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## Editorial.

### THE END OF JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

John Alexander Dowie is dead, and notwithstanding his claims in life he died just like all other mortals die. But he was a remarkable man. Physically he was robust and commanding, and mentally he possessed rare endowments. No ordinary man could have accomplished what he did, or so influenced the multitudes whom he deceived and misled. True, he had many of the elements of rank fanaticism, but he was neither ignorant nor blindly stupid. He was educated, widely read and an eminent judge of human nature. His constructive genius was of a high order, and he knew how to form combinations and how to work out results on a large scale. He had some ideas of statesmanship, and he was well versed in the doctrine of altruism. He was a master of assemblies, and had he not pressed his theories to such extremes, there is no telling to what extent his schemes might have more largely succeeded. Look at him for a moment, for his career is worthy of study. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1847. There he grew up to good sized boyhood, when he moved with his father's family to Australia. He at once evinced a disposition to work, and he sought and obtained a position as a grocery clerk. His habits were temperate and exemplary. He was economical and saved his money. He was pious and inclined to be serious and exclusive. Nothing of an untoward nature is found in his life as a boy and a young man. At the age of twenty he returned to Edinburgh, entered the university and studied for the ministry. There he showed a fondness for moral philosophy, theology and kindred studies. He had an apt mind and acquired knowledge rapidly. Having finished his course, he retraced his steps to Australia, and at the age of twenty-six years he was ordained a clergyman in the Congregational Church. Two years later he located in Melbourne and began to preach. It was then that his mania, if we may call it that, began to manifest itself. He first came into notice by his advocacy of the doctrine of healing. His theory of disease was that all sickness originates with the devil, that Christ came to abolish the works of the devil, and that if people had the faith of the first disciples they could accomplish the cure of all disease by the laying on of hands, just as Christ and his early disciples did in Judea. This brought him into notice, for there are people ready to adopt the cult of any man who has the ability to advocate it with force and apparent faith. Particularly if he assumes to work through the name of Jesus Christ. Of course, he soon outgrew the Church—such men are not long in reaching the conclusion that the Church is too narrow for the exercise of their gifts. In fact, he became too large for Australia. So he came to America. He landed in San Francisco, but failed to attract attention. From there he drifted to Chicago, where most all fads find some sort of a foothold. At first his efforts only elic-

ited ridicule, but later he provoked opposition. The newspapers denounced him and ministers criticized him, and violent persecution followed. He was arrested more than one hundred times and occasionally upon frivolous pretexts. After this he began to attract large attention, and a following gathered around him. In 1896, and on Washington's birthday, he organized his movement and gave it definite form under the name of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion. Three years later, to avoid disturbance and persecution, he went beyond the limits of the city and established a community of his own, had it incorporated and gave it the name of Zion City. Here for the time being he showed great ability in organizing and planning his municipality. Many of his laws and regulations were wholesome and praiseworthy, but Dowie was king, and his right there was none to dispute. He announced that he was the second Elijah. He said: "I combine in myself the attributes of prophet, preacher and ruler over men." And all who moved into Zion City had to take an oath of allegiance to this second Elijah. He introduced large enterprises, encouraged leading industries, established a strong bank, for the people flocked to him and put their means at his disposal. Thousands constituted the citizenship of Zion City, and it became a famous community. But no one man could handle such vast interests on the business principles followed by Dowie and give satisfaction very long to so vast a multitude of deluded followers. He was not satisfied with his success in this one undertaking, but he branched out and proposed to establish a similar city in Mexico. But he began to be involved, and during his absence in Mexico some of his more enlightened constituents began to investigate his affairs. Soon matters got into litigation, and John Alexander Dowie was pushed to the wall. His people generally became dissatisfied with him, his wife forsook him, and he found himself stranded and forsaken. He struggled against these odds for a time, but disease took hold of him and he died a stupendous wreck and a colossal failure, leaving thousands of dupes to mourn their confidence in him and the total loss of their earthly belongings. In the beginning of his career he was doubtless actuated by misguided though honest motives. But his success increased his egotism and his fanaticism. Finally he became abnormal and self-deceived, and his greed for power, material wealth and notoriety swept him over the precipice into the vortex of financial and moral ruin. Had his powers of mind, coupled with his ardor and enthusiasm, been directed by wisdom and integrity of purpose, his life might have been a permanent benediction to mankind. But the contrary is true, and, as a result, we look upon him with mingled pity and disgust, a brilliant waste and a monumental fakir.

Our plans often go to pieces and fortune seems to desert us, but it is our province to readjust ourselves to the changed conditions and press forward toward the goal. This is religion.

### THE VALUE OF PRUDENCE IN THE MINISTER.

Prudence is a valuable asset in the character and conduct of the minister. This is particularly true in his relation socially to his people. For he is not only a minister, he is also a member of the common society of men and women. His relation toward them as a minister and as a man ought to be of the most discreet and prudent kind. His speech ought to be above criticism. Whether in the pulpit or in the social circle he ought never to use questionable language. Slang anywhere ought to be beneath his dignity. It carries with it the suggestion of coarseness, and it is the medium of coarse thought and low ideas. Pure language is the index to a pure heart, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." You can easily understand the inner life of the minister by listening to him preach and talk. Vulgarity in the pulpit is unpardonable, and the minister who indulges in it does himself and his cause a great injustice. There is nowhere the suggestion of coarseness and vulgarity in any recorded word the Savior ever spoke, whether in the homes of people, along the highway or in public discourse. The gospel is a system of exceedingly pure truth and holy doctrine, and none but a chaste mouth and a pure heart ought to feel called upon to declare it to men. Many an otherwise good sermon has been shorn of its power and efficiency by the use of a vulgar word or a suggestive allusion. Such language may amuse and attract people of common notions and prudent tendency, but all pure-minded men and women, with the right ideas of propriety and good breeding, are always mortified and humiliated when the minister drops into the use of such words, whether in their homes or in the pulpit. The English language is too rich in its variety and broad in its flow to encourage a minister in the habit of acquiring the use of vitiated and corrupt forms of speech. Good, substantial and elegant language alone comports with the dignity and elevated tone of the gospel. Another fault sometimes overtakes a minister. He is a jovial, good-natured man. He often sees the humorous side of life, and the ridiculous frequently appeals to him. This is all right, but when his sense of humor takes on the form of vulgar jokes and coarse yarns it is time for him to call a halt. He does not always mean to be vulgar or smutty, but he sometimes unconsciously falls into that sort of habit. When indulged in it may provoke a laugh, but it matters not what the character of the crowd may be, the vulgar yarn is out of place in Christ's minister. We once knew a fine preacher, and a man of some education, to locate because of this habit of relating questionable jokes and soiled incidents. Congregations did not want him for a pastor because of this serious defect. Young men, with their ministry mostly before them, need to guard themselves at this point. The laughable humor of an anecdote can not atone for the vulgar strain and smutty suggestion it conveys. Of all the men in the

world ministers ought to be men of clean hearts and pure speech. Ministers need to be exceedingly prudent in their relation to womankind. Under no circumstances ought they to place themselves in such position as to subject them to criticism or side remark. The eyes of the world are upon them, and the least indiscretion or imprudence of this sort is often exaggerated into rumor or common report, the effect of which is a stain the rest of life. More ministers are injured in their reputation by indiscretion than by actual crime. Not many men in the ministry will fully depart from the path of moral purity and commit crimes in the sight of God. This number is exceedingly small and rare, but too many of them are unwittingly guilty of an imprudence that arouses suspicion and starts idle tongues to wagging, and ever after it is necessary for their friends to explain their mistakes or apologize for their indiscretions. Under all circumstances it is the supreme duty of the minister to be a high-toned, dignified Christian gentleman. We can not do better than to close this editorial with a paragraph from an able minister to his brethren on this subject: I assume that the minister is a good man. After more than a score of years in the pulpit and with a somewhat wide acquaintance in many parts of the country, and with not a few heart-breaking disappointments, I can testify to an increased regard for the men in the ministry, as men of clean lips and pure hearts. But there are exceptions to the rule, and there are men who, with good motives, have flabby wills and soft, sloppy, sentimental manners where women are concerned. It is a good thing for a minister to cultivate a strong virility, and that of the firm and earnest type, which does not readily yield itself to sentimentalism. And let him never forget that the man who sees God is the man of pure heart and clean imagination. Failure is not always defeat. It is often our largest success. It is well for us and for the world that many of our plans and schemes come to naught. Out of the wreck of our most cherished undertakings come many of our most brilliant victories for humanity. Christ had a kind word for the erring, but he scorched, with the fires of denunciation, the hypocrites of men. With pure cant and pretension, he had no sort of patience. When the poor, sinful wretch called upon him for help, he had a listening ear; but when the self-righteous turned their eyes toward heaven, it wearied his patience. Sometimes we fear our prayers are not answered and our faith grows cold and indifferent. No prayer uttered in faith goes unanswered. It may not be answered as we had expected, but it was answered as God saw best for us. We are shortsighted and frequently ask for things unwise, the very giving of which would be hurtful to us. God does not mock us for such prayers, but gives to us a great blessing by not granting the things for which we pray. The effect of the prayer is wholesome to our faith and character, and the spiritual benefit is not lost upon us.



# The Decay of Spain

By S. J. Thomas, Our Special Correspondent.

Handicapped as are few countries of the earth with superstition and ignorance, Spain has in a hundred years fallen from the van of nations to a beggar's place in the rear. She is sound asleep, in a stupor from which she arouses herself at times only for a puff at a cigarette, a drink of liquor and to bend her reverent knees at the shrine of Mary. With a soil as fertile as our own great western plains, with seasons regulated to every necessity of her varied flora and an atmosphere in which her golden globes of fruit are incubated with little artificial help, the Andalusian valleys and rolling hills have possibilities of wealth that would choke the markets of the world. But the energy and spirit of a once proud and prosperous people are smoldering in the ashes of a hopeless decay. They are asleep—let us hope to awaken some day, for with a history so splendid and an ancestry so proud, a renaissance of the old days is possible.

## Cadiz the Ancient.

Cadiz is an old city—the Tarshish of Bible story, founded by the Phoenicians 1150 B. C., and by them regarded as the uttermost limit of the world. It was a dependency of Carthage from 500 B. C. to the second Punic war, when it became, under Caesar, one of the impregnable fortresses of the Roman empire, and Roman writers are eloquent in praise of its palaces and aqueducts, its great commerce and mighty fleets. In the fifth century it fell into the hands of the Goths and later was a possession of the Moors. When Spain was at her zenith, following the discovery of America, a continuous flood of gold flowed into the tills of her traders and the treasury of her kings, until as late as 1770 Cadiz, as the chief port, was reckoned the richest city on the globe. With Napoleon's ascendancy the first step in Spain's tragic decline was taken, and as her character was not strong enough to withstand the luxury of wealth, it was too weak to convalesce from the lethargy it entailed.

In the gray of dawn we steamed into the placid harbor of Cadiz where the argosies of civilization that are dead, one after the other have unfurled their white wings and gone into the crypts of history. The sun rose and the gray solid front of the city developed into windowed houses, white and orange in the light, the whole of it on a flat tongue of land projecting from the mountains into the sea. Cadiz shows up to better advantage at a distance than at close range; and its buildings and streets are more interesting than its people. The quaint mediæval thoroughfares are so at variance with everything western that the visitor seems to be wandering in his dreams among the people and things of the long past. They are so narrow that I suppose at first they were alleys, and kept wondering when we should pass out into a street. But the expected avenue never showed up and the alleys never grew in width except when we drove into one of the numerous plazas. They are canyons, as much so as any gorge in the mountains of Colorado, dark and semi-dismal, with even the tortuosity of the natural, the houses rising abruptly to a height of about fifty feet and standing like uniformed regiments at attention. If I may change the original, practically all the same height, the same kind and color, and scrupulously maintaining a uniform distance of about ten feet apart as they face each other across the street. In very few places is it possible for carriages to pass, and I saw a number of vehicles compelled to back to a cross street upon meeting others unexpectedly.

## Magnificent Cathedral.

As in most Latin towns, the cathedral is the all important building in Cadiz. Costing almost \$2,000,000, it is a mystery to me how the money was secured from these poor natives.

It must have well nigh bankrupted most of them. So imposing, so rich in decoration, so vast, so far excelling any church edifice I had even seen before. I would be tempted to describe it, but I know I shall see others that are more splendid and I will need my adjectives for the task of their description. Hence this one is passed up.

In an old church in Cadiz, erected some time away back in the dark ages, I saw a painting that the guide called attention to with a salaam and an incomprehensible jumble of words. It was by Murillo and therefore must be very, very fine. And who was Murillo? I had the temerity to inquire. "Mureelyo! Don'tee know de great Mureelyo? Most big picture man in de world." "No, never heard of 'Mureelyo' in my life," I truthfully confessed. And then I listened to an interpretation of the picture in detail. It was "The Marriage of St. Catherine." I did not know who St. Catherine was and do not know yet, but did not dare betray my ignorance further, for fear the guide would leave me in disgust. However, I did venture one innocent query: "Well, where is the gentleman that St. Catherine is supposed to be tying up with?" It was a stunner and he could do nothing to solve the problem but sputter a lot of stuff that was one-eighth English and seven-eighths Spanish. A cherub from above was in the act of placing a ring upon Catherine's finger and a number of plump babies with sweet faces were tumbling gleefully in a lot of clouds overhead, while an austere man with bushy whiskers, almost an exact likeness of Longfellow, brooded over the scene in misty indistinctness from the panel surmounting the picture. I hope I am not irreverent in the way I have stated this, for it was the painter's attempt to reproduce God Almighty. If I had any idea the Great Ruler of the Universe looked anything like Murillo's \$100,000 painting represents Him to be, I confess that I would have to readjust my view of Him. Bold, indeed, must be the brush that would venture into such a field. This picture was particular interest for connoisseurs, because it was the last work of the celebrated painter. When he had given it the final touch he stepped back to inspect the result, and, missing his footing, fell from the scaffolding to the marble floor and was killed. Three other pictures by the same artist are in this old building, all of them likenesses of saints with halos around their heads.

## A Growsome Exhibit.

In the museum here is a sarcophagus and the growsome remains of a Phoenician of the ninth century before Christ, dug up in the suburbs of the city ten years ago. He is very old and but a skeleton of his former self. His eyes are sunken, but he looks composed and happy.

There are so many old things in this country that nothing with a history short of the Crusades stirs a ripple of interest in us. But now and then, merely for a diversion, we take a bit of the modern. For instance, the Andalusian dance came in our way and we were entertained by a sprightly bunch of modern black-eyed, raven-haired señoritas. This dance consists of a series of genuflections, contortions and kicks, performed by a company of girls with dimpled arms and rounded ankles, to the music of thrumming guitars and castanets. The skirts they wore extended at least eighteen inches below the waist line—I give only an estimate, as I could not see plainly for a couple of preachers who sat in front of me. Over the stage was a large painting of the boy Jesus sweeping shavings out of his father's carpenter shop. You may draw your own conclusions about the religious character of this performance—I left at the first intermission.

## Everybody Smokes.

Every man and boy in all Andalusia smokes—cigarettes chiefly, cigars to some extent, but they all smoke—and I suppose when they leave this world they will smoke in the next. I had believed that Dewey achieved a remarkable victory at Manila and Schley at Santiago, but I know now that their boasted feats were but picnics with the toy manikins of a nursery. A company of diving boys from Madiera can run the whole of southern Spain into the sea. I do not mean to be severe on this poor, miserable, sloven people and their sleepy, odoriferous, canyoned town, but I have been disgusted with them ever since that bloody morning when I went through the torture of a shave in one of their shops. I did not mind the hard, cane-bottomed chair, nor having to sit upright in it; did not object to taking cocaine before the operation, as such is the custom; but I did object to paying a shilling for the torture. I had thought the Inquisition was past, but it is perpetuated in the barber shops of Cadiz.

## The Homes of the People.

I was puzzled for awhile to locate the residence portion of the city. We had driven from one end of the town to the other, and across it a number of times, but not a single residence did I see. I had seen pretty brunette faces peeping through the bars of grated windows upstairs over the stores and had smiled at some of them, but it had not occurred to me that these señoritas were living in anything but flats. I was in error. The homes of the people are over the stores and shops everywhere, in the busiest parts of town—three, four and five stories of homes. So far as I could see, none of the business houses occupied more than a single story. I understand, however, that a few wealthy families have homes in the heart of the city, and that they are sumptuously furnished. All doors are locked through a keyhole in the door facing. The doors themselves have no locks on them.

The donkey is the beast of burden. Two-wheeled carts with wide-spread sheets and a big straw receptacle swinging from the axle are the means of freight transportation. If the load be extra heavy more donkeys are hitched on, but not side by side, as we do, but in front of each other, tandem style. I have seen as many as sixteen of these Andalusian canaries pulling a single wagon, and the procession was a comedy of sixteen acts, each donkey constituting a separate act. There is a street car line here, but it is poorly patronized. There is no room for it on the streets, so it runs along the shore.

There are 18,000,000 people in Spain; of these only 6,000 are Protestants. Over 72 per cent of the population can neither read nor write.

I am of the opinion that the military is a heavy burden on these people, together with the church, absorbing their earnings and causing a condition of abject servility. Cadiz is overrun with gaudily-uniformed soldiers strutting like peacocks among the beggars and grovelings of the street, and I would like to have a bunch of Texas Rangers armed with corneobs to throw them into consternation and epilepsy.

## Full of Bad Smells.

Cadiz smells bad. It has a disagreeable odor, like the backdoor of a restaurant, and it was a relief to file out of the shady gulches that they call streets to the quay and get a whiff of fresh air. For these and other reasons I was not sorry when the time came to board the train for Seville, a larger and better city, ninety-five miles inland.

And what a train! The engine about the size of an American switch engine; without a bell or cowcatcher; the passenger coaches just twelve feet long and divided into two apartments, eight passengers in each apartment. After inspecting the train from end to end I got into one of these postoffice boxes, the porter or somebody closing the door and locking it from the outside. A gong rang, a boy went up and down the platform ringing a bell, the engine crowed like a rooster, and

we were off. It was hard to believe we were on a railroad car, for it did not look like one, and it rocked like an omnibus over a pavement. There was no stove, no water, no toilet on the whole train, but there was an iron concern filled with hot water on the floor in which to warm the feet.

Presently the conductor came to the window and peeped in and I wondered how he got there and got away. Later investigation developed a plank running the full length of the train, and an iron railing, for the use of the conductor. There are different accommodations for first, second and third class passengers.

No stations were called and we rattled along at about twenty miles an hour through the country districts of Southern Spain. Passing first the ruins of the Roman aqueduct and their fine road, still amazingly preserved, we ran along the coast for several miles where there were numerous vats of ocean water, and large pyramids of dirt—salt standing like miniature Egyptian sentinels over a modern Thebes or Memphis. And then we entered the farming districts, amid blooming apricots and almonds, cabbage and spinach gardens, white houses and rock fences, over undulations and swells like the ocean when it rolls, and in the course of an hour stopped at the town of San Fernando. By this time I found a way to unlock the door and stepped out to the platform. Everybody, men and women, were of a like notion and all headed for a common place. It was comical, and I laughed outright. I do not believe in all my life I ever saw a thing that was more ludicrous. But it was the only solution of a vexing problem.

