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THE DEATH OF BISHOP JNO. C. GRANBERY.

The announcement of the death of Bishop Jno. C. Granbery has taken the whole Church by surprise. True, he was not a man of robust bodily powers and he was far advanced in years, nevertheless he has been a man of reasonably good health and exceptionally well preserved in his faculties of mind. He had not given any sign of bodily decay, aside from the natural infirmities of age, and until the day of his death he often conducted Church service and otherwise made himself useful as a minister of the gospel. The end came to him suddenly and he ceased at once to work and to live. He suffered no serious illness and passed through no protracted experience of pain, but without a struggle he laid his armor down and went immediately to his reward. Only a few months ago his faithful wife left him without a moment's premonition, and he followed her last Monday in exactly the same way. Doubtless it was as he desired. No sorrowful lingering, no gradual disintegration, no faltering of the pulse—it was an instantaneous translation. The heart simply stood still, and his spirit winged its flight to the brighter world.

Bishop Jno. C. Granbery was born in Virginia in 1829. From his youth he was pious, sincere and devout. He was educated at Randolph Macon College, and entered the ministry in the Virginia Conference. He was a man of ripe learning, with a high order of endowments, and he soon became pre-eminent as a preacher of the gospel. He at once took rank as a preacher of marked ability and filled the leading appointments in the conference. When the Civil War broke upon our Southland he entered the service as Chaplain, and his fidelity to duty and devotion to the soldiers made him a great favorite with the army. He shirked no duty, whatever may have been the danger. In the heat of battle he was at the front looking after the wounded and the dead. In one of the battles of his native State he himself was severely wounded while on the field ministering to the mangled and the suffering. The scar of that wound he carried in his face to his grave. In all the duties of his position as Chaplain he was earnest in his preaching, exemplary in his conduct and brave and courageous in the face of greatest danger. He knew no fear and shrank from no perilous responsibility. As a result he made an enviable record in the camp, on the march and in the bloody strife of the field. Nearly every soldier and all the officers in the army of Northern Virginia knew and appreciated Dr. Granbery. When the cruel war came to a close he returned to the ministry and shared the privations and hardships of the people. He comforted and encouraged them with the gospel of Christ. As the country recovered itself from the effects of war he was again in the leading appointments of the conference doing valiant service for the Master. When the Vanderbilt University was projected, and its faculty constituted, he was one of the first members of that teaching force.

and for several years the Vanderbilt had the benefit of his counsel and scholarship as an honored and successful instructor. When the General Conference met in Nashville in May, 1882, he was elected a Bishop in the Church, and since then he has been eminent and conspicuous as one of the great leaders of our Zion. For a time he resided in Missouri, but finally went back to his native Virginia and made Ashland his home, and there he died.

In person Bishop Granbery was of medium size, not robust, but wiry and strong. He had a striking face. It was the complete expression of cool deliberation, saintliness, affability and complacency. His countenance was transparent and his voice soft, though neither clear nor strong. This was his only defect as a public speaker. It was sometimes difficult to make himself heard distinctly by a large audience. And he was slightly lacking in nerve force and physical vitality. Otherwise he had all the elements of a man of great power in the pulpit. His mind was richly endowed and finely trained. He was capable of great mental concentration. He was widely and accurately read, and knew how to use his vast stores of knowledge to the best advantage. Bishop Granbery was a master of exegesis. He knew how to grasp the heart of a text, and he knew the art of throwing his thoughts into sermonic form. His discourses were models of pure English, clear thought and lucid exposition. He had a wonderfully fertile mind. There was almost infinite variety in his preaching. He never repeated himself. Even when he had finished a discourse you always felt that there were great reaches of reserve force still untaxed. He was intensely evangelical. There was nothing of the speculative in his preaching. He was orthodox to the limit. The Bible to him was the veritable Word of God, and as such he made it his business to study and to know it, and then to preach it in power and demonstration to others. He dealt in the essences of the gospel and made them the great staples of his pulpit utterances. And he was a student to the end. His powers never relaxed, his reading was not diminished and his intellectual replenishment increased with his age. There was not one speck of rust on his mental faculties. He purchased and read and digested the very best books. He made them his daily companions. And he was a full man. His heart was as tender as a woman's, yet when it became necessary he was as firm and unyielding as the fixed stars. While polite to a fault, he was not a man of compromises, and the world knew where he stood on all questions of moral integrity. He was incapable of doing his brethren a conscious wrong. He was never stern with them. He loved them tenderly and brotherly, and in turn he was loved and revered by them all. Not one of them ever lodged any complaint against his official administration with the Committee on Episcopacy. He knew his duties as an executive and he never transcended them in his official acts. We can not better designate his character and his relation to his associates than to call him the Saint John of Southern Methodism. But

his earthly career is closed, his work is done, his record is complete; but his influence will continue like the incense of flowers and his example will ever challenge the emulation of those who succeed him in the walks of life. We bid him adieu at eventide, but we will greet him again amid the glories of a brighter morning. His tired and exhausted body rests, but his undying spirit has taken its long-sought place in the Church Triumphant!

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

We have no enterprise in our Texas Methodism of greater importance than our Summer School of Theology. Its purpose is to better prepare our ministers, especially our young ministers, for their work. In the first place, it enables them to prepare their course of studies under the most favorable circumstances. When these are completed under the tuition of well-prepared teachers and instructors they get a fuller idea of the books in the course, and then these duties are finished, and their other work is not interrupted during the remainder of the conference year. In the next place, it puts into the hands of our preachers the best and the latest books on questions of theology and stimulates in them the habit of keeping abreast with the closest thinking of the age. This habit prevents mental stagnation and cultivates mental progress. One of the needs of the pulpit is close reading, clear thinking and a wider intellectual horizon. These qualities, coupled with earnest evangelical teaching, will take the world for Christ. Finally, this Summer School brings to us the most scholarly and the most cultured men in the Church. We get the benefit of their investigation and of their scholarship, and a course of lectures under them is not to be lightly esteemed. Along with these come men who are adepts in special lines of Church work, and they give us the fruits of applied Christianity. In these ways the Summer School of Theology makes itself a benediction to our ministry. The reflex influence of it comes back to our people. An improved ministry means a growing people. Congregations can well afford to pay the expenses of their pastors to this school, for after all they are the beneficiaries of this work. The next term of this Summer School will be even an improvement on its predecessors. It improves with its growth and experience. The program will be rich and inviting, and the men selected to conduct it will be the leaders in our own and the other Churches. It is, therefore, to be hoped that our preachers generally will avail themselves of the benefits of this institution.

THE BELIEF IN IMMORTALITY.

The belief in immortality is as widespread and general as the race. From the lowest order of savage life to the most cultured in our Christian civilization all have some sort of hope in immortality. The former have it in a very crude form, the latter in its truest and best form. But very few people, if any, want to go into nothingness at death. The thought is horrible. It not only sends a shudder through the being, but it re-

flects upon God who has made us. We do not finish our work here, however far we may be able to advance it. At the end of the best and noblest life there is much that remains to be done. Surely these wondrous powers, which manifest their capabilities through thought, volition, rational process, invention, will need a wider sphere and a longer period in which and through which to perfect their wonderful endowments and rare gifts. This little life, with its short day, is not sufficient to accomplish this glorious end. Aside from revelation, men cling to the hope that they will continue to live after death has done its mission. Such faculties, such tender ties, such friendships, are too sacred to find a terminus in the grave. Men believe that these gifts and experiences are independent of death. So far as the Christian hope is concerned, it is not only strengthened by the common belief of men, but finds its inspiration in the explicit Word of God. It is a part of our Divine Revelation. We, therefore, found our intelligent belief in the immortality of the soul on the teachings of Jesus Christ and his apostles. It is not a vague hope to us. It is a well-defined and clearly-stated doctrine of the Book of books. But we did not start out to write a homily on this subject. The train of thought was suggested by the beautiful words of Victor Hugo. We came across them recently, and we have no apology for quoting them in this connection:

"I am like a forest once cut down; the new shoots are stronger and livelier than ever. I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sunshine is on my head. The earth gives me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown worlds. You say the soul is nothing but the resultant of the bodily powers. Why, then, is my soul more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. There I breathe at this hour the fragrance of the lilacs, the violets and the roses as at twenty years. The nearer I approach the end the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds which invite me. It is marvelous, yet simple. It is a fairy tale, and it is history.

"For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and in verse: history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode and song—I have tried it all. But I feel I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave I can say, like so many others, 'I have finished my day's work.' But I can not say, 'I have finished my life.' My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley, it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight; it opens with the dawn."

If the world frowns upon you do not whine. Life is too short to frit it away in that sort of exercise. Carry a good conscience, backed by a life whose dominant purpose is to do your fellow man all the good you can, and the frown of the world will be like the flitting of a cloud over a landscape.

FROM MADEIRA

Our Special "Innocent Abroad" Describes for Our Readers Many Strange Sights & Almost a Bankrupt. But Rich Again & Beggars Swarm About One Like a Plague of Egyptian Flies & "Old Glory" a Curiosity

By S. J. THOMAS

The sight of land, after being out on the ocean waste for eight long days, is calculated to excite the interest of the most blasé traveler, but the novice on his first sea legs is delighted beyond measure—any land, so it be but a break in the monotony, the eternal monotony of water, water, water.

I happened to be up and walking the deck at dawn of the day that was to put a parenthesis of delight in the long, tedious sentence of our journey. A blue-black wash pot lay overturned upon the horizon, the substance of things hoped for, the vague evidence of things not seen. Slowly the outlines grew, slowly our expectations rose, till the dull surface began to take on tints and undulations to reveal their turreted battlements; till the physical topography of a fair and charming island lay outspread before us; till from mysterious groves of orange and aloes and geranium hedges a perfume as sweet as the breath of Paradise came to us on the tapers of the wind with a gracious welcome. As we ran alongside this stranger of the sea for thirty miles a panorama of beauty was unrolled such as is rarely seen by the traveler on the highways of water. Abruptly out of the ocean a cluster of mountains rise to a height of 4000 to 6000 feet, and on their sides wherever there is a spot at all accessible to industry and effort, a terrace is raised and a cane plantation or a vineyard thrives. These patches of green lay thick along the mountain side and from our distance gave the whole the appearance of a colored map of a city, with its rectangular blocks, streets, ravines and water courses. Houses of white stone and red tiled roofs—always red and white—were so numerous that they formed little less than a continuous village, interrupted now and then by chasms and precipitous bluffs. Waterfalls, like loosened rolls of white ribbon, unreeled from rock to rock until they were lost in the depths of dark gorges. The composite picture was of a mountain range whose extremities we could easily compass with the unaided eye, whose snow-capped heads were dimly discernible through the clouds, and whose sides, riven and gashed with ravines and gnarled with ledges and spurs, were yet overspread with a charitableness of verdure and dotted with quaint and curious homes; the various colors being the green of vegetation, the mottled brown and onyx of the rocks, the red and white of the houses, the blue of the sky and the emerald of the sea.

Exactly at noon, under a tropic sun, in the hypnotism of perfumed breezes, we dropped anchor in the harbor of Funchal. Immediately half a hundred row-boats made for us, and the natives, stripped to the waist, began to point to the water and indicate by gestures and noisy cries that they wanted the opportunity to dive for coins. The passengers were eager to see the novel sport and tossed their small silver liberally from the deck into the water and the half naked boys would plunge in after it. I must have seen these boys dive three hundred times, and not once did they fail to come up with the trophy in their hands and holding it out in triumph. Many of the diving boys were not more than five years of age. From the steamer, a couple of miles from shore, the white city appeared as beautiful as a dream of fairyland, a cluster of diamonds glittering low on the emerald front of an apparition uprisen from the sea. And when we were landed on the primitive dock among the swarming throngs of men and women browned by Nature's gentlest sun and clad in scanty summer rai-

ment, amid palms that never knew a frigid wind and flowers that blushed behind trellised vines where lovers trusted and where indolence lay at the back door of progress and moved only at the beck of necessity; in these strange surroundings the delightful prospect from the ship became a delirium of pleasing surprise. A score of bullock sleds, which is the transportation system of the island, were in waiting, but I chose to stroll through the curious streets and observe at will the strange sights and scenes.

The streets were about as wide as the usual alley of an American city, some 15 feet I should say, running between walls of whitewashed stone houses or garden terraces and winding in and out like the convolutions of a corkscrew in aggravating Oriental style. They are paved with rounded stone pebbles the size of an egg and without any cement to hold them in place. There being no wheeled vehicles this pavement is enduring enough, but is very trying on uninitiated feet. My own were bruised so that I could scarcely use them for a week. In many places, notably in the public gardens and entrances to the public buildings and best private homes, the paving stones are arranged in artistic designs. The entire city—every street—is paved in this way.

The main business section lies next to the water, where the grade is not so steep; beyond the stores and shops the rise is almost precipitous. But disdaining the interference of altitude and gravity, the white walls in sinuous parallels climb the abrupt slope and the white boxes of houses hold on with a tenacity that is marvelous. In company with a guide I climbed a succession of tortuous streets to the home—I almost said aerie—of our Consul, Hon. Maxwell Drake. It was a strenuous undertaking for a tender-foot, but the end fully justified the means. Entering the premises through iron-grated gates in the long wall that runs without a break on each side of every street, we followed a circumlocution of pebble paved walks, lined and overspread with tropical loveliness, until we were on the veranda of an elysian bungalow. Mr. Blake was a mine of information and I dug him deep for authentic facts.

The island of Madeira is 38 miles long by 12 wide. Over 300 square miles of its rough and rugged surface has been put in cultivation by the natives, an undertaking that would have baffled any other people in the world. The mountains are belted by a network of walled terraces built mostly of pebbles gathered on the beach and carried up on the backs of donkeys. The amount of work that has been required to construct these industrial fortifications must have been prodigious, is almost incomprehensible. There are thousands of these little pocket farms about the size of a steamboat stateroom, upheld by terrace walls averaging ten feet high, and every whit of the soil has been carried there from the valleys in saddle-bags on the backs of donkeys. Great care has to be exercised by the natives when asleep at night lest in turning over they fall out of their farm and sustain serious injury.

The population is only 150,000, chiefly Portuguese, and yet the island is more densely settled than any other country excepting Belgium and Malta. A Mrs. Turner, formerly of Missouri, is the only American resident. The air is serene and delicate, the thermometer registering only the slightest variation during the year. Summer succeeds itself in a continuity of delight, joining hands around the seasons in a perennial dance of flowers and zephyrs and sun. So

prodigal is Nature in her gifts of climate and vegetation that the natives cannot imagine anything more to be desired, and regard the utilities of our civilization as encroachment on ease and comfort and never to be thought of in Madeira. Lazy steers slowly dragging the canopied and upholstered sleds; the drivers with prod and languid lingo keeping them awake and on their feet; the uncomplaining donkeys in solemn procession doing the only real work; the drifting streams of brown in the deep-cut channels of trade; the housewives idling in the shades of palms; the priests in lugubrious garbs of shining black—sentinels on the walls of superstition; this is Funchal, capital of Madeira, set against a background that is a duplicate of Eden. It is as fair a land as was ever kissed by a zephyr or laved in the lap of a sea.

Grape culture and the production of wine are the chief industries of Madeira. The natives drink, all of them drink, and they drink all the time. Their breaths are so rank that the air that they pollute would be intoxicating did not the refining flowers offset its foulness with their fragrance. But it is not wine that they drink; this they export for the money it brings. Sugar cane, strange as it may seem, next to religion, paradoxical as it may seem, is the national curse. Its juice is distilled into a nasty drink and they consume it to the extreme of gluttony and debauchery. Statistics show that more alcohol is consumed per capita in Madeira than anywhere else in the world. Irish potatoes are grown extensively, but they have been attacked by a disease that has reduced the production 50 per cent in recent years and threatens the total destruction of the plant. Bananas are prolific and abundant, but the West Indies and Canary Islands, owing to better shipping facilities, have stolen the export trade of Madeira in this fruit, and it is now inconsiderable, whereas, it was once important.

Embroideries and ornamental needle work are a source of large revenue, fifty tons of this exquisite stuff being sold annually to the foreign trade, amounting to a quarter of a million dollars. This fancy art was introduced in 1856 by an English lady, and now 15,000 women and girls are constantly employed in this work. Much of it is done under contract at wages of 10c to 50c a day. Girls as young as eight years are quite expert in embroidery. Our ship was visited by embroidery venders in great numbers and it is needless to say the women went crazy. America is the biggest buyer of embroideries of any country, not only at Funchal, but all over the world, and this is because Americans travel more than other peoples, have more money and spend it more freely for things to please the darlings of the home.

Funchal is visited by 1500 foreign freight ships annually, but not a single American ship has shown up there for two years. The Stars and Stripes is a curiosity in every port, and what goods we sell are sold under foreign colors. Personally I am unalterably opposed to the principle of a ship subsidy, but the one regret I have experienced on this trip to other lands is that our flag is so seldom seen, and something should be done, I am convinced, to encourage American shipping.

A ride up the mountain on a cog road is one of the rare experiences of the visitor in Funchal. The moving vistas of emerald that are little more than steps of palms and bananas and cane and vines—terraces with their lapfuls of verdure tier on tier; valleys deep and graceful; profound chasms throwing back against the mountain side the echoes of the climbing train. And then from the terminus, half way to the top, a view of the city lying against the mountain side like red and white embroidery on a tunic of green, and the quiet expanse of the ocean like a mirror in a frame of blue. A Catholic church which crowns the summit of an eminence here has, among the usual contents of such

sanctuaries, a lot of wax human limbs on its walls, placed there by the devotees of the Virgin out of gratitude for the healing of the particular limbs represented in wax.

A ride on sleds by the sleek pebbled roads two miles down the mountain is exciting in the extreme. A native guides the vehicle on foot from behind with ropes, permitting it to glide at great speed. The road is very crooked and in the ride we took it looked at times as if we were sure to be dashed against the walls, but a dextrous manipulation of the reins sent us safely around the threatening bends and we landed right side up with care at the foot of the mountain, the driver sweating and blowing from the run. Time 9 minutes; fare 2 shillings and if you please 20 reis for a drink.

In enumerating the industries of the island, I neglected to mention a most important and lucrative one—that of begging. Every child there is a persistent Medusa at your heels. "Penny, please; me so poor; ned-a bread so bad." It is the only English they know and they know that sentence in French, German and Portuguese. Donate a penny to one of them and your munificence is heralded to the uttermost limits of the town and wherever you go thereafter they swarm about you like a plague of Egyptian flies. In the midst of the contemplation of some sublime scene in which the soul rises into the empyrian, you are suddenly conscious of a collapse to sordid earth by the plea of a little pie-faced mendicant: "Penny, please; me so poor." Drivers beg, guides beg for tips for booze, women assume pathetic tones and poses and beg; everybody begs, not because they are needy, for they need nothing except to be born again somewhere else and graded up, but because it's their business and it pays.

There are two Protestant missions at Funchal, viz: The Methodist and Scotch Presbyterians. In 1846 there were 1000 Protestants in Madeira, all of them converted through the efforts of the missionaries, but persecutions by the Catholics that year drove them all out, not one being left, and little missionary effort has been made there since. In 1898 Bishop Hartsell, of the American Methodist Church, established a mission, and later two branches of this mission have been established in other portions of the island. The efforts of nine years have been rewarded by 70 converts. Catholicism is, of course, the State religion and that Church receives strong financial support from the government. The priests are absolute masters of the people, high and low alike, and many superstitious and foolish practices have been grafted into the regular Catholic form of worship. The Cathedral is the central point around which all things revolve and to which all things are subsidiary. Its shadow falls across every feeble attempt to rise from the slough of degeneracy. This is true of all Latin countries.

Madeira is a province of Portugal and the local administration is corrupt from Governor down to the pompous little peacocks who strut in uniform as city police. The island has the highest protective tariff on the globe, and its customs revenues are a bare \$250,000, practically all of which goes into the pockets of the carpetbaggers who are fattening unmolested at the public crib.

Funchal, with a population of 50,000, is without a telephone system—this is not surprising, but it has electric lights—this is a surprise. The illumination at night as seen from the Arabic is inspiring, the myriad lights glittering in radiant tiers like jewels on the bosom of night. Three small streams, originating in the mountain snows, run through the city in channels 20 feet deep by 40 feet wide, the walls of which are of solid masonry. The women do the town washing in the beds of these channels and when they are at work in long irregular lines, with their yellow progeny half dressed, half exposed on the rocks and their primitive linen outspread on

branches and shrubs, the scene is a novel and interesting one.

The milk supply is derived from goats which are driven through the streets in small herds. The goats are milked at the residence or place of business of the customer and the goods delivered warm and unwatered. The streets are cleaned by two methods; with brush brooms at night and by pigs in daytime. At any time of the day and at almost any place a poorly dressed and poverty-stricken native, usually a woman, may be seen holding a pig by a rope while it eats the refuse of the street. Late in the afternoon pigs and drivers may be met in droves on their way home.

The money in Madeira is reckoned in reis, a rey having a value of a tenth of an American copper cent. The first experience I had with this money was in trying to settle for a light repast of coffee and fruit at a cafe. I asked the amount of the bill and was informed that it was 200 reis. "How much?" I again queried in a shock of astonishment that well nigh took me off my feet and gave me palpitation of the heart. "I do not want to buy your shop—I am not a Rockefeller—I am not a fool, if I do look it." A look of supreme injured innocence overspread the brown face of the proprietor—he was honest I could see it mirrored there—it was my mistake and I was ruined. I resolved in a flash of scheming meditation to put myself on his mercy, and throwing the contents of my pocket on the table, amounting to \$8.70 in English money, begged him to take it and release me from the balance of the obligation, or else take my note for it. He understood little English and consequently did not fully understand the predicament that I was in and my anguish and desperation. But imagine my surprise when the little native pushed back into my hands the gold and silver pieces, retaining a shilling, which is only 24 cents in our money, and gave me in change two coppers as big as our half dollars. I invested 15 cents of the American silver in this iron money and had to employ assistance to help me carry it away. I bought a piece of embroidery for which I paid 3,000 reis and could have bought two more without depleting my purse to the danger point.

It was to Funchal that Columbus followed a dark eyed damsel of Madeira from Portugal and, winning her hand, married and lived among her people for several years prior to 1492. His wife is buried there now and a tablet setting out these facts is on the old house where the couple lived.

It is not surprising that a land of such poetry of landscape, such harmonies of color and sun, such symphonies of indolent ease and luxury, should have been introduced to history by a heroic and pathetic romance. In 1834 a young Englishman of humble ancestry, Robert Macheu by name, fell in love with Anna D'Arfet, a pretty French maiden of noble family. The addresses of Macheu were warmly reciprocated by the young lady, but were opposed by her parents. The match was peremptorily prohibited on penalty of disinheritance. Anna sacrificed her own heart's feelings on the altar of parental obedience and accepted the proposal of a nobleman of her own country. The nuptials were fixed but never took place, for on the eve of the loveless ceremony she met her first and only lover and they eloped under the cover of night in a boat. A storm caught the frail craft and drove it past the boundary of their reckoning. After drifting for several days they were stranded on an island. The fair young bride suffered severely from the exposure and the shock of the storm, and in a short time died. Macheu remained on the island for a year after the death of his wife and then he too passed away. In the year 1418, Zargo, the Portuguese explorer, landed on the island and found the grave of the lady, and on a rude tombstone an inscription by the husband giving a short history of the incident, requesting that his bones be laid beside those of his wife and a chapel reared over the double grave. This pious wish was granted and the chapel

is there today, a silent memorial of a pathetic romance.

