than a quarter of a century I have never had an administration quite so entirely free from those petty jars and worries that so often make one sigh for "a lodge in some vast wilderness." We have no higher type of Methodism than within the bounds of the Sherman District; and a more united, loyal, brotherly band of preachers cannot be found.

E. W. ALDERSON.

Sherman, Texas.

MARRIED.

McDuffie-Thomas.—At the bride's residence in New Boston, Texas, Feb. 10, 1907, Mr. D. L. McDuffie and Mrs. Lemmie Thomas, Rev. W. H. Vance officiating.

Prim-Davis.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Wm. J. Davis, north of Ridgeway, Hopkins County, Texas, Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p. m., Mr. Arthur Prim and Miss Bettie Davis, Rev. Ben H. Bounds officiating.

Trichel-Wallis.—In the Methodist Church in Wallisville, Texas, Feb. 21, 1907, Dr. J. J. Trichel and Miss Leola Wallis, Rev. T. W. Ryals officiating.

Miller-Rush.—At the home of the bride's mother, Feb. 6, 1907, Mr. R. L. Miller and Miss Louetta Rush, Rev. T. W. Ryals officiating.

Hammer-Drennon.—At the Methodist parsonage in Ratcliff, Texas, Feb. 24, 1907, at 8:00 p. m., Mr. John Hammer and Miss Susie Drennon, Rev. Walter L. Gibbons officiating.

Blackman-Frankie.—At the residence of the groom's sister, Mrs. Monroe Williams, at Waelder, Texas, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24, 1907, at 3 o'clock, Mr. J. Wesley Blackman and Miss Lena Frankie, Rev. J. B. Carley officiating.

Fenley-Matthews.—Near Utopia, Feb. 17, 1907, Mr. J. D. Fenley and Miss Rosa Matthews, Rev. S. J. Drake officiating.

Crow-Thompson.—In the Methodist Church at Utopia, Texas, Feb. 27, 1907, Mr. C. W. Crow and Miss Annie Thompson, Rev. S. J. Drake officiating.

Scrutchins-Tate.—By Rev. V. V. Boone, in the Methodist Church, in Hunter, Texas, Mr. W. A. Scrutchins and Miss Bula Tate, February 24, 1907. Both parties of Hunter.

Tittle-Sipes.—At the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Sipes, near Gypsum, Hardeman County, Texas, March 1, 1907, at 11:00 o'clock a. m., Mr. Walter E. Tittle, of Eldorado, Okla. and Miss Mary Sipes, Rev. M. D. Hill officiating.

Boyd-Harp.—At the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Harp, near Kirkland, January 27, 1907, at 5 o'clock p. m., Mr. Charles P. Boyd and Miss Cora Harp, Rev. M. D. Hill officiating.

Colvin-Rothwell.—At the bride's home, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rothwell, three miles west of Tell, Childress County, Texas, at 6 o'clock p. m., February 24, 1907, Mr. Joseph Colvin and Miss Theckler Rothwell, Rev. M. D. Hill officiating.

Our Departed Dead

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SANDBERRY.—Horace Edward Sandberry was born in Dale County, Alabama, 1884; came to Texas with his parents in 1899, and died at the home of his parents at Sweetwater, February 17, 1907. He was a young man of many amiable qualities; was sober, industrious, honest, kind and courteous to all. He made many friends who with his relatives now mourn their loss. But above everything else he was a Christian. He professed religion in 1901 and joined the Church, lived his profession, and when the summons came he was ready and willing to go. A few moments before he breathed his last he said, "Tell my mother to meet me in heaven!" (His mother was poorly at the time in an adjoining room and was not permitted to see him.) We laid his remains in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Sweetwater to await the resurrection of the just. Let me say to the sorrowing father, mother, brothers and sisters, Eddie has left you a rich heritage in the life that he lived, and the testimony that he left in death. You sorrow not as those who have no hope. May you imitate his example, live true to God and you shall meet him, "Over the River."

R. S. HEIZER.

CURRIE.—Mrs. Jane Caroline Currie, wife of Alexander H. Currie, was born Dec. 21, 1838, and died March 11, 1907, and was laid to rest in Smithfield cemetery. Sister Currie was converted at the age of sixteen and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she was a faithful member till called to her reward. She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn their loss. Many relatives and friends join in hearty sympathy with the bereaved family. She was a kind and dutiful wife and a tender and affectionate mother. The seeming desire of her heart was to make others happy. There is a vacant chair, a silent voice, an unheard prayer in that home. The husband and children may speak and hear no answer save the gentle zephyrs which only point the minds to God in sweet anticipation of that great reunion on the other shore. Loved ones, weep not as those who have no hope, but rejoice that she is not dead but sleepeth, awaiting the resurrection morn.

M. C. CHAFFEE.

DICKERT.—Little Esther Josephine Dickert was born December 18, 1903; died August 29, 1906. Esther's father and little brother preceded her to that heavenly land just a few months before. Brother Dickert was one of our most efficient local preachers. Esther was such a bright little child, and was so much comfort to her mother upon whom the hand of affliction had fallen so heavily. We can't understand why it was that this precious little child, just at this time, should be taken from her mother, but when we stand in the presence of "Him who sitteth upon the throne," we shall have a more perfect knowledge. We would say to the widowed mother and two sisters, if you are true to God till he shall call for you to come up higher you will see daughter and little sister again. Not in a state of suffering, but robed in garments of white, forever doing the bidding of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

HARVEY B. JOHNSON.

HAYES.—William L. Hayes, the subject of this brief sketch, was born in Georgia, November 14, 1837; came to Texas before the Civil War in 1860, and settled a home in San Saba County, where he lived until the day of his demise. He served almost through the Civil War, but failing health forced him to retire, and he was honorably discharged from the army. In 1863 he was married to Miss Margaret A. Couch, who, together with six living children, survive and mourn the death of father and husband. Brother Hayes had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for a number of years, was a good man, and enjoyed the confidence, love and respect of his neighbors. He was not very demonstrative, but was a man of settled and pronounced convictions on all vital questions. For 68 years, 3 months and 5 days he journeyed in this world, and closed a long and eventful life February 19, 1907. His Christian life here ended in great joy and peace, and in the triumphs of the Christian faith. Thank God we know where to find him.

D. C. ROSS.

BROOKS.—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Brooks (nee Gay) was born in Cherokee County, Ga., Oct. 20, 1850, and died at her home in Knox County, Texas, Feb. 21, 1907. She was laid to rest in the Goree Cemetery, surrounded by friends and loved ones. Mrs. Brooks was married to S. A. Brooks on July 29, 1868. To them were given twelve children, nine of whom—four daughters and five sons—with their broken-hearted father, live to mourn their great loss. At the age of fifteen Sister Brooks was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she was a consistent member when called to the Church triumphant. She was a devout Christian and left the impress of her life upon her children. As a wife she was loving and devoted, entering into all her husband's plans and labors. As a mother she was tender and true, and that type of parental love and filial devotion that was beautiful was found in her home circle. As a friend she was loved by all. Husband and children, "Weep not as those who have no hope." You shall see her no more in this life, but some sweet day in the "home of the soul," if you are faithful to the Master, you shall see her and, reunited, live together forever.