The gong sounds, the boy rings his bell along the platform, the engine crows, and we are off again, this time penetrating the richest grape and wine section of Spain; the hills roll and swell as before; every valley is a neighborhood of green gardens; every hill under cultivation; fruit trees are blooming, white stone houses, clean and sepulchered, scattered promiscuously over the landscape; fences of cactus and century plant between the thick gardens; vineyards, orange and lemon groves and olive orchards; now and then a straw hut with its half-savage, half-naked peons; occasionally a small pasture where bulls are bred for the national sport, macadamized roads, as smooth as a pavement and clean as a parlor; haciendas bearing the names of their wealthy owners on their white fronts, and then the city of Perez, 50,000 strong; and then the comedy as atorsaid.

## Primitive Farming.

Now we run into a series of plantations where the land is being broken for spring planting. The plow in use is a comical affair of only a single handle, and is pulled by oxen. After this we see much more plowing in progress, and everywhere the same old plow and oxen. A carload of riding planters would either revolutionize this country or frighten the population to death.

Not a single wild tree have we seen since leaving Cadiz, but now a pine grove shows up, all trees trimmed close to the top. Lumber is a rarity here, for I honestly believe there is not enough lumber in the houses of all southern Spain to build an American hen house, and there is no such business as a lumber yard. The donkey is in evidence everywhere, and his back is always shaved into queer patterns.

Suddenly those queer, old, decrepit trees that we have seen all along, full of knots and riven by age and storm, begin to increase in numbers until there is now an unbroken forest of them on both sides. We are in the heart of the great olive district of Spain. If the Spaniards would put his oil in earthenware jars instead of pigskins it would be in greater demand and his commerce in this line would surpass that of any other country.

## In the City of Seville.

And now we have arrived at the most interesting city of all Spain.

Seville is a city of nearly 200,000. I would like to write of its cathedral, a structure second only to St. Peter's in size, the pillars of which are so vast that twenty men touching hands at full length can scarcely reach around one of them; with its organ so costly that \$1,000,000 has recently been spent in repairs, with its exquisite carving in cedar; and its criminal wealth of gold; with the marble sarcophagus that contains the remains of Columbus, also the tomb of the great navigator's son; with its priceless painting by Murillo, the "Vision of St. Francis," from which the saint was cut out a few years ago and sold to Pierpont Morgan for \$65,000, and afterwards returned by him to the church; with its weird service, its sublime arches, the grand music.

## The Old Moorish Castle.

I would like to take the reader through the old Moorish palace, 700 years old, which, with its companion, the Alhambra, are the most exquisitely ornamented structures in the world, its doors and ceiling of cedar inlaid with ivory and pearls, its walls of designs in mosaic; with its arches of frest work; its hall where Queen Isabella gave her jewels to Columbus; its rooms where in the midst of the most elegant and refined sculpture, the greatest crimes in Spain's bloody history were committed with its Queen's bath-tub, 25x100 feet in size.

I would like to give my opinion of the paintings by the old masters in the city's famous galleries, though it might be a bit irreverent and contrary to the usual orthodox opinion.

While we were in Seville practically the entire city gathered at the wharf on the river to meet a steamer that came in from Mexico with the body of a bull fighter killed in the ring.

It was with deep regret that I was unable to attend that funeral.

## Land of Pretty Women.

The life of the Spanish people is full of interest, for it is all strange to us, and yet there is much to admire in the Spanish customs of the home. The women are the prettiest in the world; in all Spain I scarcely saw a single lady who was not prepossessing, if not actually beautiful. But I wonder how they live and manage to maintain such charms without a wilderness of shrubbery, ribbons and birds on their heads. There are millinery stores in Spain; one in Cadiz, two in Seville, and there is said to be a third in Madrid; but these are modern establishments to meet the demands of foreign lady travelers.

The señoritas and señoritas do not wear bonnets and hats, but a modest mantilla, usually black, but often white or cream, thrown over the head when in the sun or dropped down upon the shoulders when in the shaded streets. I wish American women would adopt Spanish customs. (I am a married man.)

## SIMPLE SAYINGS.

By Rev. Jno. E. Green.  
Counterfeit coins are current only among the careless.

More and more men are being trained to distinguish between the true and false in religion.

The world wisely questions every system of faith and there's a growing demand for the genuine.

Religious fakes should not always play upon the credulity and feed upon the ignorance of American men and women.

True worship, from the antediluvian days down, is the same in character if not in kind, identical in fact, though not in form.

All real worship is followed by two certain results, namely: Divine assurance and manifold righteousness.

In the midst of millions of mean mortals, men are met here and there living truly good lives and thus supporting the faith and vindicating the Lord.

Innocence, usefulness and sincerity constitute the all of religion. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart." (Psalms 15:1, 2.)



REMINISCENCE NO. 9.

My third appointment was Maryville, the county seat of Nodaway County. I was preacher in charge for the first time, and made my home with Dr. Bicket, who had been educated for the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church, but, professing religion, he abandoned his purpose and entered the practice of medicine. He had married a Miss Collett, whose parents were Methodists and had reared their daughter in their faith.

Nodaway was a young county, and Colonel Graham had been Clerk of the County Court since its organization. The town had taken its name from Mary, his wife, an elegant and popular lady. Some question had been raised as to the correctness of the Colonel's bookkeeping and an investigating committee had been appointed by the court to examine his books. The committee consisted of Brother Scofield, a Methodist exhorter, and Judge Cain, who was a Baptist, both of them elegant gentlemen and personal friends. Colonel Graham was a courtly Kentucky politician and made himself exceedingly agreeable to the committee, furnishing them books, stationery and the like and waiting on them during the weeks of examination with every attention and kindness, seemingly enjoying the examination more than any one else.

During the time quite a discussion sprang up between the committee as to capital punishment; the discussion became so interesting that Colonel Graham induced them to agree to discuss it in the court house, promising to get a crowd if they would discuss the question. They agreed to it. The Colonel got an immense crowd; everybody seemed to be present but the debaters. Graham, Dr. Bicket and others determined the question should be discussed and proceeded to divide the speakers present for that purpose. Graham, Bicket and others were selected to defend capital punishment. Dr. Torrence, Colonel Burns, myself and others were appointed to oppose it. I rebelled; told them I had never studied the question and didn't propose to make myself a fool by attempting to discuss a question I didn't know anything about, but Graham wouldn't listen to my objections; said I was a public speaker and must take my part in the discussion, but I determined not to do so. I was appointed to speak after the Colonel, who made a very fine and strong speech, but, anticipated what my arguments would likely be as I was a preacher, and stated: "My friend, Mr. Littlepage, will doubtless quote from the Bible, 'Thou shalt not kill,' but permit me to remind you gentlemen that the same authority says, 'He that sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed,' so that his argument, should he make it, is already answered. Again he may claim that it is a fearful thing for man or a jury of men to take the life of a fellow being when he could not give life to a fly, but, gentlemen, let me inform you that perhaps there is no better method by which to secure the salvation of an incorrigible wretch than to appoint him a fixed period beyond which he can not expect to live; of course, if he has any sense at all he will make due preparation for the dread event; when, if allowed to live along in the ordinary course of events, he would likely be shot down on a race course, or in a bar-room without a moment's warning and sent headlong to perdition. So that argument of the reverend gentleman is answered." By the time he closed I was brimful of a speech, and answered his other arguments as best I could, stressing the fact that the Colonel was very unfortunate in his Biblical argument, stating that these old maxims, such as "He that sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed," "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," and all that the Savior said was to be done away, saying, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so, "Neither shall it be so among you. \* \* \* I say unto you, Thou shalt not kill; love your enemies, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you." And much more to the same effect. But, gentlemen, I pause before the Colonel's last argument and admit its force. I was reared in the Presbyterian Church, but became a Methodist as much perhaps because of the various means of grace this Church affords as from an approval of her doctrines, but the Colonel has afforded us a means of grace tonight bran new to our philosophy. Now, gentlemen, let us in mercy give him the benefit of his philosophy, for through the courtesy of the Colonel and his amiable wife I have learned

a good deal of his personal history and private character. The Colonel has enjoyed the ministry of Jonathan Stamper, Dr. Bascom and other great lights of Kentucky Methodism, and here in Missouri he has listened to the great William Goff Capels, the peer of the best of them, and tonight he is an incorrigible old sinner. Now let us appoint him a fixed period beyond which he shall not be allowed to live; let us see if we can't bring the Colonel to repentance.

The crowd roared with laughter and the judges rendered a decision in our favor, but I have never lost sight of the value of Colonel Graham's philosophy. There is a great deal of maudlin, sickly sentimentality about capital punishment not in harmony with the genius of good government. This cropped out when I was presiding elder of the Huntsville District some years ago. A poor fellow, who, in a fit of intoxication, had killed a man, was awaiting his execution. I visited him in his cell and found him very bitter toward his pal, who induced him to drink and who, I have no doubt, was the greater criminal of the two, but he escaped justice by some process, while this man confessed the facts in his case and made no effort in his defense. I talked with him a great deal, read the scriptures to him and prayed for him of ten. After several visits he became deeply penitent and finally was happily converted, giving as good evidence of a change of heart as any one could desire; all bitterness toward his accomplice was removed and he heartily prayed for him and his enemies; seemed happy in a Savior's love. I was off on my district when he was executed, and when I returned I found a number of good people indignant at the idea of this man going from the gallows to glory. Of course, he had made a talk to the crowd from the scaffold, giving the young men especially a solemn warning from his fate to avoid evil associates and especially intoxicating liquor, closing with the expression of a bright hope of heaven. This gave offense to some professed Christians, even our college President. He seemed not to be satisfied that the poor man should pay the penalty of his crime by being hung, but wanted him sent from the gallows to hell. At all events, he didn't want him to express hope of going from the gallows to glory. I am so glad that "God is Judge himself."

Some time after this I was called to Austin and, passing out of the capitol, I met Colonel Gould, of the Court of Appeals. After chatting him a little while I inquired for Col. C. M. Winkler, knowing they were on the same bench. He told me where I would find Winkler and insisted I should call and see him. I found him busy at his desk, suspenders hanging down his back, collar opened, sweating over a death penalty. Greeting me very cordially, he pushed his papers away and settled back for an old-fashioned chat. I had been his pastor three years in Corsicana; two of his daughters had professed religion under my ministry, and I had taken them and his wife into our Church, and we loved each other very much. He said with much feeling: "Brother Littlepage, this is the seventh conviction for the death penalty we have been compelled to affirm in the last two months, and I declare to you it is enough almost to drive a man distracted. If it wasn't from a sense of duty, I feel like I should run away." "Oh! Judge," said I, "you are taking this too seriously." Then I told him about my discussion with Colonel Graham and my Huntsville experience, and that I had published an article on "Capital Punishment as a Means of Grace;" saying, you don't send these fellows headlong to perdition as perhaps they sent their victims; you appoint them a fixed period beyond which they can not expect to live. They are furnished with the means of grace, and in all probability they, or at least many of them, are saved, whereas if they were permitted to live and pursue the wreckless course from which the courts delivered them, they would have been shot down, as Colonel Graham said, on a race course or in a saloon and sent without a moment's warning to their doom. You gentlemen are a means of grace to these fellows, and I don't think you ought to take the matter so seriously. My manner may have been a little light for so serious a subject, but I shall never forget the emphasis with which he replied: "Take away from me the hope of salvation for these poor devils and I have no use for the religion of Jesus Christ."

I believe the correct theory is this: When a man really forfeits his right to live, let him be duly tried for his life before a jury of his peers and when condemned let the Judge appoint a day for his execution, furnish him with the most able ministerial advice and the best facilities for his enlightenment and salvation, secure his conversion, if possible, but hang him all the same.

But, going back to Maryville and our discussion, will only say that its success established a regular debating society in which we had a great deal of amusement and many of us, no doubt, much profit. Of course, in these days of colleges, lyceums and the like the tactics of Brush College, as Capels called our Missouri itinerancy, are not so important, but any method that will enable a young man to think on his feet should not be despised.

I remember an illustration old Father Ketron gave me. He said: "A gentleman of culture asked one of our presiding elders (old Father Axley, I believe it was) how he accounted for the fact that they would send a college student to the university, and you will take a young man from the plough, send him off to a circuit in the mountains, and in a few years he will come back to the settlements and beat our theologian out of sight preaching. "O," said Axley, "we tell each other." Not only do we tell each other, but are brought in actual contact with men and things as and where they are. The Church perhaps has never heard of it before, but I am going to tell it right now. It was during this, my third year in the ministry, A. D. 1857, that the preachers of the Savannah District organized a District Conference for our mutual benefit. There were only three married men in the district besides B. R. Baxter, our presiding elder. These were Joseph Devlin, Henry Hedgpeth and Wm. F. Bell. And it was conducted in first-class style. I do not remember whether a single member of this District Conference was present at the General Conference when our present system was inaugurated, perhaps Bro. R. A. Austin was. Many a page of unwritten history will sleep with the actors on the stage. I have a paper now written and submitted for discussion on the occasion of the meeting of our District Conference on my work this year, 1857.

I must mention the fact that at this time there was not a Church of any denomination in Maryville. We all preached in the court house. We had some prosperity, but no great revivals during the year. One remarkable fact which I wish to mention to the "glory of His grace" is that I always enjoyed liberty in preaching in Maryville, and I had preached under all conditions to large and small audiences, and when the snow was blowing fiercely through the streets; still I enjoyed that sweet liberty which the Spirit only gives. It became a matter of surprise to me until about the close of the year when I learned that an old saint of God made it a rule, though seldom able to attend Church, to spend an hour each Sabbath morning, when her young preacher had to preach, in prayer for God's blessing on his servant. No wonder I always felt the presence and aid of the Holy One in Maryville. No wonder that Spurgeon preached with power when his whole Church spent an hour in the basement in prayer for God's blessing on his messenger before he began preaching. S. C. LITTLEPAGE, Waco, Texas.

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# Notes From the Field

## McCaughey.

A fine meeting here. Rev. C. W. Young is pastor, and he is doing a fine work. We commenced here last Sunday a week ago. There have been forty additions to the Church and more to follow. Will run a week yet. This is a new town of 1000 inhabitants; a fine country. It is twenty-seven miles north of Sweetwater.—Jim M. Bond, April 3.

## Winfield.

The second Quarterly Conference of Winfield Circuit was held at New Hope Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31. Bro. R. A. Burroughs was on hand and did some fine preaching to the delight of all present. Winfield Circuit is taking the lead under the pastorate of Bro. C. M. Thompson. This is Bro. Thompson's second year with us, and we feel very grateful to Bishop Morrison for sending Bro. Thompson back to Winfield, for I believe Bro. Thompson is the right man and at the right place. He is a great expounder of the Scriptures. He makes no compromise with sin, but hews to the line and lets the chips fall where they may. We are praying for a great revival on the Winfield Circuit, and I feel sure God will hear and answer our prayers.—T. D. McCrary.

## China Spring.

We have just closed a meeting at China Spring, which we believe has been a time of seed-sowing that will result in bringing much fruit to the honor and glory of God. Bro. C. D. Spahn did the preaching, and to say that he did it well would be putting it mildly. I am sure the devil was disappointed when Bro. Charley quit the law business and entered the pulpit—not that a man can not be a good man and plead law, but there are men enough to take care of the courts who have not been called of God to preach the gospel of peace. He has had an experience that he never could have had outside of the law business. We had a few conversions and three young men added to the Church. The membership of the Churches (not Methodist only) were very much benefited.

His sermon to men only Sunday evening was timely, and we doubt not will do much good. Our new pews, new Epworth organ, new chandeliers in our new place of worship all added interest to the occasion. Our church has been added to and has been greatly improved, which makes it appear as a new church. The Junior League, under the management of Miss Alice Adams, delighted the crowd with their beautiful Easter service Sunday evening. They were assisted by the B. Y. P. U. members. Altogether it was a most delightful and, we believe, a very profitable occasion. Bro. Charley, come again; we will furnish you a large crowd to preach to, and you will find many doors swinging wide open for your reception, and we would be glad if you would bring the junior preacher with you.—J. W. Bowden, April 1.

## Ector.

We have just closed a great meeting at Ector. Rev. W. F. Clark, of Dallas, came to us on the afternoon of March 20 and remained until April 3, when he left for Arkadelphia, Ark., to spend a month with his nephew hunting and fishing. The Lord was with us in conviction and conversion from the first until the last service. There were over 50 conversions and 30 additions to the Church. The whole community has been greatly benefited by these refreshings from the Lord. Rev. W. H. Brown preached two sermons, M. L. Hamilton three and R. N. Brown one, while our own choir furnished most excellent music, and the church worked as never before. Bro. Clark is a good general in a meeting. This is our second year on this charge, and the longer we stay the more we love the charge. Truly we are serving a good and appreciative people. We feel very much encouraged and are determined to do our very best.—R. L. Ely, April 4.

## Como.

On our return to Como charge we began a protracted meeting. Bro. D. L. Coale, of Ft. Worth, did the preaching and did it well. But constant rain and bad weather greatly hindered us; yet we had quite a number of conversions and additions to our Church, and our prayer meetings and Sabbath schools have more than doubled. Also considerable advancement was made on preacher's salary. The Woman's Home Mission Society has been reorganized with the following officers: Mrs. J. W. Blackburn, President; Mrs. H. Howard, First Vice-President; Miss Kate Morris, Recording Secretary; Miss Willie McGarity, Treasurer. This society rendered a most interesting program on Easter Sabbath. These ladies are wide-awake to all the interests of the Church. We have organized a League at Harper Chapel of 24 members, with Miss Effie Dunn as President. Our Quarterly Conference at Harper's Chapel was in every way a great success. Bro. C. H. Spragins, John McCorkle and Beverly Rogers came over from Sulphur Springs with Bro. and Sister Fladger. Bro. Fladger was in good preaching humor and met the high expectations of all the people. Bro. Spragins preached for us Sabbath evening. He has good presiding elder timber in him. The ladies of Harper's Chapel had prepared a most excellent dinner. We vote them first class in every way. We were enabled to report 18 copies of Texas Advocate taken; had visited 60 families; received 22 members this quarter and baptized 8 adults.—J. W. Blackburn, April 8.

## Maysfield.

Easter service and missionary day were beautifully and instructively and successfully blended in a creditable program prepared and conducted by Rev. George C. Cravy, Sunday, March 31. The collections of every benevolent character far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. Rev. George Cravy seemed equal to the necessity of the occasion in every respect; hence the inspiration of the day, took into captivity not only every Christian heart, but every heart seemed stirred to do homage to a risen Lord by subscribing liberally to send the gospel to the untutored heart and mind of the Orient. Bro. Cravy is doing a most zealous, enthusiastic and creditable work in the Maysfield Circuit, and every indication assures us of a matchless harvest of souls in the near future. The good people of Maysfield are a unit in an effort to the advancement of all good, and had on the day mentioned above a long table laden with the most delicious edibles; hence the appetites of rustic as well as epicure were fully satisfied. Few programs of such an occasion have been so creditably carried out, and many who were good judges have given it the verdict of being without a superior on similar occasions. Methodism here is shaking off

generally its previous lethargy, and God grant that the spirit of the Lord in the people may put to a ceaseless flight his Satanic majesty.—W. F. Grant, April 8.