This island is little known to the world and yet it is the world's beauty spot. Sailors say they know no place which so delights and astonishes at first sight.

Oh, Madeira, fair Madeira; lovely Child of sea and sky; in memory's kodak we will keep one film for thee.

CHURCH EXTENSION BANQUET.

Help, help, help! Murder, murder, murder! "Somebody is being murdered!" Look at that poor young man. My, how he groans! Some ruthless scoundrel has murdered him. My, what a scene! This is awful. What a fearful nightmare I have had.

Plates for one hundred and fifty were laid and there was not a vacant chair. They were there from every part of the district—ministers and laymen. The banquet was to have been held at the Missouri Avenue Church, but it had assumed such large proportions under the direction and management of the untiring work of the presiding elder that the quarters there were not large enough to meet the demands, so Dr. Boaz kindly opened the doors of the parlors and dining hall of the Polytechnic College.

The best of the feast, however, were the speeches made by the gentlemen who had been selected for that purpose. Just as we were entering on the last course of the banquet the toast-master of the occasion, in a few well-ordered sentences, announced the feast that was to follow and introduced W. B. Andrews, the first speaker of the evening, who gave us a most excellent address on Church Extension.

The next speaker introduced by the toast-master was the Right Honorable Judge G. W. Armstrong, who proceeded to deliver a most remarkable impromptu speech, which had taken him weeks to prepare, but it left a good taste. His subject was Domestic Science. To undertake to give anything like a comprehensive report of this speech would be futile, so far as this scribe is concerned. It sparkled with wit and humor; was chuckful of fine, practical suggestions; the conclusions were irresistible and the poetry was the best that could be culled from the books.

"I loath, abhor, detest, despise, Abominate dried apple pies. Of all poor food beneath the skies, The poorest is dried apple pies. You may tread on my corns and call me lies, But don't pass me the dried apple pies."

The next speaker was Rev. C. L. Browning, who gave us a most splendid talk on "The Pastoral Instruction of Children." It was well thought

out and impressively said, and I am sure that each pastor left the gathering determined to look more closely after the "little ones."

The next speaker was Judge Ocie Speer, whose subject was "The Necessity of Co-operation." The best I can say is that the subject should have been perfectly satisfied, for he did it full justice. I have heard Judge Speer on several occasions along the line of different phases of Church work. He always measures up to the demands of the occasion. It is a great pity that his time is so much taken up by the business of the court that the Church can not demand more of it.

The banquet was all that its promoters could ask. It cost about \$75, so I was told; but the good accomplished was worth ten times that much. It is to be repeated from time to time. The next one is to be held with the Mulkey Memorial Church, served in the basement of the church. I do not care how soon.

I can not help but add before closing: "Hurrah for the Fort Worth District!" If the other districts of our Texas Methodism do not mind they will be so far behind that they will be able to catch only a glimpse of the tail of the mighty comet as she soars across the heavens of success. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

We have in our midst a superannuated preacher. He is not a prophet without honor, for every one speaks his name with high esteem.

Recently he passed the 82d milestone, but not unnoticed by his many friends here. It was a lovely afternoon. The gentle sunshine and balmy air united with pulsing buds and springing blades to break in nature's face the glad smile of spring. The hale old Roman sat cross-legged on his front porch watching the bulging sail in a new made garden nearby. Suddenly there appeared at the gate a buggy from which two ladies alighted and entered the house. Nothing unusual was thought of this, for often it is a practice and pleasure for many to find their way here. But others came, then others, and still others. A couple of delivery wagons stopped at the back. By this time the pastor in charge arrived and the good old man was filled with suspicion and a half suppressed smile broke in intermittent waves over his modest face.

Seeing he could not help himself he succumbed and gracefully submitted to an old fashioned Methodist pounding. Eighteen Home Mission ladies laid it on until the good man's heart broke in deep facial expressions of profoundest gratitude.

"A worthy example." Let others go and do likewise.

I am glad to have Bro. Monk as my junior preacher. He is a real joy and help to me in my ministry. He loves his Church, stands by his preacher, is a regular attendant at Church when well and the weather permits.

Bro. Monk is an exemplary Christian citizen. He is always bright, cheerful and full of interest in things that concern our Zion. He reads the papers, magazines and some of the new books by which he feels the throbbing life of the Church he loves so well. When he goes from us I think there will be but one short step for him from the temporal to the blessed eternal.

T. F. SESSIONS.

REV. ABE MULKEY'S WORK.

I am just in from aiding Rev. S. E. Wilson, Portales, N. M. This is my fourth meeting this year; have had fine weather throughout, and fairly good success. I served Bro. C. C. Childress, at Bellville, Jan. 4. This is his third year there and his first charge. The country has been taken by the foreigners; even getting a house full of hearers was success. We had some additions to the Church. I spent a pleasant ten days with him and his wife and two pretty children in the parsonage. The children must favor their grandma.

An old adage is: "A bad beginning is a good ending." If that is so, my last meeting will be the bumper.

Jan. 18th I served my old friend, the Rev. I. K. Waller, which was the fifth meeting with him. I love to serve him; he knows how to care for his helper to get the most out of him. That meeting was low midding. Five years ago in our meeting there the church was erected; this time we raised money to pay the balance due on it—\$700. There were several additions. I am invited back to help dedicate it on April 26th. This will be my first in this line; wish some of the brethren would send me some of their old dedicatory sermons. Bro. Waller has a fine hold (or a "possum hold") on these people. He is as neat and prissy as ever and in splendid health.

Feb. 1, I aided Bro. J. A. Parks (a

bachelor) at Durant, I. T. Six years ago I served Bro. Sherwood there in a shabby building; the town then had 2000 inhabitants. Now it has 7000 people, and worshipping in a \$16,000 church. We had many conversions and reclamations. The church, crowded, seats 1000 persons; it was filled every night to the utmost; we had 400 at the day service. I called for \$2000 to help complete the building and they gave \$2650. Bro. Parks is a Vanderbilt man. I notice he had a magnificent library in his study. I was told by dozens that he was an excellent preacher. It seems to me some girl ought to take him in.

On Feb. 15 I served Rev. S. E. Wilson, Portales, N. M. He has a brand-new town, a new church, new wife, and he has taken on a new lease of life. Our Church will get 75 members out of the meeting, I suppose. They were all Herefords—not a dogle among them. We suffered greatly for room. A collection was taken the last night of \$775 to pay for new pews and an extra addition to the church. Monday morning before I left I met with the Board of Stewards; they made three of the new converts members of that body—one a banker, one a real estate man and one a lumberman. They were all a business set of men. I made, mildly, a suggestion in behalf of the pastor, to raise his salary from \$800 to \$1000. They did it readily; one said, "That is right—this is the pastor's top crop."

New Mexico Conference is certain to shine in a few years. Their pastors have been faithful and practiced self-denial in many things for its success. The whole country is being settled up by a fine type of people from Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, and quite a sprinkle from the North. I met hundreds of people who attended our meetings in other parts of the country.

My stay was in the hospitable home of Bro. Coe Howard. He has one wife and no children. I marked the gate, so note the sign and you will do well to stop.

I start in the morning to my fifth meeting—Cartersville, Mo.

March 15th I go to Hugo, I. T., and so on. Yours, ABE MULKEY, Corsicana, Texas, Feb. 27, 1907.

LETTER FROM MEXICO.

Our Mexican Central Conference is now a thing of the past, and we are back at our work. Bishop Ward gave general satisfaction and would be gladly received another year in case the appointments should be so arranged as to send him to us again. From a spiritual standpoint we had a most excellent conference. Every charge in the Annual Conference had had from one to twenty-five additions on profession of faith during the year with the exception of three. One charge in each district had had no conversions. One noticeable feature of the work was the number of priests that have come and still desire to come to us. Two have been employed in our work for the last few months and two others desire to come to us. One of them, Bro. Antonio Valiente y Pozo, was admitted on trial into our conference, and all who have seen him are pleased with his spirit and general appearance. Bishop Ward has appointed him as assistant pastor to Bro. Santin, who is also redactor of our official organ, El Evangelista.

Last night one of the other priests who desires to come to us was with me in my home. He has been employed in some of the best Churches in this city and is a writer of some ability. He desires to come to us at the earliest possible time. He says that he has never had trouble with his Church authorities and has but one reason for coming to us—that is to say, he is sick of the errors of Romanism. We prayed and talked together and had a good time.

The other priest who desires to come to us has just left my home this moment. He is not so promising a man as the other, but we must look after him and offer him all the spiritual assistance possible. He told me this morning that he is willing to be a mozo—that is, a servant—if only we will help him. Now, in order to help these men I must of necessity have money, so as to put them at some kind of work while they are going through the necessary time of probation. The Board of Missions has not the money to help in this work. Is there not some one who reads this who would like to help in this effort? Now if there is, please do not write me about it, but write Dr. W. R. Lambuth, at Nashville, Tenn., and at the same time Bishop Seth Ward, at Houston, Texas.

It is the opinion of the workers in general that the time for a general forward movement has come here in Mexico. Bro. Portugal, the presiding elder who has his district close to the City of Mexico, and I have decided to hold our two District Conferences at the same time, and here in the City of Mexico, and to include the second and third Sundays of May. In the two districts there are twenty-one pastors, so that we will have twenty-three preachers in the two District Conferences. Our real purpose is to hold revival services

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Wilson, Conn., Feb. 18, 1906.

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and at the same time Bible studies. The movement of these four priests has caused a profound impression on the City of Mexico and has opened the way for such a move as has not existed in years—in fact, most likely never in the history of our mission.

We had a net increase in this city last year in the three Mexican and one American Church of fifty-eight. JACKSON B. COX, Mexico City, Feb. 23.

WHO WILL ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

A Baptist preacher made the statement to me not long since, in the presence of a T. & N. O. conductor and others, that Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisville, Ky., offers \$1000 to anyone who will show where any original Greek book ever gave any meaning to the word baptize except to dip. The afore-said Baptist preacher stated furthermore that in case Dr. Eaton wouldn't comply with the above proposition, he would give the \$1000 for such information.

If anyone desires to accept the offer I will furnish the name and address of the man who made the bold assertion. M. I. BROWN, Athens, Texas.

Please pardon us for coming again so soon, as this bluff needs noticing, since it is in the paper before us for our attention. Some would say we were afraid of it—we are not. We have given the full quotation of this article as it occurred in the Texas Christian Advocate of Feb. 21, and accept the challenge and give St. Matthew in his original Greek book, Matt. 3:11, baptizo, translated into our common version baptize; and again the original Greek, Matt. 26:23, embasaps, translated in our common version dip. Now all can see here are two different original Greek words—baptizo and embasaps. Baptizo baptizes and embasaps dips. The original, Matt. 3:11, baptizo, baptize—not dip. If Matt. 3:11 was embasaps, it would dip; embasaps, to get dip for baptize, is not there. So we get the \$1000.

This is the easiest money we have ever made. Baptizo in its original place in the Greek New Testament don't dip. The other word dips, and embasaps is never used for baptism in the New Testament. Bro. Brown, you may have \$500 of this money for putting us on to it. Say, tell the Baptist brother to give us a check for the

pass your water frequently night and day, smarting or irritation in passing, brick dust or sediment in the urine, headache, backache, lame back, dizziness, poor digestion, sleeplessness, nervousness, heart disturbance due to bad kidney trouble, skin eruptions from bad blood, neuralgia, rheumatism, diabetes, bloating, irritability, wornout feeling, lack of ambition, maybe loss of flesh, sallow complexion, or Bright's disease.

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money on the First National Bank in Dallas, since the writer lives close to Dallas. But the brother was surely trying to soft-corn someone on baptism, and did not mean so easy to give \$1000. He was probably joking, since he did not put the money up into some one's hands, nor give his and two other good names on a note, and give the note to some good man to hold, then get up a committee of three to decide on the original Greek of Matthew as to baptizo and embasaps, as we know embasaps dips and is never translated in the New Testament baptize, and baptizo in the New Testament is baptize, not dip. But the brother may want to change what he said before he pays the money. If so, his offer is gas, and he is tricky and a trickster, and just trying to run a huge old bluff, and much evil is done when our papers fail to expose such daring statements. But as he has plenty of money to make such easy offers, we will wait and see whether he meant it or not. We are afraid he is a tricky preacher and has offered \$1000 in bad faith. H. M. PIRTLE, Dallas, Texas, Sta. A.

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Secular News Items.

As a result of a Cabinet meeting at Paris it was decided to send French troops to occupy Oudja, a frontier town of Morocco, until the Moorish Government gives full satisfaction for the assassination of Dr. Mauchamp. The French demand for reparation will be forwarded to Fez immediately.

Mexico has been at last really requested to intervene and use her best efforts to bring about peace in Central America. The request came from the Republic of Salvador and was made to President Diaz by Dr. Baltazar Estupinan, the Minister to Mexico from Salvador.

Those who are well informed on Central American affairs believe that this move is the beginning of the end. Salvador has been an active ally of Honduras and in requesting Mexico to step in and end the war it is thought she has wished to let the world know that hereafter Honduras was to be left to her fate.

Judge Emory Spear, of Macon, Ga., in a decision in the case of Lucy Snead, administratrix, against the Central of Georgia Railway Company, upholds the constitutionality of the employers' liability act passed by the last Congress.

This decision is opposed to those of United States Judge Evans at Louisville and Judge McCall at Memphis, who declared the act repugnant to the Constitution of the United States. Judge Spear declared that to command, to prohibit and to protect men engaged in the handling of commerce, whether interstate or foreign, is within the domain of National legislative reputation. Congress having the right to control commerce on the high seas, as established by the courts repeatedly, it follows that it has the right to control the transportation by land of the same commerce.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs at Washington has received from the Secretary of War a copy of a telegram from Brig. Gen. McCaskey, commanding the Department of Texas, concerning the Major Penrose court-martial. The telegram says that Penrose was exonerated, but that the court found that the "shooting up" of Brownsville was done by members of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry.

The following is the text of the telegram: "Major Gen. Ainsworth: Major Penrose was exonerated by the court-martial, but the court found that the shooting in Brownsville was done by the men of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry. Finding approved by me.—McCaskey, Commander."

Former Congressman G. A. Grow died at his home in Glenwood, Pa., March 31st, as a result of a general breakdown attributed to old age. Mr. Grow was elected to Congress from the Wilnot District of Pennsylvania as the youngest member of that body in 1851, and after retirement from public life for nearly forty years he re-entered the House of Representatives as Congressman at Large from Pennsylvania four years ago. When he retired, his service extended over the longest period, although not continuous, of any man who ever sat in that body.

Negotiations for peace in Central America are being carried on with great earnestness in Washington. Mr. Creel, the Mexican Ambassador, and Mr. Corea, the Nicaraguan Minister, both have called at the State Department to discuss the Central American war with Mr. Root, and, although Mexico and the United States have not as yet found a way to restore harmony among the warring republics, it is believed that arbitration will be effected in a short time. Nicaragua is unwilling to make overtures for peace, as it is disclosed that such a step will be regarded by President Zelaya as an indication that he stands in fear of Salvador, the avowed ally of Honduras, and Guatemala, which country is supposed to be ready to assist Honduras. If the United States and Mexico were to jointly advise Salvador and Guatemala that they must remain neutral, it is held by friends of President Zelaya that the war would come to an end, as Honduras has been defeated.

It is known, however, that Mexico and the United States do not care to advise Salvador and Guatemala to remain neutral and, in fact, do not wish to take any active part in peace negotiations unless Nicaragua indicates in some manner that it desires peace. Mexico and the United States are unwilling to force peace which might be distasteful to any of the three countries involved, but it is believed that some plan will be evolved which will make possible arbitration that will in no way humiliate any of the belligerents.

Andrew Carnegie made a vigorous attack upon certain Wall street meth-

ods in a speech at a dinner given in his honor by the United States Military Telegraph Corps at the Hotel Manhattan last week. Mr. Carnegie declared that he had never made a dollar gambling in stocks and added that it was time that business men declined to recognize men who make money in Wall street and render no value for it.

The Governor at Austin has signed the anti-pass bill, which makes it a law, though it does not become operative until ninety days after the adjournment of the Legislature.

Considerable military activity is being shown by Turkey in consequence of the recent extraordinary credit of \$6,500,000 granted by the Bulgarian Sobranje for military purposes. The regular troops comprised in the Second and Third Army Corps of the Turkish Army, with headquarters at Adrianople and Salonika, have been reorganized in an important manner, and several companies of engineers have been assigned to the completion of the fortifications at Adrianople. A large order for military supplies has been placed and a military pier has been constructed on the Sea of Marmora for landing troops and supplies from the Asiatic provinces.

Some time ago the Texas Senate passed a joint resolution to appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase of the books and papers of the late Judge Reagan. The resolution was introduced by Senator Grinnan at the instance of Mrs. Reagan. Today Senator Grinnan, acting again at the request of Mrs. Reagan, asked the Senate to rescind that action and to recall the resolution from the House. After hearing a letter of explanation from Mrs. Reagan read the Senate complied with the request. Mrs. Reagan in her letter intimated that some, whom it was not the purpose of the Legislature to aid, had made known an intention to claim a share of whatever money the State might appropriate, and that rather than be made an instrument of imposition she desired that the appropriation be not made.

In a pitched battle in Muskogee, I. T., on March 26th between Federal and city officers and negro members of a secret society, caused by the shooting down of Policeman John Coffield by negroes, three negroes were killed, one shot through the neck, one wounded in the arm and three other negroes are imprisoned in the United States jail.

Claiming they were clothed with greater power than the United States Government, a so-called Socialist club, composed of negroes, each of whom exhibited a commission from an alleged detective agency of Cincinnati, took possession of a house in the northern part of the city, mostly populated with negroes, and refused to vacate. A warrant of ejection was issued, and Policeman John Coffield was sent to serve it. While performing his duty he was shot above the heart with a large revolver by one of the members of the society and perhaps fatally injured.

Guy Fisher, a salesman for the Muskogee Produce Company, who came to the assistance of the officer, was wounded in the shoulder.

In thirty minutes a general call had been sent in to police headquarters and the United States Marshal's office, five policemen and as many Deputy Marshals arrived on the scene and immediately surrounded the house occupied by the society.

Japan's budget for 1907, a copy of which is published in the Daily Consular Reports, is an interesting document. The current expenses of the Nippon Government in 1906 were \$247,252,000. The budget shows that \$205,696,000 will be needed for expenses this year. The principal expenditures during 1907 will be: Imperial household, \$1,500,000; foreign affairs, \$1,872,000; home affairs, \$11,425,000; finance department, \$139,427,000; army, \$55,808,000; navy, \$41,241,000; justice, \$5,665,000; education, \$1,320,000; agriculture and commerce, \$9,846,000 and communications \$37,210,000. The largest increases are \$29,785,000 for the army, \$21,472,000 for the navy and \$14,486,000 for communications. This does not include expenses to be introduced into an additional budget, including school expenses. The resources for this year's revenue are \$134,900,000 from taxes, \$8,960,000 from stamp taxes, \$63,460,000 from Government enterprises and property, and \$4,850,000 from miscellaneous, all these being ordinary revenue, while from extraordinary revenue the following income is given: Public loan bonds, \$15,628,000; temporary loans, \$1,000,000; carried over, \$14,990,000; incidental military account carried over, \$50,000,000, and miscellaneous \$11,980,000.

A dispatch from Colton, Cal., March 28 says: A disastrous wreck on the Southern Pacific railroad occurred one and one-half miles east of this town shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon, when westbound train No. 9, from New Orleans for San Francisco, ran into an open switch while going at the rate

of 40 miles an hour and ten of the fourteen coaches were derailed. Twenty-six people are known to have been killed and the list will total much higher. The injured number about one hundred, many of whom will die. The wrecked coaches were hurled in every direction. Four of them were smashed to splinters. Most of the dead were Italians from New York and New Orleans. They occupied the smoker and day coaches.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has told his New York Bible class at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church that he was so run down in health that unless he took an immediate rest he was in danger of a complete nervous and physical collapse similar to the breakdown he suffered two years ago. At that time Mr. Rockefeller's condition was so grave that his physicians ordered a year's complete withdrawal from all kinds of work. Mr. Rockefeller said that he had decided to take a few weeks' rest in order to recuperate.

Gloomy tidings from the seal fishing fleet off the Newfoundland Coast were brought to St. Johns, N. F., last week by the sealing steamer Grand Lake. Capt. Knee of that steamer declared that this is the worst season for seals in his forty years' experience. The steamer Greenland, with 83 men aboard, broke her main shaft during heavy weather Saturday last. During a severe blizzard on Sunday the Greenland was driven seaward and had not since been seen by the other vessels up to the time the Grand Lake started for this port. It is feared that the Greenland has met with further trouble.

Uncle Sam has had enough as negroes as soldiers in the regular army. According to the latest War Department order, no more enlistments and no more recruits will be received who are negroes. The ostensible meaning of the order is that the quota of the four negro regiments, with white commissioned officers, and non-commissioned officers and privates all negroes, in full, and no more are needed.

A dispatch from Bucharest, March 25, says: That the revolting peasants of Roumania are at least temporarily beyond the control of the Government forces in the field is amply evidenced by the stories of pillaging and incendiarism coming in from all parts of Moldavia and Walchia.

There have been several serious conflicts between peasants and troops, notably at Baces, in the district of Vaslui, where 2,000 peasants armed with rifles and revolvers attacked a company of soldiers. The troops fired several volleys, killing forty peasants and wounding large numbers, but the soldiers were so greatly outnumbered that they were finally obliged to retreat.

The plundering continues on a large scale in the districts of Roman, Putna, Jassy and Botosahni. The peasants are setting fire to everything within reach, but they flee on the appearance of the soldiery.

A bloody encounter between peasants and military is reported from Galatz, where on Sunday, the troops fired on a gathering of peasants, killing 200.

THE DUBLIN DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute, of Dublin District, met in Dublin, March 20, 21, 1907. Rev. J. G. Putman, presiding elder, in the chair. The pastors all present except Bros. Terry, Major, Tooley and Vaughn. Reports from the pastors, under the head, "Gleanings From the Field," show progress and development, and the outlook hopeful. Second topic, "The Best Way to Manage the Finances of the Church." (a) "As to the Support of the Ministry." Introduced by a brother layman, M. C. Witcher, followed by Rev. J. H. Morris, Rev. J. T. Owen, Rev. G. L. Clark, Rev. A. D. Porter. (b) As to best way to secure conference collections. Discussed by Rev. E. J. Maxwell. (c) As to best way to manage Church enterprises. Introduced by Rev. W. J. Lee, followed by Rev. J. R. Henson, Rev. Jerome Duncan and Rev. C. E. Gallagher. At 8:30 p. m., Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Stamford Collegiate Institute, tended the conference a most excellent sermon.

Second Day—Morning. Program resumed. Topic—"The Elements of Pastoral Success," introduced by Rev. J. E. Stephens, followed by W. D. Gaskins, S. P. Brown, R. A. Clements, J. R. Henson and C. E. Gallagher. Topic, "The Local Preacher, His Work in the Church Under Present Day Conditions," by Rev. U. J. Morton. Open discussion participated

in by G. J. Clark, J. T. Owen, J. D. Logan and J. R. Morris. At 11 o'clock the interest and enthusiasm of the conference was intensified by a very helpful and forceful sermon by Rev. H. M. Long, on "The Lost Commission."