J. B. CURRY.

BRITTON.—Mrs. M. J. Britton was born in Madison County, Ala., March 21, 1832; came to Texas in 1881, and to Taylor County in 1886, and died at her home near Lawn, March 6, 1907. She left a husband, her companion for over 50 years, and four living children—Mrs. S. W. Dye, Mrs. M. V. Ivy, W. K. Britton and A. B. Britton. Sister Britton (nee Boggs) united with the Methodist Church in childhood and lived a consistent Christian life these many years. Her life among us was ever a testimony to the blessedness of God's children, and an inspiration to nobler living. She was always faithful to every interest of the Church and loved her pastors and God's people. For a year or two she has been too feeble to attend public services, which was a great privation to her. Now she has passed on to her rich reward, and there abides with us the assurance that she is with God. May we all that loved her meet her prepared for the Master's blessing.

J. N. VINCENT, P. C.

McCANN.—Bro. James McCann was born in South Carolina, July, 1823. He was 83 years old last July. He departed this life last Sunday morning, March 17, 1907, after a short illness. He died with a triumphant faith and in the harness as an official, having been steward for 30 years. He leaves a wife beloved to mourn her loss. How beautiful the close of his useful life that he should depart to be with Christ on the Holy Sabbath. The town and Church will miss him. May the blessings of God rest upon his wife.

C. W. PERKINS, Pastor.

WILSON.—Mrs. Mary Belle Wilson (nee Souther) was born August 28, 1875; was married to Mr. Wilson May 15, 1902; died in Lockhart, Texas, Feb. 18, 1907. The deceased joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Marcos, Texas, when a child, and was a most active and enthusiastic worker. For many years she was engaged in public school work, but no matter how pressing were school or domestic duties she was never so busy that she did not respond to the call of the Church. It was the delight of her life to work for Christ. There was no sorrow nor suffering within her reach she did not try to relieve. She was always bright and cheerful, carrying sunshine wherever she went. Hers was a beautiful character, and while heaven has been made richer by her death, earth has been made poorer. In her death a husband has lost a devoted wife; a babe a precious mother, and the Church a consecrated worker. May our heavenly Father comfort the husband, the sister and two brothers in their sorrow. And may the dear old mother, who in God's providence has suffered so many sorrows, find in him the same all-sufficient grace that has sustained her in the past.

NEW HARRIS.

Tyler, Texas.

GATES.—Wesley Finley Gates was born March 24, 1886, and died of typhoid fever, near Luling, Texas, March 4, 1907. Had he lived twenty days longer he would have been twenty-one years old. Finley was of that type of true manhood that makes the world poorer when he is gone. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church when he was sixteen, and lived a consistent Christian to the day of his death. He manifested his Christ-like spirit in leading others to Christ. He had gathered about him a host of friends, and was of so lovable a disposition that it was said of him that he never had an enemy. May God's gracious blessings be upon his stricken family.

J. T. H. MILLER.

BAIRD.—Rev. J. C. S. Baird, son of Rev. Alvin and Maria Barbara Baird, was born in Kaufman County, Texas, Nov. 28, 1846, and died at Madill, I. T., Jan. 25, 1907. He was converted when quite young and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Oct. 6, 1868 he was admitted on trial into the Texas Conference at Springfield, Bishop Doggett presiding; John S. McCarver, Secretary. He was a prominent member of this conference for several years, serving acceptably and efficiently in the following charges: Centerville, Ennis, Rockdale and Belton. On account of failing health in 1881 he transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference and served acceptably the following charges: Brownwood, Coleman and Thrifty. He located at Thrifty, Brown County, in 1886; moved to Santa Anna, Coleman County, in 1888, where he remained six years. In 1894 he moved to Richland Springs, in the bounds of the West Texas Conference. In 1896 he served the Pontotoc Circuit. The next year he moved to Loyal Valley, Mason County, and the next year back to San Saba County. From there to Big Valley, Mills County. He was a strong preacher, a fluent speaker and a good pastor, a kind husband and father. During the years he was located he was not idle. He kept up his regular appointments and held revival meetings. He was much in demand among his brethren. While Rev. Horace Bishop was in the field for missions he told Bro. Bishop he wanted to go as a missionary to the foreign field, and offered to go to the Isle of Pines, which we then thought would soon become a part of the United States. In 1902 he moved from Big Valley, Mills County, to the Indian Mission Conference, seeking a field of labor. He served acceptably in this conference the following charges: Duncan, Anadarko, Adington, Hastings, Lone Grove and Cumberland. Because of his age and the edifice of that country, his children persuaded him not to take work at the last conference, and he moved to Oakland, the old part of Madill, where he died. He died very suddenly. On Sunday before he passed away he took part in the Preachers' Institute. He died with his armor on. When a very young man he had a serious lung trouble and was located for a time at the beginning of his ministry. While stationed at Belton he came very near death's door again, but through the care and prayers of God's people he was spared to the Church. He was married at Chatfield, Texas, Feb. 6, 1870, to Miss Bettie Street, who died Nov. 10, 1906. To this union were born 14 children, 8 of whom still live. One of his sons, R. A. Baird, is a member of the Indian Mission Conference. Another one of his sons is preparing for the ministry. He obtained an education amid great difficulties. His mother, the wife of a Methodist preacher, was left a widow with seven children in 1851 or 1852, when Texas was a very young State. He enlisted with Parson's Texas Cavalry in 1862 and served with the through the remainder of the Civil War, which was another hindrance in obtaining an education. His mother was a woman of intelligence, culture and energy. While they earned a living she taught her children in her home. This home study he kept up until the end. The influence of his mother was his greatest inspiration in his early years. She died at the parsonage in Rockdale, May 18, 1881. While located at Thrifty he was chosen to represent the 77th District, composed of Brown and Coleman Counties, in the twenty-second Legislature. I feel that I have lost a true friend and brother in him. I was intimately acquainted with him for a number of years. We have labored together in the cause of our Master. He was one of our ablest preachers. He was always ready to preach or to address a congregation on any important subject. He made a famous speech while he was at Brownwood to a large audience when the corner stone of the Court House was laid. It was so impressive that he was asked to write it so it could be printed and put in pamphlet form and it was done. I have one of them and prize it very highly. A good man has gone from us. He is not dead, but is alive forever more. Across the cold grave the rainbow of hope stretches its radiant span and out of the dark valley of death faith sights the rising star of immortality. I would say to his children, live Christian lives and when you leave this world you will meet dear father and mother again. We know where to find them.