## Seventh Street, Temple.

We are glad to report that this charge is making progress along all lines. The pastor met with as warm a greeting when he returned from conference as heart could wish. At the first Quarterly Conference a resolution was passed to cut off a country appointment that had been served on Sunday afternoons by the pastor and that his salary be fixed at \$800. This for the Seventh Street Church alone was a raise of more than \$200 on pastor's salary. At this writing every obligation has been met and more. By the time of our second Quarterly Conference a movement had been projected to remodel and enlarge the parsonage. A subscription list had been started and was well under way. Our presiding elder gave his hearty approval to the movement, and on Sunday morning took a public collection, which brought the subscription list up to a point which warranted the letting of the contract for the work. The carpenter work is now complete, and to-day the house is in the hands of the painters and paper-hangers. By the time our good presiding elder returns to us we will have a parsonage home "comfortable enough for a Bishop." We have no language adequate to express our rejoicing at the success that has crowned our labors. The other phases of our Church work have not lagged. Our Sunday-school has increased both in numbers and interest, and the prayer-meeting has more than doubled its attendance. We have had twenty-six additions to the Church since conference. We are now upon the eve of what we trust will be the greatest revival in the history of Temple. A careful census of the city has been taken by the Pastors' Association and the religious standing of every individual has been ascertained as nearly as possible. It is safe to say that we go into these revival services with a better knowledge of the situation than we have ever had before. Five Churches, possibly six, will commence their revival meetings next Sunday morning. We would enlist the prayers of the Church at large in our behalf in this effort to reach this town for God.—A. W. Hall, April 12.

## Wellington.

We have just closed a successful meeting in our church at Wellington, in which there were quite a number of conversions and reclamations, with twenty-eight additions, making in all since conference over fifty additions to our Church here. We were assisted by Bros. S. H. Manns, of Wellington Mission, and H. B. Ellis, of Hollis, Oklahoma. Bro. Manns is a capital young preacher and reached to the delight of our people; while Bro. Ellis impressed the people as a born revivalist. Bro. W. H. Howard, our beloved presiding elder, held our second Quarterly Conference in the midst of the meeting, and preached two very impressive sermons. We are indeed proud of our Church at Wellington. She is well up on the question of finances, with two splendid League, Junior and Senior, and a Sunday-school that has doubled itself numerically within a year. All the social meetings of the Church are well attended and working harmoniously. Still another feature that commands our admiration for the people here is the fact that they are so thoughtful of their pastor and his family.—J. M. Sollie, April 8.

## Chandler.

We are moving to the front as rapidly as possible. Had a fine Easter service the fifth Sunday in March. Through the kind aid of Sister Viola Hunt, of Tyler, we have organized a Woman's Home Mission Society. Have lighted our Church with the new Hydro Carbon System, and it beats electricity; have mounted our church bell on nice framework; our congregations are large. Our Sabbath-school and prayer-meetings well attended and the outlook is good.—Dr. Hall, April 8.

## Aubrey Circuit.

If allowed space I will offer a supplement to a report of the above charge, dated March 21. As many of the brethren know, Aubrey Circuit is now arranged embraces seven appointments. Three of these include nearly the entire of Mountain Springs Circuit, or perhaps better known as Burns Mission. The two charges together make a territory reaching almost from the line of Jollin to the Santa Fe Railroad, and from Denton to Gainesville. The part of the work known as Burns Mission includes Zion, Friendship and Wesley Chapel. These three appointments were assigned this writer to supply. The interest of these Churches was carefully looked after by the presiding elder at the first Quarterly Conference held at Aubrey. Our people for the most part are spiritual and religious. We have two live Sunday-schools and prayer-

meeting, with interest increasing. Our congregations are good and very attentive to the preaching of the word. We have dismissed by letter eight and received six. Quite a number of our folks take the Advocate. Wish I could place it in every home. The prospects of good revivals are quite encouraging. Four meetings to hold. We are praying that the Lord will give us a great victory.—S. L. Habern.

## Beck Prairie.

We had a good day at Beck Prairie—just our monthly appointment. The people say it was the largest congregation they had seen in the church in six years. We preached from 2 Samuel 6:2, and it seemed to have fine effect on the congregation. We baptized five children; received three subscriptions for Advocate and ten for Go Forward. Have organized a Sunday-school there that is growing in numbers and interest. We are expecting a gracious revival there. The fifth Sunday in last month was Easter Sunday, and we were at Bremond. My "better half" and Miss Tom Turner had the children well drilled and we had a most excellent program at night. The Easter offering amounted to \$16. The Methodist young ladies of Bremond have placed in the church a beautiful new organ. Our Ladies' Aid has put in the parsonage a nice folding bed and some matting, also repaired the church and parsonage fence and put new steps to the church. Our revival meeting will begin here next Sunday. Pray for us that we may have a great time. We had a very good Quarterly Conference at Petteway the second Sunday in March. Brother Shettles was with us and did some of his pointed and practical preaching. We are expecting to have a revival at Petteway. Some good folks there. Our mission assessment is overpaid, our Orphanage assessment is paid, and \$6 on Bishop's Fund. The assessment for the pastor is very small, and that is not paid up to date. But we are living hopefully.—E. M. Myers, April 8.

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A local option campaign is imminent in Travis County, which promises to be of State-wide interest. Austin being the Capital City of the Commonwealth, it in a sense belongs to all Texas. Here are located the different departments of the State Government, in which are employed hundreds of young people from various parts of the State. Here assemble the lawmakers who enact the laws that constitute the basis of protection for life, liberty and prosperity in all Texas. Here are the various eleemosynary institutions whose inmates come from the remotest quarters of the State. Here is located the great University, with an annual enrollment of about two thousand young men and women from the best families throughout Texas. All these considerations make it important that Austin, where are located the very fountain heads of government and the University, which is the climax of the State's great educational system, from which radiate influences that affect every fireside in Texas, shall be free from corrupting and demoralizing influences. The drinking saloons with their gambling adjuncts and sordid annexes are, beyond question, the greatest sources of corruption and demoralization known to modern life. Hence every home in Texas is interested in seeing Austin free from the influences of the crime-breeding, man-debauching, society polluting, government corrupting booze trade with the allied evils that gather about it. Let Christian parents throughout Texas whose children are sojourning in the Capital City breathe a prayer to the God of all grace that he will give success to the efforts being inaugurated to remove the pitfalls by which the evil one has surrounded the pathway of their children while in Austin.

It will be helpful to send a word of cheer to Hon. D. E. Simmons, chairman, and his comrades in this righteous warfare, telling them of your interest in their success. Also write any friends you have in any part of Travis County urging their active cooperation in the fight. Let there be a stream of letters from the Christian parents all over Texas as to Judge Simmons, Chairman, and to voting friends in Travis County. I will help. Write to-day. God reigns and the right will prevail, and the satanic arch enemy of all righteousness, is doomed.

H. A. IVY, Sec. T. L. O. A.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, The great Head of the Church has called one of our brethren, George W. Utt, from the conflicts and toil of the Church on earth to the general assembly and Church triumphant; and, Whereas, in the removal of Brother Utt from among us we feel that our Church is left poorer, and the Sunday-school bereft of an efficient Superintendent. He was a devoted son, a loving, tender husband, an affectionate father, a loving brother, a faithful friend and wise counselor, and many sit in sincere grief because

of his absence, and Whereas, We realize and feel our unspeakable loss; therefore be it

Resolved, That we bow with submission to this dispensation of Divine providence, and that we will strive to emulate the example of our departed brother.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Sunday-school Record, a copy be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

J. R. WAGES, P. C.  
J. F. LOVELL,  
JAMES CHURCH,  
W. L. RAMSEY,  
Farmersville, Texas.

## DEATH OF MRS. GILMORE.

Mrs. Martha Gilmore, aged 72 years, died of pneumonia April 5, at Beaumont, Texas, at 3:55 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Parker, 1363 Hazel Avenue. Mrs. Gilmore was the mother of Mrs. Hotchkiss, wife of Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, who was the presiding elder last year of the Beaumont District of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Hotchkiss arrived Friday morning from Marlin. Shipment of the remains was made to Columbus, Texas, at which place the interment was held in the family cemetery. A good woman, a devout Christian, a devoted mother.—Houston Post.

On Friday, March 29, Brother Mulkey, our Texas evangelist, rode up to my parsonage—got there just two weeks in advance of the time expected. Brother "Abe" is one to himself, in that he comes ahead, instead of behind, like some. We were totally unprepared for him as to a place to hold the meeting, but were ready by Saturday night, and now the meeting is over. It was great from start to finish. Great crowds, fine people, attentive—the very best, and results glorious. Don't know how many were converted. All the churches will be helped by the meeting. I received, last night, twenty into the Methodist Church, with more to follow. We are in fine shape down here. Bro. Abe is all right.—A. E. Carraway April 8.

## UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- April 4.—W. T. Gray, sub. J. C. Huddleston, subs. H. T. Hart, o. k. W. H. Terry, sub. C. E. Clark, sub. C. W. Godwin, has attention. W. W. Horner, subs.
- April 5.—E. R. Patterson, sub. S. L. Habern, sub. J. S. Wilson, subs. M. C. Chaffee, sub. A. W. Hall, thanks. P. R. White, sub. O. B. Staples, sub. E. J. Maxwell, sub. R. B. Moreland, sub. J. C. Wilson, sub. I. T. Morris, sub. Thomas Gregory, sub. H. W. King, subs.
- April 6.—J. C. Moore, sub. W. L. Gibbons, sub. M. H. Major, sub. J. L. B. Cash, sub. J. W. Johnson, sub. J. A. Pledger, trial subs.
- April 8.—J. T. Fariss, sub. J. T. McKeown, sub. J. L. Owen, sub. I. M. Bryce, sub.
- April 9.—W. A. Pritchett, subs. M. I. Brown, sub. E. G. Roberts, sub. J. C. Carter, sub. E. M. Myers, subs. W. C. Bracewell, sub. B. S. Crow, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. J. C. Mimms, sub. L. B. Tooley, sub. J. S. Huckabee, sub. G. J. Irvin, subs; other matter o. k. C. P. Martin, sub. Dr. Hall, has attention. E. J. Maxwell, sub.
- April 10.—W. A. Stuckey, sub. M. W. Rogers, change. S. C. Riddle, sub. L. B. Saxon, sub. E. F. Boone, sub. A. C. Smith, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. B. F. Alsop, sub. S. P. Ulrich, sub. A. C. Smith, sub.

## WOULD NOT TAKE \$60 FOR IT.

My wife has used the machine sufficiently to test its quality and expresses herself about it in the following commendatory words: "It is the prettiest machine I ever saw and makes the most perfect stitch. I would not take \$60 for it and be without the Advocate machine." M. I. BROWN.

Athens, Texas.

In every household there should be if possible one room, one little nook, which should be different from all the others, and into this room only beautiful, good thoughts should be allowed to enter. No matter how simple, how plain it be, so long as it is felt to be for the time being the soul's resting place. Just as we feel this to be in great cathedrals and in most places of worship, so let us have it in our own household. In this one little room perhaps may be given the guiding light to help us in the daily living, or we may be strengthened to battle with some difficulty, some obstacle to be overcome before we again mix with the outer world.—Selected.

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# The Home Circle

ADDITIONAL ANSWERS TO PUZZLE IN MARCH 21.

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Sammy Drake, Utopia, Texas.  
Ella Forrest, Texico, N. M.  
Ruth Still, Gilmer, Texas.  
Ida Marie Williamson, Rancho, Texas.  
Kathleen Keller, Kennedale, Texas.  
Mabel C. Lorraine, Blossom, Texas.  
Adella Dean Seagrins, Oak Forest, Tex.  
Carrie Dickinson, Youkum, Texas.  
Lila Potts, Argyle, Texas.  
Maggie Bruce, Gatesville, Texas.  
Elisha Cherry, Omaha, Texas.  
Lora Knowles, Goldthwaite, Texas.  
August Wisdom, Boyd, Texas.  
R. H. Boatner, Olin, Texas.  
Laura Gladney, Corsicana, Texas.  
Harry Wilson, Fato, Texas.  
Ira May Stallcup, Celina, Texas.  
Bettie Stallcup, Celina, Texas.  
Winnie Davis Kelson, McDade, Texas.  
Jessie Viek Harris, Houston, Texas.  
Clairine and Doris Wynn, Bastrop, Tex.

The above reached us after last issue was on the press. These will be the last names printed.

## DAVID.

By E. S. L. Thompson.

"It is not a hopeless case! Who but his mother has ever shown an interest in his moral welfare? True, he was sent to the Reform School on a larceny charge, but the evidence was largely circumstantial. David Royal is full of boyish frankness, generosity, the don't-take-a-dare kind of a boy. Brave! No one forgets how, four years ago, he clung to that runaway team, swerved it to one side and saved the crowd on Main Street! Nor how he ran a cane into a cross dog's mouth and prevented little Amy Brown from serious injury. He has value, but it is covered over with his sins and offenses. If no one else in Bolton takes him up, I will!"

"And injure your general usefulness. A minister may speak to, pray for, even admonish, but not associate with evil."

"We differ there, Eliza: the influence that comes through close association is the saving one! David is out of a parole. I must see that he is not sent back. I am going to ask Farnham to give him something to do. I hear that he has been turned down at every place that he has sought employment. His mother's illness is a low grade of nervous prostration—the illness of defeat and sorrow. I called on her yesterday. I know more about the boy now than I have ever known before."

"He loves his mother. When I told him to call on me this afternoon his face lit up with surprise and hope! David is worth a trial anyway; he waits on his mother like a trained nurse. He was in the room when I read a Psalm to her, and when I asked him to repeat with me:

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Christ our Lord."

"He did not refuse. He thanked me for coming, too!"

"His father was stern, unreasonable, exacting; a man of intellect who had no feeling for anyone. He loved to browbeat his family and his best friends! He punished the boy severely for petty offenses, so that he avoided his home and spent the time in the street. When he did it was a blessing, and not a loss! There's the rule of love and the rule of fear. By the latter nothing is ever gained!"

"His mother tells me that he has the gift of song. I noticed his speaking voice was very pleasant. I am going out now, Eliza; think this over and decide to help me. Your musical gift"—Miss Eliza's handsome eyes brightened—"might be the very means of saving David Royal! Remember, that if I had been driven instead of led I would have gone to the bad."

There were tears in Eliza Sherman's eyes. Her enthusiastic, self-sacrificing, minister brother was a man of large ideals. She recalled now some of the strong sentences of his last Sunday's sermon: "I do not know but it would be a good thing if the ministers once in awhile should bring the Church records in the pulpit and call the roll for that is what I consider every Church record to be, merely a muster-roll of the Lord's army; and the reading of it should reveal where every soldier is and what he is doing. Suppose, in military circles, on the morning of battle, the roll is called, and only a hundred men in the regiment answered. What would the Colonel say? Suppose word came to headquarters that these delinquents excused themselves because of a damp morn-

## GOSPEL TENTS

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ing, or that they were busy cooking rations?

"My friends, this is the morning of the day of God's Almighty battle! Do you not see the troops? \* \* \* Which side are you on? If you are on the right side, to what cavalry troop, to what artillery service, to what garrison duty do you belong? In other words, in what Sabbath-school do you teach? In what prayer-meeting do you exhort? To what penitentiary do you declare eternal liberty? To what almshouse do you announce the riches of heaven? What broken bone of sorrow have you ever set? Are you doing nothing? Then hide the secret from the angels. Do not let the world find it out, lest they charge your religion with being a false face. Do not let your cowardice and treason be heard among the martyrs about the throne, lest they forget the sanctity of the place and denounce your betrayal of that cause for which they agonized and died. May the eternal God arouse us all to action!"

"Desiring to do good is not exactly doing it," thought Miss Eliza. "John does as well as desires!"

Out on the street, walking slowly away from a business house—rejected again—was David Royal. His face wore, for a boy of eighteen, a desperate look.

The minister saw him coming out; he saw his tense face and strangely bright eyes, and murmured:

"Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." He advanced quickly to David. He drew his hand through his own arm with: "I was looking for you; how is your mother to-day?"

"Not so well, sir, and I can find nothing to do. I write a good hand and can keep ordinary accounts and use a typewriter. A jail and a Reform School sentence bars me as 'Not Wanted!'"

"Come home with me to lunch; we will talk it over. Who is with your mother?"

"Mrs. Upton, sir—the neighbor who comes in every day. She stays until the middle of the afternoon."

"Wait on the corner for me while I step in Dr. Jamill's office and telephone."

"Mr. Farnham, this is John Armstrong talking. Heard you speak of wanting an office assistant. May I see you to-night about a young man in whom I am interested? I want you, Tom, to give him a trial. Thank you. Good-bye." \* \* \*

"Eliza, this is John talking. I will bring David Royal to lunch. Get your voice ready, for I will want you to sing, 'I Promise to Help.' Good-bye."

"Was I very long? Thought not. Have an errand in Waverly Place. Suppose we take the car and we can talk on the way."

"Ah, what luck! Mr. Farnham is crossing the street; he may take this car. His factory is just beyond Waverly Place; his down-town office just half a block away. \* \* \*

"Farnham, let me present my young friend, David Royal."

The business magnate shook hands cordially. His keen glance took in the pale face and the neat, but worn attire.

"As you have been here only eight months, you, of course, do not know many young people; but I want you to know David."

"Business pushing? That's good, and need more help, I suppose?"

"Well—yes. We're having a large run of orders. For the next thirty days an 'extra' in my office would be acceptable. It is not an expert, but one who will be biddable and take low wages. The money market is what you call tight, and I am paying out large amounts. That was a fine, practical sermon last Sunday. You are no dreamer, John; you are my kind of a man!"

"Thank you, Tom, thank you! I want a special interview with you this evening. Will you name eight o'clock?"

"Certainly. Be glad to see you. Good morning, Mr. Royal; good morning, John."

"My friend, you see, is distinguished by tact and strong common sense."

"He is fine, sir, fine! His smile would make a dog feel good to be alive. \* \* \* I heard he was a severe man; so I did not venture there to ask for a place."

"He is in a way—yet—to—those—who do well," the minister measured his words, "he is the soul of generosity and kindness. We were boyhood friends, and every act of his life has had the true ring. To-night I am going to ask him to favor you. I shall conceal nothing. His factory was moved here a few months ago, and while it is unlikely that he ever heard of you, the truth is best. Should he give you employment I must stand responsible for the result."

"If you are given a chance to live down the misadventures of the past, you must stand up like a hero! You must look criticism in the face and go

right on—nothing daunted. From former associates break off. To-day you will meet my sister. She has a Church chorus class that meets on Friday evening in our home. I think I am safe in saying that she will ask you to join. I am told that you have a good voice."

"Your are very kind, sir."  
"Here is our stopping place. I come out twice a week for a half hour with a cripple friend. He has an old organ and I some times give him a little tune. Can you sing 'Rock of Ages?'"  
"Yes—mother and I used to sing it."

"We'll try it to-day, David. I need a little strengthening myself!"

Here was one who had wandered from the sheep-fold and was out in the rain and the cold; and here was a servant of the Master with his sheltering plaid and tender arms! Who could turn away from the kind word, fitly spoken, the gentle leading of that persuasive voice?

David Royal felt like a struggling ship that had found a harbor! He wanted to say words of thanks, but his heart was too full.

He had seen the minister's handsome, dignified sister. How could he face her? Here true breeding came to the rescue again.

Miss Eliza was the gracious, helpful hostess. She could not pretend to admire or like; but after the serious introspection of that morning she must go about her Master's business.

David entered the door ill at ease—a disagreeable suggestion in his mind that it was only the minister that wanted him. He left the cozy parlor unconsciously expanded; a nature roused to nobler and better action. Heat applied to some forms of nature causes a hastening of growth; a warmth had been applied to his latent soul and he was rising toward the light!

It were impossible that he should rise by rapid strides; he had idled away many an hour, many a day. Natural ability—a native keenness and observation—stood him in good stead; so when he went "on trial" to Mr. Farnham the raw material was there to the Master Workman's hand!

"I knew the boy's father—a misanthrope of great ability. That any son should have such a sire is a pity for the son!"

"I'll give the boy a chance—a special chance—for your sake, John!"

"He reminds me," said the minister, "of one who would have been just his age now. Did you notice his eyes and his brow, and the way he lifts one finger when he talks?"