2:30 p. m.—Second Day.

Topic—"Missionary Motives," by Rev. John R. Henson. Rev. R. A. Clements discussed the important subject, "The Foreigners in our Bounds, and the Best Plan for Evangelizing Them." "The Women's Work in the District." Miss Emma Perry, District Secretary of Women's Foreign Missionary Society represented the work of that society. The afternoon session closed after the discussion of the topic, "The Supply of Laborers in the Field, God Plan," by C. S. Cameron. At night Rev. S. P. Brown preached a strong sermon on "The Church," closing one of the most interesting Preachers' Meetings and Missionary Institutes ever held in the Dublin District. Special mention should be made of a number of local preachers and laymen who showed their interest in the work by their presence and participation in the work of the conference.

The conference was delighted with the presence and speeches of Rev. J. R. Morris, presiding elder, Abilene District; Rev. Jerome Duncan, pastor, Stamford Collegiate Institute; Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, Conference Missionary, Evangelist, and Rev. A. D. Porter, our pastor at Hubbard City. The Institute adopted a motion, asking the W. H. M. and W. F. M. Societies of the district, to hold a joint meeting of the two societies some time during the year.

After the adoption of resolutions of thanks to presiding elder and pastor in charge and the people of Dublin for their hospitable entertainment, the conference adjourned.

J. H. CLARK, Secretary.

AGAINST KING ALCOHOL.

I herewith inclose a declaration of independence against King Alcohol, the form of which we used in a mass-meeting in the Methodist Church in Southmayd. Bro. Shelton, Mrs. Simmons, and others, had arranged an excellent program, which, being well rendered captured most of the crowd. While we sang the song, "Sign Our Pledge Now" etc., both old and young rushed forward to sign the pledge. Some shed tears. Only a few refused to sign it. Much good, I hope, was accomplished. J. C. CAVENER, P. C. Southmayd, Texas.

Declaration of Independence.

For love of Christ and country, I hereby make my Declaration of Independence against King Alcohol. I hereby pledge myself never to use intoxicating liquor as a drink, and I promise to do all I can to end the drink habit and the liquor traffic.

A SUPPLEMENT.

In my report of the Missionary Institute and Educational Rally for Waco District, in last week's Advocate, I inadvertently failed to mention the presence of our Conference Sunday-school Secretary, Rev. C. S. Field. I did not know of this omission until the Advocate came out. He was with us to our pleasure and edification. His speech was strong and to the point. He made dates with quite a number of the preachers to hold institutes in their charges.

I hope this explanation will serve as a sufficient apology for leaving out this important item of the report. All the conference connectional officers were invited to be present and represent their respective causes, and those referred to in my report in last week's Advocate responded.

T. S. ARMSTRONG.

METHODIST CHURCH AT MARTINDALE DEDICATED.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 26, 1907, Bishop H. C. Morrison, of Birmingham, Ala., accompanied by Dr. Whaling, pastor of the M. E. Church at San Marcos, Presiding Elder E. K. Porter and Rev. W. J. Johnson, came to Martindale to dedicate the church which was built some three years ago. The church was crowded to its utmost with people of this town and surrounding community and from San Marcos. After an elegant and very effective sermon from Bishop Morrison the two lessons were read by Elder E. K. Porter and Dr. Whaling, then the church was officially presented to the Bishop by O. W. Chitt, one of the stewards, for dedication to Almighty God, which was done to the credit of the Bishop and to the entire satisfaction of all who were present. The church had been beautifully decorated

around the pulpit and rostrum with palms and other evergreens and bouquets of beautiful fresh-blown flowers from the hands of Mrs. W. R. Jennings. The occasion was very much enjoyed by all present, as words of praise were heard from all.

F. P. JOHNSON.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTES.

Jacksonville District.
Bishop Ward presiding, the conference will convene Tuesday at 8 p. m., April 30, and will adjourn Friday evening, May 3. Dr. J. L. Massey, of Longview will preach the opening sermon. The following are the committees:
License.—Jas. Kilgore, B. W. Allen, Jesse Willis.
Admission.—W. W. Watts, I. B. Manly, W. W. Horner.
Deacons.—L. B. Elrod, H. W. King, H. G. Williams.
Elders.—J. L. Massey, Gus Garrison, C. A. Bly. ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Vernon District.
The trains will bring you to Munday from the west at 9 a. m., and from the east at 6:50 p. m. On coming to Munday you will leave Wichita Falls at 3 p. m., and on leaving Munday you will arrive at Wichita Falls at 1:25 p. m. Come by rail if you can, but we want you to come. Write me at once that you are coming and when and how you are coming.
L. W. CARLETON.
Munday, Texas, April 1.

San Angelo District.
The San Angelo District Conference will convene July 12, instead of May 29, as heretofore announced. Bishop Ward will hold our conference at this time. Let every preacher in the District so arrange his meetings as not to conflict.
W. T. RENFRO, P. E.

CHURCH DEDICATIONS.

The Missouri Avenue Church, Fort Worth, will be dedicated Sunday, April 28. Bishop E. E. Hoss will preach at 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Howard, presiding elder of Vernon District, will preach at 8 p. m. Friends of this Church are cordially invited and former pastors especially requested to be present.
O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.
O. P. KIKER, P. C.

Dr. Geo. C. Rankin will dedicate the Methodist Church in Clarksville, Texas, the second Sunday in May, and all former pastors are cordially invited to be present.
T. J. BECKHAM.

We will dedicate our Church at Rodgers Sunday, April 21. Rev. O. S. Thomas will preach the sermon. Rev. R. B. Moreland, the only former pastor, is cordially invited.
W. A. PRITCHETT, P. C.

Rev. H. A. Boaz, D. D., President of Polytechnic College, will be with us at Huckabay, Texas, and deliver his great lecture May 4 at 8 o'clock p. m., and on the 5th at 10 a. m. there will be the model Sunday-school conducted by Superintendent E. D. Jennings. At 11 a. m. sermon and dedication of Church by Dr. Boaz. In the afternoon Children's Day services.
We expect a great occasion. Former pastors are invited, and all others who wish to attend.
J. H. WATTS, P. C.

The Church at Lubbock will be dedicated by Rev. C. M. Shuffler the second Sunday in April. Sawyers, Griffith and Sharp, former pastors, will be welcome visitors. Come, brethren, and see how we have grown.
JOS. P. CALLOWAY.

Dr. G. C. Rankin will dedicate our Church at Laneville April 28.
B. C. ANDERSON.

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Athens, Texas.

Notes From the Field

Decatur Circuit.

At our last conference, which was held at Bowie, the Bishop read out the name of the undersigned to Decatur Circuit for the third time. We came home and entered earnestly and diligently into our labors. In January Mrs. Whisler and all our children were taken down with the measles, which hindered me in my pastoral work for some time, but I missed only one appointment, which Rev. M. R. Johnston kindly filled for me. Our first Quarterly Conference was held March 8 and 9 with Rev. T. R. Pierce, presiding elder, in the chair. Dr. Pierce preached for us two most interesting and helpful sermons. The one on Sunday, preached on Rom. 7: 24-25, will well take its place among the masterpieces. On yesterday, while the children were at school and wife and I were out calling on some of the members, the good people from Oliver Creek Church broke into the parsonage and almost smashed our dining table, and among other things we found two dollars in cash. Well, you say "that I ought not to mention these things; that a preacher ought to be more spiritually minded," but if you were working on a salary which would not buy the actual necessities of life, and if you cared to tabernacle longer in the flesh, you would be glad, too, at such a sight. We have now finished our pavilion at Oak Grove and are ready for our camp-meeting when the time comes. Pray for us that we may have a great revival throughout the whole charge.—G. W. Whisler.

Sherwood.

Bro. T. N. Lowrey, from Merkel, came on the 3d and continued over two Sundays in a meeting at Sherwood. He caught the attention and ear of the congregation the first service, and the interest increased at every service until the close. Moved the membership on a higher grade of living. Some eighteen or twenty conversions. Among the number were some strong men who yielded and were most happily converted and joined the Church. The entire town was moved and all were blessed who attended the services. It is said by

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some of the oldest citizens that it was the best meeting that had ever come to this town. A fine spirit prevails among all classes and denominations. The business men closed at 10 o'clock for services. The old folks' meeting one afternoon was indeed sublime; they sang old-time religion and like songs and the tide ran high. Several said they really felt like being back home in other days. Bro. Lowrey preaches plain, gives no uncertain sound, touches up all prevalent sins, helps the pastor and binds pastor and people together. Any pastor that needs help should get Bro. Lowrey to assist him. I will say to Bro. R. C. Armstrong that Abbott Quarterly Conference made no mistake when it licensed Bro. Lowrey to preach.—J. M. Vinson, March 24.

Crafton Circuit.

We are moving off nicely at Crafton, notwithstanding this people were without a preacher the first quarter. They waited patiently until the elder could find one. And such a pounding a preacher never got! The nicest supper was prepared at the parsonage I nearly ever saw, besides flour, meat, coffee and other good things have come in since. Surely this is a good people. I have been to all my appointments, and the people have received me kindly, and we are hopeful of a good year. We are praying that we will not be disappointed.—P. S. Warren, March 28.

Greenwood.

Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past, having come off February 23. Our beloved gave us two of the best sermons it has been my privilege to listen to in a long time. The stewards made a good report—the best of any preceding year's first quarter, so they say. I am glad to note an improvement on this circuit. We were rained out on Saturday night, and Sunday also was a rough day; not very many in attendance on that account. However, we had a splendid service. All say Bro. Stafford is improving as the years go by. Our League is doing well. Am sorry to say it, but we haven't a prayer-meeting on this charge. I hope to see this most important part of our Church work move forward soon. I have engaged Rev. D. L. Coale, of Beaumont, to help me in my meeting at Greenwood beginning the second Sunday in June. Let all who have an interest in the spiritual welfare of this town and surrounding community pray for us in this meeting. We hope to see a revival all over the charge ere the year shall close. The stewards fixed the salary of preacher in charge and presiding elder to stand as it was last year, but added they "hope to do even more before the year shall close." Our people are kind and agreeable. We are hopeful, notwithstanding the green bug.—A. C. Sterling, March 27.

La Mesa.

After four months of waiting we are pleasantly located in our new two-room parsonage. While it is not yet completed, yet it is comfortable and a permanent home for the conference year. The good people of La Mesa surprised us with a pounding. All kinds of useful articles were sent in, and our pantry is full of all kinds of groceries; besides these a purse of several dollars was given. We certainly appreciate the kindness and liberality of these people. The W. H. M. Society is doing its part towards raising funds for furnishing the parsonage. Up to date they have raised \$54.35 and expect soon to put up the much-needed fence around the parsonage. While we have no church building, the people of all denominations have been liberal in their donations for a church, which I hope to begin real soon. We have about \$500 subscribed, and a part of this has been collected and put in the bank. Work in all departments is doing well. We have a large union Sunday-school, and both young and old attend regularly.—J. A. Sweeney, March 27.

Georgetown Station.

Our revival meeting was a success in every particular. The preaching done by Bro. W. D. Bradfield was instructive, inspiring and convincing. My people were edified and delighted. The congregations day and night filled the great auditorium. The student body was greatly benefited. Most of them were already members of the Church, but many of them were cold and indifferent when the meeting began, and to them it was a time of great refreshing. Our citizen membership was also greatly blessed and a number were added to the Church. At least two young men decided during the meeting that they were called

to preach and that they would yield. Others are seriously considering it. Several of the Annex girls yielded to what they believe is a special call to the mission work of the Church. So we have emphasized again the great value of our Southwestern University to the Church in furnishing preachers and missionaries. Our Mission Band now numbers nearly 30 and they are among the choicest young men and women we have, and we will likely have 20 applicants from this charge for license to preach. Let not the Church cease to pray for us and the great body of students committed to our care. And let us hasten and raise the money so necessary for equipping the school to do the work now demanded.—Jno. M. Barcus.

San Marcial, New Mexico.

On March 6 we closed a very successful revival service in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. R. F. Campbell, of Moberly, Mo. The preaching was well done. Mr. Campbell is a very able man and full of the preaching spirit. So far 22 have been received into the Church, with prospects of more to follow soon. During our revival service we lost one of our best citizens, Mr. Caleb Anderson. His wife has been the leading spirit of our Church for many years, and a more saintly woman the writer has never known. Our presiding elder, Rev. B. T. James, has made his second round and is in love and favor with our people. Everything bids fair to be the best year of our three at San Marcial. The Texas Advocate always comes laden with good things and is read with much delight.—Geo. H. Givans, March 28.

Franklin.

After three years of hard work in Groveton Station, Bishop Morrison told me to come down and take charge of Franklin. I came without a "grunt" and found things in very good condition. Like all Americans, the people of Franklin Station seem to be easily fooled; so we have fine congregations and everything is on the upgrade. This is an ideal charge for a young man, and much to be desired by one of declining years. The people are whole-souled and do nothing by halves. You may look the Southern Church over and you will fail to find a more loyal set. They have been blessed by the ministry of some of our strongest men. I succeed Bro. A. G. Scruggs, and find that the people loved him. He left the charge in good shape for my coming, even to the extent that he told them that I was a fine preacher, and the people believed, then (?) I'm going to do a good year's work if I keep well; I may not make a great show, but I'll work. They say here that more people attend church now than at any time in the history of the Church; I'm trying to keep it so. There has never been a man that came nearer meeting the two extremes than I have in coming from Groveton to Franklin. There all is bustle; here all is quiet. I will never leave more friends in any charge than I left in Groveton, nor any worse enemies. I feel proud of both. I left all the good people of all denominations friendly toward me; I left the "hoodlums" all mad. This I hope to do as long as I live. I hope the time will never come that men of principle will not love me, but let the man that has nothing in him find nothing in me. The man that follows me at Groveton will have a hard time. I wish I could have made it easier for him. I did my best, but he has a hard deal. I am glad the people are coming to the rescue and love Bro. Sherrell. He is a strong young man and will hold the fort. There are some noble people in Groveton; many who love the Church and will help the preacher. Some of them need a new preacher every two weeks, that is as long as they can love a good man. I have just received a copy of the minutes of the Texas Conference, and find them well gotten up and correct in most things. They make Groveton Station pay nothing for conference claimants, and the W. H. M. S. pay \$3.10 for everything. It should show for conference claimants \$34 and W. H. M. S. \$310. Everything was paid in full. I don't blame anyone for the mistake. I write a much more legible hand on a typewriter than with a pen and have no wife to write for me. Thus you can see how the mistake could occur. I'm not inclined to brag on my presiding elder, as his work shows what he is doing. He looks after things in detail. He is painstaking and preaches well for a presiding elder. I have a good official board. They have raised the salary and over-pay by the month. Dr. Abney is the chairman and he is a Methodist. Dr. Glass is the Treasurer, and he is President of the First National Bank, the son of a Methodist preacher, and Bishop Hargrove was his mother's brother. Bro. Kellogg is Secretary. He stands for truth and belongs to the M. E. Church, South. Dr. Holman practices medicine, takes the Texas Christian Advocate and

stands by the preacher. Mack Sharp sells goods, and he really believes the Methodist Church is right. Bro. Maurice Gilland and Robert Loyd are of good families, fine business men and find time to come and hear us preach. Things will be in full on Franklin Station. Good Sunday-school, fine League, good W. H. M. S. and fine young W. F. M. S. Sister Ivey is President of both and has a daughter in Korea.—Jesse Lee, March 29.

Rocky, Okla.

We are in the midst of a gracious revival at Barton, Okla. The meeting has been continuing for 8 days, and it is getting better all the time. Don't know how long it will continue. A number of persons were turned away last night because we did not have room for them. The Church has been greatly revived and strengthened. Eleven have been happily and truly and genuinely converted to God, and fourteen accessions to the Church—nearly all grown people. Brother Lewis, of Martha, Okla., assisted us in this meeting and he did some very eloquent and effective preaching.—H. L. Mauldin, April 1.

Woodbine.

We had a fine day yesterday at Spring Grove, Woodbine and Bethel charge; organized a Methodist Sunday-school Conference for said charge. Brother Gregory, of Whaley's Chapel, was elected President; Brother Gillespie, of Woodbine, was elected Vice-President; Brother Gardner, of Whaley's Chapel, and Sister Price, of Bethel, Secretaries. We had a regular, old-time Methodist love feast and Easter service, lasting all day. The outlook for the charge is very encouraging. The dawn of a better day for the charge has surely come. The pastor, Rev. M. C. Dickson has the confidence and hearty co-operation of the officials and membership; and, best of all, the sweet influences of the Spirit of all grace are manifest at every meeting. Truly, God has visited his people, and we believe that we are going to have a glorious revival of vital godliness over the entire charge. Bro. Dickson is giving us the gospel according to Methodism, without any teeth being extracted, and that kind of preaching always succeeds.—John W. Murphy, April 1.

Rusk.

Easter was a fruitful day at our church. There were 145 in Sunday-school; house was filled at morning; and at night the people stood for room. The day was spent for children and youngsters. Junior League had night hour, and 14 were received on profession of faith. The protracted meeting began at 9:30 a. m., Easter. Collections fine.—I. B. Manly, April 1.

Thorndale, Texas.

This is Thorndale's first year as a station. If you knew the good men and faithful women who go to make up our membership here it would be useless for me to say that we are doing credit to our name. Our second Quarterly Conference has been held. Bro. Lamar, our presiding elder, and Bro. J. B. Sears were with us on the fourth Sunday in March. Their presence, as well as their good sermons, was an inspiration to us. The reports made at the conference indicate a growth of interest along all lines. Our missionary collections are up in full and have been since the 1st of March. Our Sunday-school is steadily growing in every respect and is proving a blessing both to our Church and town. The superintendent, Bro. H. D. Kone, loves his work and is devoting time and pains to its study. Bro. Knox Bunting is always as his post of duty as Secretary and is ready to enter heartily into any undertaking that will upbuild the school. The faithful band of teachers are consecrated to their work and it is no wonder that the children under their care are interested in the study of God's word. Our Woman's Home Mission Society is composed of a band of as energetic and consecrated women as you will find anywhere. With Sister Kone as President, they are doing good work. We are praying and working for a great revival in our church.—Ferdinand D. Dawson, Apr. 1.

Naples and Omaha.

We are moving along fairly well on Naples charge. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Bro. R. A. Burroughs, our presiding elder, was sick with la grippe at the time of our first Quarterly Conference, and did not get to come. Rev. G. E. Cameron came down from Pittsburg and held the conference, preached and presided to the satisfaction of all present. The Board of Stewards raised pastor's salary \$300 over last year, and made a fine payment the first quarter. We have a good Board of Stewards—men who love God and the Church. We are repairing our church at Omaha at a cost of about \$1,000. We expect to have it completed in the very near future. When finished, will be one of the nicest little church buildings in

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the district. We have lately moved into our new parsonage. It is a six-room house, very conveniently arranged. The house, fencing and barn cost sixteen hundred dollars. Our people have stood by us nobly in this enterprise—in fact, we have a very fine people to serve. The W. H. M. Society has put new window shades in the house. They are arranging to furnish the house with all needed furniture. As the first step in this work, they had a bazaar, and served dinner last Saturday and raised \$70. I am really afraid next year it will be new church, new parsonage, new furniture and—new preacher. Once a year is as much as any preacher ought to move. I have collected and sent to our Conference Treasurer almost two-thirds of my conference collections. Our plan is to have everything paid that was assessed against us by the District Conference. Everything out of the way for our revival meeting.—J. E. Morgan.

De Leon.

De Leon Station is all O. K. We had a delightful Easter service yesterday. Our League had the night session in charge, and they rendered a splendid program, indeed.—C. S. Cameron, April 1.



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BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of Northwest Texas Conference will meet in Itasca on May 8, instead of May 15 as previously announced.

HORACE BISHOP.

We are sorry to have disappointed our Sunday-school workers at Houston last week. But there is a limit to our ability to meet all the demands upon us. The brethren keep us under constant strain, and this, coupled with the arduous work of editing the Advocate, levies a tax upon every ounce of our strength. The tragedy at Fort Worth put additional work upon us. We had to go over there and do our part to help on their movement while the time was ripe. So when the time came to go to Houston, we did not feel equal to the task—particularly as we had another pressing engagement at the last of the week. But really there is no need to work one man to death, when we have so many capable workers in the field.

THE DALLAS NEWS IS PESSIMISTIC.

The Dallas Daily News is an admirable newspaper, one of the best this side of the Mississippi; but, editorially, it is not always a good criterion on moral and religious questions. However, it has made wonderful improvements in matters of this character within the past fifteen years. And we indulge the hope that it will continue to improve because there is still room for it, and furthermore, public sentiment is improving, and the News is quick to fall in with the growth of public sentiment.

In one of its recent issues, it published an editorial touching moral issues of a most depressing and pessimistic nature. The digestion of the News must have been out of order when it wrote that gloomy production. Let us quote a few excerpts and comment on them a trifle: "It has come to pass that there are hundreds of thousands of American citizens who consider that the Government should take the place of teachers, of parents, of preachers." Is this true? If so it is no more true than in the years gone. Nevertheless, we believe that we have a larger number of people than ever before who are looking, with increased activity, to the teachers, the parents and the preachers, for the development of a healthy public sentiment; and that out of this improved sentiment is coming the urgent demands for better laws—the very thing the News deplored in said editorial: "When the people of the old Commonwealth worshiped their God their conduct was more exemplary than when they threw him aside." When did the people ever throw their God aside? We have more people worshipping God now than at any period in our history. We have more church houses, more children in Sunday-schools and a better moral and religious condition than our forefathers ever dreamed of. True we are not yet ideal, but we are more approximately so than in the years gone by. "A hundred or even fifty years ago, the American people read the Bible with awe and respect. In it each man looked for his guide in social, moral and spiritual matters. Then preachers preached the obligations of the individual to live well in the sight of God; to love his neighbor; to look for the surcease of ill through helps and blessings from on high." All of which is only true in part. We have just as faithful preachers today, and they are preaching to the people just as faithful truth as the world has ever known. And more people, by far, are reading the Bible and making it their guide and comfort today than at any period in the world's history. One hundred, or even fifty years ago, the great majority of the people in this country never read a line in the Bible, and thousands of them were not even able to own one. The News needs to read up on those lines before it gets off another Jeremiad on the present degeneracy of the people as compared with former years. "Now people preach Government and its obligations to go forth and make good men. Men are not appealed to, but the Government is appealed to." In this admission, the News lets its old cat out of the wallet! It does not, and never did, believe in legislation to control moral questions. It favors the professional base ball games on Sunday, horse race gambling at the fairs, and in protecting the liquor traffic by laws—regulating it. And if the News believes in exterminating any sort of gambling by drastic laws, it is something recent. It never has come out boldly and openly and denounced gambling; neither has it been the custom of the News to properly criticize officers of this city and county for not enforcing the laws against Sunday saloons and gambling dens. The Sunday following the Fort Worth tragedy, the News had a short editorial on this subject. But a few years ago, when some of us were doing our best to stir up sentiment against gambling and in favor of enforcing the laws against it, the News closed its columns to us, and we had to reach the public through an improvised paper of our own. And when Chief of Police E. G. Knight was doing

his best to enforce the laws against Sunday saloons and open gambling dens, the News never gave him any encouragement. It then believed, as it now believes, that the "Government ought not to be appealed to" to suppress such evils. It wants the people to do as they did "one hundred, or even fifty years ago," and follow "their consciences" rather than secure and enforce legislation in the suppression of such evils. And because an enlightened Christian sentiment is trying to back the teachings of the pulpit with wholesome laws to rid society of the evils of the saloon, the gambling den, the professional Sunday base ball and horse race gambling at the fairs, the News lifts up its melancholy voice in editorial walls over the degeneracy of the times as compared with the free and easy times of one hundred years ago. No, Brother News, the world is not moving backward, but forward. It is not yet as good as it ought to be, but it is far in advance of its moral sentiment of former years. Wipe your eyes and help us still to make it better by giving your support to our laws against moral evils.