G. W. TEMPLIN.

HARRIS.—Mrs. Mary C. Woods Harris, the wife of Rev. Buckner Harris, of the West Texas Conference, died at her home, in San Antonio, Texas, October 16, 1906. She was born in Alabama, October 13, 1841. She moved to Louisiana in 1845 with her parents, and then went to Lavaca County, Texas, in 1853. She was married in 1861 to Dr. John Sutton, who was later killed while discharging his duties as army surgeon during the Civil War. She was married to Rev. Buckner Harris March 18, 1873. To

them were born three children, Mrs. John M. Moore, of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. A. B. Harris, of Birmingham, Ala.; and Mr. Frank C. Harris, of San Antonio. She was survived also by two brothers (Mr. John Woods, of San Antonio, and Mr. Charles F. Woods, of Flatonia, Texas,) and one sister (Mrs. O. E. Farley, of San Antonio). She was a woman of quiet, retiring disposition. She was never demonstrative in her social or religious life. From childhood she was a Christian, and her influence in the Church was always valuable and in every way worthy of her position as a minister's wife. She was greatly loved by all who felt the touch of her gentle spirit. Her home was always a resting place for the journeying itinerant. The poor never failed to have blessings from her hand. The sick not only received her sympathy, but her ministrations. For her children no sacrifice seemed to her a burden, and for her family her love never lost its fullness. The Church had for her a charm, and its services a graceful benediction. When the feeble body denied her the privileges of the sanctuary, she found sweet comfort in her lifetime companion, the holy Book of God. From her Bible and her chosen hymns she lifted her face always with a peaceful countenance and a beautiful smile. The long, weary months of infirmity and suffering only drew her closer to Him who is Light and filled her with hope divine. Slowly she approached the end; and one day, as in a sleep, she slipped away to sing with the angels. In her Father's house she is now at home. We linger awhile to do the Father's will on earth, but she awaits us yonder. Her beautiful life and consistent faith gave us a hope as precious as heaven.

JOHN M. MOORE.

HUNTON.—Rev. John W. Hunton, a Methodist by birth and a Christian by the grace of God, was born of his earthly parents on November 6, 1830. He was born of the Spirit of God in early boyhood. He lived with his parents as a dutiful son, and while in early life God laid his hand on John's heart and definitely called him to preach his gospel. These two things he never tired of telling, first, his conversion to God; second, his divine call to the ministry. It was the pleasure of the writer to be intimately associated with him for one year. It was a benediction to be with him and hear him talk of his relationship to God. He loved God and the Methodist Church more than all else besides. Bro. Hunton was a fine preacher. He had a rather logical turn of mind. He loved to preach. He was in great demand as a revivalist in his palmy days. He had great power with God and led many hundreds of souls to Christ. He was licensed to preach by Rev. Thos. S. Stanford, of sacred memory, in the year 1860, and on September 1st this event took place in Bethlehem, Corn Hill Street, Arkansas Conference. As his license indicates, he was a man of gifts, graces and usefulness. He was ordained deacon in Waxahachie, Texas, September 13, 1866, by Bishop Enoch M. Marvin. The writer holds in his hand a written statement of this good Bishop as to the merit of this good man. He was ordained elder by Bishop Wightman on December 9, 1877. Bro. Hunton remained an honored local preacher, though he was often pressed into active service. He was often solicited to join the itinerancy, which in later years he often said he wished he had done. The last years of his earthly life were spent in great sufferings, but he bore his sickness with heroic Christian fortitude. At last his Heavenly Father said to him: "It is enough; you have suffered," and he loosed the bands of disease and Bro. Hunton's redeemed spirit swept into the eternal city of God. He died November 15, 1906, in his own home in Salado, Texas, where he had lived for many years. His precious companion survives him in a sweet old age, waiting for God to call her too. She gave him a beautiful life here; it will be a blessed reunion yonder. Bro. Hunton leaves several children scattered over Texas, all of whom are Christians. Sister Crockett, wife of Rev. J. D. Crockett, of the Northwest Texas Conference, is a daughter of the deceased. God grant that all the children and grandchildren may meet him up in heaven.

C. S. CAMERON.

DeLeon, Texas.

RAGLAND.—Samuel Robert Ragland, son of Edward R. and Mary Ann Ragland, was born near West Point, Ga., July 29, 1845. He came to Texas in 1867, and settled first in Marion County, moving thence to Young County, where he lived 22 years. For 13 years he has lived upon the present farm, three and one-half miles north of Graham. September 28, 1890, he was married to Miss Matilda Aycock. To this felicitously happy union were born eight children—seven of whom are living. Brother Ragland was converted and joined the Methodist Church early in life, and was forever a true, straight, earnest Christian gentleman. He was taken dangerously sick Sunday, February 24, 1907. On

Monday, March 4, at 2 p. m., realizing that he would soon pass away, he bade each one a loving farewell, exhorting the children to love their mother, and all of us to meet him in heaven. Then he joined in singing "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day," and "Children of the Heavenly King," after which he declared that all aches and pains had left him, and that now he was "resting in Jesus waiting for the final summons." He had placed his "house in order." Thus one of the truest, purest, best of members of the Church at this place passed triumphantly to his blessed abode. Such a life and death is the best heritage. To be bereaved, you have the comforts of the religion this loved one possessed.

E. V. COX.

MORGAN.—Jacob N. Morgan was born in 1843 in Arkansas; moved to Lamar County, Texas, with his parents in 1845; was married to Miss Bryant about 1874; professed religion about 1875, and joined the Presbyterian Church. About this time his wife died. Afterwards he married Miss Sallie Johnson, who survives him. In 1882 they joined the M. E. Church, South, at Pleasant Hill. About 1898 he moved from Lamar to Wichita County. He died in Wichita Falls, January 10, 1907, after suffering for nearly two years. He endured his sufferings with patience and Christian fortitude, and with the assurance of a home beyond the skies. His remains were brought back to Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Sherwood. The writer had known Brother Morgan for more than 30 years, and can truthfully say he was a good citizen, good neighbor, faithful Church member, and a Christian gentleman. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved companion, and pray God's grace to sustain her until she can join her husband in a better land.

J. W. WALKER.

McEACHERN.—Mrs. E. A. McEachern, wife of S. D. McEachern, was born September 7, 1850, and departed this life February 25, 1907. She died at the home of her sister near Quanah, Texas, and was laid in the cemetery at Quanah to await the resurrection. She was married to S. D. McEachern in Randolph County, Ala., December 24, 1867, and came to Texas in 1869. It was my privilege to be in her home often during her last sickness. While she suffered much, no murmur escaped her lips. She often said she did not remember when she did not love the Lord. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life and was faithful and true until death. She loved the Church and was a constant worker, always ready to do anything that the Church asked at her hands. To her husband, broken-hearted, I would say: "Weep not, for we know where to find her; and if we are faithful we shall meet her again where sorrow and tears will be forever unknown."