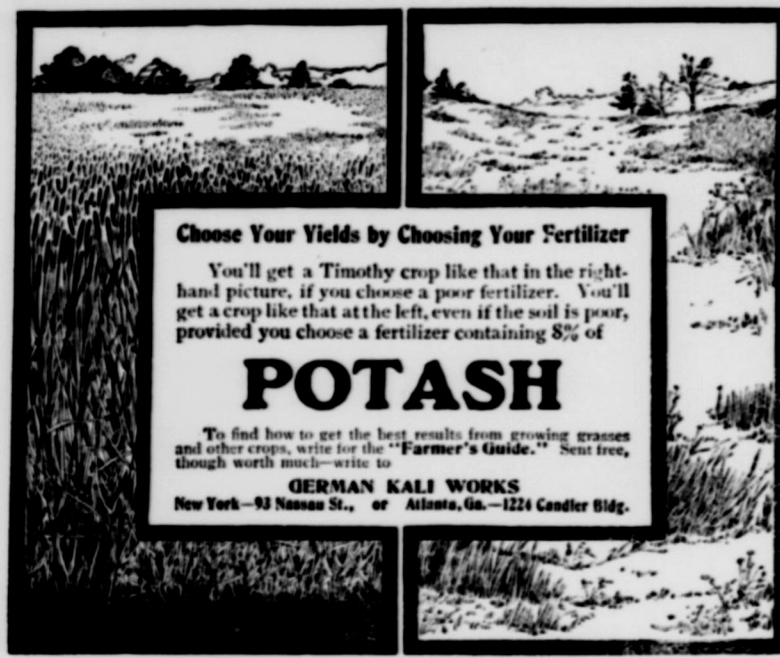
"I did, John. I am not ashamed to own to you that the points of resemblance between this boy and mine meant something in David Royal's favor. Let us work for him to-day, and trust God for the morrow!"

## THE WORD OF APPRECIATION.

There are some people who would much rather give you money than praise. The old gentleman who neglected his wife in order to grow rich for her sake was one of these. You will find others everywhere, men and women, generous enough in their way, but who think that a kind word will spoil those to whom it is given. Once I committed the indiscretion of praising the cleanliness of a kitchen into which my hostess led me, turning to the cook—as to one in authority—when I spoke. "Don't," the lady exclaimed, shutting the door hurriedly and dragging me away from the smiling maid. "I have just managed to get a good woman, and she will want her wages raised if you praise her." I believe that the cook did leave a week or so later, and that the lady has ever since laid the responsibility of her departure upon me—forgetting (what I knew to be a fact) that the cook had heard the lady's protest and preferred to go. My sympathies were with the cook.

When one thinks of it, indeed, it is astonishing how against the grain it goes with many persons to utter the kindly or appreciative word. These are the people so little certain of themselves that they are afraid to be gracious, imagining that graciousness will lay them open to all kinds of imposition, that in some way it will rob them of their importance, impair their dignity or cause their authority to suffer. They are niggards in praise, throwing only crumbs of it to you, and spoiling everything by their parsimony, as charity is spoiled by self-consciousness in the giver. Not being big enough to give praise freely, they think that you will misunderstand the little that they do bestow, accuse them of fawning or of having some axe to grind. As they begrudge even the necessary expression demanded by the world in which they live, they regard your simplest words as too fulsome.

To be fulsome in praise, too lavish with the spoken word, is without doubt to be vulgar. Sometimes, too, it savors of impertinence as being too familiar. True praise, however, can never be vulgar. It is too intelligent, too appreciative of the ideal, for that.



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It is recognition of a principle, and has nothing to do with personality, as when one praises some beauty in a picture because it is true to nature, and not because a special artist has covered his canvas with paint. Moreover when one is kindly in intention, when one's praise springs straight from the heart, it is a tribute to some quality in another that providence has bestowed. Praise then becomes too big in its character, too impersonal, to be impertinent.

Even in quiet and sober moments few of us would decline to make immoderate and well proportioned sacrifices for someone whom we loved. It is the little things that we find difficult of performance, the little words that we are too preoccupied to utter. We would journey miles to comfort a friend suddenly stricken with sorrow, give half our fortune away in crises of a national disaster, or all of it; but to write on lesser occasions a cheery word bothers us too much. "Only time this morning to say, Boo," was all that one letter contained, which, carried in on a breakfast tray, made the struggling woman who received it happy for the day, and every task easy. Its writer was another woman who understood not only the difficulty of the struggle but the value of the written word. Through all of one winter she wrote daily to the woman who was out in the arena—splendid, hopeful letters, full of counsel and encouragement, and of the wisdom which perceived both the meaning of the fight and the direction in which victory was sure to follow. When, for the woman at home, a day came too full of other obligations for a letter of any length, there was no question in her mind of letting the written word go entirely over. And this is just what the majority of us would have done. We would have argued to ourselves that this one day did not count, that to-morrow a letter would follow, the waiting would not be long. But the waiting is sometimes long—long and wearisome too, and the absence of the written word robs this waiting of its only gleam of light.—From "The Joy of Life."

## ABOLISH BOOTLACES.

"Busy to-day, awfully," chirruped the boot-maker as he pounded away at an obdurate sole; "but I can spare the time necessary to answer your query because it can be answered in a sentence. The invention that would pay best in our line of business is some form of foot fastener that would do away with boot laces."

"The time wasted in lacing up boots runs into centuries in the aggregate every day in England alone, to say nothing of the loss of temper occasioned thereby. Cases of apoplexy, too, induced by the prolonged stooping and exertion, are quite common among the stout, elderly people. For these reasons, and for others that will readily occur to you, such a contrivance as I have indicated would be worth heaps of money to its originator. "How much? Well, that I can hardly say. But I can tell you this—the man who first thought of affixing a metal tag at the end of a bootlace cleared £30,000 by it, and the brass eyelet hole brought its inventor more than £50,000.—Selected.

## HOW SMALL BIRDS MAKE LONG JOURNEYS.

It has often been asked how small and weak birds manage to fly such enormous distances when migrating. As a rule, however, says a writer, small birds that have come very far across the sea have not flown, but have been blown over during violent gales, and many of them arrive on land in a half dead condition.

In fair weather small birds make long journeys successfully over considerable tracts of ocean, but the rea-

son is that they are carried on the backs of the larger ones. When passing an autumn in Crete a writer asserts that he distinctly heard the twittering of small birds when flocks of sand cranes were passing overhead on their way to southern shores. On another occasion, when firing a gun, he saw three small birds rise from the flock and disappear again among the cranes. A native priest assured him that they came from Europe with them, while it had been found that small birds, never before seen in certain parts, have been brought thither at times of migration.

Another cause is that small birds do not make their journeys in one flight. They generally rest during the day, searching for food and thus proceed to their destination by easy stages.

## WHO WAS TO BLAME?

A baker, living in a village not far from Quebec, bought the butter he used from a neighboring farmer.

One day he became suspicious that the butter was not of the right weight, and, therefore, decided to satisfy himself as to whether the farmer was honest or not. For several days he weighed the butter, and then found that the rolls of butter which the farmer brought were gradually diminishing in weight. This angered him, so that he had the farmer arrested for fraudulent dealing.

"I presume you have scales?" the judge said, inquiringly.

"Yes, of course, your honor."

"And weights, too, I presume?"

"No, sir."

"How, then, do you manage to weigh the butter which you sell?"

"That's easily explained, your honor," said the farmer. "When the baker commenced buying his butter of me, I thought I'd get my bread of him, and it's the one-pound loaf I've been using as a weight for the butter I sell. If the weight of the butter is wrong he has himself to blame."—Christian Youth.

## CLEAR-HEADED.

Head Bookkeeper Must Be Reliable.

The chief book-keeper in a large business house in one of our great Western cities speaks of the harm coffee did for him:

"My wife and I drank our first cup of Postum Coffee a little over two years ago, and we have used it ever since, to the entire exclusion of tea and the old kind of coffee. It happened in this way:

"About three and a half years ago I had an attack of pneumonia, which left a memento in the shape of dyspepsia, or rather, to speak more correctly, neuralgia of the stomach. My 'cup of cheer' had always been coffee or tea, but I became convinced, after a time, that they aggravated my stomach trouble. I happened to mention the matter to my grocer one day and he suggested that I give Postum Food Coffee a trial.

"Next day it came, but the cook made the mistake of not boiling it sufficiently and we did not like it much. This was, however, soon remedied, and now we like it so much that we will never change back. Postum, being a food beverage instead of a drug, has been the means of curing my stomach trouble, I verily believe, for I am a well man today and have used no other remedy.

"My work as chief bookkeeper in our Co.'s branch house here is of a very confining nature. During my coffee drinking days I was subject to nervousness and 'the blues' in addition to my sick spells. These have left me since I began using Postum Food Coffee, and I can conscientiously recommend it to those whose work confines them to long hours of severe mental exertion." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.



# Shouting Religion

By Rev. H. M. Pirtle.

Is it old back-note fogyism and out of date, and a thing forever of the past? No, forever no! without the Bible is it giving way to feelings? No. People should never talk and think so slack as this. Shouting is not religion, but a great many times old, genuine religion produced shouting. Shouting is caused by old-time repentance, old-time faith, old-time witness of the Spirit. "A joy unspeakable and full of glory," 1 Pet. 1:8. This religion unspeakable and full of glory is of God and is scriptural. This "up-to-date religion" idea is about as near nothing as can be—only skin deep. It don't mean much; the world don't care for it; it is too dry, too much form, and don't reach the heart enough. We should never get so much up-to-date as to get ahead of our Bible, for it is certain the Bible backs up shouting religion.

Some say shouting is a put on and is hypocrisy and ignorance. The truth is people who talk and think this way show that they have never had enough religion to produce a shout, and also show their ignorance of the witness of the Spirit and of the Bible. Thirty-four centuries ago God's ancient people shouted in the old camps and tents of Jacob. Num. 23:31: "The Lord his God is with him and a shout of a king is among them." Then shouting is scriptural. God was with them. They were exceedingly glad and rejoiced greatly. Was it hypocrisy and ignorance and a put-on and giving way to feelings? No. They shouted in the old camps, and God's people, some of them, have been shouting in the old camps ever since. It is the old time religion. Who could blame them? God help us! God was with them; God be with us. When the kettle boils over it is caused by the amount of fire under the pot. Let us kindle up fire under the pot. We don't talk it enough; we don't preach it enough. We have been run over by the influence of others, and cowed and been made to quench the Spirit when Paul says in 1 Thess. 5:19, "Quench not the Spirit."

Some say they ought to be ashamed to shout. "I would be ashamed. I don't believe in it." But these objections are nothing. Rom. 5:5, "They were not ashamed because the love of God was shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost," and this causes shouting a great many times. No one who has ever been full of God's Spirit will criticize, or croak, or scoff, or object to shouting. It is not wise to do so. Isa. 42:11, 12, "Let the inhabitants of the rocks sing, let them shout, let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands." It was once God's will to sing and shout; is it his will now to just sing and always leave out shouting? Is it right yet to sing and shout in the worship of God when we feel like it, and right for us to get full enough of the Spirit to feel like it and not to quench it to keep from shouting? 1 Sam. 4:5, "When the ark of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again." It was of the Lord. The Lord was with them; they were greatly blessed and edified. What a feast to God's people!

Some people think and act like it would not do now to shout in our big, fashionable, up-to-date churches. Has God got tired of shouting religion? No. Isa. 44:22, 23, "I have blotted out, as

a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins. Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it. Shout ye lower parts of the earth, break forth into singing." They sang and they shouted. No use to say the singing should be kept up yet and the shouting left off, for it is as scriptural yet to shout in the worship of God as it is to sing. Zeph. 3:14, "Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel, be glad and rejoice with all the heart." God's people have always sung and shouted, and it never has been repealed. It is for us now and means us—all of the Israel of God to sing and shout and rejoice, notwithstanding the gainsayers. Isa. 12:6, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitants of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." Verse 5, "Sing unto the Lord." Yes, we are commanded here to sing and cry and shout to the Lord for his greatness in the midst of us. Are the positive commands and amens of God in his book for us, anything? Psa. 47:1, "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Read verse 5, "God is gone up with a shout."

Objections to shouting are such folly. Scoffers and objectors say it is stuff, ignorance, weakness; that we are now too enlightened. But all of God's people are commanded to clap their hands and shout. Is God ignorant and weak and needing enlightening? God shouted. Was God a crank? Was God old fogy and a back note? Did God do right to shout and cause his people to? God shouted and Christ will shout. 1 Thess. 4:16, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout." Yes, the God of the Old Testament and Christ of the New, shout. The old book and the new both are shouting books. God who shouts made the Bible. Zech. 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee." Christ brings shouting over from the Old Testament to the New, for it comes from Zech. 9:9 over to Luke 19:37-40, "The whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." They rejoiced and praised God with loud voices—did not hold their peace. They did not quench the Spirit, but cried and shouted and rejoiced and praised the Lord, and cared nothing for foolish objectors. The Lord was with them and they were full of Christ's Spirit.

Ezra 3:11-13, "And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice, and many shouted aloud for joy: so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off." Solomon's Temple had been destroyed in war and they were rebuilding it. How they sang, how they prayed, how they praised the Lord, how all the people shouted with great shouts! Yes, they sang, they wept, they shouted. God has always had a shouting people like the Methodists. Old men wept with loud voices and many shouted for joy. What weeping, what singing, what noise, what joy and loud shouting—heard afar off. It was like God, like Pentecost, like our old fathers and old mothers, like the time of John Wesley, and like our

old campmeetings and brush arbors—"The old-time religion." Objections to weeping and shouting are an offshoot of pride and the invention of the wicked one. Psa. 132:9, "Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy." Verse 16, "I will also clothe her priests with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy."

We have ample grounds to shout, for it is laid deep in the Scriptures and in God's people. Psa. 5:11, "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee." One who could read this scriptural article on shouting and still be opposed to it surely has little regard for God's word. The objector could not find one single Scripture in the whole book against it if his life depended upon it. All that trust in the Lord are to rejoice and shout for joy—this means all of God's people. Yes, it is right for them to shout if they feel like it, and it is scriptural for us to feel like it. Psa. 32:11, "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." This means all who are upright in heart. Now, are you upright in heart? Then it is for you. You are commanded to shout, and one command is as good as another. Psa. 35:27, "Let them shout for joy and be glad, that favor my righteous cause; yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified." And who are to shout for joy? Them that favor my righteous cause means all of God's people, all that are upright in heart (Psa. 32:11). Yes, commanded to shout.

But it is a fact that a great many who have genuine religion never shout, but their hearts are right before God, and if they ever do shout, God will approve of it. Yet none of those who are upright in heart will criticize shouting. This is the truth. To criticize shouting is to criticize God and the Bible and great hosts of God's people, both ancient and modern.

The way people are taught and raised has a great deal to do with it, but this is the reason we should "Train up a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, so that when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Here are some things that have never been done away with: These—The Lord, and goodness, and rejoicing, and the righteous, and shouting religion, and the upright in heart—"A joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Pet. 1:8). All of these stand good yet, notwithstanding scoffers, etc. The temperament and disposition of people are different. This is why some shout and why some don't, who are all truly converted. One gets happy and the face shines—is all you see. Another gets happy and shouts—tells and talks it. The truth is all this kind have shouting religion whether they shout or not.

One says, "I don't believe in tilting the tub to shout." But this objection assumes that all who shout tilt the tub, which is not so. Sometimes the tub sits under the drippings of the house till it runs over, like Cornelius, gets full, runs over. On the day of Pentecost and Acts 2:4, they were filled with the Holy Ghost and shouting happy. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Methodists have many of these good old Pentecostal meetings nowadays. Some were amazed and others mocked and scoffed at God's Spirit and people, and said they were drunk. They still scoff and say first one foolish thing and another, now, as then, when God's people get full of the Spirit and are shouting. This was a glorious Pentecost, shouting meeting (Acts 10:44-46). They were happy and spake with tongues, magnified God, were filled with the Holy Ghost, and rejoiced greatly—shouted for joy (Psa. 35:11).

We have seen that God's people shouted in the brightest meeting in the Old Testament and shouted in the brightest meetings in the New Testament, and the true Church of God

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has kept it up ever since. Our fathers and mothers shouted, and when we get to heaven we will shout. Rev. 7:9, 10, "After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number of all nations, and peoples, and kindred, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with loud voices, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." All who don't like shouting or to be with shouting people would better stay away from heaven, for it would give them the all-overs to be in heaven and hear people shouting.

God shouted (Psa. 47:1). God is not the author of confusion, but he is the author of shouting; therefore, shouting is not confusion. Rev. 7:12. These heavenly hosts worshiped God, saying, "Amen, blessings, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever, Amen." The shouting, the singing, the rejoicing and praising God with loud voices and the everlasting harps of Zion, and the amens and hosannas to the Son of God in the highest, for all the redeemed from all nations and peoples, redeemed from all sins and sorrows, redeemed to everlasting gladness and joy and peace, and everlasting life in heaven. The ecstasy and gladness and joy of heaven far surpass anything mortal can imagine. Rev. 5:9, "They sang a new song," and what joy that means is beyond our finite minds to tell. Verse 11, "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, \* \* \* and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands." Verse 12, "Saying with loud voices, Worthy was the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessings." No man can number the heavenly hosts—they are more than the dust of the earth, the sands of the seas and the stars of the sky, shouting and praising God. Just think of it—the deep-toned worship of God and the primitive chords of the souls vibrant with the songs of heaven; of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, crying with loud voices, saying, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb." Our fathers and mothers shouted. We shout on earth, and we will shout in heaven, for

ought by all means to be accomplished. The State has invested at Denton more than one hundred thousand dollars for the Girls' College of Industrial Arts, and is contributing annually tens of thousands more, and has granted the good women of Texas Methodism a charter to build a Training School Dormitory in close proximity to that college, where they may take the girls who go to that school and furnish them a Christian home and give them a supplementary course of study in various kinds of Christian work. The English Bible may be studied, and various kinds of missionary work, and such studies as will not only make our girls strong, intellectual women, but strong Christian women as well.

This work is on the hearts of the good women of Texas, and they are doing what they can for our girls, and the men of the State are getting stirred up along these lines. I have been visiting the towns and cities of North Texas during the past month, and representing this matter to them and am much delighted with the progress I am making. I am hoping and praying that God will put it on the heart of some good man or woman, who has been blessed with large means, to give us thousands of dollars to erect and equip this building for the girls of Texas and any others who may come this way, so that they may have a good chance to get the training necessary to develop them into great Christian characters.

Let all the people pray that God may give us this building in due time.

W. H. BROWN,  
Financial Agent.

Whitesboro, Texas.

The daisy once was white  
Until it caught a sight  
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Fort Worth, Texas.

Brother T. D. Lemon and wife have moved from Weatherford to this city, and from this time forth Dallas will be their residence. Dallas Methodists will give them a warm welcome.

The Legislature is giving us some valuable laws on local option. If dry counties do not henceforth protect themselves from the frosty joint, the cold storage and the solicitor, it will not be the fault of the present Legislature. It has certainly given us the laws. Even the "blind tiger" is out of commission. Any officer is authorized to enter this peculiar institution and fling the stuff into the street. Things are coming our way at last. On with the battle!

FORT WORTH BARKEEPERS GETTING GOOD.