It will be noted from an announcement by Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., that the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet in Itasca on May 8, instead of May 15, as heretofore announced. Let those interested take notice.

From the Austin Statesman of recent date we note that the University Church people gave a banquet to over one hundred of its special friends. A number of leading citizens of the city, many of them from the other Churches, were present and took part in the program. After the refreshments had been served there were several addresses, bearing upon the work of the Church in Austin, and much sentiment was made in behalf of their new Church movement. The subscription list is growing, and the membership is making progress. They must have a \$50,000 Church at that point and all Texas Methodists ought to help them. The work there demands it; and the Methodists boys and girls who attend the State University need it, and will need it for all time to come.

Just as we went to press last week we received a telegram announcing the death of Rev. S. S. Morris of Pittsburg. He was for many years a most useful local preacher, and the father of Charles, Lon, and John Morris, laymen in our Church at Willsboro, Pittsburg and Linden, all of whom are well known to our Methodist people. Their venerable father and mother celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Pittsburg some time ago. For a great many years that place had been their home. Brother Morris was a true Christian man. He had a simple faith, a deep conviction, and an earnest experience. He lived to a ripe old age and died loved and honored by his friends and acquaintances.

The Legislature made haste last week, in both branches, to pass the most stringent gambling law ever placed upon the statute books of any State this side of the Mississippi. The lesson at Fort Worth produced immediate fruit, and the law is now in force. Only one man in the Senate voted against it, and only seven in the lower House. Their names ought to be embossed, then embalmed for the use of generations unborn. The gambler is now in a tight place in Texas. He is hated of all decent people, and the hand of all honest men is against him. If he is convicted of this crime, he will hereafter get from two to four years in the penitentiary, and so will the man who is convicted of renting, leasing, or having any connection with property where gambling is carried on. Those who simply play at the game, if convicted, will get at least a fifty dollar fine, and the court is at liberty to give them an additional jail sentence. Their furniture is to be confiscated and destroyed. All this was hastened by the Fort Worth tragedy. County Attorney McLean's death is an awful price to pay for such a law, but it has been purchased, and it is in force.

A VISIT TO BRASHEAR.

Brashear is a good community, twenty-six miles beyond Greenville on the M. K. & T. Railroad—Shreveport branch. Rev. L. F. Tannery is our pastor there. They had a Church to dedicate and we were invited to be present and take charge of the service. We reached there at noon Saturday. We were met by our good brother, E. M. Snider. I was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Edmondson, a most delightful home and full of the grace of Christian hospitality. He is an earnest and a very religious Baptist, while she is a devout Methodist, the daughter of Brother Snider. The Church question does not disturb them, for they are both genuinely religious, and their home is a most genial and happy one. After dinner I learned that they had service announced for the afternoon at 3 o'clock and again at night. Both services were good to the use of edifying. Sunday morning the people come from far and near. The house was more than full—it was packed and running over. And it is a good one, too. It was projected, and we believe built, while Rev. J. B. Minnis was pastor a few years ago. Rev. W. H. Brown had been with him in a good meeting, and the enterprise followed. Other pastors followed and did their part, but the debt, at least a part of it, remained unpaid until the first of this year. The pastor and his people went to work to relieve it of all incumbrance. It is a beautiful framed structure, finished neatly within and freshly painted without, and well furnished. It will seat three hundred people. Our membership is something over one hundred. The house cost something over \$1,800, and the property is well worth \$2,100. It is well located and the people are very much gratified that they own it and that it is now out of debt. The Building Committee was composed of the following brethren: E. M. Snider, Rev. R. F. Russell, H. T. Francis, S. J. Dicken, W. C. Bramlette, J. A. Elder, J. J. Livingston, and W. T. Richardson. Brother Richardson passed to his reward before the debt was all paid. These brethren did heroic work to secure this beautiful Church. Nearly all of them went to that community eight years ago and bought their homes—farms. They went in debt for them. But they did not neglect their duty to the Church because of their debts. Sunday was a great day for them. It was good to look into their faces and see how happy they were. We had a fine service and the house was solemnly set apart to the worship of Almighty God. The little town entertained all the visiting people and it was good to be with them. Brother Tannery is doing a good work. He has four other appointments. This one is the most prominent, and they hope to bring the parsonage there soon. He not only preaches to his people and visit them from house to house, but at each charge he has organized a class and instructs them in the Discipline—a good idea. He is a good, substantial preacher and a very earnest and devoted man.

The little town of Brashear is located in a good section. It is a cross between the timber and the black land sections, and the result is a fine farming section. They raise fine fruit and potatoes. Corn and cotton flourish. Last year was a good crop year and the people seem to be prosperous and in good spirits. We have a devoted membership. They are true people, love the Church, enjoy its services, and many of them read the Advocate. They gave me a warm welcome. I trust that my visit to them will be a blessing, and that more of them will join the Advocate band.

G. C. R.

Another liquor tragedy took place in Bowie last week, almost equal to the one in Fort Worth, though not so spectacular in its enactment. For a few years they have had a noted character living in that town. Before local option he was a saloon keeper. After local option went into effect, he opened a joint and continued to do business, despite the law. The officers did not arrest or prevent him. He kept the whole town brow-beaten. He was known as a desperate character, and

rather than kill him or be killed by him, the citizens and the officers just permitted him to practically have his way. During the last local option campaign, this is the fellow who struck Harry Halsell on the head with a six-shooter, without provocation, and came nearly doing him serious injury. Last week, he and his brother walked up the street about night, passed two officers sitting near a meat shop, turned and shot both of them without a moment's warning, wounding them seriously. They deliberately turned round and went to the home of the one living in Bowie, and barricaded themselves, with a few friends, in the house, and refused to surrender. Their aged mother was in there dying of cancer, and the wife and children were also inside. Hundreds of people, armed and ready to do mischief, surrounded the house. They would not fire upon it because of the women and children, but they determined that the desperadoes should not escape. Long after midnight, the sheriff prevailed upon them to surrender, promising them protection against lynching—which was seriously threatened. They were safely landed in jail at Montague. The saloon devil has again over-reached his mark, and Texas is besmirched with another disgrace. But nothing else need be expected when whiskey undertakes to run a community regardless of law. Thus it is that most every week local option gets a boost from the over-act of some saloon devotee. Let the gamblers and white apron gentry have their way, and the people will awake to a sense of their duty. Violence upon the part of these fellows is writing the doom of the liquor shop, whether in a wet district or otherwise. The gambler has already broken his neck through the Fort Worth tragedy, and we predict that the saloon devil will do the same thing before many years have passed. On with the battle!

A GOOD BEGINNING.

In last week's Advocate appeared a call from Rev. Charles E. Brown for funds with which to clear the home of Rev. J. P. Mussett, a superannuate of the Northwest Texas Conference, of a debt which is embarrassing him. Brother Brown reports the receipt of the following sums:

Table with donation amounts: B. W. Jackson, Dallas, \$10.00; Chas. E. Brown, Fort Worth, 10.00; L. Blaylock, Dallas, 10.00

May we not hope that the fund will be materially augmented by our next issue. Let us place flowers along the pathway of this good man and his wife, rather than reserving them for their graves.

REV. S. H. MORGAN.

In a letter from Rev. S. H. Morgan, of Elgin, a member of the Texas Conference, he tells us that he is now compelled to go to Austin to have an operation performed upon his eyes. For years he has suffered with eye trouble, and at times he has been nearly blind. This operation may relieve him or it may result in total blindness—probably the latter. He tells us that his financial condition is very low, having not enough money to meet the actual expenses of this additional tax upon his means. Therefore, we feel justified in asking his brethren, for he has scores of them who love him, to send him a little aid. He is in need, and now is the time to come to his help. A small amount from several will not hurt them, and it will greatly relieve him. Brethren, do not forget Brother Morgan.

In a note from Dr. S. A. Steel about another matter, he says the following concerning the Advocate: "I like the ring of your editorial on the Fort Worth tragedy. 'The devil fell sick; the devil a monk would be. The devil got well, the devil a monk was he.' When black is white and hell is heaven, we may expect the whisky element to obey the law." These are true words, but Dr. Steel has always been true on the whiskey traffic. His coming to us is another potent contribution to the force now in operation against this monster.

"The object for which we strive tells the story of our lives."

THE NEW ANTI-GAMBLING LAW.

The following is an exact copy of the new anti-gaming law just passed by both branches of the Legislature and signed by the Governor. It is now in operation, and gamblers stand aghast:

Article 388 (364). If any person shall bet or wager at any gaming table, or bank or pigeon hole or jenny lind table or nine or ten pin alley, such as are mentioned in the six preceding articles or shall bet or wager any money or other thing of value at any of the games included in the six preceding articles, or at any of the following games, viz: poker dice, jack-pot, high-dice, high-die, low-dice, low-die, dominoes, euchre with dominoes, poker with dominoes, sett with dominoes, muggins, crack-oo, crack-or-oo, or the game of matching money or coins of any denomination for such coins, or for other things of value, or at any game of any character whatever that can be played with cards, dice or dominoes, or at any table, bank or alley, by whatsoever name the same may be known or whether named or not, and without reference as to how the same may be played and without reference as to how the same may be constructed or operated, or shall bet or wager upon anything in any place where people resort for the purpose of betting or wagering, he shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$50; provided, no person shall be indicted under this section for playing said games with dominoes or cards at a private residence occupied by a family, unless same is commonly resorted to for the purpose of gaming; and provided further, that no banking game played with cards or dominoes shall be exempted from the provisions of this act on account of being played at a private residence occupied by a family; and provided further, that for betting on any gaming table or bank the court or jury may, in addition to said fine, impose a jail penalty of not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

Article 388a. If any person shall directly or as agent or employe for another, or through any agent or agents keep or exhibit for the purpose of gaming any policy game, any gaming table, bank, wheel or device of any name or description whatever, or any table, bank, wheel or device for the purpose of gaming which has no name, or any slot machine, any pigeon hole table, any jenny lind table, ten pin alley or table or alley of any kind whatsoever, regardless of the name or whether named or not, or of the number of pins, balls or rings used for gaming, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than four years, regardless of whether any of the above mentioned games, tables, banks, alleys, wheels, devices or slot machines are licensed by law or not; provided, that any such alley, table, bank, wheel, machine or device shall be considered as used for gaming, if the table fees, alley fees or money or anything of value is bet thereon.

Article 388b. If any person shall rent to another or shall keep or be in any manner interested in keeping any premises, building, room or place for the purpose of being used as a place to bet or wager, or to gamble with cards, dice, dominoes, or to keep or exhibit for the purpose of gaming any bank, table, alley, machine, wheel or device whatsoever, or as a place where people resort to gamble, bet or wager upon anything whatever, or shall knowingly permit property or premises of which he is owner, or which is under his control, to be so used, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than four years, regardless of whether any of the above mentioned games, tables, banks, alleys, machines, wheels or devices or things are licensed by law or not, and any place or device shall be considered as used for gaming or to gamble with or for betting or wagering, if any fees, money or anything of value is bet thereon, or if the same is resorted to for the purpose of gaming or betting.

Article 388c. If any person shall bet or wager at any gaming table or bank or other thing mentioned in this act, or shall bet or wager upon anything in any place to which people resort for the purpose of betting or wagering, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50; provided, that where the conviction is for betting at any gaming table or bank, the court or jury may in addition to said fine impose a jail penalty of not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

Article 388d. If any person shall, in any manner, aid in equipping or furnishing any gaming house, or place where people resort for the purpose of gaming, wagering or betting, he shall be punished by confinement in the county jail for a period of not less than thirty nor more than ninety days.

Article 388e. If any person shall knowingly permit any gaming paraphernalia, table or device or equipment of a gaming house, of any character whatever, to remain in his possession or on premises under his control or of which he is owner and to be used for gaming purposes, he shall be punished by confinement in the county jail for a period of not less than thirty days nor more than one year.

Article 388f. If any person shall go into or remain in any gambling house, knowing the same to be such, or shall remain in any place where any of the games prohibited by this act are within his knowledge, being played, dealt or exhibited, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50. Gambling house and gaming house, as used in this act, is meant any place where people resort for the purpose of gaming, betting or wagering.

Article 388g. Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of any sheriff, constable, police officer or other peace officer, by affidavit of a reputable citizen or otherwise, that any of the provisions of this act are being violated, it shall be the duty of such officer to immediately avail himself of all lawful means to suppress such violation, and he shall be authorized by any search warrant that is issued by virtue of this act to enter any house, room or place to be searched, using such force as may be necessary to accomplish such purpose.

Article 388h. Upon the filing with any justice of the peace, county or district judge, or any other magistrate of an affidavit in writing, made by a reputable citizen that gaming, betting or wagering, as prohibited by this act, is being conducted in any building, room, premises or place, describing the same sufficiently for identification, it shall be the duty of such officer, with whom said affidavit is filed, to immediately issue a warrant commanding the peace officer to whom same is directed to immediately enter and search such building, room, premises or place, and in the event the same is a gaming house, as defined in this act, to arrest all parties found therein, or making their escape therefrom, and to take possession of any gaming paraphernalia, device or equipment found therein, and it shall be the duty of such officer to immediately take the persons arrested before the nearest magistrate, and lodge the proper complaint against each person so arrested.

Article 388i. The existence of any gambling house or gaming table or bank or gaming paraphernalia or device of whatever kind or character and all equipments of such gaming house is hereby declared to be against public policy and the same is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and no suit shall be brought or maintained in any of the courts of this State for the recovery of same or for any insurance thereon or for damages by reason of any injury to or for the destruction of same.

Article 388j. The use of any house, property or premises, by any tenant or lessee, for any purpose made unlawful by this act, shall terminate all rights and interests of such tenant or lessee in same, and shall entitle the owner thereof to the immediate possession of said house, property or premises.

Article 388k. It shall be the duty of every sheriff, constable, police officer or other peace officer by virtue of the warrant authorized by this act to seize and take into his possession all gaming tables, devices and other equipments or paraphernalia of gambling houses, the existence of which has come to his knowledge and to immediately file with the justice of peace, county judge or district judge a list in writing of the property seized and shall designate the place where same was seized, and the owner of same, or person from whom possession was taken. Thereupon it shall be the duty of said justice of the peace, county or district judge to note same upon his docket and to issue or cause the clerk of the court to issue a notice in writing to the owner or person in whose possession the articles seized were found, commanding him to appear at a designated time, not earlier than five days from the service of such notice, and show cause why such articles should not be destroyed. If personal service can not be had upon the person to whom same is directed, a copy of said notice shall be posted for not less than five days, either upon the court house door of the county, where the proceedings are begun, or upon the building or premises from which the property seized was taken.

Article 388l. If upon a hearing of the matter referred to in the preceding section the justice of peace, county judge or district judge before whom the cause is pending shall determine that the property seized is a gaming table, or bank, or is used as equipment or paraphernalia for a gambling house, and was being used for gaming purposes, he shall order same to be destroyed, but any part of same may, by

order of the court, be held as evidence to be used in any prosecution or case until the prosecution or case is finally disposed of. Property not of that character or not so used shall be ordered returned to the person entitled to possession of the same. It shall be the duty of the officer, within not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days from the entry of said order to destroy all property the destruction of which has been ordered by the court, unless the owner, lessee or person entitled to possession under this act shall, before the destruction of said property, file a suit to recover same.

Article 388m. Any person having interest in or entitled to possession of any property seized under this act shall have the right at any time before the destruction of such property, as in ordinary civil cases, to try the issue of whether or not such property is a gaming table, or bank, or device, or was used as equipment or paraphernalia of any gambling house, and to recover the possession of the same, and to maintain any other character of suit not inconsistent with this act; and it shall be the duty of the officer having said property in his possession after notice of the pendency of said suit to safely keep said property pending the same.

Article 388n. If any indictment or information for keeping or exhibiting a gaming table, alley, machine, wheel, device, or bank, it shall be sufficient to state that the person accused kept the table, alley, machine, wheel, device or bank for gaming, or exhibited the same for gaming, without giving the name or description thereof, and without stating that the table, bank, alley, machine, wheel or gaming device was without any name, or that the same was unknown, and it shall not be necessary in the prosecution to prove that money or other articles of value were won or lost thereon.

Sec. 2. The prevalence of gaming in this State in defiance of good morals and of a sound public policy, and the inadequacy of the statutes of this State to suppress the evil, create an imperative public necessity demanding the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and the said rule is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

- On the part of the Senate. LOONEY. SKINNER. GREEN. CHAMBERS. CUNNINGHAM. On the part of the House. DEAN. MCGREGOR. LIVELY. GAFFORD. BASKIN.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Baker of Prospect Hill Church, San Antonio, recently made the Advocate a cheering visit.

Rev. James Campbell, D. D., looked in on the Educational Institute this week, and also spent a few pleasant moments in this office.

Rev. J. Sam Barcus, of Georgetown, preached at Oak Lawn Church last Sunday night. His theme was "The Right Use of Money."

Rev. John R. Brooks, D. D., of the Western North Carolina Conference, died of pneumonia last week. For a great many years he was a prominent minister in the old North State.

Brother G. A. Keahey, of Huckabay, was in to see us this week. He has been a constant subscriber to the Advocate since 1866. This is a fine record, and we were glad to look into his face and have a good talk with him.

Rev. C. M. Harliss has been in the city several days mingling with the brethren. He has taken part in the educational meeting for this district. As Commissioner of Education, he is kept busily engaged.

Rev. John R. Allen, D. D., of Southwestern, preached at Trinity last Sunday morning, and at First Church at night. He was once pastor of First Church, and his old parishioners were glad to hear him again.

Mrs. W. H. Swift, of Troup, for a long time a reader and a friend of the Advocate, called to see the people who get the paper out and gave them an earnest shake of the hand. We were glad to see her.

Rev. J. L. Massey, of Longview, has demonstrated what a busy station pastor can do in the way of circulating his Church paper. He has had the misfortune, we are sorry to say, of being in the grasp of the grip. How-

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

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ever, before he succumbed to it he had sent in the names of twenty-three new subscribers and now promises when on his feet to increase the list to a greater number.

Rev. W. B. Wilson, agent for Clarendon College, is in the city. He says their school is moving forward, and that the movement to raise money to put up larger buildings and to better equip the school is meeting with success.

Rev. C. W. Dennis, of Campbell, has been visiting in the city, and he made the Advocate a pleasant call. So did Rev. J. F. Archer, of Louisville. Both of these brethren are earnest pastors and faithful preachers in the conference.

Dr. R. S. Hyer, of Southwestern, occupied the pulpit at First Methodist Church Sunday morning, and delivered a strong lay sermon on the importance of Christian education. He also took part in the Educational Institute during the week, for this district.

Brother A. F. Platter, of Denison, is Treasurer of the Mission Board, North Texas Conference, and all moneys collected in the North Texas Conference for that fund should be sent direct to him. We publish this personal for the benefit of brethren who write to this office for that information.

The editor of this paper will take part in the dedication of the Clarksville Church, the second Sunday in May. Rev. T. J. Beckham, the pastor, will be glad to see the former pastors of the church present on that delightful occasion. They have a most beautiful church, and its dedication will be an event of special interest.

Rev. D. L. Coale called this week. He was en route to Beaumont, Texas, whither he goes with his children to place them with their grandparents. Until further notice those desiring his aid in meetings, as well as others wishing to reach him by correspondence, will address him at Beaumont.

The San Angelo people have chosen Rev. Wallace Crutchfield as President of their proposed Methodist school in that city. Brother Crutchfield is one of the leading Vanderbilt students of Texas, having spent several years there; and no man has had better school advantages. We predict for him a successful career.

Rev. W. B. Wilson, of Clarendon, and financial agent for Clarendon College, attended the Dallas District Educational Institute, and he made the

Oriental Tour For February, 1908.

Organized by John R. Allen, of Southwestern University. He and his wife will be on the trip. The tour takes in the Holy Land. If interested, write to John R. Allen, Georgetown, Texas, for itinerary.

Advocate a brotherly visit. Brother Wilson is pushing the financial affairs of his Panhandle school with great vigor. He is working for a \$50,000 enterprise, and he is advanced far enough to get in sight of it.

Rev. J. N. Broyles, of Warren, Beaumont District, passed through Dallas and called on the Advocate. Brother Broyles has for a number of years supplied works in the West Texas Conference, but this year finds himself within the bounds of the Texas Conference. His reports are always full. He is a hard and zealous worker and Methodism always receives an uplift where he serves. He was on his way to visit his father, who lives in Collin County.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Committee on General Conference Entertainment will meet in the Publishing House at Nashville Wednesday, May 15, at 10 o'clock a. m., to select a place for the next session of the General Conference.

All persons having invitations to present will please file them with the chairman or the Secretary of the committee prior to that time.

R. W. MILLSAPS, Chairman. Jackson, Miss.

"MAN: HIS ORIGIN."

The above is a neat pamphlet of twenty-three pages, written and published by Rev. Eugene T. Bates, of the Northwest Texas Conference, but now residing at Denton, Texas. The price of the pamphlet is ten cents, and its reading will help any person who believes in the dignity of manhood. It comprises four chapters: (1) Man Is Not Self-Created; (2) His Creation Is Not Casual; (3) He Did Not Originate from the Lower Order of Beings; (4) He Was Most Wonderfully Made and Created by God. These chapters, with their subjects succinctly stated, cover a good argument and point a most useful lesson. Preachers would do well to circulate this useful little document among their people.

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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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THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, AUGUST 1-11, 1907.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

We happened to be present recently when the official board of a certain North Texas charge had under consideration the setting of the date for the summer revival meeting. A number of dates were suggested by the brethren, and finally some one mentioned the first two weeks in August. Instantly the pastor said: "No, that will not be a desirable time. The State League Encampment meets then, and I cannot conscientiously set my meeting at a time when it will conflict with such an important institution of the Church as the State League Encampment. Please name another date." And another date was named. We think the action of this pastor should be the action of every other pastor in the State of Texas. The Encampment is an important event in the religious life of the young people, and of the older ones as well. Let it be given the right of way, and those who attend it will return home with a deeper insight into the great work which the Church is doing, and will feel encouraged to attempt greater things for God.

NOTES.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate has a new League Editor, Rev. H. W. Whitehead, who begins his work by urging upon the Leaguers and local chapter correspondents to send in news for the League page. He succeeds Brother Hawkins, who has been League Editor for some time. Like a few others, the League page of this paper is without a directory at its head, and the new editor does not give his postoffice address. We think much of the directory plan, for it places before the workers at large the name and address of the several State or conference officials, and places the one in touch with the other. We welcome the new editor, and from the policy he has outlined, shall expect great things from his work.