I. L. MILLS.

LANCASTER.—Newton M. Lancaster was born in Smith County, Tenn., December 23, 1837, and died near May, Texas, February 27, 1907. His father moved to Arkansas when he was five years of age. At the age of twenty-one he came to Texas; was in Parker County when the Civil War began. There he enlisted in the army and served through the entire four years. He came to Brown County in the year 1875. He leaves a wife and five children—one girl and four boys. He has one daughter dead. Mrs. Mamie Witt (nee Nichols) was raised by him. "Uncle Newt," as he was familiarly called, was a devoted husband, a tender, patient father, a patriotic citizen and a good Christian. He loved the association of God's people, and though a paralytic, he often attended Church and enjoyed its services. We commend the broken-hearted family to the Master, who is a balm for every wound.

MAC M. SMITH, P. C.

RICHARDSON.—Cassie B. Richardson, wife of B. F. Richardson, who preceded her to glory nine years ago, was born January 24, 1869; was married November 10, 1887. To this union three children were born—two boys and a girl—all living. With her husband, she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, soon after their marriage, living consistent members. She died at her home near Longview, Texas, on March 8, 1907. She managed her financial affairs well, providing for her household. Her death is lamented by all, as was evidenced by the large assembly at the funeral services. We laid her to rest by the side of her husband in the Lagrone Chapel Cemetery. May God bless the children, relatives and friends.

T. F. FACE.

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MOSBY.—Mrs. L. J. Mosby was born where the present town of Orange, Texas, now stands, during the life of the Republic of Texas, she being born October 31, 1830. In early childhood she removed with her parents to the State of Louisiana, returning to Texas in 1870. After residing at different points in the State, and losing her husband, who departed this life in 1879, she moved to Kerrville, Texas, in 1888. Sister Mosby was an ardent admirer of nature. One of her first impressions on reaching Kerrville was that she wanted to spend the evening of her life amid the rustic beauty of this place, and with the many dear friends she ever had. Her wish was gratified. On February 23, she fell on sleep and was buried at Glenn Rest Cemetery. Sister Mosby was converted in early womanhood and joined the Methodist Church, of which she was a faithful and honored member at the time of her demise. The verdict of all who knew her was, "She was a good woman, and a true Christian." 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 quietly way, a fearless and valiant soldier of the cross. Many are the known deeds of love and kindness she has done, yet eternity alone will reveal the great good accomplished in and by the godly life of her, who was one of God's own jewels. Sister Mosby was a woman of broad intellect; a reader of the best books. She was well informed in the teaching of Wesley. But the Bible was the daily food for her mind and soul. It was the guide to her faith and practice. She leaves an only son, John B. Mosby, and his good wife, with many loved ones and friends, who will miss her from this earth. May the blessings of her Lord rest on the son and wife. To them, with all others, we would say, try to emulate her example. Follow after Christ, which leads to glory and to God. Her pastor, T. N. BARTON, Kerrville, Texas.

KILLINGSWORTH.—Bro. James Anderson Killingsworth was born in Bibb County, Ala., April 4, 1821; was married to Frances Ann Oden in Bibb County, Ala., February 25, 1848, and moved to Texas in 1859, settling about six miles north of Longview, in the Pine Tree community, where he lived continuously until his death, which occurred February 20, 1907. Early in life he united with the Methodist Church and lived a devoted, earnest, consistent Christian. He was the oldest of a family of thirteen children—five brothers and eight sisters. Five of the sisters remain to mourn his departure. He was in the service in the Civil War from 1863 to the close. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the tenets of which he tenderly cherished and faithfully practiced for many long years, and his remains were laid to rest by that order. I was pastor of the family, first in 1874, and then for two years in 1905-6. He was a kind husband, a devoted father, an exemplary Christian, and a good citizen, and we feel sure that he is at rest with God in the better land. W. W. HORNER.

ODEN.—Sister Frances Ann Oden was born in Bibb County, Ala., November 16, 1829, and died at her home near Longview, March 3, 1907, surviving her husband only a few days. She embraced religion while young, and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived an exemplary life. This family were pioneers in the country where they settled, and the nearest neighbors were miles away. They knew the hardships and trials incident to the early settlement of a new country. To this couple were born six children—four boys and two girls—all of whom are still living, except one son, who died in infancy. Aunt Frances, as she was familiarly called, was devoted to her husband and children, tenderly loved by her neighbors, and had many warm friends, and we can truly say in the language of Scripture: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." May God pour into the bereaved hearts of all the children and loved ones his grace, and enable them to meet these two precious souls in heaven. W. W. HORNER.

MAGILL.—Sister Henrietta F. Magill (nee Lowell) was born January 27, 1841, in Simpson County, Ky. She came to Texas in 1859, and was married to John W. Magill in 1861. To this happy union were born eight children—four girls and four boys—five of whom, two sons and three daughters, still survive. When about twelve years old she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South. Here she lived an exemplary member till she went to join in that innumerable company of the Church triumphant in heaven. She died as she lived—happy in the Lord. Knowing the end was near, she shouted victory. Thank God that our people who know Christ Jesus, and live well, die well. Husband, children, brothers and sisters, this faithful wife, devoted mother, and affectionate sister is now at rest. You

will meet her again at the beautiful gate. She had suffered for the last few years with throat affection. This trouble finally reached her lungs, and death soon followed. She and her husband were living at Minter at the time of her death. She was buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery by Rev. M. L. Hamilton. T. W. LOVELL.

HALL.—The death angel spread his dark wings over the beautiful home of Brother and Sister J. C. Hall, and claimed for his victim our dear little Ira Hall. He was born February 8, 1900, and died March 7, 1907. A dear one from us is gone. He seemed to be the pet in the home. It is so hard to give him up. Ira, we miss you so much in the family. While the parents, grandparents and all the children wept around the home on the morning of March 8, the beautiful hearse and the fine team, rigged in white lace, came to the door and bore our loved one away to Greenleaf Cemetery. I never saw more real sorrow shown in any home. God bless the parents and children and help them all to live for heaven. Dear little Ira, we now say farewell until we meet on the evergreen shore. G. W. HARRIS.