The Fort Worth saloonists have adopted a "get-good quick" scheme, and they are getting good on a rapid scale. Within the past few weeks they have made astonishing progress. No telling what attainments they will make if they keep up their present rate of progress. The plan under which they are operating is thus designated: "The Tarrant County Liquor Dealers' Law and Order League." Think of it! A law and order league movement among the saloon keepers of Fort Worth! When will wonders ever cease? What does the devil think of a movement of this sort? Does he not grin and snicker? It won't be long until these pious saloon keepers in the Panther City will be holding prayer meetings in their vacant gambling dens, and maybe they will open Sunday-schools in their places on the Lord's day. When saloon men do get good there is no telling where they will stop. What has stimulated this pious movement? Why, bless your soul, the local option election over that way is at the bottom of it. Nothing so stimulates the piety of saloon keepers as an approaching local option election. They sit up over night studying how to be good.

But the saloon keepers of Tarrant, notwithstanding the "Law and Order League," will deceive nobody. Their old tricks are well known. They are a lot of hypocrites, but in this outburst of piety they deceive nobody, unless it is themselves. They have never had any respect for law, and it is certain they never will have any. Their business is begotten in lawlessness. It is born in opposition to law, and it spends its days and nights in either evading or openly violating law. This pretended spasm of goodness is only for the moment, and it is a fraud, even while it tries to exist. There is but one way to make a saloon good, and that is to kill it; and when you undertake to kill it you will find that it has several lives. It is not dead every time you think you have slain the pesky creature. And just as long as there is the semblance of life in it, it is mean, devilish and a perpetual enemy to law and righteousness. The only way to convert it or to reform it is to shoot all the life out of it with local option ballots, and then bury it out of sight by the drastic enforcement of local option laws. On with the battle!

The liquor people try to appear wise. In Tarrant County they are busy with their Law and Order League, making all necessary arrangements for the enforcement of laws against such of their number as may become so wicked as to appear to violate any of the statutes! They are not taking any interest in the local option campaign! They are leaving that to the prominent business men of the city! These leading business men had a meeting the other day and the papers announced that, "among the one hundred present there was not a single saloon man!" No, No. The saloon men now realized that their presence is a curse and a stone around the neck of any moral movement. So they kept far in the background. They adroitly pushed these business men, as decoy ducks, to the front. They want it to appear that "the business men" are opposing the local option movement. Yet these saloonists cannot deceive the public. "Business men," as a blind, cannot give character and standing to the saloons of Fort Worth. The nasty things are reeking with filth, corruption and crime. They have befouled the morals of the city and stained its record with blood until decency can stand there no longer. "The business men" of Fort Worth are doing themselves no credit, and they are adding nothing to the reputation of these saloons by coming out for them in the day of their stress and calamity. Business men of this stripe think more of money than manhood, and in order to keep these law-defying institutions still in their midst to degrade and dehumanize men and boys, they come out as the defenders and apologists of these

saloons for the sake of the money brought to them in rents and trade. But everybody knows what the Fort Worth saloons stand for, and what they accomplish. Their record is written in crimes of the deepest dye, and in lawlessness of the most unmitigated character. The business men, as decoy ducks, will not be able to mislead the masses of Tarrant County into voting for these dens of vice and immorality. A few self-appointed business men will hardly be able to dictate to the average voters of that county how to cast their ballots in this moral issue. These men had better be in a better business than trying to perpetuate drunkenness, debauchery and diabolism in Tarrant County. On with the battle!

A FALSEHOOD PURE AND SIMPLE.

A reader of the Advocate from Sunshine writes us as follows: "Some time ago you made a contrast between the inauguration at Austin and the one at Denver, Colorado. Don't you think the incident referred to in the inclosed clipping is a fitting aftermath to the Church inaugural you then thought so appropriate?" The clipping referred to by our correspondent and which he inclosed to us and made the basis for the above letter, was a criticism of the Rev. Henry A. Fuchtel, the Governor of Colorado, for attending a very questionable entertainment at the "Boosters' Club," in which a salty vaudeville feature was attached for the Governor's benefit. We did not believe one word of the prurient stuff contained in the clipping, touching the good character and conduct of that eminent minister and State official. So we sat down and wrote to Rev. Louis Banks, D. D., the popular pastor of the Governor, inclosing him the letter; and the clipping, and asked him about the truthfulness of the story. The following is his laconic reply: "The whole thing is a lie, from beginning to end. It is without even the shadow of truth." Louis Albert Banks, D. D., is one of the most popular and prominent ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and an author of great reputation. We do not know how widely this falsehood has been circulated in Texas, and therefore we give this statement.

The great meeting at Greenville closed last week. Rev. J. B. Andrews did the preaching. He began with the pastor and people at Kavanaugh Church, but moved to a large tabernacle down town, and it became a union meeting. Hundreds were converted and the Churches received large accessions in the way of members. Kavanaugh was the largest beneficiary in this respect. At the same time this meeting was in progress, there was another service of equal import in progress at Marshall, conducted by Rev. J. E. Brown. The Marshall Messenger gave glowing accounts of the meeting and its results. Thousands attended upon the exercises and there were scores and scores of converts and the Churches were wonderfully stimulated and strengthened. Both of the meetings show that the old-time revivals still exist in Texas and that they are factors in the progress and development of spiritual religion.

Church matters in Dallas are making progress. Dr. Bradfield is preaching a series of able sermons on the Ten Commandments, preparatory to a revival. He is giving his people most substantial food. Dr. Andrews preached a strong sermon on Easter Sunday, and took a collection to pay a note now due on their beautiful building. Over six thousand dollars was raised, and it will be pushed to eight thousand the amount necessary. Grace Church is made up of some of the strongest men, financially, in the city; and the rank and file of the membership are fine material. Rev. J. W. Hill is gradually moving matters toward an improved Church enterprise at First Church. His congregation is large and increasing. The location is the best in the city for a down-town Church, and his people are earnest and tenacious. Rev. W.

D. Thompson and people at South Ervay, rather Colonial Hill, are talking their new Church. They have a fine location already purchased, and when they build they will have a good plant in a splendid part of the city. Rev. J. M. Peterson is preaching to a full house at every service in Oak Cliff. They own good property and need a new Church. They have it under consideration. Brother Parkin is working the mission parts of the city, and doing a good work.

FUND FOR REV. S. H. MORGAN.

A number of friends at Pittsburg have sent us twelve dollars to help Brother Morgan in his afflictions. We have forwarded the same to his address at Elgin, Texas. Let others come, also, to his relief, and send the money direct to him at the above address. This is a very worthy case, and the brethren will surely respond to a brother's need who is in great stress.

Shearn Memorial Church, Houston, has finally perfected its deed and conveyed the old property to other parties for the sum of \$115,000. They have also purchased another location, and they are looking to one of the most handsome and commodious structures in Texas. St. Paul's, in the resident district is advancing, and there is nothing in the State that will surpass it when completed. When these two magnificent enterprises are finished, then these two aggressive congregations ought to look well after other points of Church interest in the city. Doubtless, they will do this at the proper time.

Dr. O. E. Brown, of the Vanderbilt, will preach the commencement sermon at Southwestern this year. It will be a great occasion, and this is Dr. Brown's first appearance at the University. His coming is looked forward to with much interest. After the commencement he will take part in the Summer School of Theology, which will immediately follow. Dr. Andrews, of Grace Church will preach the commencement sermon at the North Texas Female College. He is a new man in Texas, and a strong gospel preacher. He will give the young people up there an evangelical discourse—something helpful to them in the work of life.

Bishop James N. Fitzgerald, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died last week in China. He and his family were making a tour of that country, and he was taken seriously ill and soon passed away. Just before they reached China and while at sea, their grown daughter died. This was a great shock to them. He was one of the ablest men, cultured, strong and in every sense a leader in the Church.

We are now in receipt of copies of minutes of the West Texas and the Texas Conferences. They have been a long time coming, but they are all right, and we are much obliged to the editors of them for these two neat copies. They will be of invaluable service to us in our work.

The Educational Institute for this district last week, while not as largely attended as its importance merited, yet it was ably conducted, and the preachers were greatly encouraged in this line of work. There were many strong papers and addresses by our leading men. Dr. Hyer delivered an exceptionally well prepared address, and we will reproduce it at an early day in these columns. Drs. Andrews, Bradfield, Hill and Peterson delivered strong and pointed utterances. Rev. J. Sam Barcus spoke to a number of the questions and presented different phases of the University's needs. Others contributed also to the interest of the meeting. Rev. J. L. Morris presided and made many apt talks during the progress of the Institute. On Tuesday night, with the closing meeting, Bishop Ward was the principal speaker. His theme was Christian Education. His subject gave him much latitude, and he delivered one of the most earnest and practical addresses. Bishop Ward made this subject a close study some years ago while Secretary of Education for the Texas Confer-

ence, and since then he has had ample opportunity to go over the ground in a broader way, and his address showed thought and discrimination. He has a direct way of getting at a subject, and his studious habit enables him to grasp, with consecutiveness, whatever theme he undertakes to discuss. His effort on this occasion gave great satisfaction to the gathering, and following it a good subscription for the endowment fund was taken. There were several visitors present—Revs. W. B. Wilson, J. R. Wages, C. W. Dennis, J. A. Old, E. W. Alderson, O. S. Thomas, Joseph Morgan, R. C. Hicks, and others.

McLennan County is to have a local option election the 27th of this month. There will be a stubborn fight down there, and we are not yet ready to predict the outcome. The liquor forces are well entrenched in Waco, and in two or three other places in the county. The Hon. George Clark, who once upon a time figured in a little political episode with a man by the name of James Stephen Hogg, is prominent on the side of the anti's. He is about the only prominent man in Texas who now takes the stump for the saloon—that is, he was prominent before he collided with Hogg in the early nineties. But the fight is on, and the pros are going to give them a hard jolt.

San Marcos has had a great meeting, and it was followed by a big boost for Coronal Institute. Read Dr. Whaling's communication in this issue. San Marcos is one of our most delightful communities. There is no better citizenship in Texas, and many of them are Methodists. They glory in Coronal Institute, and their faith is shown by their works.

A STRANGE SORT OF FRATERNITY.

We copy the following from the Western Christian Advocate, one of the organs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, published in Cincinnati, Ohio: Galveston's Appeal.

To the Members and Friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Galveston has a population of about 40,000, and, until recently, no organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The terrible storm of 1900 compelled our brethren of the Church, South, to abandon the East end of the city. Since that time a population of about 7000 souls in that section has been without a Protestant Church (English) or Sunday-school. In April last we organized a Methodist Episcopal Church and at once arranged to buy a very desirable and suitable property on the east end of Market Street. It has upon it a substantial brick building, part of which we are now using for our preaching service, Sunday-school and Epworth League. The other part will be used as a parsonage. The cost was \$7750. We propose, as soon as possible, to erect a suitable auditorium beside the present structure. It will be built of cement blocks, and is estimated to cost about \$10,000.

Owing to the fact that the residents of this section of Galveston lost everything in the great storm, and up to the present time have not recovered from their losses, it will be impossible to raise locally the money needed. We, therefore, appeal to friends to help us.

A souvenir miniature cement block, made from the Galveston beach sand, will be sent to every contributor of one dollar or more.

Will not the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church aid us by sending one dollar each, and by appeal to the benevolent people of their congregations? One friend in New York has sent us one hundred dollars, and one of our beloved Bishops has promised us one hundred dollars for every fifteen hundred we raise.

Donations may be sent to the pastor, the Rev. G. F. Francombe, 1520 Market St., or to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, E. J. Raycraft, 1515 Avenue M, Galveston, Texas.

We beg to refer to Bishop L. B. Wilson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who has twice held our Annual Conference within the last three years, and is familiar with the above facts.

G. F. Francombe, Pastor St. James Methodist Episcopal Church; R. F. Bishop, Acting Presiding Elder Gulf District.

Now is not this fraternity on a big scale? Is it not a sample of the way the Methodist Episcopal Church is abiding by the plan of the Joint Commission of the two Churches? It is well known in Texas that the Metho-



Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is doing everything that is possible to Methodism in Galveston. The above misleading statement says that our Church was forced by the great storm to give up the East end of the city where there are 7000 people without a Protestant ministry. This is not true. Our Church, after the storm, abandoned its former locations, one in the eastern part of the city and the other beyond the center, purchased a fine location midway between the old sites and erected one large and commodious house of worship for the two congregations, and making it accessible to both of them. Here the united congregations are doing finely and meeting all the demands of Methodism in those sections of the city. Now, the Methodist Episcopal Church proposes to slip in, locate itself near where our old East End Church was, give it the identical name of our old Church there—the St. James—and thereby try to appeal to the sentiment of our people who live in that vicinity, but belong to the Central Church. And the above is the appeal for funds to build the proposed Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church has just as much field in Galveston as it has in any other Texas town already occupied by our Church. This action is proof positive that the Methodist Episcopal Church in Texas does not intend to abide by the plan adopted by the two Churches to adjust their relations in the same community. They agree to do one thing and then sneak around and do another. There is no room for them in Galveston, and if they succeed in building their small enterprise it will be a starvation appointment like the rest of their work in Texas, which will run its course and die of inanition in a short time. Such enterprises are a violation of a plain agreement, and a waste of money that might do good where needed. But it will give some man a temporary field in which to live on a little missionary money, and after that is turned over to the bats and owls. If Northern people who are misled into giving money to these sporadic enterprises of their Church in Texas only knew the facts, they would not be deceived into such folly by the poor mouths put up by their representatives in this section. But we merely started out to show how much faith the Methodist Episcopal Church puts in its promise to abide by an explicit agreement with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Educational rally for Greenville District will be held at Greenville, beginning Wednesday night, April 17, and continuing through Thursday, 18th. Bishop Hoss is expected to be present and other distinguished speakers.

The City of Galveston has never in the years gone by been especially zealous in the enforcement of law. The Sunday law, we are informed, is now regarded as prior to a dead letter. But the citizens, prior to the passage of the new anti-gambling law, were moving in a masterly way against that evil, aided by the papers of the Island City. The Evening Tribune has been especially vigorous in its denunciation of gambling. Touching the new law and its effects, that paper says:

Every real reason or manufactured excuse to account for the failure to effectually stop gambling in the past has been obliterated by the passage of the law that is now at the hand of every officer whose duty it is to enforce the laws against gambling. This condition is due to the rising tide of sentiment against those who make their living in the professional pursuit of getting something for nothing by habitually violating the laws of the land.

The lawbreakers and the officers of the law will do well to note that—

The gambler must go.  
The man with the six-shooter must go.

The man who spits upon the majesty of the law must go.

The all-round bad man must go.

The idle, dissipated vagrant must go.

The officer who fails to perform his duty in these matters must go too.

The law abiding citizens of this State have tolerated these things to the limit, and they are now written upon the walls, that he who runs may read.

Rev. J. E. Roach and his good people are beginning a forward movement in missionary matters. Good for Ladonia! They have assumed the responsibility of supporting a foreign missionary in Korea. They have \$400 in their treasury and \$300 more subscribed to that end. This is largely due to a missionary revival conducted in that charge by Brother Barton, our Conference Missionary Evangelist. This is a commendable move and shows that our people are ready to take steps toward the spread of the gospel when the matter is placed upon their consciences. Why not at least twenty-five Churches in the North Texas Conference take this matter up and do something creditable to this great cause? Brother Barton is magnifying his work. He has just closed a great meeting at Honey Grove with Brother Rosser and his people, and there were scores of conversions, and a good missionary fund was provided for. One of the oldest members of that congregation gave \$200 for missions. There was no mistake made when Brother Barton was made our Conference Evangelist. The conferences appointed good men, and they are bringing forth an abundant harvest by their seed sowing and by their ingathering.

Rev. John M. Barcus, of Georgetown, is in the city aiding his brother, Rev. E. R. Barcus, in a revival service at Oak Lawn. Dr. A. L. Andrews, of Grace Church, is preaching for Rev. J. M. Peterson, of Oak Cliff, this week.

**PHYSICIAN WANTED.**

Extra good opening for Methodist physician; a good practice for the right man; an extraordinary opportunity for a good physician. Address E. N. Vinson, druggist, or Rev. I. W. Campbell, pastor in charge, Corrigan, Texas.

**PERSONALS.**

Albert G. Sanders, a Georgetown boy and a graduate of Southwestern, has won the Rhodes Scholarship. This is a compliment to the young man and also a compliment to the school that gave him his training.

Rev. C. S. Field was taken sick at Houston and has been confined to his room for about two weeks. He has had to cancel some engagements in consequence and some correspondence has been unavoidably neglected. He is now improving.

Rev. J. L. Rea and Brother H. R. Curry, one of his stewards, both of the Britton charge, called this week and paid their respects to the Advocate force. They say that local opinion is warming up to the white heat in Tarrant County.

Rev. J. T. McClure, his good wife and his visiting brother from Arkansas, were in the city last Monday and made the Advocate a delightful visit. Brother McClure is doing a fine work at Waxahachie. We get this from some of his people, as well as his presiding elder.

Rev. R. E. Porter, of Bellevue, some time ago made a visit to friends in Arkansas, and while there had the misfortune to be bitten by a spider, and he has been confined to his room the most of the time since then. He is now at home and hopes to be able to begin his work actively at an early date.

Dr. Paul Whitehead, the pastor of Virginia Methodism, if not of Southern Methodism, is dead. We saw the bare mention of the event in an exchange. This announcement will cause regret throughout Texas, especially among the preachers and the older people of our Church. Dr. Paul Whitehead has been a prominent figure in the Church for a great many years. In every General Conference as early as we can remember, he was one of its most prominent members. His death removes a landmark of his conference.

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

North Texas Conference Preachers Please Take Notice:

Reply postal cards have this week been sent to the Sunday-school superintendents in your charges requesting each to fill out and return to me giving among other things, the number of Children's Day programs desired. The Sunday-school Board proposes to furnish programs free to all the schools who will use them, and the board appeals to every pastor to see that the service is held in every Sunday-school in his charge and have the collection

in full sent to me as soon as practicable. The board is hampered this year in its work on account of so many schools failing last year to hold the service and take the collection. Let every pastor see to it that there be no failure this year. Besides relieving the board of financial pressure and giving it an opportunity to do the whole work designed for it, the service gives the Sunday-schools an opportunity to join in the endowment of the Vanderbilt Chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday-schools; an opportunity that will benefit the Sunday-school work for all time to come. Honorable mention will be made of the leading charge in this work in each district, and of the leading district in the conference.

J. A. WYATT, Sec-Treas.  
Paris, Texas.

**SAN MARCOS AND THE CORONAL INSTITUTE.**

The month of March was a memorable one in the history of the San Marcos Church. On the first Sabbath—the 3d inst.—we observed "Decision Day" in our Sunday-school and received 12 members into the Church on that occasion. The Sunday-school ought to be an evangelistic agency as well as a training school in the knowledge of God's word, and in San Marcos it is.

On the second Sabbath we began our revival services. Bro. T. E. Cameron, of Pittsburg, came to San Marcos in time to conduct the service Monday night, and he stayed with me for ten days, preaching twice every day—at 4 in the afternoon and at 7:45 at night. Bro. Cameron is a strong preacher and has the evangelistic gift to a marked degree. The people rallied to the support of the meeting, particularly the faculty of the Coronal Institute and Mrs. Whaling's Bible class, which now numbers 125 women. This class, which meets every Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, is composed chiefly of married women, though there are a goodly number of single ladies who are members of it. It is organized to study God's word and to do evangelistic work, and it is a tremendous spiritual force in our Church. There were about 100 conversions during the meeting, and on Sunday night, March 24, I received 17 into the Church. Quite a number have united with the other denominations in our city. The Methodist Church can afford to aid in building up all the other Protestant bodies that are evangelistic and evangelical. Nearly all the young men and young women who are boarding at the Coronal Institute were converted and united with the Church. Our Church schools demonstrate their value and justify all the gifts and labor and sacrifice we make to maintain them when they give our boys and girls back to us noble, cultured, Christian men and women. The religious influence at the Coronal Institute is so strong that the overwhelming majority of the young people who come here from other places are converted and become faithful members of the Church. The President, Rev. Sterling Fisher, and his faculty fully realize that while they must do first-class work in the intellectual development of their pupils, that their moral and spiritual training is a matter of prime importance that must not be overlooked.