Brother E. L. Rice sends us a collection of kodak views from Gordon, Texas, which were made at Epworth-by-the-Sea during the last Encampment. Some of them are very good, and will be used to advantage in the advertising matter which is to be gotten out this year. If any other views are available we shall be glad to have them at once.

It will be remembered that the Dallas Leagues led off with a subscription for fifty bonds when the campaign for improvement funds was started in February. The subscription, amounting to \$1,250 has about all been paid. This shows what may be done when a little energy and determination are put into an effort. It is a good example for others to follow.

We are impressed with the method employed by the President of the Conference Epworth League Board of Louisiana. He has issued a lengthy appeal to the members of the board, in which he urges the reading by them of Epworth League literature, especially the Epworth Era, such as will "thoroughly inform" them "in the various phases of the League work." He calls for the members of the board to set the example to others by organizing each a League in his own Church, saying that "a good organization in our own Church is of more practical value than an eloquent address in theorizing about what others could and should do." District and Conference League organization both are urged as necessary to success. Much stress is laid upon League Institutes, as a closing admonition. The

appeal deserves careful attention, and it heeded will bear good results.

The Florida State League Conference will be held June 18-21, according to a decision reached by the State Cabinet at Live Oak, Fla., recently. The meeting is to be held at Tallahassee.

President Ragsdale is in South Texas placing bonds and arranging for the early commencement of work on the improvements at Epworth-by-the-Sea. He is putting practical methods into his work and is meeting with success. Everywhere he goes the young people take hold of the bond proposition; but it is impossible for him to visit every chapter. Our people should not wait for him to come to them, but should take up the matter and send in their subscriptions for bonds at once. Let all do this, so the full issue of \$25,000 may be speedily placed.

We call attention to the program of the McKinney District Epworth League Conference, which is to be held at Prosper, Texas, April 11-14. President Ed S. Brown is giving much attention to the work, and is being assisted by an able corps of officers. The coming meeting will be a fine one, we are sure.

We are much pleased at the way the conference officers are sending in news items for publication, especially President Swope, of the Texas, and Secretary Hamilton, of the North Texas.

The Hallettsville (Tex) League is much interested in its work, and is extending its usefulness by raising and paying to the cause of missions twelve dollars a year. . . . The Deport (Tex) League raised ten dollars last month for the Cuba mission. . . . A chapter of 43 members has been formed at Bunyan, Texas. . . . The Port Arthur (Tex) chapter is reported to be in a fine spiritual condition. Cottage prayer meetings are held weekly in the suburbs, all departments are at work, and a great work is planned for the coming year. . . . At Karnes City, Tex., there is a flourishing Junior League that has never missed a meeting since its organization, a year ago. All the officers, the singers, and the organist are members of the Junior League, and they understand their work thoroughly. Last summer they had the reading circle, and this winter they have two basket ball teams, and every Saturday afternoon an enthusiast's match game. . . . The League at Smithville, Texas, organized during the first quadrennium of the League's existence, was suspended for several years, but reorganized last March, and now, with a membership of thirty, is demonstrating that power to persevere. A Junior League has been organized, and "The Gang of Six" has inspired the pastor, Rev. O. F. Hatfield, with the purpose of forming his boys into a Boys' League. . . . The Texas League Assembly bonds are now on the market. Texas Methodists will buy them up in a very little while. That is the way they do out there.—Epworth Era.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, once well known in the Los Angeles Conference, as the very youthful, yet eloquent pastor at Santa Barbara, is now stationed at First Church, Fort Worth, Texas. He succeeds there, Dr. Alonzo Monk, well known to California Leaguers as a great lecturer.—H. N. Caldwell, League Editor, in Pacific Methodist Advocate.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

At the meeting of the State League Cabinet in Dallas a few days ago it was decided to publish a State League Directory in connection with the program for the Encampment next August. It is especially desired that this shall be a complete directory of the entire State, and to that end it is earnestly requested that all Leagues that have not sent in a list of their officers for this year do so at once. Please do not put this off another day. Your Secretary may not see this notice, so please take it upon yourself to send the list at once to F. L. McNeny, State Secretary, Dallas.

Will all of the District Secretaries that have not already done so, send in at once a complete list of the District League officers and of the officers of every local chapter in his district? This information is desired for a State League Directory, to be published in connection with the program for the Encampment next summer. If you haven't the information at hand, please drop me a card saying that you will send it in within the next week or so. We cannot publish the Directory without your co-operation, and we are

confident that you will attend to this matter at once.

State League dues are coming in very slowly. This matter should be attended to at once. Please do not wait until the Encampment and pile up more work for the Secretary. Let's get in the habit of attending to League matters as we would to business, for that is what it is. The assessment is 50 cents for ever 20 members or fractional part thereof, but if anyone feels like being more generous it will be graciously received, and certainly could not be contributed to a more worthy cause.

With various remittances and lists of officers sent in to the Secretary come glad tidings of splendid work being done in various quarters of the State. It is evident that there is a League revival on, and to my mind it is clear that the cause for this is that we have been called on to do something. My observation is that wherever the Leagues have subscribed for Encampment bonds it has quickened the life of the League. When we pledge ourselves to do something we get to work to do it, and all the dormant talent is called into play, the spiritual life is also quickened, and the League become a bundle of energies. This is certainly true of the Dallas District.

FRANK L. MCNENY, Secretary.

Dallas, Texas.

THE PASTOR AND THE LEAGUE.

It is most important that right relations should exist between the pastor and the League, otherwise there is friction and want of understanding. The pastor should be in perfect sympathy with the workings of the League and not try to divert it from the legitimate work; and on the other hand, nothing of importance should be undertaken by the League without consulting the pastor, who should be recognized by the officers and League as their best friend and adviser. When he is not much interested in the League he should be made to feel that his co-operation is essential to success. His help should be asked in everything until he does realize this.

As a rule, we believe most harmonious relations exist between the pastor and his League, but now and then the contrary is true. The pastor seldom attends the meetings, and when he does he comes with a proposition that is out of harmony with the spirit of the League. The League will, of course, help the pastor in every way possible, but it is not to be regarded as a mere money-gatherer or a one ideal 'hing. There are other things of more importance to which time must be given. The pastor should manifest his interest not only by attending, so far as possible, all the League meetings, but he should sit on the platform with the President; or, at least, in front among the officers and occasionally speak a word of encouragement or exhortation, and always hold himself in readiness to drop into the program whenever an awkward pause is about to occur. If the pastor is inclined to take a back seat the President should always give him an invitation to the platform.

No sensible pastor will hold himself aloof from his young people. The League is an arm of service, and if rightly guided, will be of great assistance to the pastor.—H. B. Anderson, League Editor, in Raleigh Christian Advocate.

McKINNEY DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

April 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1907, at the M. E. Church, South, Prosper, Tex.

Program.

Thursday Night, April 11.
Invocation.—Rev. J. D. Hudgins, Prosper.
Address of Welcome.—Byron A. Smith, Prosper.
Response.—Ed. S. Brown, McKinney.
Lecture: The Epworth League.—Rev. J. B. Gober, McKinney.

Friday Morning, April 12.

Sunrise Prayer meeting, 6:30 a. m. Devotional exercises.
President's annual report.—Ed. S. Brown, McKinney.
Address: The Ideal League President.—B. M. Bullard, McKinney.
Discussion: Some Obstacles in the Way of a League President and How to Remove Them.—Will V. Miller, Frisco; Ed. Jackson, Celina; C. R. Crockett, Prosper.

Report and Address of the First Vice-President.—Byron A. Smith.

Paper: How to Increase the Spirituality of the League.—Miss Anna Robinson, Celina.
How to Make the Devotional Meetings Interesting and Attractive.—Discussion by the delegates, led by Miss Ruby Kendrick, Plano.

Announcement of committees by the President.
Sermon.—Rev. L. A. Burk, Nevada.

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Friday Afternoon, April 12.

Devotional exercises.
Report of Second Vice-President.—Miss Ellen Riehl, Jo ephine.
Some Things the Charity and Aid Departments of our Leagues Have Overlooked.—Discussion by the Delegates, led by Miss Mae Dye, Plano.
The Monthly Assessment, How to Collect.—O. L. Hamilton, Frisco, Secretary North Texas League Conference.
Report of the Junior Superintendent.—Mrs. A. R. Nash, Plano.
Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.—Miss Sara D. Doggett, McKinney.
Report of the Leagues by the delegates.

Sermon.—Rev. H. A. Boaz, Fort Worth, President Polytechnic College.

Saturday Morning, April 13.

Sunrise Prayer meeting at 6:30 a. m.
Devotional exercises 8:30 a. m.
Report of the Third Vice-President.—Prof. M. A. Childers, Celina.
Entertainments, Socials, etc.—The Social Side of the Epworth League.
Discussion by the delegates, led by Mrs. B. F. Smith, Celina.
Paper: The Value of Good Literature.—Prof. M. A. Childers, Celina.
Report of the Fourth Vice President.—Miss Mary Ferguson.
Paper: Duty of the Epworth League Toward Missions.—Mrs. N. R. Stone, McKinney.
Missionary Round Table.—Conducted by Miss Ruby Kendrick, Plano.
Address: Missionary Literature Awakens Missionary Enthusiasm.—Miss Mae Dye, Plano.
Report of the Scholar-ship.—Miss Mary Ferguson, McKinney.
Missionary Sermon, 11 a. m.—Rev. A. R. Nash, Plano.

Saturday Afternoon, April 13.

Exercise by the Frisco Juniors.
Unfinished business.
Reports of committees.
Election of officers.
Selection of next meeting place of conference.
Reading of minutes.
Sermon, 8:00.

Sunday Morning, April 14.

Delegates attend the Prosper M. E. Sunday school.
Conference Sermon, 11 a. m.—Rev. J. M. Binkley, Sherman.
Union meeting of delegates and the Leagues of Prosper, Celina and Frisco, 3:00 p. m.
Leaders will be appointed for the devotional services and the sunrise prayer meetings the previous night.

PRESS COMMENTS.

The Texas League Encampment bonds are now on the market. Texas Methodists will buy them up in a very little while. That is the way they do out there.—Rev. H. M. DuBose, General Secretary of the League, in the Epworth Era.

Texas Leaguers are to be congratulated on their successful establishment of the Epworth-by-the-Sea Encampment as a permanent institution. In accordance with the provision made at General Conference they are holders of a splendid property, and are issuing a very attractive kind of bonds that are being bought up by the League Chapters and the Leaguers as individuals, the proceeds (\$25,000) to be used for the improvement of the

grounds.—H. N. Caldwell, League Editor, in Pacific Methodist Advocate.

Speaking of the improvements to be made in the League grounds, the Corpus Christi Caller says:

"All Corpus Christi is rejoiced to learn that these improvements are to begin in earnest and be completed in time for the next encampment in August. The news will likewise be hailed with delight by Leaguers all over the State. It is but a matter of a very short while now before Epworth will be made one of the prettiest and most picturesque camping grounds in the entire country."

SPURGEON AND THE FARMER.

Spurgeon was once riding in the country, and on a farmer's barn saw a weather vane on the arrow of which were inscribed these words: "God is love." He turned in at the gate, and asked the farmer: "What do you mean by that? Do you think God's love is changeable—that it veers about as that arrow turns in the wind?"

"O no!" cried the farmer. "I mean that which ever way the wind blows, God is still love."
It would be a blessing if all Christians had his simple faith. When the wind is in the south and everything is prosperous, when cotton is ten cents a pound and our children are well, we say: "God loves us." But when the wind comes around to the east and trouble falls, when collections are slow and business is poor and our children are sick, we are very apt to say: "God doesn't love us any more." But he is loving us just the same. His very nature is love and cannot change.—Selected.

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"Of course, living in a large city like Chicago, I received treatment from some of the finest doctors in the city, which did me no good. After spending hundreds of dollars, my husband engaged one of the best women specialists here. He suggested an operation right away, but I would not consent. After suffering like this for years, a very dear friend advised me to take Wine of Cardui, and from the very first bottle I can truthfully say I began to improve. I have now taken eight bottles and look and feel like a different person. My pains are gone, I am getting stout, eat well and can now wear my corset, which I have not been able to do since I was first taken sick.

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THE LAST FAREWELL.

(To the memory of a fair, sweet one who has some time been waiting for me in the glory world.)

Farewell, dear papa, a long farewell: Some bright, sweet day we shall meet again.

From my childhood's days to riper years, There's none who has loved you half so well.

Full many a time I've felt thy breath, While stooping to kiss my soft young cheeks; A strange, numb feeling comes o'er me now;

I know, dear papa, this must be death.

Yes, dear, sweet papa, I've loved you well, And your love for me has been the same;

But now, dear papa, a long good bye, I go with God and angels to dwell.

Who'll love you, papa, when I am gone? There'll be none to kiss your tears away,

Nor comfort and cheer as I have done— You'll miss me, papa, when I am gone.

You taught me, papa, to trust and pray That Jesus, my Savior, died for me; And now by faith that fair land I see.

Where joy unspeakable lasts for aye. But, dear, sweet papa, it won't be long—

We'll be happy together again; We'll love each other better than now—

Oh, listen! I hear a new, sweet song! What rapturous scenes I now behold; The harpers are playing that new song;

They are beckoning me, I must go To that fair city "with streets of gold." Farewell, dear papa, a sweet good bye, I'll be waiting and watching for you, Mother and brothers and sister, too, In my lovely home beyond the sky.

T. H. YARBROUGH, Ennis, Texas.

Let us love our children and "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." I ask for no cold, marble shaft to mark my last resting place; but rather let my children stand as a living monument for me, with the gospel truths so deeply engraven upon their hearts that when the storms of sorrow and misfortune beat hard about them they will stand firm and immovable because they are firmly built upon the "Rock, Christ Jesus." "All other foundation is but as sinking sand." T. H. Y.

FROM THE DENVER CONFERENCE.

Our Galveston George, at First Church, Pueblo, writes that "we have been doing some strenuous work with our new parsonage enterprise, and success has crowned our efforts to the extent that work has actually begun. We are not going to do the thing halfway; and the nice 8-room brick, called for by the contract, will look nice and feel nice, on our fine lots hard by the new church. I assure you that the thing has taken time and much effort to gain the results above indicated, and very few and far between are the blades of grass that have sprung up under my feet since I struck Pueblo." "That's a good long quotation and means more than the average reader will put into it. For everything consummated in the Church line in Colorado costs much more than most folks think. This good brother adds that he has received more than thirty into his Church since conference and has had no meeting yet.

His four children have all had the measles; his home was converted into a hospital, with a good nurse in charge, but the disease has flown and the children are all well and out again.

The recent two Sundays in March have been for me the very best I have known in my eight years' pastorate in this land of sunshine. At the 11 o'clock service on one Sunday instead of the regular sermon the General Rules were read; three children were baptized, and the sacrament administered. It was a glorious day and God was certainly manifest. Our four years are closing and conference is only five months distant. The Church is on good, secure ground, and improvements are certainly going on. The attendance is steadily and slowly increasing and our people becoming more spiritual and generous. Our former Colorado boys now sojourning in Texas are expected to "come back home" and visit us here in August at the next session of the Denver Conference.

The La Veta District Conference is to meet at Benlah, a beautiful summer resort near Pueblo, the last of April or the first of May. The presiding elder had hoped to have Bishop Key preside, but he writes me that he cannot secure him. That patriarch of

God is held in much esteem in these parts. His sermon on tithing, now in print, is bearing fruit now a hundred-fold for his Lord.

Brother J. T. Seaton, our pastor at "East Side," Pueblo, is making a monumental effort to buy a new lot, and put up a \$10,000 church in the "Pittsburg of the West." He has tackled a big thing and if he succeeds he is building himself a permanent monument.

Rev. T. D. Wheeler, of the Denver District, writes that he is much improved in health, is staying much out of doors, is sleeping well and eating heartily and thoroughly enjoying the eldership on the huge Denver District. We have no better man among us. He is the beloved disciple of all this region. He is worthy of the title.

Rev. W. P. Buchanan, our pastor at La Veta, has gathered in an audience that taxes his church every Sunday. He now has his eye on some new lots, and is quietly beginning on a handsome and modern new church edifice. May his fondest dreams come to fruition, for those ranchers need all this.

The revival season, preceded by the Spirit of God, has come to many of us. The special effort for Walsenburg will begin March 31, a good preacher coming from Missouri to lead in the preaching.

I hear that Rev. D. V. York is coming again, the second time, from Tennessee and will inaugurate a campaign at La Veta, Gardner and Rye. He is a fine pastor and revivalist, and good results always crown his efforts. His coming is always welcome in the Denver Conference.

Winter has not come to us in these parts this year. Weather has been pleasant and delightful through all these months. Grass is growing, gardens are coming up, chickens are hatching, and trees are putting forth their green foliage. Yet, even in April, I look for heavy snows, and should they fail to come, cattle will suffer for range grass, and the ranchers can have no crops. In Colorado almost everything (it seems religion too) depends on water.

Time fails me now to speak of Dr. C. H. Briggs' fine letters to your paper from Missouri, also the "De luxe" edition of the Texas, which you so generously gave to us on the 14th inst. No man ever had a better and more satisfying "menu" than that set before him. Some of these good days, in the sweet bye and bye, I cherish the fond hopes that I may be so situated so that I can do this great paper some good service. My love to all the "Texans" and to Coloradoans (and they are now a host) too, who are now sojourning and preaching in that land of magnificent distances.

H. A. WOOD, Walsenburg, Colo.

ST. LOUIS EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

Some weeks ago the General Secretary of Education requested the Presidents of all Annual Conference Boards of Education throughout our Church to appoint six or more delegates, lay and clerical, to the Educational Convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., April 23-25, 1907, in connection with the annual meeting there of the General Board of Education. The General Board is not in a position to pay the expenses of such delegates, but it is believed that enough individuals may consent to come, even if they have to pay their own way, to make the occasion representative of the whole Church.

To this request some Boards of Education, through their Presidents, have responded by selecting delegates. It is hoped that all boards will respond. In conferences which have not taken action it will doubtless be found necessary, owing to the shortness of the time, for the Presidents of the boards to appoint delegates directly without calling their boards together. In such instances we suggest that the President of each board himself notify the persons whom he selects and that, upon the receipt of such notification, those who accept the invitation and intend to go write at once to Rev. T. E. Sharp, 4458 West Belle Place, St. Louis, Mo., informing him of their purpose to be on hand.

The local committee charged with getting reduced railroad and hotel rates have secured a one and one-third railroad rate on the certificate plan. Hotel rates have been secured ranging from \$1 to \$1.50 per day, on person in a room, European plan; or from 75 cents to \$1.25 per day, two in a room. For further information write to Rev. T. E. Sharp, St. Louis, addressing as above.

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THE MISSIONARY BULLETIN FOR APRIL.

(By the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South.)

Today one hundred thousand Filipinos gather for the worship of God, and family prayers are a regular feature of the home life. The islands are practically Christian now, and within the present generation they were cannibals. What wonderful results from the proclamation of the gospel!

Some one writing from China on the opium curse there says a remarkable discovery has been made that may destroy the taste for opium. A common jungle plant, whose leaves may be used as they use tea, makes a harmless drink that will destroy the craving for opium.

China is coming to Christ. May the coming not be retarded by the conduct of professed Christians!

The Japanese word for wife means the "back-roomer." As a result of the war and the opening it has effected the Japanese woman is now moving out into a large front room.—Woman's Missionary Friend.

When Korean and Chinese women come to the front, and husbands, brothers and sons acknowledge their rights as citizens, then indeed will new China and new Korea take their places as Christian nations.

In the great old city of Nankin, through the influence of the Viceroy, a school for girls has been founded. It is supported by subscriptions from a number of Chinese officials. It is housed in a spacious building, and has six lady teachers—three to teach English and three to teach Chinese. The interest taken in the school by leading officials indicates the dawning of freedom for Chinese women.

Choice and service—these were demanded of the Israelites, these are demanded of you—these only. Choice and service in these are the whole of life.—Mark Hopkins.

Among the Sioux Indians there is a missionary society whose object is to hunt their heathen brethren. A Church of the Nez Percés Indians in Idaho sends its pastor, an Indian, away on a three months' tour among less favored tribes, having their own services conducted during his absence by elders. An Indian once converted and taught the arts of peace becomes an earnest and zealous missionary in behalf of his savage brother.—Record of Christian Work.

China has taken steps to stamp out the opium curse, and will doubtless stamp it out fully in ten years. A new China will bless Asia and the world ere another half century passes. Dr. Griffith John said: "China will be all changed. In fifty years there will be no idols in China and possibly no foreign pastors, as they will have their own pastors in great numbers."

The Woman's Board of our Church, having had a part in bringing about these grand results, will rejoice to know that they have not labored in vain.

Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Miss Virginia Atkinson reached Nashville February 8 on her way to Atlanta, where relatives and acquaintances will extend hearty greetings. Miss Atkinson has made a record in China, which will help to hasten the day of China's deliverance from superstition and idolatry.

Besides Miss Atkinson, another faithful missionary of the Woman's Board is at home from China—Miss Leveritt, of Monroe, Ga. The returned missionaries, as well as missionary candidates, will be present in Richmond, Va., when the board meets there May 9.

Miss Eliza Perkinson, of Salisbury, Mo., Miss Ada May Stewart, of Douglas, Ga., and Miss Della Wright, of Anderson, S. C., will represent Brazil. The annual sermon of the Woman's Board will be preached at 11 a. m. May 12.

The Prayer Cycle of 1907, prepared by Mrs. J. B. Cobb, is meeting with favor wherever circulated. Price, 25 cents.

The pictures ordered by the board

at its last annual meeting seem to give satisfaction among our workers who find pictures of missionaries and their homes helpful in making our young people familiar with the faces and places so much talked about. The sets of forty-eight pictures are sold at 50 cents a set.

The Woman's Missionary Advocate has now its largest circulation, and its editor, Mrs. F. A. Butler, is able to be up.

At the request of Miss Barnes, the editor of the Little Worker, the board appropriated \$100 from the contingent fund that she might enliven the columns of the little paper with views of Cuba made from personal observation.

"The Scarritt Training School, in Kansas City, is having a successful year." So wrote one of our returned missionaries, who is enjoying some of its privileges there and catching anew the inspiration of its student life.

"Helps and Entertainments" has been enlarged and some choice matter added by Miss Barnes. The price remains the same. "Missionary Camcots" now contains sketches of all our missionaries, about twenty-three additional sketches having been added during the year. Price, 20 cents.

The China Centenary Missionary Conference will be held in Shanghai April 25 to May 6. It will be an event of world-wide interest. Various departments of missionary work will be under discussion, participated in by all the great missionary speakers.

The sad intelligence of Miss Nicholson's death recently came to the office. A helpful Christian worker has passed on to her reward. Her place in China will be hard to fill. Loving hearts there miss her, as well as loving hearts here. The Christ who called her to her heavenly home makes no mistakes. Who will serve China in her stead?

Mrs. Cobb, the Associate Secretary of the Woman's Board, is visiting the work in China and Korea. She had a rough passage over, but was not sick on the way. We look for great results because of her visit.

The Woman's Board will meet in Richmond, Va., May 9. The preliminary meeting will open at 4 p. m. May 9.