BOOTH.—Rosa Ann, daughter of Brother William and Sister M. E. Booth, was born in Hill County, Texas, September 9, 1891. Rosa remembered her Creator in the days of her youth, and in August, 1905, she was converted and joined the Methodist Church. She lived the Christianity she professed, and in her girlish way she helped her friends and associates in their religious life. After a lingering illness of more than two months, in which there was intense suffering, Rosa passed peacefully away January 21, 1907, and we laid her in the Hillsboro cemetery to await the resurrection morn. Loved ones, weep not as those who have no hope. Your dear one has gone on before, and in the Father's many mansions she awaits your coming to join her. W. B. McKEOWN.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Beeville District—Second Round. Runge, March 30, 31. Pleasanton, at Campbellton, April 6, 7. Oakville Cir., April 13, 14. San Diego, April 20, 21. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round. Blanco, at Flat Creek, March 30, 31. Cherokee, at Valley Springs, April 6, 7. Boerne, at Salado, April 13, 14. Llano sta, April 20, 21. Center Point sta, April 28, 29. Banderita, at Medina, May 1. Kerrville, May 4, 5. THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round. Cuero, March 30, 31. Shiner, at Sweet Home, April 3. Stockdale, at Caddo, April 6, 7. Port Lavaca, April 10. Lavernia, at Elmendorf, April 13, 14. Hope, April 15. Nursery, at Fordtran, April 20, 21. El Campo, April 23. R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round. West Point, at Winchester, Mar. 30, 31. Smithville, April 1. Weimer, at Oakland, April 6, 7. Eagle Lake, at Rock Island, Apr. 13, 14. Columbus, April 21, 22. University Church, 11 a. m., April 28. South Austin, 7:30 p. m., April 28. Walnut, at Merrittown, May 4, 5. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round. Water Valley, at W. V., 5th Sab. in March. Sterling, at Sterling Creek, 1st Sab. in April. Garden, at Plain View, 2nd Sab. in April. Midland, 3rd Sab. in April. Sherwood, at Knickerbocker, 4th Sab. in April. District Conference at Eldorado, Thursday, May 20. Ozone, 2nd Sabbath in May. W. J. RENFRO, P. E.

San Augustine Dist.—Second Round. Cushing, at Lynnfall, 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 Ariam, 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. Ellys, at Huntington, May 11, 12. Burke Cir., May 18, 19. C. A. TOWER, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round. Travis Park, March 30, 31, 11 a. m. Sherman St., 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, 8 p. m., April 20, 21.

South Heights, April 24. Del Rio, April 26. Eagle Pass, April 27, 28. Cotulla, at Millet, May 4, 5. Amphion, May 11, 12. A. J. WEEKS, P. E. San Marcos District—Second Round. Martindale Cir., M., Mar. 30, 31. Dripping Springs Cir., at Wimberley, Apr. 6, 7. Luling Cir., Soda Springs, Apr. 13, 14. Belmont Cir., Belmont, Apr. 20, 21. Lockhart, April 27, 28. Waelder and Thompsonville, W., May 4, 5. Tilman Cir., Tilman, May 11, 12. San Marcos, May 18, 19. D. K. PORTER, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Gatesville District—Second Round. Brookhaven, Winfield's ch. Mar. 30, 31. Fairy and Cranfills Gap, Fairy, April 6, 7. Pearl, Pidcoke, Apr. 13, 14. Valley Mills and Clifton, Clifton, Apr. 20, 21. Turnerville Charge, Apr. 27, 28. China Springs, Coon Creek, May 4, 5. Crawford, Coryell City, May 11, 12. Copperas Cove Charge, May 18, 19. Evant Charge, May 25, 26. JAMES M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Wexahachie District—Second Round. Bristol, at Hines ch., Mar. 30, 31. Midlothian, 8 p. m., Mar. 31, Apr. 1. Lovelace, U. Valley, Apr. 6. Itasca, Apr. 6, 7. Grandview, 8 p. m., Apr. 7, 8. Venus, at Cahill, Apr. 13, 14. Alvarado, 8 p. m., Apr. 14, 15. Maypearl, at Auburn, Apr. 19. Bethel, Apr. 20, 21. Forrester, at Falls, April 27, 28. Bardwell, at Bird, May 11, 12. Ovilla, at Onward, May 16. Red Oak, at Dixon's, May 18, 19. JAMES CAMPBELL, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round. North Georgetown at Goodeville, Mar. 30, 31. Holland, at Wilson Valley, April 6, 7. Granger, at Granger, April 13, 14. Salado, at Corn Hill, April 20, 21. Florence, Wesley Chapel, Apr. 21, 22. Hutto, at Round Rock, April 28, 29. Bartlett, May 4, 5. Georgetown, May 11, 12. Rogers, at Heidenheimer, May 18, 19. Taylor, June 1, 2. Dist. Conf., at Hutto, Apr. 25-28. B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round. Kirk Cir., Prairie Hill, April 6 and 7. Horn Hill Cir., Ben Hur, April 13, 14. Cotton Gin Cir., Forest Glade, April 14, 15. Irene Cir., Emmett, 11 a. m., April 17. Alma Cir., Tupelo, April 20, 21. Dist. Conf., Rice, 11 a. m., Fri., Apr. 26. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round. Harbin and Greens Creek, Mar. 30, 31. Cisco Cir., April 6, 7. Cisco Sta., April 7, 8. Eastland Cir., April 13, 14. Carlton Cir., April 20, 21. Hico Sta., April 21, 22. Proctor Cir., April 27, 28. Dublin Sta., April 28, 29. DeLeon Miss., May 4, 5. DeLeon Sta., May 5, 6. Desdemona Miss., May 11, 12. Carbon Cir., May 18, 19. Gorman Cir., May 19, 20. Granbury, Miss., May 25, 26. Granbury Sta., May 26, 27. Green Rose Miss., June 1, 2. Duffau, Miss., June 8, 9. Iredell Cir., June 9, 10. J. G. PUTNAM, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round. McLean Circuit, Mar. 30, 31. Dalhart Station, Apr. 6, 7. Stratford Circuit, Apr. 8. Hansford Mission, Apr. 10. Pflemons Mission, Apr. 11. Dumas Mission, Apr. 13, 14. Channing Station, Apr. 15. Canyon City Station, Apr. 21, 22. Amarillo Station, May 4, 5. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round. Blanket Cir., at Zephyr, Mar. 30, 31. Cross Plains Cir., at Cross Cut, Apr. 6, 7. May Cir., at Holder, April 7, 8. Rising Star Station, Apr. 12, 14. Sipe Springs Cir., at S. S., Apr. 13, 14. Pioneer Cir., at Cook, Apr. 15. Comanche Cir., at White Point, Apr. 20, 21. Gustine Cir., at Fleming, Apr. 21, 22. Coleman Cir., at Rockwood, Apr. 26. Indian Creek Cir., at Winchell, April 27, 28. Bangs Cir., Chappell Hill, Apr. 28, 29. Santa Anna Cir., at S. A., May 4, 5. JAS. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round. Sweetwater Miss., Eskota, Mar. 30, 31. Putnam, April 4. Clyde, at Eula, April 6, 7. Haskell, April 13, 14. Haskell Miss., at Sayles, April 16. Cottonwood, Belle Plaines, Apr. 20, 21. Baird, April 21, 22. Hamlin and Rule, at Rule, April 25. McCauley, at Fairview, April 27, 28.