We are all rejoicing that San Marcos has again manifested its faith in this great school by subscribing nearly \$12,000 to build an addition to the main building. Rev. W. J. Johnson, our Financial Agent, is a tireless worker. Since conference he has secured in cash and good notes about \$11,000, when he concluded that the time was ripe for tackling San Marcos. Bishop H. C. Morrison, D. D., who is the most successful collector I know of, came to San Marcos at Bro. Johnson's urgent solicitation, and on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the last day of my revival service, we had a mass meeting of the business men at the court house. Bro. W. J. Johnson and Bro. Gideon Johnson and Bishop Morrison addressed the meeting. Then Bishop Morrison took the collection and in about twenty minutes raised \$10,000. It was done more scientifically and more gymnastically than any similar performance of which I have any knowledge. It is my deliberate opinion that Bishop Morrison can beat any man on the American continent taking a collection. When Sunday rolled round the Bishop preached a great sermon at 11 a. m. on "The Immortality of Good Work," or our earthly immortality, and at the close of the sermon gave others an opportunity to subscribe. Sufficient to say that the total subscription gotten in San Marcos now reaches nearly \$13,000. The great bulk of this, of course, is given by the members of the Church of which I have the honor to be pastor, and is surely creditable when we consider that just a year ago they gave \$8000 or \$10,000 for building the boys' dormitory. No stronger proof could be had that the citizens of San Marcos, who are best situated to know, have unbounded faith in the Coronal Institute. They

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know its great history. They are familiar with its daily workings and appreciate its value to the Church and the State.

Bishop Morrison has a warm place in the big heart of the West Texas Conference. The oftener he comes, either to hold our conference or to help us raise money or to preach his great, soul-stirring sermons for us, the better we will like it.

San Marcos Methodism is on the up grade. Our Sunday-school has really outgrown its quarters. The main audience room, the primary room, the League room and the parsonage are all in demand for class room, and if we continue to grow we will either have to get outdoors or else get a new church.

Since conference I have received into the Church 129 members. But this epistle is already too long and so I will abruptly close.

H. M. WHALING.

**BOOK NOTICES.**

The Prayers of the Bible: By Jno. Edgar McFaydn, A. M., and published by A. C. Armstrong & Son. This is a comprehensive treatise of the devotional department of the Bible. It begins with the naturalness of the prayers of the Bible, and this subject is illustrated by personal instances taken from the sacred word. The volume covers nearly four hundred pages and its subject matter is of value to those who seek deeper communion with God and who want the best scriptural method of accomplishing this end.

Sir George Williams, the Founder of the Y. M. C. A.: By J. E. H. Williams and published by A. C. Armstrong & Son. This is a fine volume, giving the details of the life of one of the most remarkable men of the present age. It reads like a romance and every page in it thrills the heart and forces the enthusiasm. Mr. Williams little dreamed of the great work he was enterprising when he began the movement which resulted in the organization of this world-wide movement to Christianize young men.

Griffin John: The Story of Fifty Years in China, by R. W. Thompson, and published by A. C. Armstrong & Son. Griffin John was born in Wales, and began his ministry as an ignorant country boy. He showed such wonderful precocity that he was sent to college and educated. There he felt his call to China, and went, and he has spent fifty years there preaching the gospel. His life in that great country is a marvel, and to read it is to get a missionary zeal that can come from no other source. This is a large volume, and every preacher will find it of greatest value to him.

A Guide to Preachers, by A. E. Car-

vie, D. D., and published by A. C. Armstrong & Son. This is a most suggestive volume. Its first section is devoted to "How to Study the Bible." The second takes up "How to State the Gospel." The third, "How to Preach." The fourth, "How to Meet the Age." Under these different sections every phase of study and work pertaining to the ministry is treated in a masterly manner. The author is a Scotch preacher, and those old Scotchmen strike at the heart of all subjects treated by them. The volume covers three hundred and fifty pages, and it is worthy of a good reading.

**THE "SPECIAL" APPRECIATED.**

I wish to express my appreciation of the special edition of our great paper. It was immense.—J. M. Armstrong.

But for the fact that I've been in the midst of a great revival I should have written you sooner expressing my appreciation of the special edition. There is no way of estimating the vast amount of good that a paper filled with such useful information freely circulated among our people will accomplish. Accept thanks for the service you have rendered our Church in Texas. Congratulations to both editor and publishers.—Jno. E. Roach.

**RAILROAD RATES.**

To the members of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the North-west Texas Conference: In the next issue of the Texas Christian Advocate I hope to be able to make announcements as to railroad rates to our Annual Meeting, which convenes in Stamford, Texas, May 9 to 13, inclusive. MRS. W. L. PERRY, Chairman Transportation Committee, Avoca, Texas.

**AT REST.**

My father, Judge Joseph O'Connor, long a resident and practitioner at Gonzales, Texas, died on March 27, 1907, at the age of 83 years and 6 months. Deep is our sorrow. MRS. E. P. LOCKHART, Houston, Texas.

**ST. LOUIS EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.**

The Educational Convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., April 23-25, in connection with the Annual Session of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet in Centenary Church, corner Sixteenth and Pine Streets. The first meeting of the convention will be on the evening of April 23.

J. D. HAMMOND, Secretary of Education.

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

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

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### COMING LEAGUE MEETINGS.

McKinney District, Prosper, April 11-14.  
Sherman Dist., Collinsville, May 16, 19.  
Fort Worth District, Grapevine, June 19 and 20.  
North Texas Conference, Paris, June 20-23.  
Texas Conference (place to be selected), June 28-30.  
State Encampment, Epworth by the Sea, Aug. 1-11.  
N. B.—Other dates will be inserted as sent in.

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

#### TRUSTEES TO MEET.

A call has been issued by Chairman Sexton of the Board of Trustees of the State Epworth League for a meeting at Corpus Christi on Thursday, April 11, for the purpose of deciding just what improvements shall be made on the Assembly Grounds at this time, the sale of bonds having progressed sufficiently for the Board to begin the contemplated work. This meeting of the Board will be one of great importance to the League in this State, for upon the character of the improvements undertaken at this time will depend largely the success of the next Encampment, and upon the next Encampment hinges the future progress of the Assembly work. Among the improvements which it is likely will be begun at once are a hotel, a bath house with restaurant above, enlargement of guest quarters by adding to one of the buildings already on the grounds or erecting a new building, laying out cement walks, etc. The local chapter at Corpus Christi, we are informed, has erected two commodious rest rooms or sheds on the avenue leading from the auditorium to the beach and the Board has in contemplation the erection of a series of smaller sheds at convenient places about the grounds. It may be necessary for the Board to borrow some money, awaiting the full payment on bond subscriptions, but the Leaguers of the State will, we are sure, see to it that such a loan is taken care of in a proper way.

#### NOTES.

League Editor R. P. Bell, of the Methodist Advocate (West Virginia organ), is now running a full League Directory at the head of his columns, and upon the improvement we compliment him. He has removed from Nashville and is now at Point Pleasant, W. Va. We quote a significant paragraph from his last notes, viz: "How many of our people ever heard of a League Assembly? Now, don't be surprised if you hear of a movement to have one located in West Virginia. More will be said on this subject later."

The editor of this department has been invited to address the Leaguers of Shreveport District (La.) at their meeting to be held at Mansfield shortly. Other matters will claim our attention to such an extent that we cannot accept the invitation, but we appreciate the courtesy shown us as a Texas Leaguer.

League Editor H. T. Strout, of the Alabama Advocate, makes this statement, viz: "We learn that our State

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President is doing for others what he cannot do for himself—he is marrying people." Never you mind about your State President, Brother Strout, the fever is catching and we have never known of a State League President who did not in time marry.

The normal young person needs recreation. That is written large in the very constitution of things. If he cannot get the right sort he will take the wrong. And sometimes he takes the wrong even when he can get the right kind. We will never escape the obligation of making suitable provision for the entertainment, and even the amusement of the youth. The Church cannot shirk this responsibility. What is your chapter doing toward the proper solution of this problem? Nothing? Then what right has it to find fault if the young people say "nobody cares?"—Epworth Herald.

We are solving this problem in Texas, to a large extent, by providing an outing at our Assembly Grounds each year and furnishing wholesome amusements for our young people.

League Editor H. W. Whitehead, of the New Orleans Advocate, in commenting upon the enthusiasm and success of a recent League meeting held at one of our Churches in New Orleans, makes the following pertinent observation, viz: "At the close of the service one of the Leaguers applied for membership in the Church. This, however, is not unusual in this Church, for much attention is paid to the young people and but few Sundays pass without adding to the number of this congregation either from the young people or from the elders." The pastor who looks after his young people in their League work will find his Church membership continually increasing. We have never known it to fail.

Mr. Allan K. Ragsdale, President of the Texas Epworth Leagues, has been employed as the financial agent of the Board of Trustees of the Texas State Epworth League to give his entire time for some months to the work of placing the bonds mentioned above and to superintend the construction of improvements at Epworth by the Sea. Both Bishops Key and Ward commend this improvement on the part of the Texas Epworth League leaders and speak in most encouraging terms of the outlook for good to the work in the years to come.—W. B. Ricks, League Editor, in Central Methodist Advocate.

Dr. H. M. Du Bose, Epworth League Secretary and editor of the Epworth Era, will deliver the commencement address before Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., June 4 next.

Bishop W. A. Candler, the President of the Epworth League Board, has asked that the time of meeting be changed from May 3-6 to May 17-19.

Attention is called to our League Calendar, published at the head of this department. We shall be glad to have the dates of other League meetings and will take pleasure in publishing them. G. W. T.

#### HERE AND THERE.

The new plan of the Minneapolis (Minn.) District cabinet is working finely. At their last meeting they decided to have an evangelistic campaign throughout the district. The band of workers consists of six young men, the leader being Mr. George Lockwood of Lake Street Church. Third Vice-President of the district, One leads the singing, another plays the piano, while the other lead in prayer and testimony. They intend to go from chapter to chapter, Sunday after Sunday, until they have covered the district. At the Leagues already visited each meeting has been a great success. One of the older Epworthians was heard to say at the close of one of these meetings that he never had been in such an uplifting devotional meeting in his life.—Epworth Herald.

The clause "it suits to a T," meaning it fits exactly, is as old as the familiar instrument, the T-square, or T-rule (so called from its resemblance to the letter T), used by mechanics and draftsmen for making angles true and for obtaining perpendiculars. The expression was in common use in the time of Dr. Johnson, who is quoted by Boswell as saying of Wharburton, "You see they'd have fitted him to a T."—New York Tribune Magazine.

#### A DOZEN DONT'S.

Don't neglect your Daily Prayer.  
Don't neglect your Daily Bible Reading.  
Don't let a day pass without speak-

ing a word or doing something for your Master.

- Don't fail to pray for the League.
- Don't fail to attend the weekly Devotional meeting.
- Don't fail to encourage the Leader.
- Don't refuse to take part in the services.
- Don't misinterpret your motto "All for Christ."
- Don't forget to invite and welcome strangers.
- Don't fail to read the Epworth Era in the study of your lesson.
- Don't show a lack of interest.
- Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts, but don't doubt your beliefs or believe your doubts.
- Yours "In His service,"

JULIA JOHNSTONE,  
First Vice-President South Georgia League Conference in Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Sometimes when I feel just like shirking a task  
Or quitting the work I'm pursuing,  
I recall your stick-to-it-iveness and I ask,  
"Would a postage stamp do as I'm doing?"  
Then I turn to whatever my hands are about  
And with fortified purpose renew it,  
And the end soon encompass, for which I set out,  
If, only, like you, I stick to it.  
—Nixon Waterman.

#### SOME WAYS TO MAKE THE LEAGUE A FAILURE.

1. Do not pray for the League.
2. Do not in any way encourage the work.
3. Do not attend the services.
4. Do not invite others to attend.
5. Do not read any Epworth League literature.
6. Do not pay your dues.
7. Do not fail to show your lack of interest.—St. Louis Advocate.

#### CONVERSATIONAL SOCIAL.

The League Chapters always welcome suggestions and hints as to the conduct of meetings. We find in the Canadian Epworth Era a list of suggestive plays on words in connection with well-known authors that may be entertaining. If you do not need it now cut it out and file it away for future use:

- Who is the oldest author—Adams.
- The youngest author—Childs.
- The healthy author—Hale.
- The sickly author—Haggard.
- The farmer author—Fields.
- The dairyman's author—Cowper.
- The ditcher's author—Trench.
- The angler's author—Hooker.
- The suburban author—Townsend.
- The greedy author—Hogg.
- The cunning author—Fox.
- The evasive author—Dodge.
- The sportsman's author—Hunt.
- The warrior's author—Shakespeare.
- The jeweler's author—Goldsmith.
- The chef's author—Cooke.
- The domestic author—Holmes.
- The woodland author—Hawthorne.
- The pontifical author—Pope.
- The submarine author—Cable.
- The painful author—Bunyan.
- The groaning author—Payne.
- The aboriginal author—Savage.
- The refreshing author—Brooks.
- The chorister's author—Sangster.
- The blistering author—Burns.
- The breakfast author—Bacon.
- The dinner author—Lamb.
- League Dept., Raleigh Advocate.

#### FROM THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

To the Second Vice-Presidents of North Texas:

I am sure you realize the importance of faithfulness on the part of the individual League officers, for it is through them alone that we can hope to do anything as a whole. Should one officer fail to do his or her whole duty, we, as a Conference League are crippled just that far. I am sure you are not willing that our department work shall be reported a failure due to your negligence.

You are thoroughly familiar with the duties of a Second Vice-President and the kind of report you are expected to make. Can't I count you one of the faithful and hope to receive a report of your work done in this department since June 1, 1906 at your earliest opportunity, and the remaining two months as near June 1, 1907 as possible?

This department of N. T. C. had no report at our State Encampment last year. We are not willing to have such a reputation for our conference throughout the State another year. Won't you help prevent it?

Can't we as a conference undertake to at least start a library at our State Orphanage? What could we do that would be of more pleasure and profit to these, God's little ones? Bring this matter before your League and see to what extent they will help in this. A committee would carefully se-

lect the books so that none need be duplicates just as soon as we can ascertain how much our individual Leaguers are willing to help. Give what you feel you can and don't be ashamed to give the "widow's mite" if you feel that is what you should give.

An individual report card is being used which might be of great benefit to you in your work. It has the following questions: Calls made on sick? Calls made on strangers? Number of garments distributed? Number of bouquets carried to sick? Tracts or papers distributed? Cottage prayer meetings held? Meals given away? Needy relieved? Visits to jail? Amount expended for medicine, food, etc., for the needy?

Let me hear from you as early as possible. Write me at any time if I can be of any service to you. Do all you can to make our Conference League a success at Paris June 20-23, with your presence and prayer.  
MISS MATTIE HARRIS,  
438 Swiss Ave. Station B, Dallas.

#### FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Fifteenth Annual Conference of the North Texas Conference Epworth League will be held at Paris, Texas, June 20-23 as guests of Sentenary League.

Every local chapter is entitled to one delegate for every 20 members or fractional part thereof. Please elect your delegates and forward their names to me at once.

Every Junior and Senior Leaguer in North Texas is assessed 5c per capita for every member; this fund to be used to defray the necessary expenses of the conference. If your League has not paid this assessment, won't you see that same is forwarded to me at once? Do not shirk a single responsibility. The success of the conference depends on the efforts of every individual Leaguer in North Texas.

Every officer of local chapters is urged to, at once, forward a complete report of the work done in their department since June, 1906, to their respective North Texas officer. Do this to-day. Please present to your League at its next meeting. Yours truly,  
O. L. HAMILTON,  
Frisco, Texas.

#### FIELD NOTES.

Since last report in the Advocate I have visited several towns in the interest of our Encampment. At Waxahachie I found the League President sick, but talked matters over with Bro. McClure, the pastor, and he assured me that the Leaguers there would do their part and soon. The new church at Waxahachie is a model in every respect and would be a credit to any congregation in Texas.

Spent two days in Houston in attendance on the Sunday-school Conference at Shearn Church and was given an opportunity to present the work of the League to them. The Sunday-school workers are ready to co-operate with us in the Encampment and a committee was appointed to arrange for their part of the program. Bro. Abernathy, the President, subscribed for two bonds and Bro. C. F. Swayse, another Pittsburg layman, said that he would invest personally and was sure that other members of his church would also help us in a substantial way.

I made short stops at Georgetown, and Austin, consulting architects and looking into improvement matters, also an afternoon and evening with Bro. J. T. Smith at Cameron and interviewed a number of his good people and was promised a hearing and definite co-operation a little later. They were in the midst of a revival which I hope will prove a success.

Two days at Corpus Christi with Bro. Beall looking into local condition of grounds and making notes for benefit of the meeting of the Board of Trustees completed my round. Our grounds are in fine shape, the same beautiful beach and fine breeze, making one want to stay out there all the time.

The Corpus Christi Leaguers have built two roomy summer houses near the Auditorium. These are latticed in all round and covered to keep out sun and rain and will be delightful resting places for warm days. These will seat more than 150 people each and cost all told about \$200. The League at Corpus Christi has done nobly by our enterprise and it is now our time to show our interest in the property by putting forth every effort to make the equipment complete.

We can always count on Harry Hallsell. He writes me as follows: "Send me ten of the Epworth bonds and you can enter them on the books five to Decatur Senior and five to Decatur Junior League."

Marvin Kelley, of Longview, also says: "Send me some of the League bonds." All of our old League officers are rallying to the Encampment.

Time to hear from F. P. Works next. Rev. J. D. Dorsey also writes that he will take some of the bonds and will aid us in securing our lumber at reduced prices if possible.

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In my travels over the State I find our League members are favorable to our Encampment enterprise and readily agree that the grounds must be equipped, but it is difficult to get them committed to definite action or to take hold after they are committed. There is only one way to carry out our plans and that is for each League to assume a definite part at once and push it. This is a League work undertaken by Texas Leagues after due deliberation and we cannot afford to fail. Every Senior League can and should subscribe for four of the bonds and each Junior League at least two. By placing these bonds among your Church members you can remit us the cash and then take your own time to raise the money necessary to put them in your treasury. I am confidently expecting every League to do this and do it promptly. It is not possible for me to visit all the Leagues in person, so please don't wait for this, but take the matter up at your next meeting, vote to assume four bonds, appoint a committee to place them, write to Judge C. C. Walsh, Van Alstyne, for them and remit the amount to him as soon as you have secured the money. I am doing my best, but must have your aid. Don't wait for some other League to lead out, but do your part first.

A number of bonds have been sent out to Leagues at various points and it may be that they are waiting to learn where they shall remit the money. All bond payment should be forwarded to Judge C. C. Walsh, Trustee, Van Alstyne, with itemized statement as to who holds the bond, giving number, etc. When you sell one bond remit the amount to Bro. Walsh, as we need all the funds possible to begin our improvement. A. K. R.

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THE THAW CASE.