The little magazine called the Quiet Hour, or Daily Bible Study, fills a need in our Church. I take pleasure in recommending it, and will send our Conference secretaries sample copies in a short time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To the Home Mission Societies of Texas: Preparations are being made for the entertainment of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which will be held in Houston April 25-May 1. Will you please send in the names of those who will come as visitors? No homes can be provided after April 10. More than one hundred names have already been received, thus assuring us of rates and a record-breaking attendance.

Please give this request your prompt attention.

MRS. GEO. SEXTON,
Chairman Entertainment Committee,
Houston, Texas.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Texas Conference will be held at Galveston, Texas, April 21 to 25. Send names of delegates and visitors to Mrs. R. H. Dudgeon, 1716 Winnie Street.

The pastors are invited to meet with us.

Rates will be made on the railroads, notice of which will be given later. Be sure to inquire for rates from your local railroad agent.

MRS. ALEX WOLDERT,
President Conf. Society.
MRS. J. W. MILLS, Rec. Sec.

THE MISSION HOME, DALLAS, TEXAS.

We had the privilege of being the guests of Mrs. Johnson for two days in the Mission Home, and it was indeed a season of refreshing. It can not be other than an inspiration and a benediction to be a guest in this home. I only wish more of our home mission women would avail themselves of this privilege. You will find the hospitality genuine and royal. Two things impressed me most while in the home. One was the wonderful

things being achieved with the limited means, and the other was the great need of equipment in every department. We do not half appreciate our Mission Home and the fine work being done, for we allow it to be crippled and circumscribed for lack of money. This is the only Mission Home and Training School in the United States, and it is certainly the most Christ-like work in which we can be engaged, because it befriends a class that the average person passes by with averted eyes, and with which they will have nothing to do. I wish I might describe the home as it impressed me, but already my letter is too long. The beautiful services at the table and in the chapel were most touching and the knowledge of the Bible that the girls have would put many of us to shame.

The system of work as it is carried on from week to week is the finest we know of anywhere. The girls are thoroughly trained in every way to be "home workers."

High ideals are set before them and they are made to feel that they have another chance to regain their self-respect and that of the world. And the way the girls are taking advantage of this opportunity is marvelous, and their gratitude should certainly be a strong appeal to us to enlarge our home so that other girls equally as capable might find a refuge. Oh! the pity of having to turn them away. We should look this matter of rescuing fallen girls, girls who take this false step without any criminal intent, squarely in the face. Texas alone, to say nothing of the whole Southern Church to which it belongs, could equip this institution as it should be in a short time, and then have made no self-denial in the giving. If we claim to be followers of Him who said to the sinful woman "Thy sins are forgiven thee, go and sin no more," we certainly must get out of the class who stood by and threw stones, or will we not receive justly the same condemnation that was theirs on that occasion? No woman, certainly no mother, can afford to withhold a helping hand in this great work, for remember that—

"No matter how wayward her footsteps have been,
No matter how deeply she's sunk in sin;
No matter what elements canker the pearl—
Tho' lost and forsaken, she's some mother's girl."
—Mrs. J. C. Mimms, Press Superintendent W. H. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference, in King's Messenger.

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

Collections.	
Dues	\$380.81
Pledge	376.46
Eliza Bowman lot	497.50
Scholarships	240.00
Week of Prayer	103.10
Miss Wynn, board for Jovita	
Ortega	11.25
School in Sao Paulo, Brazil	5.00
Oak Cliff, day school, Saltillo, Mexico	17.00
Chinese famine sufferers	5.00
Conference Expense Fund	107.74
Minutes	5.25
Total	\$1749.11

Disbursements.

Sent to Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Board Treasurer:	
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Total	\$1138.62

Sent Mr. J. H. Bowman, Financial Agent, check \$497.50
Expenses for fourth quarter... 20.25

Balance.....\$92.24
MRS. R. H. RIVERS, Treas.

Report of Superintendent of Supplies of W. H. M. Society, West Texas Conference, for year March, 1906, to March, 1907:

San Antonio Mission Home.	
Travis Park, cash (4 quarters)	\$120.00
Travis Park, box	25.00
Tenth Street, Austin, box	10.00
South Austin, box	25.00
Lampasas, box	57.50
Devine, box	30.00
Eagle Pass, 3 boxes	108.00
San Marcos, box	75.00
Victoria, box	7.00
Marble Falls, 2 boxes	36.00
Goliad, 2 boxes	10.00
Seguin, 2 boxes	15.00
Seguin, cash to furnish room	20.00
Brownsville, box	15.00
Total	\$523.50

Waco Orphanage.	
San Angelo, box	\$ 50.00
Uvalde, box	30.00
San Marcos, box	65.00
Mill Creek, box	30.00
Mill Creek, cash	13.00
Runge, box	25.00
Total	\$213.00
Grand total	\$736.50

I know there have been other rooms furnished in the Mission Home also, boxes and moneys sent to it, but not reported to me, so it is not included in my list.

Let's try and do our work with little more system.

MRS. W. E. SMITH,
217 Guillean St., San Antonio, Tex.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, FIRST CHURCH, WEATHERFORD.

Our auxiliary has been very prosperous for several years past under a President and corps of officers who have been zealous and faithful. We have had two contests for membership and one time run up to one hundred and twenty. But as in all such cases, many were brought in by a desire to please soliciting friends or to have privilege of attending the promised entertainment, who were never awakened to the importance of the work and consequently soon dropped out. We now number seventy, who, for the most part, are interested workers and promise to be permanent. Our old officers and especially our President, desiring a rest after four years' service, we have with few exceptions elected new ones. Our new President, Mrs. M. D. Akard, and her staff have taken hold with a degree of zeal and consecration which promises well for our future.

We sent to the Conference Treasurer last year \$128.58, and spent \$140 on our parsonage. Not a very startling amount in either case, but we have just pledged \$100 to the contemplated new building at our Mission Home.

We meet three times a month, once for regular business as laid down in the monthly program; one meeting is devoted to the study of our work and progress as outlined in the Bulletin with blackboard illustrations by Sister Mimms, while the other, which is our best, is purely devotional.

Many of us have joined the Quiet Hour League, or at least taken up the course of Daily Bible Studies as laid down in the quarterly. At this devotional meeting we review the month's readings, and each one taking the course is expected to speak of the thought or comment which has most impressed or helped her; and it is so profitable to us spiritually, so many points and sweet thoughts are brought out that by some had been passed over unnoticed. For instance, Sister A. was impressed with the comment under the heading, "Jesus Was Always Heard When He Prayed." "He knew nothing of mechanical or perfunctory prayers and did not grow accustomed to unanswered prayers." Have you behind you a record of unanswered prayers? If so, where is the fault? The fault is in the lethargy of soul, the indolence and inattention that makes us easily satisfied and unconcerned about highest blessings.

Sister B. spoke of the question asked in another reading, "Have you ever tested the fullness of the Lord's 'whatsoever ye shall ask?' If not, do you need any one to tell you why you are destitute of power?"

Sister C. was impressed with the injunction, "Do not lose heart if your members are few. Jesus does not despair of his kingdom so long as two hearts are in agreement concerning it." Another: "God himself will supply the need he has revealed to us." Another: "Unless God first came to us, we should never arise and come to him. Never was true prayer breathed that was not awakened by God's Spirit in the heart." I might give many more of these vital and precious thoughts with which the "Quiet Hour" abounds, but enough to whet the appetite of the spiritually minded, for these studies, which is my reason for giving them, I most earnestly urge all our auxiliaries to take up these studies. We will do more for Christ's cause when we come closer to him and imbibe his passion for humanity.

The subject of tithing will receive more attention this year. Four new ones were pledged at last meeting.

As indicated, our pastor's wife, Sister Mimms, is our press reporter, but as her duties as Conference Superintendent of Press Work are heavy, she accepted the office with the proviso that an assistant be given her, and the writer was chosen for the place, so if my name is seen on this page more frequently than otherwise it would be this is the explanation. But I promise brevity in the future.

MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS.

We have been silent for a long time,

yet we are not "sitting at ease in Zion." Our hands find much to be done all the time, and we feel grateful that we are permitted to accomplish so much for the sacred cause of missions.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mrs. J. W. Smith; First Vice-President, Mrs. T. E. Richards; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. O. Blakeney; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Mamie Chambers; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Brooks; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Patton; Treasurer, Mrs. Julia Moores; Agent for Our Homes, Mrs. N. A. Baker.

I am happy to give a report of our work for the last fiscal year. Amount collected for dues, \$166; conference expense fund, \$240; Dallas Mission Home, \$12; charity, \$140.40; expended on parsonage, \$44.50; expended on church, \$39.20; minutes, \$1; scholarship, \$1; Waco Orphanage, \$61.25. Number of visits to the sick and strangers, 652.

We meet regularly every Tuesday afternoon, except fourth Tuesday, and that is Foreign Missionary Day.

(We wish we could have, also, a good report from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society there.—Ed. Woman's Department.)

Since Bro. Hotchkiss was with us in February and revived our missionary spirit so wonderfully, we have taken up the study of "Aliens or Americans." Our pastor, Bro. H. M. Long, conducts that lesson each meeting for us. His comments and talks on the subject are a veritable "boon" to our receptive minds and hearts. We also have the regular lesson in the Homes with the aid of the Quiet Hour.

Fifty-eight members are enrolled, but few comparatively are active workers.

I give in reports each week to our town papers, trusting that it will be a means of inspiring more of our disinterested women of the town and Church to the extent that they, too, will come forward with their might and valor to help press this glorious work onward.

In giving up our dear Mrs. Eugene Moores last year we felt her loss very keenly and do till yet. The memory of her and her untiring labors among us will ever be cherished by one and all. May she be as great a blessing to the societies and Church at Strawn as she was to us.

Our auxiliary is starting out on the new year with renewed zeal, and it is our purpose to make greater achievements than ever before.

MRS. MELVILLE P. KIKER,
Press Superintendent.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Home Mission Society, of Frost, Texas, met in regular session yesterday and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Rosa Gardner; First Vice-President, Mrs. Anna Henderson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Lula Murph; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Price Bennett; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna Hewitt; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Young; Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Stokes; Local Treasurer and Agent for Our Homes, Mrs. Wilson.

We are planning and hoping to do great things the coming year.

MRS. R. B. YOUNG,
Corresponding Secretary.

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"I have taken enough medicine to start a small drug store, without any benefit. One evening our grocer was asking Husband how I was and he urged that I quit coffee and use Postum, so he brought home a pkz. and I made it according to directions and we were both delighted with it.

"So we quit coffee altogether and used only Postum. I began to get better in a month's time and look like another person, the color came back to my cheeks, I began to sleep well, my appetite was good and I commenced to take on flesh and become interested in everything about the house.

"Finally I was able to do all my own work without the least sign of my old trouble. I am so thankful for the little book, 'The Road to Wellville.' It has done me so much good. I haven't taken medicine of any kind for six months and don't need any.

"A friend of ours who did not like Postum as she made it, like mine, and when she learned to boil it long enough, her's was as good as mine. It's easy if you follow directions." Name given by Postum Company, Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

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The difference in quality and character of the three voices make a comparison impossible. Each has its own particular charm. Miss Della Skiles has a lyric soprano, clear and pure that was at its best in the difficult "Shadow Song" which she sang with perfect ease and artistic finish. Miss Mabel Skiles' sympathetic mezzo soprano was equally enjoyed in songs of beautiful sentiment, such as "Entr'acte" and "Obstination," which need just such warmth and color in tone quality as is found in her voice. Miss Rosenthal sang the Schubert number, "Am Spinnrade," with intense dramatic effect. Her voice has in it tragic depths of emotion. The "Valse" song as sung in the Harbor of Seville, showed great gain in her voice in flexibility and vocalization.

Miss Ruth Barber, who substituted for Miss Norfleet, played a charming Chopin Nocturne with most pleasing sentiment in its interpretation and a touch of rare musical quality.

Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Houston, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, May 26.

On May 27, Dr. A. L. Andrews, of Grace Church, Dallas, will deliver the address to the graduating class.

Philip Tronitz will play a concert program in Denison on Friday evening for the benefit of the Elks. One of the numbers is to be the Greek Concerto which Tronitz is engaged to play at a Symphony concert in New York, April 23. M. W. B.

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SOME FACTS.

I have just read in the Advocate of March 14th, what you say of Somerville and Church, and I note a few mistakes which should be corrected. Two and one-half years ago, I closed out a four years' pastorate at that place, and being asked by Rev. Chas. F. Smith, presiding elder, who should follow me, I suggested Rev. E. W. Potter. He was appointed, and is now serving his third year there. I established the church there; I think the facts as they are should be known. We had no organization and no church property. In June of that year, I held the first successful revival that was ever held in the town, and received 17 on profession. So far as it was known, there never had been but one conversion in the place before. At the end of my four years, I turned over to Rev. E. W. Potter a net membership of 46, and in the meantime I had bought a lot, 100 by 136 feet, and built the church house of which you spoke. It was finished and furnished, except the papering and putting in the pulpit, and every dollar was paid on the house. The Church Extension Board of our conference gave us \$180.00. The seats we bought on the installment plan at a cost of \$485.00; of the \$485.00, we paid one-fourth down, and the Home Mission Society had in hand the money to pay the first due of the three deferred payments when my time was up. We had also a lot on which to build a parsonage—a gift of Mrs. J. W. Lauderdale. I began with nothing, and at the end of four years, I left a net membership of 46, a good Home Mission Society, a good Sunday-school, a lot on which to build a parsonage, and the house furnished except with the pulpit, the chancel had been donated by Rev. Chas. F. Smith, presiding elder, but had not been received and we had secured a lot for the parsonage. H. G. WILLIAMS. Henderson, Texas, March 20, 1907.

LAUREN'S INSTITUTE, MONTEREY, MEXICO.

Bishop Ward's call in this week's Advocate to the Sunday Schools of the Texas Conference for aid in the erection of a new building for Lauren's Institute at Monterey, Mexico, strikes a responsive chord in my heart, for a residence of two years in that city, terminated only a few months ago, has given me so intimate a knowledge of the work and workers of that institution, and I know all to be so worthy that I feel it to be a great privilege for our Texas Conference Sunday-schools to have opportunity to help increase the usefulness of that school. Twenty thousand and more Sunday-school children of Virginia, organized into the Rosebud Missionary Society, have provided the present plant, consisting of a twelve room school house, and a comfortable residence for the principal on a block of ground well located. They have also provided the principal, for Prof. F. C. Campbell who is the head of the school, was one of the members of the first Rosebud Society. By education and experience he is well fitted for his work. About him he has gathered a corps of teachers in Mexican and English departments, who are competent and whose success is apparent. The society has also been financing the school, for up to this year even the English department has not paid its way. The present year, the fourth of Prof. Campbell's administration, has been the best in every way in its history. A better class of pupils has been secured and the work being done by them is more satisfactory, while the number has far outrun the accommodations. All pupils are required to attend chapel exercises every morning, but the number is now so large that all cannot get into the room at one time. The recitation rooms are so crowded that the best work cannot be done, and still all who desire to be enrolled cannot be received. The demand for a boarding department has been so urgent that a year ago accommodations were provided for a limited number. The rooms were filled up the first month, and several young men—one from Hutto, Texas—had to be refused. This year, three times more than were entered could have been received had there been room for them. The school has had a history of some eleven or twelve years and during this time has had a patronage from a wide circle. Large numbers of American children have gotten from it all the educational advantages they have enjoyed, while several thousand Mexican children have come under its instruction and influence, the majority of whom are from Roman Catholic families. Frequently the parents object to the chapel exercises and the study of the Bible, but when told that they are obligatory, rather than withdraw their children, they, almost without excep-

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Thousands a Week. Upon calling at the factory we found that this invention has caused a remarkable excitement all over the U. S.—that the factory is already rushed with thousands of orders and evidently the Company's representatives and agents are making big profits as they offer splendid inducements. As will be noticed from the engraving, Sectional cut of generator, this OIL-GAS GENERATOR is entirely different from any other stove—although its construction is very simple—may be easily and safely operated and is built on the latest scientific principles, having no valves, which is a marked improvement, as all valves are liable to leak, carbonyl, clog up or overflow. By simply moving a knob the oil is automatically fed to a small, steel burner bowl or retort where it is instantly changed into gas, which is drawn upwards between two red hot perforated steel chimneys, thoroughly mixed with air and consumed, giving a bright blue flame—hottest gas fire, similar in color and heating power to natural gas. This invention has been fully protected in the U. S. Patent Office and is known as the HARRISON VALVELESS, WICKLESS, AUTOMATIC OIL-GAS GENERATOR—the only one yet discovered that consumes the carbon and by-products of the oil. The extremely small amount of Kerosene Oil that is needed to produce so large a volume of gas make it one of the most economical fuels on earth and the reason for the great success of this Generator is based on the well known fact of the enormous expansiveness of oil-gas when mixed with oxygen or common air. Oil-gas is proving so cheap that 15c to 20c a week should furnish fuel gas for cooking for a small family. Kerosene oil from which oil-gas is made may be purchased in every grocery—is cheap and a gallon of it will furnish a hot blue flame gas fire in the burner for about 15 hours and as a stove is only used 3 or 4 hours a day in most families for cooking, the expense of operating would be but little. In addition to its cheapness is added the comfort, cleanliness—absence of soot, coal, dirt, ashes, etc. What pleasure to just turn on the oil light the gas—a hot fire ready to cook. When through, turn it off. Just think a little kerosene oil—touch a match—light—a beautiful blue flame—hottest fire—always ready—quick meals—a gas stove in your home. It generates the gas only as needed—is not complicated to put—easily operated and another feature is its PERFECT SAFETY. NOT DANGEROUS LIKE GASOLINE And liable to explode and cause fire at any moment. This stove is so safe that you could drop a match in the oil tank and it would go out. This Oil-Gas Stove does any kind of cooking that a coal or gas range will

do—invaluable for the kitchen, laundry—summer cottages—washing, ironing, scouring, etc. Splendid for canning fruit—with a portable oven placed over the burner splendid baking can be done. Another Important Feature Is the invention of a small Radiator Attachment which if placed over the burner makes a desirable heating stove during the fall and winter so that the old cook stove may be done away with entirely. While at the factory in Cincinnati the writer was shown thousands of letters from customers who were using this wonderful oil-gas stove, showing that it is not an experiment but a positive success and giving splendid satisfaction and as a few extracts may be interesting to our readers we produce them: L. S. Norris, of Vt., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Generators are wonderful savers of fuel—at least 50% to 75% over wood and coal." Mr. H. Howe, of N. Y., writes: "I find the Harrison is the first and only perfect oil-gas stove I have ever seen—so simple anyone can safely use it. It is what I have wanted for years. Certainly, a blessing to human kind." Mr. E. D. Arnold, of Nebr., writes: "That he saved \$4.25 a month for fuel by using the Harrison Oil-Gas Stove. That his gas range cost him \$5.50 per month and the Harrison only \$1.25 per month."

J. A. Shafer, of Pa., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Stove makes an intense heat from a small quantity of oil—entirely free from smoke or smell—great improvement over any other oil stove. Has a perfect arrangement for combustion—can scarcely be distinguished from a natural gas fire." Mr. H. B. Thompson, of Ohio, writes: "I congratulate you on such a grand invention to and the poor in this time of high fuel. The mechanism is so simple—easily operated—no danger. The color of the gas flame is beautiful dark blue, and so hot seems almost double as powerful as gasoline." Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, writes: "Am delighted—Oil-Gas Stoves so much nicer and cheaper than others—no wood, coal, ashes, smoke, no pipe, no wick, cannot explode." Hon. Ira Eble, J. P., of Wis., writes: "Well pleased with the Harrison—far ahead of gasoline. No smoke or dirt—no trouble, is perfectly safe—no danger of explosion like gasoline." Chas. L. Bendeke, of N. Y., writes: "It is a pleasure to the owner of your wonderful Oil-Gas Stove—no coal yard, plumbing—ashes or dust—One match lights the



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Geo. Robertson, of Maine, writes: "Am delighted with Oil-Gas, so are my friends—took 12 orders in 3 days." A. B. Shimp, of Texas, writes: "I want the agency—in a day and a half took over a dozen orders." Edward Wilson, of Mo., writes: "The Harrison very satisfactory—Sold 5 stoves first day I had mine." J. H. Halman, of Penn., writes: "Already have 70 orders." This is certainly a good chance for our readers to make money this summer. Hundreds of other prominent people

highly endorse and recommend oil-gas fuel and there certainly seems to be no doubt that it is a wonderful improvement over other stoves. The writer personally saw these Oil-Gas Stoves in operation—in fact, uses one in his own home—is delighted with its working and after a thorough investigation can say to our readers that this Harrison Oil-Gas Stove made by the Cincinnati firm is the only perfect burner of its kind. It is made in three sizes, 1, 2 or 3 generators to a stove. They are made of steel throughout—thoroughly tested before shipping—sent out completely ready for use as soon as received—nicely finished with nickel trimmings and as there seems to be nothing about it to wear out, they should last for years. They seem to satisfy and delight every user and the makers fully guarantee them.

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ed some of its burdens with Prof. Campbell and with him planned and prayed for it. I rejoice in the success that lays these demands on the Church, and in the call of Bishop Ward and the board t: t permit us to help. Put Huntsville down on the list for \$50; we have already paid in full our mission assessments, \$250; given \$50 to the Songdo school; \$50 to Bishop Ward for use in Mexico; \$50 for purchase of a cow for the Hospital at Monterey, and will give to Lauren's Institute.

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HOUSTON.—A flower just blossomed into usefulness was reaped when the life of Mrs. Kate M. Houston was gleaned by Death's sickle. "Like you declining sun," calmly and sweetly, the light of her life faded away. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Ramey, who reside eight miles west of Sulphur Springs, in Hopkins County, Texas, at which place she was born May 27, 1882, and died February 17, 1907. At the age of 9 years she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, and was a consistent member until called to the one great Church in heaven. She was united in marriage to Mr. Norman Houston in November, 1901, by Rev. J. R. Wages. They moved at once to their home in Sulphur Springs, there remaining until a few weeks before she died. She was a true and loving Christian, always trying to make home and those around her happy. A ray of God's love seemed to beam on her face. In girlhood she was the light of her home, a favorite with her schoolmates, friends and pastors. She became the affectionate mother of two sweet children, one only an infant of two weeks at her death. "Tis sad to realize that they will never again know the tender touch of a dear mother's hand! We weep for her as only poor earthly creatures can; but why? Not that we think she is now suffering nor that we feel that the hand of an Almighty God has cruelly dealt with us, but that our pleasures with her on earth are forever ended. Thanks be to a loving Savior and a Christian's faith, we can look beyond the tomb and see the face of our loved one only waiting for us to come. May the heavy rod of grief under which we are passing prove to be a means to draw nearer to God and heaven the loving husband, the fond parents, the sweet babes, the brothers and sister, who remain to mourn their loss. Her only sister, MAUDE M. RAMEY.