Stamford, April 28, 29. Pinkerton, at Rochester, May 4, 5. Tye, at Rock Crossing, May 9. Trent, at Cross Roads, May 11, 12. Nubia, at Nubia, May 15. Sweetwater, May 18, 19. Minert, at Ample, May 25, 26. Abilene, May 29. Lawn, at Lemon's Gap, June 1, 2. J. R. MORRIS, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round. Vernon Mis., at Waggoner Colony, Mar. 30, 31. Quanah Mis., at Tenn. Val. April 6, 7. Goree, at Hood, April 13. Munday Sta., April 14, 15. Vera, at Truskett, April 20, 21. Knox City, at Gillespie, April 24. Spring Creek, at S. C., April 27, 28. Wellington Mis., at Buck Ck., May 4, 5. Childress, May 9. Paducah, at Union Corners, May 11, 12. Crowell, at Margaret, May 15. Seymour Sta., May 18, 19. District Conference announced later. W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Colorado District—Second Round. Westbrook, at Union, Mar. 30, 31. Gail, at Durham, Apr. 6, 7. Roscoe and Lora, at L., Apr. 13, 14. Seminole, at Eclipse, Apr. 20, 21. Stanton Sta., Apr. 23. Lamesa, at Sparenburg, Apr. 27, 28. Big Springs Mis., Center Point, Apr. 29. Snyder Mis., at Crowder, May 4, 5. Snyder Sta., May 11, 12. Clairemont, at Jayton, May 14. Big Springs, Sta., May 18, 19. Colorado Sta., May 25, 26. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round. Aquilla, at Aquilla, Mar. 30, 31. Mart, April 28, 29. Bosqueville, May 4, 5. Hubbard City, May 12. Morgan, May 18, 19. Penelope, June 8, 9. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Plainview District—Second Round. Turkey, at So. Quintegua, Mar. 30, 31. Tulia, at Wright, Apr. 6, 7. Umbarger, at Happy, Apr. 8. Silverton, at Lakeview, Apr. 13, 14. Plainview Mis., at Runningwater, Apr. 20, 21. Hale Center, at Center Plains, Apr. 22. Dimmitt, May 4, 5. Floydada Mis., May 11, 12. Emma, May 14. Tahoka, at Tahoka, May 18, 19. Gomez, at Brownfield, May 25, 26. Lubbock Sta., May 28. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round. Weatherford, First Church, Mar. 30, 31. Aledo Cir., at Benbrook, April 2. Santo Cir., at Tarlton, April 6, 7. Gordon, at Ming, April 12. Ranger, at Mt. Zion, April 13, 14. Wayland Mis., Cottonplant, Apr. 27, 28. Breckenridge Cir., at Eolin, Apr. 28, 29. Crystal Falls Mis., at C., April 30. Whitt and Bethesda, at W., May 4, 5. Palo Pinto Mis., at Oran, May 5, 6. Peaster Cir., at Central, May 7. Farmer Mis., at Marhly, May 11, 12. Graham Mis., at Henry's C., May 14. Graham Sta., May 15. Throckmorton Mis., at Profit, May 17. Eliasville Mis., at Fish Ck., May 18, 19. The District Conference will be held at Ranger, June 26-30. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

McKinney District—Second Round. Pilot Point Sta., Mar. 30, 31. Farmers Branch Cir., Carrollton, April 6, 7. Wylie Cir., St. Paul, April 13, 14. Western Cir., College Hill, Apr. 20, 21. Celina Cir., Celina, Apr. 27, 28. Plano Sta., May 4, 5. Princeton Cir., Blythes Ch., May 11, 12. Renner Cir., Frankfort, May 18, 19. Allen Cir., Whites Grove, May 25, 26. Josephine Cir., June 1. Nevada Sta., June 1, 2. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round. Commerce Mis., Columbia, Mar. 30, 31. Commerce Sta., Mar. 30, 31. Fairlie, Wesley, April 6, 7. Wolfe City Sta., April 6, 7. Floyd, Caddo Mills, April 13, 14. Leonard, Orange Grove, Apr. 20, 21. Lone Oak, Lone Oak, Apr. 27, 28. Quinlan, Quinlan, May 11, 12. JNO. H. McLEAN, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at Duncanville, Mch. 30, 31. Argyle, at Prairie Mount, Apr. 6, 7. Grand Prairie and West Dallas, at W. D., Apr. 13, 14. First Church, Apr. 20, 21. Trinity, Apr. 27, 28. City Mission, May 4, 5. St Marks, May 5, 6. Oak Lawn, May 11, 12. Cochran, and Maple, at M., May 18, 19. Hutchins and Wilmer, at H., May 25, 26. J. L. MORRIS, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round. 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.

Bowie District—Second Round. Paradise, Mar. 30, 31. Bridgeport, Mar. 31, Apr. 1. Jacksboro, April 6, 7. Bryson, April 7, 8. Byers, April 13, 14. Henrietta, April 14, 15. Boyd and Garvin, April 20, 21. Rhome, April 21, 22. Bellevue, April 27, 28. Post Oak, May 4, 5. Blue Grove, May 5, 6. Iowa Park, May 11, 12. Wichita Falls, May 12, 13. Archer, May 18, 19. Holliday, May 19, 20. Crafton, May 25, 26. Grafton, June 1, 2. Decatur Cir., June 8, 9. Decatur Sta., June 9, 10. T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round. Lamasco Mis., at Lamasco, Mar. 30, 31. Bonham Sta., Apr. 6, 7. South Bonham and Ravenna, at S. B., Apr. 7, 8. Randolph Mis., Grove Hill, Apr. 13, 14. Bailey Cir., Pleasant View, Apr. 14, 15. Brookston Cir., Brookston, Apr. 20, 21. Gober Mis., at Hail, Apr. 27, 28. Ladonia Sta., Apr. 28, 29. Honey Grove Sta., May 4, 5. Trenton Cir., at Marvin, May 11, 12. Ector Cir., at Savoy, May 12, 13. Dodd and Windom, May 18, 19. Petty Mis., May 25, 26. M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Sulphur Springs Dist.—Second Round. Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at B. F., 5th Sun Mar. Sulphur Springs Sta., 1st Sun Apr. Cumbly, at Cumbly, 11:00 a. m., Apr. 19. Yowell, at Pecan, 2nd Sun Apr. Rely Spgs, Shooks Ch., 3rd Sun Apr. Winsboro Sta., 4th Sun Apr. Birthright, at Sira, 1st Sun May. Cooper Sta., 7:30 p. m., May 10. Klondike, at Klondike, 2nd Sun May. Mt. Vernon, Center Pt., 3rd Sun May. Sulphur Bluff, Prairie V., 4th Sun May. Dist. Conference, Cumbly, 1st Sun June. Lake Creek, 2nd Sun June. Brashear cir., Arbala, 3rd Sun June. Purley, 4th Sun June. C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

Gainsville District—Second Round. 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 Sta., 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.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Albuquerque Dist.—Second Round. Melrose Circuit, Hawkins, Apr. 6, 7. District Conference, May 8, at Melrose, N. M. B. T. JAMES, P. E.