I was exceedingly gratified to note through the public print that there was a disposition upon the part of an inconsiderable number of the American people to exclude from the press of the country the salacious testimony in the Thaw case. It is pleasant to recall also, that this view was emphasized by National executive sanction. In a difficulty between two rakes over a frail woman, one was killed; nor did the millions of Thaw, nor the architectural genius of White lead respectability to the drama. Of what advantage is it that men possess millions and are lacking in character? A young man had better go through life poor and obscure and preserve well his integrity and character, and finally find his grave under a vine for a monument in the potter's field than to stand today in the shoes of Thaw with his dirty millions. This is a day of high pressure. The steam is on to the full limit. The world is going money mad, and character is being prostituted to the greed for gold. The young men of this country must be made to understand that the legitimate accumulation of money and the use of wealth along proper channels are to be encouraged, and are always worthy objects of pursuit; but they must also understand that it is heart and brain which make men, and not costly wearing apparel or splendid equipage. Houses and lands have never yet made men. Men die; and we read of them that they died rich. They were worth a thousand or a million. The question was, how much was he worth in money; not how much was he worth to his family, to society, his town, county, State or Nation. The overshadowing question was, how much was he worth in money, in stocks, in bonds.

If Thaw should die to-day many papers of tomorrow would herald to the country the amount of his fortune. The tale of millions would be told, and the life he led, and the hurtful example he set before the young men of America would be regarded as of secondary importance. The young men of America should be told that character is worth more than cuffs and cravats. They should be told that fine principles beat fine pants. They should be told that a good conscience is worth more than a good coat, and that care of the person to the neglect of correct principles will bring poor returns, and in the long run, turn to ashes on their lips. Evil will some day confront such men as Castellane and Thaw, in one form or another. Sanford White furnishes proof of this. Such men only live to gratify their lusts and evil appetites. Such men hold money above manners, wine above wisdom, pride above principle, and gold above goodness. This type of men are generally envious and ungrateful, and the twin devils of the pack are envy and ingratitude.—L. N. C. in Cooper Review.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Terrell District.—Second Round. Mabank, at Mabank, April 13, 14. Reinhardt, at Rodgers, April 20, 21. Crandall, at Crandall, April 26. Kemp, at Becker, May 4, 5. Elmo, at Able Springs, May 11, 12. College Mound, May 18, 19. Terrell, May 25. Chisholm, June 15, 16. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Pittsburg District.—Second Round. Park, at Red Springs, Apr. 13, 14. Texarkana, Central, Apr. 14, 15. Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, Apr. 16. Redwater, at Maud, Apr. 20, 21. Pittsburg Sta., Apr. 24. Pittsburg Cir., Friendship, Apr. 27, 28. Coffeetown, at Cox Chapel, May 4, 5. Kelleyville, at Shiloh, May 10. Jefferson Sta., May 11, 12. Cason, May 18, 19. Daingerfield, May 19, 20. Naples and Omaha, May 25, 26. Quitman, June 1, 2. Leesburg, June 15, 16. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Huntsville District, Second Round. Augusta, at Enterprise, Apr. 13, 14. Montgomery, at Stoneham, Apr. 17. Iola, at Ellwood, Apr. 20, 21. Anderson, at Roans Prairie, Apr. 27, 28. Fostoria, at Fostoria, May 3. Grapeland & Lovelady, at L., May 4, 5. Cold Springs, at Evergreen, May 8. Huntsville, May 11, 12. Waller, at Oakland, May 15. San Jacinto, May 18, 19. Dodge, at Black Jack, May 23. Willard, at Saron, May 25, 26. H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Calvert District.—Second Round. Durango, at Blevins, Apr. 13, 14. Centerville, at Pleasant Ridge, Apr. 20, 21. Wheelock, Harris Chapel, Apr. 27, 28. Hearne Sta., May 1. Fairfield and Dew, at Mt. Zion, May 4, 5. Teague Sta., May 5, 6. Millican, at Alexander, May 11, 12. Bryan Sta., May 12, 13. Jewett, at Buffalo, May 18, 19. Freestone Mis., at Personville, May 20, 21. Owenville, at Mt. Vernon, May 25, 26.

Franklin Sta., May 26, 27. Normangee, June 1, 2. District Conference, at Calvert, June 25-30. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Houston District.—Second Round. McAshan, April 14. Grace, April 14, 15. Tabernacle, April 21. McKee Street, April 21, 22. St. Paul's, April 28. Brunner Avenue, April 28, 29. Angleton, May 4, 5. Galveston, First Church, May 11, 12. Galveston, West End, May 12, 13. Alvin, May 18, 19. Cedar Bayou, Barber's Hill, May 25, 26. Columbia and Brazoria, June 1, 2. Riceton, June 8, 9. Shearn, June 10. CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Jacksonville Dist.—Second Round. Troupe and Overton at Arp, Apr. 13, 14. Church Hill at Fountain Head, April 20, 21. Henderson Station, April 21, 22. Hallville at Summerfield, April 27, 28. Longview, April 28, 29. District Conf. at Henderson, May 1. Neches C. at Pleasant G. May 11, 12. Grace, May 12, 13. Alto Ct. at Sunshine, May 18, 19. Rusk, May 19, 20. Brushy Creek at Paces, May 25, 26. Centenary, May 26, 27. Malakoff, at Malakoff, June 1, 2. Athens, June 2, 3. LaRue, at Poyner, June 8, 9. Henderson Ct. at Union C. June 15, 16. Elkhart at Antrum, June 22, 23. Bullard Ct., at Walnut G. June 29, 30. ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Brenham District.—Second Round. Bellville, at Sempronius, 11 a. m., Apr. 13, 14. Chapel Hill, 8 p. m., Apr. 14, May 13. Caldwell Miss., April 19. Caldwell Sta., April 20, 21. Cameron Sta., April 21, 22. Myersford, at Pt. Sullivan, April 27, 28. Sealy, May 1. Fulshear, at Brookshire, May 4, 5. Somerville, at Lyons, May 18, 19. Lexington, May 25, 26. Wharton, June 1, 2. Bay City, June 2, 3. C. R. LAMAR, P. E.

Beaumont District.—Second Round. Jasper and Kirbyville, at J. Apr. 13, 14. Call Cir., at Ford's S. H., April 17, 18. Port Arthur, April 21, 22. Saratoga and Batson, Votaw, Apr. 24. Warren Cir., Spurzer, Apr. 27, 28, 29. Woodville Cir., at Colmesneil, May 1, 2. Westville and Benford, at Petersville, May 3, 4, 5. Livinston Cir., Providence, May 9, 10. Laurelia Cir., at Midway, May 11, 12. Liberty Cir., at Dayton, June 1, 2. Wallisville Cir., at Wallisville, June 3. The Beaumont District Conference will convene in Liberty, Texas, May 14-17. Pastors, please notify delegates of time and place at once. Remember to bring the Quarterly Conference Records for inspection. Be on hand promptly, if possible, and let us have a helpful conference. Let all the stewards make a special effort to have good reports this quarter, and let every pastor try to have good reports this quarter, and let every pastor try to have conference collections all provided for. V. A. GOBEY, P. E.

Tyler District.—Second Round. Wills Point Cir., Burnett Chapel, April 13, 14. Wills Point Station, April 14, 15. Big Sandy, Gladewater, April 20, 21. Colfax, Oakland, April 27, 28. Grand Saline, April 28, 29. Chandler, Chandler, May 2. Edom, Union Grove, May 4, 5. Harrison Cir., Karnack, May 11, 12. Marshall, First Church, May 12, 13. Meredith Cir., Phillips Ch., May 16. Mt. Sylvan Cir., Union P., May 18, 19. Canton & Edgewood, Wallace, May 22. Arleston Cir., Bethel, May 30. Harleton Cir., Center, June 1, 2. Whitehouse, Nooday, June 8, 9. Tyler, Marvin Church, June 9, 10. THOMAS H. MORRIS, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE. El Paso District.—Second Round. El Paso, April 13, 14. East El Paso, April 13, 14. J. T. FRENCH, P. E.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To the Home Missions Societies of the Texas Conference:

We had hoped to be able to entertain in addition to the regular officers and delegates, all visitors who should come to the Home Mission Conference to be held with First Church, Galveston, beginning with April 21. Owing to developments in the grade-raising enterprise of our city and an epidemic of measles, we find now that this will be impossible. Only officers and delegates can be provided for. If visitors come we will do our best for their comfort, but cannot promise free entertainment. Let names of all delegates and officers not yet reported be sent at once to Mrs. B. H. Dufresne, 1716 Ave. G. GLENN FLINN, Pastor M. E. Church, S., Galveston.

### THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR APRIL, 1907.

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

#### Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be held in St. Paul's Church, Houston, Texas, beginning Thursday night, April 25, and continuing to May 1. Names of delegates and visitors should be sent Mrs. George Sexton, 3010 Milam St., Houston, Texas. Railroad rates will be secured if one hundred delegates and visitors attend. Texas is promising to send a large number over the necessary attendance.

#### Day of Fasting and Prayer.

The problems which confront the Woman's Board of Home Missions call for wisdom, strength and faith. "This kind can come forth by nothing but prayer and fasting." For this end, Friday, April 19, is set apart as a season of fasting and prayer by the Woman's Home Mission Society. The call comes from the Executive Committee, and it is hoped that all the women of the Church will unite this day in claiming the power needed for this great work. Especially that the Holy Spirit will guide the movements of the annual meeting.

#### Parsonage Applications.

All applications for help on parsonage buildings to come before the Woman's Board of Home Missions must be registered on the calendar of the General Office by April 1. Send to the General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. Let those who apply remember that these applications must be duly endorsed by their Conference Board of Church Extension, the Conference Woman's Home Mission Society and a certificate of the County Clerk given that deed to property upon which parsonage is built is on record. If these endorsements are omitted and the application reaches the office after April 1, it cannot receive consideration.

#### Deaconesses.

Nine deaconesses will be consecrated April 28 at St. Paul's Church, Houston, Texas, at the Board meeting. Seven were trained at Scarritt Bible and Training School, one at the Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tenn., and one at the Toronto Deaconess Training School. Bishop Seth Ward will preach the sermon and set these young women apart for this beautiful service.

#### Time to Apply.

By existing laws the appointment of Deaconesses and City Missionaries are made at the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. These appointments are made for a year, so that these workers and those who employ them enter into a contract for a year. If for providential reasons changes must be made, they are sometimes allowed ad interim, but these are unusual and undesirable. If any Church, city mission board or mission school is in absolute need of these trained workers, let their applications be filed at the General Office through Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

#### Miss Bennett's Itinerary.

Miss Melle H. Bennett, President of the Woman's Home Mission Society, would do her visitations for the fiscal year 1906-1907 at Brunswick, Ga., March 10. This last itinerary began January 10, and for two months she gave unremitting service in the States of Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. In these two months she addressed more than forty congregations, planned for enlargement of three of our institutions, for which she raised \$9,000.00 held conferences with numbers of young people who are seeking to in-

vest their lives and traveled hundreds of miles by land and sea. All of this because of her love of humanity, devotion to country and consecration to that Christ whose "love constraineth."

#### In Missouri and Arkansas.

Miss Mabel Head, Associate Secretary, is making a visit to the Church schools of Missouri and Arkansas. She will wind up this itinerary at the Board meeting April 25.

#### Unprecedented Sales of Record Books.

More record books for auxiliary use have been sold during the months of February and March than for the same length of time of any previous year. Does this mean the creation of new auxiliaries or that we are falling in line in using them?

#### Leaflets.

Does your auxiliary have a leaflet for each month? If not, apply to your Conference Corresponding Secretary. Your Conference Society buys these leaflets for you, and there is fault somewhere if they fail to reach you. The leaflet, Gospel Need in the United States, by Miss Head, is especially instructive and ought to be placed in the hands of every member of the auxiliary. It would be helpful to your pastor, as it gives interesting facts which have been compiled after much investigation and labor.

#### NOTICE.

All delegates and visitors to the annual meeting Northwest Texas Home Mission Society, to convene in Stamford, May 9-13, please send names at once to Mrs. C. M. Pattillo, chairman committee on entertainment. Rates will be announced very soon.

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS,  
Cor. Sec.

Aspermont, Texas.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of North Texas Conference, was held on Thursday of last week in the reception room of the Methodist Publishing House, Dallas. Those present were: Mrs. F. E. Howell, President; Miss Martha Tinnin, of Kaufman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. H. Rivers, of Kaufman, Treasurer; Mrs. N. A. Searey, of Dallas, District Secretary for Dallas District.

Among the items of business under consideration was the fixing of the date of the next annual meeting of the Conference Society, to be held in Sherman. The date was fixed for June 5-8.

All auxiliaries are urged to elect delegates to the annual meeting, for attendance at the place and time named.

#### NOTICE.

The Terrell District meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society will be held at Rockwall, Texas, May 15 and 16. Every auxiliary in the district is expected to have delegates attend the meeting. Preachers and conference officers are cordially invited.

MRS. A. S. HOLMES,  
Dist. Secy.

Terrell, Texas.

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

April—the season when old Mother Earth, at the resurrecting touch of Spring, gives us her treasures of bud and branch and blossom, which have been sleeping so quietly and peacefully in her protecting bosom during grim old Winter's unfriendly reign—is upon us. And while we revel in the freshness and beauty of Easter gowns and bonnets, let us not forget that some of the revivifying influences of the beautiful Easter season should be felt in the home mission work. Our hearts have rejoiced over the prompt and liberal response to our last call for reports and names of newly elected Press Reporters or Corresponding Secretaries, but there yet remains many from whom we have not heard. Three District Secretaries sent lists from their districts, uncollected. They have our grateful thanks for their thoughtfulness. Will not the remaining seven "do likewise?"

To every Press Reporter whose name we have received since the recent election of offices we are sending two leaflets, "The Press Department" and "An Unappreciated Opportunity." A close study of these two leaflets will enable any one to grasp the purpose of the Department of Press Work. Please read them carefully and retain them for reference. We hope ere long to secure leaflets on

the use of the Bulletins and also plans for the Reading Course.

If you follow any special plan with the Bulletins in your auxiliary write me all about it at once. Perhaps I can incorporate it in this leaflet. Please all who take the Reading Course write me the plan you pursue with it to secure the interest of and co-operation of the members. We want to get up something that will help our women to make the most of these features of our press work. If you find no leaflets in your envelope, it means that I haven't your name on my new list. Send me your address at once.

MRS. FRANK BENNETT,  
Pottsboro, Texas.

#### A VISIT TO PILOT POINT.

The East Sunday was spent by this writer in Pilot Point, where she went by invitation of the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of that Church. The ride of several hours Saturday afternoon, in going, was through a beautiful scope of country, the vast expanse of prairie stretching away for miles, rising in graceful undulations, covered with the fresh verdure of spring, the young crops of corn and cotton just peeping forth from the fertile fields, giving promise of luxuriant crops and acres and acres of orchards in the early foliage of the season, greeting the eye in panoramic loveliness along the way.

My hostess for the time, Mrs. A. P. Crosgrove, met me on arrival, and we were soon domiciled in her delightful home. On Sunday morning an appropriate sermon for the Easter day was preached by Rev. Foster Perce, the presiding elder of McKinney District, who was there for his quarterly meeting occasion—a sermon full of comforting thoughts and delivered in earnest, forcible language. It was an hour of spiritual enjoyment, the lovely floral offerings, the special music by the choir, combining with the sermon to lift the heart in praise and thanksgiving to the great Giver of all good and perfect gifts. I had the pleasure of meeting the members of the Auxiliary W. F. M. Society at a called session at 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the home of Mrs. King, one of the "shut-ins" of the auxiliary, at whose home all of the meetings are held.

The meeting of the afternoon gave us an opportunity to become personally acquainted and to have, in connection, a "heart-to-heart talk" on matters of interest to the work of the auxiliary in particular and the interests in general of the work of the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference.

In talking to them I tried to stress the special importance of organizing the children and young people of their Church in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, it being so important to infuse the young mind and heart with the spirit of missions and to train the young, as the years go by, in the work of foreign missions, so that they may take their places as intelligent workers in the ranks, and thus be better able to fill the places of the older workers who pass away.

The evening hour, 8 o'clock, was given to special exercises arranged by the Auxiliary W. F. M. Society of the Church, at which time an address in the interest of foreign missions was made by Brother Pierce, a paper was read by Mrs. Crosgrove, a faithful veteran of the auxiliary, on "Excuses for Lack of Interest in Foreign Missions," and a talk was given by this writer on the general work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the part being taken in particular by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference. The music by the choir was especially arranged for the occasion and added to the interest of the program, and the collection which the pastor, Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, raised for the society will, we trust, add a substantial sum to the treasury.

It was a gratification, indeed, to thus visit the auxiliary at Pilot Point. This Auxiliary W. F. M. Society is the second one organized in Texas and in the territory of our Church west of the Mississippi River, so far as records show; the auxiliary of the old Lamar Street Church, now the First Methodist Church of Dallas, being the first auxiliary organized, having been organized, as we have stated in other articles, in the early summer of the year 1879, and the auxiliary of Pilot Point in December of the same year.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference has not a more earnest, zealous band of workers than those of the auxiliary of Pilot Point, and as President of the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference I feel a special interest in that auxiliary, looking to it as one of our most loyal and active, one upon which we can depend for faithful service in our Lord's work.

MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL.

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#### W. H. M. SOCIETY, PECAN AND FRIENDSHIP.

Perhaps a short statement of the work of Pecan and Friendship auxiliary may be interesting, especially since it is an example of what may be done by a country Church, where it is usually conceded little is to be attempted.

Our plan has been to meet twice each month, and we have had twenty-two meetings during the year, missing only two. A spirit of loyalty has been cultivated and some of our ladies walk quite a distance to attend, if they have no other way of attending. We have taken up the Bible study in Our Homes, a different leader being appointed for each meeting, and profitable work has been done on this line. We meet as often as possible with the "shut-ins," and these meetings always seem to be most helpful to all. Having furnished our parsonage during the preceding year, we have turned our attention this year to remodeling our church, and we rejoice that the close of the year finds us with Sunday-school rooms, library and plunder room, and as our presiding elder said, a "beautiful auditorium." Several times when we have not had the necessary funds some of the home mission ladies gladly gave their strength and time in applying stains, varnishes and paints where needed. Our President has been energetic and painstaking, leading us wisely in works of charity, having remembered the Bellevue sufferers and others in distress, encouraging us in giving the Lord his tenth, and in working in many ways to raise the amount which our report shows.

Our system of daily Bible reading has proven a great spiritual help to all who follow it. We try to read at least one chapter a day. And we are glad indeed that the Quiet Hour League will help many to take up this helpful custom and there will be a host working together. Our Home Mission Society has been made up from the membership of both Pecan and Friendship Churches, and each community recently decided that the growth of the society justified reorganization, each Church having its own auxiliary. So in electing our new officers each Church elected its own officers. We feel that much of this hearty growth is due the untiring efforts of our retiring President, Mrs. F. B. Tait. She has worked impartially and patiently with both communities and the result is mutual good-will and feelings between the two auxiliaries. We do wish the country membership of our Church would wake up to their opportunities and to the development of Christian character and Christian work which a home mission auxiliary affords the women of the Church.

Following is our annual report: Number of members in our auxiliary, 26; number of members on baby roll, 5; number of members of Florine McEachern Brigade, 15; number of subscribers to Our Homes, 15; number pledged to tithing, 7; number visits to sick and strangers, 220; value of supplies sent away, \$50; four needy families assisted; money sent to Conference Treasurer, \$35; amount spent on parsonage debt, fence and other necessities, \$100.25; value of improvements on Pecan Church, \$531.05; paid on preacher's salary, \$153.30; paid on dormitory, \$10.