WILLIAMS.—C. E. Williams, son of J. O. and Martha Williams, was born in Madison County, Mo., Nov. 5, 1842; united with the Church August, 1866; married Miss M. F. Knowles Nov. 28, 1867; served under Price and Maumake in the Confederate service four years; moved to Kaufman County, Texas, Nov. 28, 1876, and died in Kaufman, Texas, March 20, 1907. He was buried in Wilson's Chapel cemetery, Revs. R. C. Hicks and E. G. Roberts conducting the funeral. He was an official member of the Church. He leaves four children, viz: J. B. and George Williams, Eva Harris and Mattie Hurley. He was one of the world's best men—a man who lived and will live in the heart life of many; a name, when spoken, carrying in the very tones of the speaker, a reverence uncommon. He said in life, "I am ready." When asked by the writer on the day of his death if he had any word or request, he answered clearly and intelligently, "No." He was ready. He is gone. We know where to find him. His life will live, though he has gone on. E. G. ROBERTS.

TINKER.—William Houghton Tinker was born near Curryville, Mo., April 12, 1883. He was the son of Charles and Lucetta Tinker, and was one of a family of 13 children, ten girls and three boys—only three of whom survive him. On March 7, 1899, he was married to Miss Mary E. Neville and settled on his own farm. Of this union ten children were born, seven boys and three girls. Only 3 boys and 2 girls are living. His wife died February 7, 1879. He was married again in March, 1880, to Miss Julia Connelly, who survives him. Of this marriage two children were born, only one is living, Brother Tinker was converted early in life and united with the Presbyterian Church. Four years ago last September he moved to Brandon, Texas, where he resided until his death, which occurred, February 8, 1907. Finding his own Church had no organization here, he and his wife united with the Methodist Church. He was a faithful and loyal member and was a member of the Board of Stewards at the time of his death. In his death we have lost one of our best and most honored citizens, the church a true and faithful member and his family a devoted and loving husband and father, his was a successful life and his death triumphant. His body was shipped to Missouri and buried in the cemetery at Mt. Air, near the home of his childhood and among his old friends and neighbors. WALTER GRIFFITH.

SHOOK.—Lourena Robinson began life September 28, 1819. After moving about through different States her father, Wm. Robinson, stopped with his family June 22, 1829, on the San Jacinto River, in the then Texas Province of Mexico, now Walker County, Texas. She began the second life in the summer of 1837 and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1842 she was married to Rev. Nathan Shook, a member of the Texas Conference, which went with the Southern branch on division in 1844. At once she threw herself into the work and made him a most excellent and efficient helper traveling with him on horseback, enduring the exposures and hardships of that early itinerant life, laboring in the cause. Four children were born to them, two of whom remain. She was left a widow in the spring of 1850 and remained so, living with her father and brother, J. D. Robinson, who assisted her in rearing her children. In 1854 she moved with her brother to Coryell County, Texas, and again broke the wilds of an unsettled country. She furnished three sons to the State and Confederate service in the conflict of 1861 to 1865. The oldest one did not return, but in a distant State heard the call from the better land and went to the home above. After the war she began keeping house with her children, continuing her Church work. In 1868 her oldest living son asked the Church for license to preach, and later the other son followed to the ministry. She spent the last year of life in the home of her youngest son, Rev. J. W. Shook, in Coryell County, Texas. On the 17th day of February, 1907, as if in sweet repose, she fell on sleep in triumphant faith, after having spent nearly seventy years in the service of the Lord, and was buried by the class of which she was a member. Mother was evidently one of the charter members of about the first Methodist Church organized in Texas—Martha's Chapel, Walker County, 1837. She was a charter member of about the first or second class in Coryell County and a charter member of the class that laid her away—Pearl on Pearl Circuit. We do not grieve because of mother's going, but rather rejoice that she was permitted to stay with us so long to encourage us with her counsel and cheer us with her beautiful example of holy living. This tribute by her son, OSGOOD A. SHOOK.

PARK.—Mrs. Jane Park, wife of Rev. Rufus Park, was born in Clarke County, Ky., July 14, 1848, and fell on sleep at her home in Wheeler County, Texas, December 21, 1906. She was converted, and united with the Methodist Church in 1866, when she was eighteen years of age. From the time of her conversion for forty years to the end of her earthly pilgrimage, she exemplified in her daily walk the virtues and graces of the Christian life. While never demonstrative in her religious life, yet she was devoted and consecrated to the service of her Lord. In life it could ever be truthfully said: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." "Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." It was my privilege to be intimately acquainted with her for more than twenty years. She was possessed of many rare gifts of both mind and heart. To know her was to appreciate and to love her. Quiet and unobtrusive in disposition, she was indeed an angel of mercy in her ministrations to the afflicted. Her sensible, motherly ways and sympathetic nature always drew toward her those who stood in need of sympathy, guidance or help. If there was sickness anywhere in her neighborhood, her services were greatly in demand and highly appreciated. The suffering, the sorrowful, the distressed never looked to her in vain in the hour of their greatest need. As a wife and mother she was patient, kind, tender and loving. Her devotion to her children was touching. O how they will miss her around the home circle! While she had been a sufferer for several years, her end came suddenly, yet peacefully. She has gone up the shining way. M. C. BLACKBURN.

HALLMARK.—Mrs. E. E. Hallmark (Grandma as she was generally known) was born June 3, 1832, and died March 21, 1907. She and her husband were among the first settlers in this neighborhood. The prairie here took its name from these two now deceased persons, the prairie being known as the "Hallmark's Prairie." Grandma was sprinkled (baptized) in infancy, and she owned and had her Bible. We do not weep as those who have no hope. Grandma was a good woman, a kind neighbor, a good mother. For some time in her very old age acted as mother to her youngest son's motherless children. So Grandma in her very old age performed one of the noblest of Christian works. We believe she was a good Christian and that her soul is in a better world. By the request of her relatives who had known us from childhood we conducted her funeral in the presence of a very large congregation and laid her body to rest by the side of her husband in the old Jedo Graveyard. W. D. M. WARD.

AT-LEE.—Gilberta, infant daughter of Dr. and Mr. B. G. At-Lee, Jr., was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, June 3, 1906, and died in Monterey, Mexico, February 23, 1907. The death angel claimed little Gilberta's father just twenty days after she was born. After the doctor's death, Mrs. At-Lee, with her two precious little pledges of love, Ida Hazel and Gilberta, set their faces toward the parental home, at Harbin, Erath County, Texas. They arrived before the middle of July last—Mrs. At-Lee, heart-broken and sad and little Gilberta, thin, pale and delicate even beyond description. To look at her was to awaken the profoundest sympathy and love. She at once became the central object of tender care and solicitude in the home, and very soon began to develop into health, strength and beauty. And thus for the space of eight months she continued to grow, filling her broken-hearted mother's life with sunshine and hope. Meantime, little Gilberta's grandparents (At-Lee) were bereft and sad in their home in Monterey, Mexico. They longed to see the darling children of their dear son, Gilbert, who was gone hence. About the 1st of February, in response to their earnest solicitation, Mrs. At-Lee went to visit them, and had only been with them about ten days when an attack of acute indigestion terminated her short little life in the brief space of twenty-four hours. Little Gilberta was a beautiful child, with dimpled chin and soft blue eyes, sparkling with a strong latent intellect; was of open and confident disposition. She always had a smile for everyone and was always ready to share her smiles with everyone. But, alas! her mission in this world is ended, and Jesus, who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not," has taken her to himself, and doubtless her pure spirit has joined the glorified spirit of her sainted father. And her mamma has had to say farewell; but, blessed be God, not forever, for "If we believe Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." We will see her again. Her grandpa, U. J. MORTON.

MITCHELL.—William H. Mitchell, husband of N. E. Mitchell, was born in Pulaski County, Mo., September 28, 1841, and departed this life February 26, 1907. He was married to Miss Nancy E. Nelson in 1862. To this union nine children were born, five of whom are living, Judge B. F. and F. A. Mitchell, Minnie Moss, Nellie Marten and Fred Mitchell, of Washington, D. C., and Claud Mitchell. Ten months ago Dr. D. L. Mitchell came home to visit his then feeble father, and suddenly became ill and departed, and only a ten months' wait and the father was called home. His steady, quiet, faithful life was productive of great good. He brought up a stalwart set of boys, all of whom occupy high places either in the business, political or social world, and most of them are faithful members of the Church. His daughters are faithful wives of good men. Who can write or live a better history and life? No man had aught against him in his every day or Church life. Such men as Brother Mitchell and such wives as Sister Mitchell are the salt of the earth. We have consigned his body to the tomb. We have commended his soul to God who gave it. We will cherish his memory till the end shall come. MATTHEW C. DICKSON, P. C.

HEATON.—Lorenzo Dow Heaton fell on sleep March 19, 1907, after an illness of four weeks. He was born in Potsdam, N. Y., March 4, 1839; moved to Port Lavaca, Texas, in the fall of 1860, a young man of 21 years of age, moved to Victoria ten years later, in 1870, and has been an active business man of Victoria, identified with her business and charitable interests from his arrival to the time of his decease. Bro. Heaton united with the M. E. Church, South, of Victoria in November, 1892, under the pastorate of Rev. T. F. Dimmitt. When a boy he had belonged to the Methodist Church in his native State. He leaves a widow, a brother who lives in Cuero and a brother in New York State to mourn their loss. The writer conducted the funeral from the Methodist Church in Victoria in the presence of a large assembly of his friends and neighbors. Bro. Heaton requested his pastor some time before his death to see that his funeral was conducted from the Methodist Church and that he be buried by the Masonic fraternity. His wishes were carried out in every respect. He expressed himself as resigned to his Father's will. "Our people die well." G. W. WHITE.

ANDERSON.—Bro. G. W. Anderson was born in Stewart County, Georgia, June 4, 1840, and died March 20, 1907, near Chandler, Texas. He was a good man, citizen and Christian and was found on the right side of all questions coming up for solution. He was a good soldier in his country's cause and served four years in the Confederate war, in the Army of Northern Virginia. He was also a true soldier

of Jesus Christ and served faithfully in this army from 1867 up to his honorable discharge by authorities of heaven and then went shouting home to heaven. "He was watching, and waiting and ready to go." Our Methodist people "die well," thank God. He raised a large family, all of whom, except two, are in honorable high callings of life. Sister Anderson and the other two are on the happy, yet lonely, old homestead, but God is with them, for they are His children, and on the way to heaven and God will take care of them, and by and bye, bring them also to glory. Follow on, dear friends, for there is a heavenly home where we shall all meet again never more to part. Let us strive the more, day by day, to get there, where we shall have no more sad partings. DR. HALL, Pastor, Chandler, Texas.

STEWART.—Little Fannie Louise Stewart, daughter of Henry L. and Mary Lou Stewart, was born June 5, 1906, and departed this life, February 22, 1907, near Dublin, Erath County, Texas. She was a sweet precious little darling to us all, but God saw best to take her to himself. His will, not ours, be done. We would say to our son and daughter, be comforted in the thought that you are now the parents of an angel in heaven, and it is your privilege to meet her and other loved ones there, where we will never say good by. Sweet little Fannie will never realize the trials and troubles that papa and mamma have to face in this life. She will ever be an angel child in heaven, waiting the coming of papa, mamma, little Ruth and the little brothers, dear Henry and Lou. Let us live right and meet her there, is the prayer of her grandma. GRANDMA STEWART.

PUTNAM.—Mrs. Julia C. Putnam was born in Caldwell County, November 25, 1856; was married to Rev. Joseph B. Putnam February 6, 1876; moved to Throckmorton County in 1902. Eight children are living. Sister Putnam united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1877, and was a devoted Christian and faithful member until her death, on February 14, 1907. It was my great pleasure to know Sister Putnam during her short stay in Albany, where Bro. Putnam was engaged in business. Her membership was transferred to Throckmorton, where she lived only a few weeks, and then joined the Church triumphant. Her presence at the Sunday morning services was truly an inspiration to her pastor, and the kind words of encouragement will never be forgotten. Her last sickness only lasted a few hours, our gracious Heavenly Father sparing the pains of lingering illness. As she was returning to the house she received a stroke of paralysis, immediately falling. She was taken into the house and lived only a few hours. Her death was triumphant. She has gone to her reward. Dear husband and children, no words of ours can comfort in such trying times, for human sympathy fails. Only Jesus can give sustaining grace under these, the saddest hours of life. Mother's face we will no longer see here, but the sweet influence of that pure life of noble deeds and kind acts will linger with us; and if we are true and pure as she was, we will strike glad hands again where partings and good-byes are no more. The memory of that life, of the sacrifices given to her dear family and to the world to enrich their joys and increase their faith, will be an inspiration and sweet thought to her children and all who knew her. Truly a consecrated mother and devoted wife has gone. Don't weep, loved ones, as those who have no hope. Some day we shall gather where we will meet our loved ones to part no more. The Father above give you sustaining grace and uphold you, is the prayer of your former pastor, R. F. BROWN.

WHITE.—Mrs. Emma Lee White (nee Marks) was born October 11, 1862, at Weston, Texas, and died February 15, 1907, being at the time of her death 44 years of age. She was converted at the age of 16 and joined the M. E. Church, South, and was a consistent member up to the time of her death. September 15, 1886, she was married to Mr. Al. White. Several months ago she went to New Mexico, thinking the Western climate might prove beneficial to her, but such was not the case. She died in the far West and her body was brought back for burial among loving friends and neighbors who had known and loved her from childhood. She was one of six sisters, four of whom survive her, one having died just a few months previous to her death. She leaves a fond husband and two sweet little boys to mourn her departure. Loving and gentle, patient in suffering and resigned to the will of God, she left this world to dwell with the angels in heaven. To those whose hearts are saddened by her death I would say, weep not as those who have no hope, and meet her on that bright, celestial shore. OSCAR E. MORELAND, P. C. Weston, Texas.

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WHITTINGTON.—Samuel Whittington was born August 4, 1862; was brought to Texas in early childhood and was raised in Van Zandt County. He was a son of John Whittington, who died near Willis Point in 1906. Brother Whittington was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1881. He married Miss Ella Castleberry in young manhood, who, with eight children, is left to mourn his death. He died March 8, 1907, and was laid to rest March 9, in Old Liberty graveyard by two of his children. The writer held religious services and then turned the body over to the W. O. W., and when the word "farewell" was repeated by the ladies who composed the Woodman's Circle, and pointed up, holding white handkerchiefs in their hands as emblems of purity, our minds ran up to the glory world where loved ones are arrayed in spotless white. In Bro. Whittington's death the Church has lost a useful member, the community a good citizen, a wife a loving husband and the children a devoted father. Remember the Lord has said: "I am the way, the truth and the light." FRANK EVERETT, L. E. Canton, Texas.

PATTERSON.—The subject of this sketch, Alvin L. Patterson, was born in South Carolina, May 14, 1829, and died at Weston, Texas, March 1, 1907, aged 77 years. Bro. Patterson had been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for forty years, the greater part of the time serving in an official capacity as steward, trustee and church treasurer. Bro. Patterson was very much devoted to the Church and his long life of usefulness has done much to strengthen the cause of Christ in this community. His influence will be felt for years to come. He was proud of the fact that during his lifetime he had the pleasure and honor of entertaining Bishops Marvin and Key and others prominent in Methodism in his home. He came to Texas in the early 50's and settled near Bonham. March 22, 1856, he was married to Miss Elmira Stinnett. His wife and six children survive him. He often spoke of living on borrowed time and expressed himself as ready and willing to go when the summons should come. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

OSCAR E. MORELAND, P. C.
Weston, Texas.

BOLLINGER.—William Washington Bollinger was born in Illinois March 17, 1834, and departed this life January 17, 1907, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Perryman, in Montague County, Texas. When a small boy his parents moved to Platt County, Mo., where he grew to manhood. He left there and for more than thirty years his people knew nothing of him. In 1896 he came to live with his sister. Bro. Bollinger was converted in 1898 and ever afterward lived a consistent Christian life. He was especially fond of reading his Bible, and much of his time was spent reading it. He was sick several weeks, and he bore his sickness and pain with Christian fortitude. We laid him to rest in the family cemetery to await the call of the finally faithful. May God add his blessings to the loved ones left behind and may they meet him, never to part again.
C. B. GOLSON.
Rosston, Texas.

BUCHANAN.—Minerva Buchanan was born in Virginia, September 11, 1839. She was the daughter of a Methodist preacher. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in early life, in which Church she lived and labored faithfully until March 1, 1907. While at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Sumner's, in Wolfe City, Texas, God said, "It is enough." She was first married to J. L. Howell, who lost his life in the civil war. She was afterward married to J. R. Buchanan, February 11, 1866. To this happy union God gave five children, all of whom survive her. J. R. Buchanan, together with Sheriff Ragsdale of Fannin County, fell on May 11, 1885, as martyrs for their country. Sister Buchanan has lived at the old home near Randolph for forty years. She loved Christ and his cause. It was largely through her efforts, prayers and contributions that we were able to build and furnish that beautiful and commodious church at Randolph during our pastorate there in 1905, and in this church, assisted by Bro. W. R. Rosser, we conducted her funeral on March 2, 1907. If those left are faithful she will gather her children in a home where pain and sorrow never come.
R. L. ELY.

TARVER.—Lillie, infant daughter of Harper and Clara Tarver, was born October 19, 1906, and died February 23, 1907, at Stephenville, Texas. Precious darling! Her stay on earth was short. Oh, how we miss her sweet little coo and smile, but we know she has gone to the land of fadeless flowers, in the haven of rest, to be with Jesus and the angels forever. Look up, dear mother and father, for little Lillie waits for you at "the beautiful gate," to be the first to welcome you there. Farewell, sweet babe, but not forever, for I will soon be with you.
GRANDMOTHER.

THE KIDNEYS AND THE SKIN.
In the spring, the kidneys have much to do. If they are weak or torpid, they will not do it well, and the skin will be pimply or blotchy. That is telling the story in a few words.
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GEORGETOWN DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AND SO FORTH.

The Missionary Institute of Georgetown District was held in Georgetown Feb. 13, 14. Bro. Bolton was in the chair. All the pastors were present except three and there were several laymen representing different charges, and a few ladies present at all the sessions. The program was quite full and the discussions took a wide range. The presiding elder said that the speeches would have done credit to an Annual Conference. This he said to encourage the preachers. Bro. Hotchkiss, our Conference Missionary Evangelist, was with us, full of zeal, information and fresh ideas. He was hoarse from recent labor with Wiseman at Moody, but not hoarse enough to croak. Whatever may be said of Hotchkiss, he is full of sunshine and hope. No man can stay with him long and be pessimistic.

Three members of the faculty of Southwestern, Dr. Allen, Dr. Hyer and Prof. Amos, addressed the Institute. The latter is a native of Cologne. To use his own expression he "was a German and a Lutheran; he is now an American and a Methodist." We all like that kind of foreigner. May his tribe increase. He had something to say of the Germans in Texas. He startled us when he stated, on the authority of a German physician of prominence, that half the German men who die in Texas die of alcoholism. What a forceful comment that is on the beer drinking habit. Surely if any people on earth are blind to their own welfare it is the foreign population in Texas who fight stoutly for the saloon and beer garden.

Dr. Hyer's speech on "Reasons Why Southwestern University Should be Endowed," was the best I ever heard him make, and he never makes a poor speech. I heard several preachers say that he ought to make that speech to every Annual and District Conference in Texas. One fact brought to light was that Southwestern has the largest number of students in the collegiate department of any school in Southern Methodism, Vanderbilt not excepted. The number of students actually doing collegiate work is 330. To teach these there are only 12 men, or one instructor to every 27 students. Some Eastern colleges have an instructor for every nine students; and in no prominent school of that section are there more than 15 students to each instructor. Southwestern needs at least twice the number of instructors she has at present, and those she has are so poorly paid that every year or two some bright young professor is induced to leave by offers of larger compensation somewhere else. These things ought not to be, and it would be a shame to Texas Methodism to let them continue. The men who go out with diplomas from Southwestern compare favorably with the best. Dr. Hyer and his associates are making brick right along, but we are compelling them to do so with precious little straw. Meantime, streams of young Methodists are being diverted to our State University on account of its superior equipment. The influence of Southwestern is distinctly felt beyond the borders of our own Church. One speaker had recently heard a prominent Texas politician say that ex-students of Southwestern absolutely commanded the situation in State politics and could do anything they wished in that field. Hurrah for Southwestern!

Sam Barcus was just back from the Religious Educational Association which met at Rochester, N. Y. He was full of light and zeal. Also he made a speech.
After a speech on "The Foreigner in our Midst," by Simeon Shaw, a whole afternoon was consumed in discussion of this topic. This is a very live subject to us preachers in the Georgetown District, for the foreigner is here in ever increasing numbers, and Methodism is stubbornly but surely retreating before his advance. Methodist preachers do not like to retreat. The discussions did not contain many expressions of discouragement, but revealed an earnest purpose to carry our gospel to the foreigner in our midst. Our great need is men of power

who can preach the gospel to these Bohemians, Italians, Mexicans, Germans and Swedes in the tongues wherein they were born. Let us pray and trust that God will supply this need. Meanwhile, let us who are face to face with the problem cultivate friendly relations with the foreigner, visit him in his afflictions and try in every possible way to gain his confidence.
On motion of J. H. Wiseman, the Conference Board of Missions was requested to co-operate with the faculty of Southwestern in securing a proper man to travel during the summer months among our German population in the interest of the University.
The preachers of the district are hopeful and happy. Bro. Boone has enlarged and beautified the parsonage at Bartlett. Bro. Hucabee has two new churches nearly done on North Georgetown Circuit. The pastor at Belton will soon move into a beautiful new cottage on one of the nicest lots in town. The plant, when finished, will be easily worth \$4000. This is the result of the combined efforts of the Home Mission Society and trustees. The new district parsonage at Georgetown is as nice a home as the town affords. Everybody seems glad the district stewards bought it. Such a step should have been taken years ago.
Bro. Bolton, our new "betroved," struck twelve the first round. But he must be like these new fangled clocks that are gauged up to twenty-four, for on the second round he is striking thirteen.
This scribe hung up his crutches after conference, and though still a little lame, is going at a 2:40 clip.
I saw Dr. Nelms and Dr. Chapman at Georgetown. They were visiting their families which they will not remove from Georgetown until after commencement. Dr. Nelms was looking well, but complained of feeling a trifle thin. Dr. Chapman said that since he had gotten rid of the "cut backs," which he left in the Georgetown District, and had taken charge of a bunch of "thoroughbreds," he was doing well. The "cut backs" will see him and his thorough bred's" at conference.
I was instructed to write up the Institute, and now I have done so.
FMMETT HIGHTOWER.

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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. We refer as to responsibility to Union Bank and Trust Company, and Gaston National Bank, Dallas, Texas.

Bro. Haygood, at Kyle and Maxwell, has won the hearts of his people completely. They have confidence in his religiousness.
Bro. Ross Williams, at Buda, has made a splendid beginning, and delights his congregation with his preaching.
Bro. Hart seems to be pleased over his new parsonage at Martindale, into which he moved recently. As a preacher he is well spoken of.
Bro. Whitehead, at Dripping Springs, is not a man with a white head, but a young man with a young man's enthusiasm, and if he does not teach his people yet a more excellent way, we will have to be classed among the false prophets.

Bro. Ozment, of Belmont, was personally unknown to us till his first Quarterly Conference. The way he made his reports to the conference at once prejudiced us in his favor. He had given attention to the little things which we are disposed to feel are of trifling importance—all of which is doubtless an augury of capacity to look after weightier matters.
Bro. V. V. Boone was sent by Bishop Morrison to Staples Circuit, and he does not object to his appointment and neither do the people. The fact is, among us in the West Texas Conference we have heard of no preachers objecting to their charges and no charges objecting to the preachers. Bro. Boone is no novice in the work, but a man of settled character, gentle spirit and splendid pulpit ability.