El Paso District—Second Round. Marfa, March 30, 31. Alpine, April 6, 7. El Paso, April 13, 14. East El Paso, April 13, 14. J. T. FRENCH, P. E.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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of grain he told Griswold and myself he gathered, but his team is fat. Of course he thinks his quarter section is worth \$40 per acre, and it is, though land by the side of his can be had for \$20. Do not infer that I am a land or real estate agent, for I am not. But I am in sympathy with those good Methodists who are struggling back yonder and think this a wilderness waste. The stewards made an assessment of \$800 for the preacher in charge and have paid one-third of that amount, besides liberally pounding us. This may be out of the ordinary for field notes, but the time of revivals is not yet and we are casting the net and hope to land some good Methodists upon our shores during 1907, both to their joy and to the better establishment of our Church in these parts. Our Quarterly Conference on the 8th and 9th inst. was a great occasion. Bro. Griswold magnified the office no little both by his preaching and his chairmanship. All our people love him and he is a guest of honor wherever he goes—one of those who are at once lovable and loved for their works' sake. The district is greatly prospering under his administration. To those who contemplate homeseeking in the West, I take the liberty of saying that any Methodist preacher will correspond with you or in any way practicable help you to locate. But transfer your Church identity with you. Do not let your letter get into the trunk except in view of emerging therefrom upon landing. The notion that you are justifiable in withholding your letter until some Methodist finds you out and offers personal solicitation of your membership, in this busy age, is, to say the least of it, childish and not becoming a fractional part of the great body of Christ. Let us be individual and go into the market with our pound wherever we chance to be.—G. J. Irvin, March 19.

Lometa.

We have just closed the greatest meeting ever held in Lometa, conducted by Rev. R. J. Birdwell. There were more than one hundred conversions and reclamations. Fifty-two gave their names for membership in the different churches. There are still others who will join. Birdwell is a power for good in any place. In the first services of his meetings sinners get mad, and some of the older members offended, but all come to meeting again, and when he closes every one loves him. May God bless him in his noble work. Our people gave him a purse of \$230 as a token of appreciation of his work. The preacher will be dressed in a new suit, too, from the kind men of our church. May God bless this good people.—W. F. Hardy.

North Georgetown.

In the providence of God we were returned for the third year to the North Georgetown Circuit. The people have shown us great kindness since we have been here. The good people of Goodville made me a present of a nice suit of clothes the first year. Last year they gave me the money. While I was at conference the kind people of Hare made up a freewill offering of \$25. I had the misfortune of losing my horse last year. The people of the circuit made up money to buy me another. Many other tokens of kindness have found their way to the parsonage. We are making material advancement. The stewards raised the pastor's salary \$100 over last year. We have bought

the Swede Methodist Church at Jonah and moved it up to Weir. Have repainted it, and we now have a splendid, neat little church there. We are building a nice church at Goodville. Our meeting at North Georgetown, which closed Feb. 28, was a grand success. Rev. I. N. Crutchfield, of the North Texas Conference, did the preaching. I never had more satisfactory help. If you need help he is all right. There were 24 conversions and 24 additions in this meeting. God was with us in mighty power. We will begin a revival at Weir next Saturday night. We expect victory. I have secured for this meeting the very efficient help of Rev. E. N. Parrish. He has helped me in three meetings since I have been on this circuit, all of which were very satisfactory. He is a good gospel preacher and the pastor's friend. His address is Joshua, Texas.—L. S. Huckabee, March 19.

Kavanaugh, Greenville.

We have just closed at Kavanaugh Church the greatest revival of religion ever known in this city. On Sunday, March 3, Rev. J. B. Andrews and Ed. G. Phillips, of Siloam Springs, Ark., came in response to an invitation from our Board of Stewards to help us in this work, and they did well their part. After a very few days of faithful gospel preaching and singing the Holy Ghost descended in mighty power, and the altar was swept from end to end with the cleansing, pardoning power of God. The hearts of God's people were warmed into a glow of rapture, and the new-born sons of God shouted for joy. The people were so attracted by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit that it seemed the whole city tried to get into Kavanaugh Church. The meeting, as first planned by us is over; however, the great revival goes on, and we have moved into a tabernacle down town, where all Greenville Methodism is united in an effort to take this city for Christ. The first meeting in the tabernacle will be held March 22. We are prepared to seat 2,000 people. Brethren, it is wonderful, truly wonderful, what God has done and is doing for us here! Revival power is felt everywhere; not only at the place of meeting is the work being done, but on the streets, in the home, in office and store, men are being convicted and converted. As a direct result of the revival we have added 100 to our membership, and expect as many more for Kavanaugh. Andrews and Phillips will remain with us at least two weeks longer. Never were Christian workers more popular in any town than these men are in Greenville. Bro. Phillips is a fine gospel singer and director of music. The preacher's manner in the pulpit has been calm, free from rashness, rudeness or rant. His appearance is that of one who, in conscious unworthiness, is awed and delivers his sentiments as the message of God.—Cornelius Pugsley, March 22.

Winters.

Second Quarterly Conference over. Brother Chapman, the presiding elder, was with us. Everything moving along nicely. A new barn has been built since conference and some improvements made on the parsonage. Thirty-two members received and a few dismissed. No preacher ever served a kinder, better people. They are not a sore-headed, fault-finding set of Methodists, but stand by their preacher and see to his wants. No man serves a better people. We are expecting the good Lord to do great things for us this year.—J. M. Baker, March 23.

McDade.

We have just closed a great meeting at McDade. Rev. I. N. Crutchfield, of Georgetown, came down and we just turned him loose. "Uncle Ike," as his brethren call him, is a great worker. The result of his visit to us is a better town and a revived Church and accessions to every Church in town. We are but a boy preacher, and when Bishop Morrison read us out to McDade, and we came only to find a cold, divided, and almost disrupted Church, we didn't know any better than to pray for a revival, and we gained the victory and had the promise a month before we began our services. God was with us in great power. One of the grandest things was to see half a score of the old fathers and mothers of Israel, some of them too weak to stand without support, with the heavy frost of many winters on their heads, shouting the praises of the Lord for their salvation. It was a sight to strengthen any faith and encourage those just starting on the way. We have received five—all above twenty-one years of age. Others are to come to the Methodist Church, while the Baptist will receive several. One of our greatest fights was against prejudice. God got hold of the men of the town and confession was made, and they were blessed. The members of other churches worked with us, and God wonderfully blessed them. When we closed we had about twenty conver-

sions. Since closing a number of others have been saved. This gives us courage and hope for the rest of the work. We have a small work, with only eight appointments in three different Annual Conferences—West Texas, Northwest Texas and Texas. We are moving off well on the secondary proposition of a pastor's work—the finances. One point, Morgan's Chapel, has already overpaid their conference collections in cash, and as much more in good subscription, the result of a sermon on missions. We serve a fine people, and they are taking care of their "little preacher."—H. Lee Vincent, March 23.