Dr. H. M. Whaling is preacher in charge of the hub of the district—San Marcos. He has things well in hand. His ministry is largely attended, and those who hear him from Sabbath to Sabbath speak in high terms of praise. It could not be otherwise, for he belongs in the first rank of good preachers and will compare favorably with anybody's preacher.
Rev. Thomas Gregory is serving for the second year Lockhart Station. He is a uniform success wherever he goes and can always stay out the time limit. We have know of some men of reputation and titles who are not his equal in the pulpit. He has just closed a good meeting at Lockhart, assisted by Rev. J. F. Webb, our Missionary Evangelist.
Rev. A. W. Wilson has charge of that division of our forces encamped in the historic old town of Gonzales. We have no truer man among us than Bro. Wilson and none who look more carefully after the details of a pastorate. He has increased the membership of his Church and has built up Methodism in the out-of-way places or neglected places about Gonzales.
Rev. J. T. H. Miller has never done more effective work anywhere than in

his present charge, Luling. He has his own way of doing things, but that does not matter—he does them. He is a man of convictions and has the courage to confront a universe if he should feel impelled to do it.
Rev. Gaston Hartfield has things well in hand at Seguin. It is a case of a perfect fit, a mutual admiration society composed of pastor and people. This is no small compliment to the young man, for Seguin justly prides herself on the class of men she has had as pastors in the days of "auld lang syne," and measures all new comers by her high standard.
Rev. J. B. McCarley serves the Waelder and Thompsonville charge now for the second year. This is his first work as a minister. No charge in the district has made more satisfactory progress in both material and spiritual ways. The Advocate has received notice of his splendid meeting conducted by Bro. Birdwell.
Rev. G. Z. Sadler supplies Tillman Circuit, and attends school here in San Marcos. He is in great favor with his people, and owing to his good work of last year, Tillman paid all claims in full, for the first time so far as we are informed, in its history.
We have reason to expect a year of success, for this splendid corps of preachers is backed up by a goodly company of large-hearted, broad-minded laymen who both know and love the doctrines of the Methodist Church.
We are well on the way with a district parsonage project and before conference we expect to be in a nice house and it all paid for.
The educational rally recently held in Seguin was a profitable and enjoyable meeting. Dr. John R. Nelson, from Georgetown, was with us at the beginning and we held on to him and used him as long as we possibly could until his duties compelled him to return home or fear of what Sister Allen would do for him if he stayed longer, we don't know exactly which. We know a good thing when we see it down our way, and we can safely say we never heard more happy deliverances from Dr. Allen than on this last occasion. He captivated the whole town—big and little, Jews and Gentiles, wise and otherwise—and left a blessing behind him.
Bro. C. M. Harless then came in the first day and faithfully stood by us to the close. We were much edified by his sermons and addresses and were otherwise helped by coming in personal contact with his splendid spirit. His zeal and great earnestness deserve to win large success in his present field of labors.
May we be guided in all our enterprises by the Great Head of the Church, whose we are and whom we serve.
D. K. PORTER.
San Marcos, Texas.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.
Spanking does not cure children of bed wetting. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, Notre Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it.

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ENDOWMENT FOR SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Good for Temple.

Dr. Hyer addressed the congregation at Temple, and Brother Shaw presented the endowment movement for Southwestern. Result: \$6,000 added to endowment fund, four names added to the \$100,000 Club.

Brother Shaw started a million dollar movement by asking every congregation to give to the endowment fund double what they pay the pastor. That will make a million dollars. Good!

Brother Shaw sticks to the \$100,000 Club. We must do that. Get all the \$500 gifts, \$100 gifts and all others. Let all congregations take up the call for a million; but remember, the \$100,000 Club is to stand as the "Stonewall Brigade" in this battle. We now have passed the twenty mark. You can put your name down 100th, 88th, or anywhere in the hundred. We are coming to you.

One man wrote: "I am heartily for endowment, but I have become discouraged. I'll be the 100th man." Brother, your money will be needed by the time your conference meets. You are down, and the 99th is down also. The gap will fill up quickly.

We expect great results from the efforts of Texas' best beloved son in behalf of the endowment.

Let some men put down \$25,000, and with \$1,000 join the first hundred.

AGREEMENT:

To give \$1,000 for endowing Southwestern if ninety-nine others will do the same.

Better come in now, while you can get in with the charter members.

J. E. HARRISON.

BOWIE'S TRAGEDY—WHAT FOLLOWS.

For the last three days Bowie has been in the hands of its citizens. The lawless have had charge for the last few months. Saloons, gambling dens, houses of ill-fame have been operated in open and fearless violation of law. Criminals were bold and defiant. They dictated police policy and procedure. But the devil overdid his game and a day of judgment has come. It was a day of fierceness and wrath, when the blood of the righteous populace burned to the point of white heat in indignation and vengeance. Now at the end of three days Bowie is swept clean of all places of lawlessness and vice. During these three days the officers have been in the hands of the people and made to do their absolute bidding. It was glorious to see the strength of moral sentiment aroused to its highest pitch. It was a little unusual to see five hundred citizens assembled with guns, in calm and serious counsel, proposing no quarters and wishing none, ready to do or die, according to what was determined. They stayed and counselled till they decided wisely. It was vice and crime that surrendered; yea, that capitulated. This course only, on the part of the lawless, presented the destruction of every vestige of their property, and loss of life in proportion to the resistance met.

About two weeks ago two of our officers arrested the leader of the lawless because he wanted to walk our streets in a drunken rampage and shoot bullets into innocent, harmless citizens. He took this interference as a deep insult. Last Wednesday night about 8 o'clock these two officers were sitting peacefully in front of a store engaged in quiet conversation, when this leader in crime and one of his pals, without warning, opened fire on them. When the smoke cleared away one of the officers was found with a mortal wound and the other with a wound that barely escaped being mortal. This was the fagot in the stubble field. Had the

citizens been able to lay their hands on the murderers there would have been a lynching. The murderers are under a bond of \$11,000, are out of the county, and won't find it healthy if they return to Bowie. The balance of the story has already been told. All the "frosty" and cold storage goods have been stored in one room, put under lock and key, and the key is in the hands of the chairman of the citizens' meeting. These goods will be delivered to each owner when he is ready to ship them out of the county. We will not be responsible for them for more than thirty days. At the end of that time, if they have not been shipped from the county—well, the citizens are under no further promise.

Safe to say, there will be no "frosties," cold storages, gambling dens, houses of ill-fame, etc., in Bowie for months to come. For it will take a great while for the moral sentiment to cool down to the point that a saloonist would be willing to take the chances on it.

Bowie is happy on its entrance into a new life, and so is J. A. OLD.

SAN ANTONIO PREACHERS' MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 1.

E. Harris in chair. Opened with prayer by Bro. Webb.

Dr. Mouzon secured subscriptions on church debt in full. No collection by the Bishop. Bishop Morrison preached to 2000 people on Easter Sunday. Great sermon. Bishop made profound impression. Additions and applications 24.

Bro. Waltrip, of South Heights, reported revival meeting in progress. J. F. Webb preaching; 46 members received since conference. Expect to build a new church this year. Some hard feeling among members of the Church.

Bro. Bell reports good congregations; one addition on profession. Sherman Street expects to build new church this year.

Bro. Harmon reports crowded congregation on Sunday. Heard Bishop Morrison at Travis Park at night. Sunday-school too large for church. Parsonage debt provided for and improvements costing \$400.

Bro. Snow, of West End, reports good congregations, though a number of his people came to the city to hear Bishop Morrison. Prayer meeting growing in numbers and interest.

Bro. Phillips reports good congregations at the Mexican Church. Is seeking to multiply and strengthen his teaching force. Mexicans need instruction as preliminary to preaching services. Converted Mexicans never call for services of priest.

Rev. A. J. Weeks brings good report of the district. New churches and increase in salaries. Country settling up.

Dr. Harrison spoke in reference to a concert by Jubilee Singers of Southwestern in behalf of Epworth by the Sea. Resolution passed that time was inopportune.

Dr. Harrison spoke of the bright prospects for endowment of Southwestern. Great interest throughout State.

The following resolutions passed: Resolved 1, That we have heard with great joy the report of Dr. Harrison on the work of endowment for Southwestern University; 2. That we heartily endorse and recommend the efforts of Dr. Harrison in this noble undertaking. B. HARRIS.

FORT WORTH PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

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

Bro. Webb: Good services at Central. Three accessions; one profession; Sunday-school good. Bishop Hoss will preach for him on the evening of April 28th.

Bro. Kiker: Good day; fine audiences; two accessions. Bishop Hoss will dedicate the church soon. Everything in good shape at Missouri Avenue.

Bro. Lane: Good prayer-meeting; fine congregation; good League. Will soon move into new tabernacle. Everything building up in the North Fort Worth district.

Bro. Pritchett: The outlook very encouraging at Diamond Hill. One accession. Good spiritual services. They are praying for great things.

Bro. Browning: Good day; good congregations. Preached on whisky traffic. Working on new building enterprise. Hope to build this year.

Bro. Slover: Very good day; large crowd. Will get in the new church in two weeks.

Bro. Bickley: Fine services; organized Junior League. New pews have been received and will be placed in the building at once. Other improvements being completed.

Bro. Sensabaugh: District in fine shape. Collection on pastors' salaries forty per cent ahead of same date

last year. Great improvements especially on the circuits.

Shearer: Very good services. Everything hopeful.

Bro. Knickerbocker: Large crowds; good interest; three conversions; one addition on profession of faith. Organized efforts being made preparatory to the revival, which begins next week. Financial department under great headway.

H. D. KNICKERBOCKER, Pres't
F. E. SINGLETON, Sec'y.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

At the Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute it was decided to have three Sunday-school institutes in the district during the year. The one to be held at Irene begins at 8 p. m. June 17. Brandon, Frost, Blooming Grove, Dawson, Purdon and Coolidge are embraced in this section, the program committee being C. A. Stone, J. M. Grant, W. M. Griffith. The one at Kerens begins at 8 p. m. June 19. Corsicana, Barry, Powell, Rice and Alma are in this section. A. L. Moore, J. R. Collins and S. E. Ross compose program committee. The one at Wortham opens at 8 p. m. June 21, Mexia, Groesbeck, Thornton, Horn Hill, Richland, Cotton Gin and Kirk being in this section and the program committee is constituted of J. M. Wynne, S. P. Nevill and Melvin Sharp.

At the suggestion of Rev. C. M. Harless, our Commissioner of Education, the pastors' conference unanimously voted that the presiding elder appoint an educational campaign committee for the district, and accordingly J. L. Halbert, J. D. Whitecomb, J. R. Collins were so designated, while J. M. Wynne was elected Educational District Secretary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Sec'y.

HELP AN ORPHAN GIRL.

Three years ago I found an orphan girl here in Fort Worth who wanted an education. A friend said if I would find the college he would furnish the money. I found the college at Sherman. And she has been there since. Sister Key told me I would take no risk in commending her as a music teacher in any school, town or family. Now, she will be ready as soon as this term closes to go to work. She has no father or mother or relatives to offer her a home. Hence I send this notice now. Any one wanting such a teacher or knowing of an opening for her will please write me or Sister Key and we will aid a worthy girl. I. Z. T. MORRIS. Fort Worth, Texas.

DON'T FE MISLEAD.

A few druggists in this locality, on account of cut prices on drugs, have adopted the practice of trying to sell something else when a well known preparation of established reputation is called for.

For example, when you ask for Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy, don't allow any druggist or drug clerk to persuade you into buying something else in its place. Every time he succeeds in selling you a worthless substitute he makes more profit, but you are humbugged at the expense of your health. Swamp-Root is prepared only by Dr. Kilmer & Co., Laboratories, Binghamton, N. Y.—Don't experiment—if you need a medicine you should have the best.

Sherman District—Second Round.

Travis Street, March 17, 18. Whitewright, March 23, 24. Trinity, March 31. Waples Memorial, April 1. Collinsville and Tioga, at T., April 6, 7. Pottsville, April 7, 8. Key Memorial, April 10. Whitesboro, April 13, 14. Tom Bean, at Cedar, April 20, 21. Bells and Ambrose, at Everhart's, April 21, 22. Pilot Grove, at Cottage, April 27, 28. Van Alstyne, April 28, 29. Howe, at Ferguson's, May 4, 5. Southmayd, at Ethel, May 11, 12. Sadler, at Basin Springs, May 12, 13. Preston, at Progress, May 18, 19. Pecan and Friendship, at Pecan, May 19, 20. Gunter, at Maple, May 25, 26. District Conference convenes at Tioga, April 30, at 8 p. m. Opening sermon at that hour by E. L. Egger. Bishop Key will preside. E. W. ALDERSON, P. E.

WESTERN NOTES.

Now it came to pass as the undersigned went forth among the brethren that he came to Roby, also the capital of Fisher County. Here I found a disciple named Irvin. (The pronoun "I" is used because there is only one of us in the West, as the better half has been for some months acting as matron in Polytechnic College.)

Now this man Irvin is a very busy disciple and is almost overburdened with work, as two new towns are springing up like magic in the bounds of his work. However, Irvin knows how to spread himself, but it looks a little like an assistant preacher will be almost a necessity.

Rotan and Royston, new towns on the Central Railroad, are in the bounds of this charge. Lots are selling rapidly and houses are going up

in a few hours. Mechanics and building material greatly in demand.

Rotan is one of the busiest little towns that I have visited in some time. I was there just a short time after the first trains arrived and was informed that seven lumber yards had already been located, and more coming. Business lots selling as high as \$1500 and resident lots as high as \$600. Looks rather high for lots out on the prairie, but it is no doubt a coming town. This place is forty-five miles west of Stamford and the present terminus of the Central Railroad.

The writer had the honor of delivering the first Methodist sermon preached in the town, which was heard by an attentive audience sitting about on all sorts of things in a new store building without roof.

Bro. Irvin has already secured lots for churches and both the foregoing towns and Churches should be erected on the same without delay.

Jumping back from thence into Scurry County I preached a few days at a place called Bethel and left a new Church organization of twelve members, which is an appointment on Bro. Trice's work. Am now headed for the plains, and in the future my address will be Plainview. C. G. SHUTT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Texas Conference for March, 1907:

Beaumont District—Beaumont, First Church, J. B. Turrentine: Foreign Missions, \$20; Orphanage, \$40. Call, P. I. Milton: Foreign missions, \$27; domestic missions, \$30. Jasper and Kirbyville, M. L. Lindsay: Domestic missions, \$45. Kountze, L. Montgomery: Foreign missions, \$20; domestic missions, \$20. Nederland and Sabine Pass, A. J. Anderson: Foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$10; Orphanage, \$3.50. Wallisville, T. W. Ryals: Bishops' fund, \$1.25; conference claims \$10.20; foreign missions, \$8; domestic missions, \$8; Church extension, \$2.40; education, \$3.20; Orphanage, \$1.20. Warren, J. N. Broyles: Foreign missions, \$22; domestic missions, \$20. Total, \$88.50. Cameron, J. T. Smith: Bishops' fund, \$10.25; conference claims, \$5; foreign missions, \$26.75. Maysfield, G. C. Cravy: Foreign missions, \$40. Pleasant Hill Circuit, H. T. Hart: Foreign missions, \$27; domestic missions, \$12.50. Rockdale, S. W. Thomas: Foreign missions, \$30; domestic missions, \$4. Sealy, Jno. W. Mayne: Orphanage, \$5. Thorn-dale, F. D. Dawson: Foreign missions, \$20; domestic missions, \$20. Wharton and Lane City, W. L. Pater: Foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$9.85; Orphanage, \$5.15. Total, \$300.50.

Calvert District—Bremont, E. M. Myers: Foreign missions, \$50; domestic missions, \$50. Calvert, W. M. Cruthfield: Foreign missions, \$40; domestic missions, \$40. Domestic mission, \$60. Jewett, C. W. Hughes: Foreign missions, \$60; domestic missions, \$50. Lott and Chilton, Geo. H. Phair: Domestic missions, \$10; Orphanage, \$6. Milton, W. J. Jones: Bishops' fund, \$2; Church extension, \$10; Orphanage, \$8. Reagan, A. T. Walker: Foreign missions, \$34; domestic missions, \$34; Orphanage, \$50. Rogers Prairie, W. E. Washburne: Domestic missions, \$2; Rosebud, A. C. Gage: Foreign missions, \$40; domestic missions, \$40. Wheelock, W. M. Armstrong: Foreign missions, \$6; domestic missions, \$2. Total, \$566.

Houston District—Houston, Brunner Avenue, J. M. Perry: Foreign missions, \$40; domestic missions, \$15. Tabernacle, W. H. Crum, Dom. Missions \$50.90. Cedar Bayou, A. Methvin: Foreign Missions \$51; Domestic Missions \$24. Galveston, West End, S. R. Twitty: Foreign Missions \$10; Domestic Missions \$15. League City, G. F. Zimmerman: Domestic Missions \$11. Total, \$303.

Huntsville District—Dodge, G. W. Henderson: Foreign missions, \$12.28. Hempstead, R. C. Ansley: Conference claims \$12. Kennard, W. L. Gibbons: Domestic Missions, \$16.25. Willis and Conroe: Foreign Missions, \$60; domestic missions, \$50. Korean Sunday-schools, \$10. Total, \$170.53.

Jacksonville District—Brushy Creek, C. A. Rly: Domestic missions \$5. Eikhart, W. V. Adams: Conference claims \$16.25; orphanage \$7. Hallville, I. F. Pace: Foreign missions \$5; domestic missions \$25. Henderson Station, L. B. Elrod: Foreign missions \$41. Jacksonville Circuit, D. S. Burke: Foreign missions \$5; domestic missions \$5. Longview, J. L. Massey: Conference Claims \$75; foreign missions \$108; domestic missions \$108; Church extension \$4; orphanage \$21. Mt. Selman and Bullard, E. W. Allen: Domestic missions \$10. Neches, W. W. Hornor: Domestic missions \$10. Troupe and Overton, J. M. Smith: Foreign missions \$11.25; domestic missions, \$11.25. Total, \$277.5.

Pittsburg District—Cason, D. F. Pulley: Foreign missions \$13.70; domestic missions \$15. Gilmer Station, J. M. Adams: Bishops fund, \$15; Church extension, \$25; education \$14; orphanage \$14. Gilmer Circuit, I. O. Dent: Foreign missions \$45. Kellyville, J. H. Hamblen: Domestic missions \$31. Leesburg, J. B. Bell: Foreign missions \$2.50; domestic missions \$10. Linden, I. M. Brice: Bishops fund \$17; foreign missions \$65; domestic missions, \$65; Church extension \$30; education \$22; orphanage \$12. Naples and Omaha, J. E. Morgan: Conference claims \$45; foreign missions \$45; domestic missions \$11. Park, J. N. McCain: Education \$2.50. Pittsburg, J. C. Cameron: Bishops fund \$28; conference claims \$2; foreign missions \$112; domestic missions, \$112. Church extension, \$13; education, \$8; orphanage \$20. Pittsburg Circuit, J. C. Stewart: Domestic missions \$32. Queen City, C. E. Garrett: Foreign missions \$2; domestic missions \$30; orphanage \$8. Texarkana, Central Church, E. W. Solomon: Foreign missions \$106; domestic missions \$16.50. Hardy Memorial, M. F. Daniels: Foreign missions \$30; orphanage \$2.50. Total, \$219.25.

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Domestic missions, \$4. Emory, J. L. Ross: Domestic missions, \$5. Grand Saline, Allen Tooke: Domestic missions, \$20. Harleton, C. M. Cagle: Conference claims, \$3.50; foreign missions, \$25; domestic missions, \$25. Lindale Circuit, H. T. Swartz: Foreign missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$5. Marshall, First Church, W. F. Packard: Foreign missions, \$100. Mineola, C. E. W. Smith: Foreign missions, \$50. Whitehouse E. C. Escoe: Foreign missions, \$35. Willis Point, H. T. Cunningham: Foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$4. Total, \$311.50.

Grand Total, \$4610.63.
 From Mrs. J. C. Davidson, superintendent Junior League, Wharton, Brenham District, \$7.25 for Chinese relief fund.

L. L. JESTER, Treasurer Texas Conference.

A CORRECTION.

The minutes of the late Texas Conference fail to give the statistics of the Cedar Bayou charge, Houston District. I was sick at the beginning of the conference, but sent my reports to the proper boards. The facts are: We had 28 accessions to the Church, all on profession of faith except two; baptized seven children. We reported a most excellent Sunday-school and Senior Epworth League. Our conference benevolences—\$216—were paid in full, and I have the Treasurer's receipt for same. The pastor and presiding elder's salaries, amounting to \$732, were also reported paid. I feel that this explanation is due the heroic people of that charge. I. E. THOMAS.

Alvin, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

March 28.—J. R. Ritchie, subs. W. E. Caperton, subs. J. W. Long, sub. M. K. Fred, sub. J. W. Downs, subs. S. Q. Bass, sub. C. E. Clark, subs. R. A. Walker, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub. J. W. Clifton, sub. H. T. Hart, sub. G. W. White, sub. F. D. Dawson, sub. J. B. Adair, sub. M. I. Brown, sub. F. D. Caveness, subs. C. C. Bell, sub. March 29.—B. R. Wagner, sub. E. S. Hursey, subs. C. B. Garrett, sub. G. W. Conly, sub. P. M. Riley, sub. J. M. Barcus, sub. A. J. Anderson, has attention. J. T. Owen, sub. J. M. Smith, sub. H. T. Cunningham, sub. J. C. Wilson, subs. J. J. Callaway, subs. April 1.—J. C. Carpenter, sub. B. T. James, sub. J. M. Baker, subs. T. W. Lovell, sub. C. A. Spragins, sub. J. W. Blackburn, subs. April 2.—J. A. Old, subs. G. J. Irvin, subs. C. S. Cameron, sub. J. O. Gore, thanks. April 3.—S. L. Burke, subs. H. H. Windham, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. Pittsburg.

Bishop Ward preached three great sermons for us yesterday and the day before, and Pittsburg Station is sure to pay not less than one thousand dollars on our current missionary collections for this year, a good part of which was raised yesterday. Our Sunday-school yesterday registered three hundred and twenty-two in attendance—one hundred and thirty-five in the Primary Department and sixty-three in Brother Lon Morris' Bible Class. Our work last year was but a meager prophecy of the good things that God is doing for us this year.—G. E. Cameron, April 1.

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

Dear Editor: Since making my big hit in Mexican Mining property I got so many letters from people that I ask you to publish this statement. If you and your wives wish to make money fast and sure invest in Mexico. Cecil Rhodes, mining king, says that "Mexican Mine investments are the safest in the world and the most profitable." Mexican laws will not permit that wild cat business that robs the people in the States. It is the richest mining district in the world. Any person can make money. A few dollars invested now will bring you thousands in a year. I invested \$10 for a friend who is now getting \$5 per month dividend. I have nothing to sell, and as I am traveling I have no chance to answer letters. The Pittsburg Oaxaca Mining Company, Block 27, Pittsburg, Pa., will give you full information regarding SAFE INVESTMENTS in Mexico. This firm is perfectly reliable. Through them I made \$20,000 in less than a year with only a few dollars to start with. You don't have to go to Mexico. Ask them to send you samples of ore. JACK MARSTON.