Our Great Meeting in Bells.

We have just closed a great meeting in Bells. It was in progress four weeks and is said to have resulted in 120 conversions and reclamations. There were up to date 50 accessions to the Church. Our oldest member claimed it to be the greatest meeting ever in Bells. I was assisted eleven days by Rev. J. F. Sherwood, and had one sermon from Rev. J. G. Forester. We did not allow anything in this meeting but straight gospel means. No committees were allowed to solicit business houses to close and advertise the meeting. The meeting began in the prayer-meeting, where the faithful had been crying to God for a full year. And it came in divine power. Old, young, rich and poor were swept into the kingdom. Thank God! On Monday night I called attention to a deserving widow whose little farm was then untouched, and about to lie out for the year. Wednesday she had 20 acres planted to corn and 7 to 10 acres ready for cotton. Such a revival revives indeed.—D. F. Fuller, March 23.

Wortham.

We are away in advance of what we were this time last year. Our second Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. The ladies of the Home Mission Society are alive and at work. In token of their appreciation for the pastor's wife, they made her a present of a set of fine silver knives and forks. An extension table has been put in the parsonage dining room by them. Through their earnest efforts a very fine \$125 organ has been bought for the Church, most of which has been paid for. Our Sunday-schools, under the earnest, faithful leadership of Bros. Darwood and Shumate, are still doing a very fine work. I want it understood that the Wortham Sunday-school is strictly a missionary school, and as such is making a record. Our congregations are large and attentive. The Wednesday night prayer service is usually deeply spiritual. Our revival meeting is to begin at Wortham on the 21st. Rev. A. J. Lowrey and wife are to be with us in the meeting. We are praying for and expecting a gracious revival. Let everyone who reads these lines pray that God may crown our efforts with great success. Last, but not least, Bro. Bishop has been among us preaching and presiding to the delight of all who heard him. He is one of the most brotherly men that I have ever been my pleasure to be associated with. He has the work of the district well in hand and you may look for great things to happen under his wise leadership.—S. P. Nevill, March 25.

Bonham Street, Paris.

Our second Quarterly Conference closed tonight with a very fine sermon from Rev. J. F. Alderson, our presiding elder, on the text, "We also believe, and therefore speak," 2 Cor. 1:13. At the close of the sermon penitents were called and one lady came forward and was converted. A fine feeling pervaded the large audience, and evidently many unused to thinking seriously on the question of religion went away more meditative than hitherto. Verily, the revival has already begun in Bonham Street Church. The finances are about up to date. The Sunday-school is growing vigorously, and sends the superintendent, W. E. Hogue, to the Sunday-school Conference at Houston. In fact, preacher and people are very much encouraged over the outlook. In the face of many difficulties we take courage, trust in God and go forward.—J. A. Wyatt, March 24.

Meridan and Womack.

This is a new work, but it is the best work in the Northwest Texas Conference. Our work is in the Gatesville District and of course it goes without being questioned that we Gatesville preachers have the best presiding elder in the whole connection. This new mission will, in the near future, develop into one of our very best circuits. We have lots of good, big-hearted people on this charge who believe in doing big things on a big scale. On this last round we started in by taking our collections. We have completed the round and secured all of our conference collections in full. We are planning for our Children's Day service all over the work. We

have witnessed several conversions already. We have received nearly fifty persons into the Church since conference. Our people attend Church well. The people in this county believe that praying and paying go hand-in-hand, and so they do. We have secured quite a number of subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate. We are counting on having a big day at Womack the second Sunday in April, as we have lately secured the service of Rev. Warren Wheeler for that day. Bro. Wheeler will preach on the "Church and Its Missions." He is a well informed man and he will do the subject justice. It will pay all who can to hear him. We also have secured the services of Rev. J. W. Bridges, of Weatherford, to assist us in one of our protracted meetings, and of course we count ourself fortunate in this.—L. B. Saxon, March 26.

Frisco.

Our second Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday and Sunday at Lebanon. The dinner on the ground Saturday was abundant. The attendance good. Reports better than any of us expected. All agree that the preaching by Bro. J. F. Pierce was excellent and to the point. We called for our collections at 11 o'clock Sunday and in a few minutes had 60 per cent of same in cash and balance in good subscription. Nearly 50 per cent of collections for the charge secured. That special edition of the Advocate is indeed a treat to its readers. Our list over here is increasing, and will increase. Our W. F. M. Society here will soon have a 25th anniversary of its organization at the old Bethel church, two miles north of town—having moved to town five years ago. Then we will "write up" again.—J. L. Sullivan, March 25.

Cameron.

Cameron charge is moving forward. The Lord of hosts is with us. Our Board of Stewards is keeping up with the paying presiding elder's and pastor's salaries promptly. The foreign and domestic mission assessments are paid in full, so also Orphans' Home and about 80 per cent over, and over \$100 for insurance. Sunday-school, Leagues and Missionary Societies all at work. Prayer meetings are fine. The revival spirit is growing. Nearly all our Sunday services mark additions to the Church. Three yesterday, one by certificate, two on profession of faith. We have had 36 additions to date, 13 by profession, 23 by certificate. We are happy. Our protracted meeting begins Wednesday night, 27th inst. Let all our people who read this notice, pray for us. We are expecting a fine revival.—J. T. Smith, March 25.

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Dr. Boaz is a sincere friend to Southwestern and wishes it to remain our chief institution of learning for Texas, but he fails to see the urgent need of singleness of purpose and unity of effort.

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Now, if Dr. Boaz' plan were adopted there would be no unity. Every man would direct his donation to the school that appealed most to his sentiment. The conference schools would get nearly all of the money and Southwestern would be left out. Dr. Boaz would probably give his five thousand to Polytechnic. I would give mine to S. A. F. C.

That thing actually happened in the raising of the Twentieth Century Fund. I gave \$5000, but gave it all to the school I was laboring so hard to establish. There are so many needs for my own school that I fear that even now, on Dr. Boaz' plan, my five would not go to Southwestern.

But if we will all look at the present issue with an eye single to the highest good of the cause, I believe we shall come to the conclusion unanimously that the question before Tex-

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as Methodists today, outranking all other questions, is that of endowment for Southwestern, and that the only line of effort upon which we can secure that unity, the absence of which has partially marred our plans heretofore, is the line of union in an effort to put our central institution in its proper place.

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