For the benefit of some struggling society I give a few of the ways in which we raised part of our money: First Monday dinners, \$20.80; window, principally eatables, \$20; rag carpet, \$4.15; tacking comforts, \$3.75. Nineteen members drew \$50 each from local treasury to build on and to return at the end of six months with the increase—some baked bread, others cakes, others took orders for bonnets, aprons, dust caps and dressing sacks, some raised chickens and some did other things, returns amounting to \$64.35. Quiet a neat little sum was achieved from the fruit stand at the old settlers' picnic. We also did the janitor work at the church, made and sold quilts and various other things. Pray for us that we may grow stronger in faith and good works.

#### FROM PENELOPE, TEXAS.

On account of so much illness in our town our missionary society is not progressing as we would like to see it, but we hope greater ability will be manifested by greater effort and results now that the outlook for bet-

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ter health is more promising. We hold our meetings regularly each month, and each meeting has proved an enjoyable occasion.

Under the wise supervision of our President, Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, we are predicting great good as result of our efforts this year. Our collection is \$15.50, and we have done local work to the amount of \$80. Our hearts are in the work, and although a small number, we hope to gradually grow in strength, and what we lack in number to make up in grace, that we may be enabled to meet the demands required of us and carry on the good work faithfully and successfully.

MRS. H. P. SHEAD,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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

Soon after conference our pastor, Rev. J. A. Laney, called a meeting of the women of our Church for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Home Mission Society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. O. S. Ferguson; First Vice-President, Mrs. E. Lee Dye; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Saunders; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Ghent; Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Porter; Secretary, Mrs. G. S. Laney; Agent for Our Homes, Mrs. Hyman; Press Reporter, Mrs. Ghent.

Since our beginning our spiritual growth has been most felt. God comes in great power and blesses us. Also the ladies have added over one hundred dollars worth of nice furniture to the parsonage. Over half of our members take Our Homes, and we expect all to do so. Our number has gone from eight to twenty-one in three months.

We have much to do in our own Church, and Tulia, for Christ. Pray for us.

GERTRUDE SHERMAN LANEY,  
Secretary.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Conference Treasurer, W. H. M. Society of Northwest Texas Conference for quarter ending March 15, 1907:

Receipts.	
Dues	\$1,299.02
Baby Roll	10.66
Week of Prayer	114.46
Deaconess School	11.45
Adult Mite Box	.70
Baby Mite Boxes	20.05
Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund	15.00
Parsonage Loan Fund	4.00
McEachern Brigade	49.37
General Fund	387.65
Ed. Endowment Fund	2.00
Sue Bennett Mem. S.	1.00
Minutes	4.00
Expense	164.55
S. in D. H.	138.00
Waco Orphanage	2.00
Dallas W. Home	4.00

Total receipts for quarter...\$2,227.91  
In bank December 15, 1906... 494.38

Total cash for quarter...\$2,722.29

Disbursements.	
By check to Gen. Treasurer	\$1,915.36
Mrs. W. H. Johnson	138.00
Denton School	5.00
Waco Orphans	2.00
Dallas Wesley Home	9.00
Conference Treasurer	25.00
Corresponding Secretary	18.75
Press Superintendent	18.29
District Secretaries	2.91

Total for quarter...\$2,134.31  
Cash for quarter... 2,722.29  
Disbursements for quarter... 2,134.31

Amt. in bank Mar. 15, 1907... \$587.98  
Amt. in Gen. Treas. Dec. 15, 1906... 446.29  
50 per cent dues 4th Quar... 649.51

In General Treasury...\$1,095.80  
Appropriations... 450.00

Amt. in Gen. Treas. Mar. 15, 1907... \$645.80  
Amount in bank... 587.98

Total cash on hand Mar. 15, 1907...\$1,233.78

Appropriations for Quarter.  
Miami...\$ 150.00  
Hale... 150.00  
Brownfield... 150.00

Total... \$450.00

Local Work.  
Expended on parsonages...\$3,207.81



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The recital of last week was given by the pupils of Miss Hay Moore, assisted by members of Miss Rountree's class in expression.

This is Miss Moore's first year as a member of the Conservatory faculty, and this is the first recital given by her class. She is herself quite accomplished as vocalist and pianist, and the very good work done by her pupils on Friday evening left no doubt as to her rare ability as a teacher.

Miss Moore had her own training in the Kidd-Key Conservatory both as pupil and teacher, and is thoroughly versed in the methods of studying and teaching that have made Mrs. Hoyt and Mr. Kruger famous as instructors.

The two bright and attractive little dramas gave a pleasing variety to a most excellent program given almost entirely by pupils of the intermediate grades.

Everything had been so thoroughly rehearsed that all the numbers were given with ease and confidence, always a most gratifying and encouraging result to both teachers and students. It gives one inspiration to go on and do more. There are few things in life more satisfactory than good results coming from a conscientious effort to do one's best.

The following is the program as given: When Life is Brightest (Chorus), Pinsuti Misses Bergman, Slade, Whitehurst, Solomon, Jackson, Harris, Fulton, Doss, Robinson, Foster.

Drummer Boy's March, Arthur Brackett, Bechter

Waltz, Zilla Valentine, Behr

(a) The Daily Question, Meyer-Helmund

(b) In Life and Death I am Thine, Barnby Jesse Belle Whitnurst, Hummel

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A Sewing Circle of the Period, A Farce Characters-

Mrs. Arnold, Miss Winnie Jacobs

Mrs. Newton, Miss Mary Wharton

Mrs. Brown, Miss Eva Benson

Miss Simpkins, Miss Kathleen Benson

Miss Chase, Miss Lucile Rountree

My Boat is Waiting Here for Thee, Smart

Alene Solomon, Vera Fulton,

Slave Song, Flora Bergman, Del Riego

Husarenrit (duo), F. Spindler

Tom Sloan, Lella Atwood,

When the Heart is Young, D. Buck

Alene Solomon,

Les Adieux, Amy Sloan, Dussek

(Between Scenes I and II.)

The Case of Sophronia.

Characters-

Madeleine Lee, Miss Senie Slade

Bettie Barker, Miss Kate Nally

Harriet Coleman, Miss Pearl Williams

Thel Lind, Miss Annie Younge

Sophronia Bond, Miss Elsie Foster

Scene I-Madeleine's Room in College Dormitory.

Scene II-Same. Night.

The Kidd-Key Shakespeare Club elected Miss Elna Honnicutt as delegate and Miss Kitty Barry as alternate to the North Central District Federation to be held at Cleburne, the 18th, 19th and 20th.

Mrs Barry is on the program for a paper, "Bread-Makers and Bread-Winners."

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Table with financial data: Expended on churches, Expended for relief of needy, Expended for city missions, Scholarship, Delegates' expenses, Local work, Value of supplies, Boxes to Waco orphans, Boxes to Dallas Home.

Table with financial data: Total local work for quarter, Total connectional work for quarter, Grand total for quarter.

Report of Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Texas Conference, for fourth quarter, March 15, 1907:

Receipts.

Table with financial data: Dues, Baby Roll, Week of prayer, Adult Mite Boxes, Baby Mite Boxes, Florine McEachern Brigade, Conference pledge, Conference Expense Fund, Wesley Mission, Galveston.

Table with financial data: Total receipts, Shares in Stock Company, Dallas Home, by Lufkin Auxiliary, Amount remitted by General Treasurer for Houston Board City Missions, Balance brought forward from last quarter.

Total in bank March 15, 1907

Disbursements.

Table with financial data: To Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, To Mrs. W. H. Johnson, To Board of City Missions at Houston, To conference expenses for quarter.

Total expenditures

Balance in bank 4th quarter.

Receipts by Districts.

Table with financial data: 1. Houston District, 2. San Augustine District, 3. Beaumont District, 4. Tyler District, 5. Pittsburg District, 6. Brenham District, 7. Calvert District, 8. Palestine District, 9. Huntsville District, 10. Marshall District.

Total, Value of supplies reported to Supt. Supply Department.

Local Work.

Table with financial data: Value of supplies given locally, Amount expended for assistance of needy, Amt expended on parsonage, Amount expended on furnishing church.

Total for local work.

For City Auxiliaries.

Table with financial data: Amount expended for city mission work, By voucher from Houston Board City Missions, Amount expended for Wesley Mission, not sent through Conference Treasurer.

Total for city missions.

As this report closes our year's work together, and my last as your Conference Treasurer, I wish to return thanks to the auxiliaries of the Texas Conference for the many kindnesses shown me as their Treasurer. The work has been very pleasant. Our Texas Conference Society has gone forward, and I pray God's blessings may rest upon you all.

MISS ELIZABETH L. HILL, Livingston, Texas.

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BEAUMONT LETTER

Having seen several other things, first and last, it had for some time been my pleasure to see the Legislature of my own State in session; so last week, taking advantage of a long and pressing invitation of my old friend, Hon. J. T. Robison, chief clerk of the Land Office, I ran down to the Capital City and enjoyed the coveted privilege. Let me say right here, especially in view of the fact that so many things are being said, pro and con, mostly con, of this Legislature, that to my mind, it will go into history as one of the most useful sessions the Texas Legislature has ever held. Of course, there are some weak men, perhaps, on either side of the house, but this only reminds me of the reply of the Bishop, when complained at for sending a weak brother to be the pastor of a certain charge. He simply said: "Well, brethren, I did the best with the material I had on hand." Perhaps the communities who sent these weak men, sent the best they could. You know, too often it is the case, that men of strength and talent won't run for this office, and so the people sometimes simply choose the least of the two or more evils. Seriously, though, in the main the Legislature is composed of a fine body of men, most of them young men, in the vigor and prime of life. Of course, some of the papers charge them with many breaches of good morals, not to say of the very laws they make, but this thing is true: They have hit the whisky devil and the gambling hells and other such things the hardest blows ever dealt them in this Lone Star State; and for this reason, if for nothing else, they ought to receive the thanks of all law abiding citizens of the State. Austin is a delightful little city. The time was all too short, and went all too fast. A visit to Austin and an inspection of those State institutions can but make a man a better citizen and a better man. On my return I stopped at Houston and took in the Sunday-school Conference with great delight and profit.

Well, I am back at Beaumont, hard at work. Since coming to Beaumont, not quite four months ago, I have received into the Church 99 members, and am glad to report that the work continues to prosper. My predecessor had wrought remarkably well, and the Church was thoroughly organized in every department, and all that was necessary was for me to keep in the middle of the road. We are building the new organ at this time, and will have it finished in two or three weeks. Then, when we get the art glass in the dome we will be through for a while, and then watch us grow.

J. B. TURRENTINE.

FROM THE ISLE OF PINES.

I send a letter from a godly layman in the Isle of Pines which was not intended for publication. Major Ramsdell had many friends in Texas who will be glad to hear from him through the Texas Advocate.

JAMES M. SHERMAN, Gatesville, Texas.

Columbia, Isle of Pines, W. I., February 25, 1907.

Rev. J. M. Sherman, Gatesville, Tex. My Very Dear Sir and Brother: I see by the Texas Christian Advocate that you are presiding elder in the Gatesville District. I am glad that I don't find you yet on the 14th page in the Advocate and am also glad that I can yet report on this side.

Those were days of sunshine when I was at Marble Falls and with my many good friends there we used to listen to your preaching, for it always put new life and courage into us all. The moving onward of the great procession of humanity has made so many changes with us, some of which have been so very sad to us as we see it, probably sad because we don't understand why it is so, I believe it will seem all right when we learn more about it.

When I came here five years ago there was not a religious organization on the Isle of Pines (unless we call Roman Catholicism religious). I wrote to our Publishing House at Nashville and explained the situation and asked how we could take the island for Methodism and Christianity. Brother Seth Ward sent my letter to Bishop Candler, and he sent it to Dr. Carter in Cuba, who came to the island at once and gave us a shadow of an organization, a nucleus of a Methodist Church. A Methodist preacher from Michigan came here to spend the winter in the tropics and to rest up. He preached to us during the winter, then when back to Michigan; so we were out again. I then wrote to Dr. Carter in Cuba, as he was superintendent of the foreign mission work in Cuba, and asked if our Foreign Mission and Church Extension Boards were going to abandon us and the island, so we would lose all that had been done and leave us without a church home. Dr. Carter sent my letter to Bishop Candler, as he had just returned from his Japan trip, and he wrote me from Atlanta, Ga., and said: "Be of good

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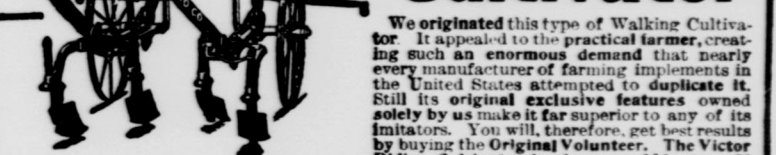
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KIGENSETSU IN KWANSOI GAKUIN

By Rev. J. C. Newton, D. D.

Bro. T. H. Hadeh, our Chaplain, had invited Brothers Hinohara and Akazawa to conduct evangelistic services in the school. All felt that the student body needed a religious awakening—in fact, many of the day students knew but little about Christianity. Plans for personal work were laid beforehand and carefully carried out. There was earnest praying for a week by the Christians. The two preachers came in the Spirit of the Lord and the Holy Ghost's presence was manifested from the first in the deep seriousness among the boys. Consciences were touched and many confessed their sins.

The great day was on Kigensetsu, the anniversary of Jimmu Tenno's accession 666 B. C. After the Imperial Rescript was read and the Kimi ga yo was sung, all in due form, Brother Hinohara stepped to the platform and preached to the whole school in great boldness of spirit. The night before there had been a gracious visitation to many hearts, and so at the close of this sermon we saw a great sight. Sixty or more students stood up and gave in their names as inquirers; sixteen asked for baptism direct. All these are to be immediately organized into seven probationers' classes. I have never known more hearty co-operation on the part of teachers and Christian students. Our theological students rendered important service in the line of personal work. We are all rejoicing, and the religious outlook of the school was never brighter.

J. A. RAMSDELL, Kobe, Japan.



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**BENNETT.**—Rev. N. B. Bennett was born October 13, 1855, in Kentucky, where he grew to manhood. He departed this life February 21, 1907, in Texas, where he had spent his vigor in the service of his Master. After impressive funeral services in the Methodist Church he was borne to his final resting place in the Childress Cemetery by the loving hands of people whom he had served in former years as pastor and among whom he had come as a superannuate to spend his last days. Bro. Bennett was converted at the age of 16, joined the Methodist Church, was licensed to preach in the year 1886, and in November of the same year joined the North-west Texas Annual Conference, over which Bishop Keener presided. The following are some of the works he served: Farmers Circuit, Benjamin, Spring Town, Haskell, Quanah and Childress, Big Springs, Hereford. He was a preacher or more than average ability; always a close student, he was an able defender of our doctrines. But his energy, his consecration, his ever-increasing love for men and his sublime faith in God gave him a power and efficiency as a pastor that the mightiest intellect unaided could not give to any man. The revival fire ever burned brightly on the altar of his great heart, and he was happiest when souls were being saved under his ministry. He was a dear lover of music, especially the old songs, and often grew shouting happy, singing the old, soul-stirring songs of Zion. He believed deeply in a thorough work of grace in the heart. Scorning the sensational in methods, he preached the plain truth as he saw it, praying God to use it to the salvation of men; and many are the witnesses to testify that his prayers were answered. Kind and firm, loving and painstaking as a pastor, he worked untiringly even after his health had failed to the extent that most men of a like impaired physical strength would have given up. When remonstrated with by his friends to rest, his answer was, "I must be about my Father's business." There is a limit, however, to human vitality and he was finally forced to superannuate. Everywhere and in every way he strove to regain his lost health, upheld by the hope that some day he might re-enter his beloved work. But God was more merciful to him than he was to himself and took him, without further suffering and service, to his reward. So closed a life pathetic in its unfulfilled longings and plans, heroic in its fidelity to exalted ideals, beautiful in all its relations, social and domestic, as well as religious. On March 4, 1879, Bro. Bennett was married to Miss Ophelia DeBerry, who for more than a quarter of a century was indeed a helpmeet in his labors, and in his last days of pain as he waited patiently at the gate of the "valley of the shadow" was a tender ministering angel. Bro. Bennett loved his family, loved his friends, loved his Master's work and wanted to live, but was not afraid to die. This writer was his pastor for the few weeks before death came and often talked and prayed with him. His faith in God was firm and the rapturous hope of immortal life grew brighter as the end drew near. His brethren in the ministry have lost one from their ranks who loved them beyond expression. His personal friends have bade adieu to a friend indeed to whom friendship was not a mere name. His three children, one son and two daughters, whom God gave to bless him and his wife's happy union, have parted from a father, loving and kind, whose example is a priceless legacy. His wife, she who put her hand confidently in his twenty-eight years ago in the morning of life and in turn held his lovingly in her own when the dews of death were thick upon it, has been severed from a companion thoughtful and tender and self-sacrificing, and has sustained a loss beyond human description or mere human comfort. God alone can console her. We would fain say to her what we ourselves feel as we sit in the twilight, "He is not dead, but gone to live with God and the angels." We pray God's richest blessings upon dear Sister Bennett that she may help to carry on the work that her husband loved better than life, and the children that they may follow their father as he followed Christ. May they be an unbroken family in the kingdom above. "Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

J. T. HICKS,  
Childress, Texas.

**FOSTER.**—Mary Matilda Foster (nee Morr's) was born in North Carolina, near Hendersonville, February 28, 1835. She was born of the Spirit in the days of her youth; was united in marriage to W. L. Foster in North Carolina September 17, 1853; united with the M. E. Church, South, after coming to Texas about the year 1870 or '71. Brother and Sister Foster left North Carolina in 1867, living two years in Alabama, coming to Texas in 1870. They spent three years in Red River County, near Robinsville; settled in Delta County, near Ben Franklin, in 1874. Here they have spent 33 long, happy years together. On last Monday morning, between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock, March 18, 1907, just as the gray dawn was breaking and the birds in the treetops were beginning to chant the welcome of the newly laden breezes, fresh with the sweet fragrance of the full blown flowers of the early spring, Sister Foster fell on sleep. "For so He giveth his beloved sleep." She awoke and lo! it was heaven! Sister Foster had been in declining health for some time. Yet she was exceedingly bright and cheerful. She was happily endowed with the faculty of impressing all of her friends for good. She sat up most of the day previous to her death, retiring and spending the night in quiet. She engaged in conversation with her husband, who was sleeping in the same room, at about 5 o'clock a. m. A short while afterwards he found, on approaching the bedside, that her spirit had gently slipped away. Sister Foster possessed in an eminent degree this noble characteristic of a great soul. She was a loving and affectionate mother, a devoted and faithful wife. Her going away terminates a blessed companionship of 34 years. To this exceedingly happy union were born 12 children, all of whom are grown and married—all religious; 28 grand and 6 great-grandchildren. Her beloved husband passes under the weight of this great sorrow at the advanced age of 77 years. The funeral was preached by our much beloved presiding elder, Rev. C. B. Fladger, who is a special friend of all the family, and much beloved by our whole church and community. He spoke lovingly of her Christian life, her generous hospitality to ministers in her home, her devotion to God and the Church. The high esteem in which she was held was fully attested by the large attendance at the funeral and the many beautiful floral wreaths brought and laid on her grave as loving tributes to her memory. Thank God while she is gone she is not forgotten. She has left her impress for good on her children. She has lain by her work on earth and taken up her crown in glory. May God's blessings abide upon all her loved ones left behind until God shall summons you all to your home on high.

**N. C. LITTLE.**

**YOUNG.**—Mrs. Mary Young (nee Florence) was born October 18, 1872, and died in Dallas, where she had gone for treatment, March 10, 1907. She became the wife of W. E. Young, September 28, 1894. Two children were born to them, one of whom, little Nadine, survives her mother. Burnett, a promising lad, is the son of a former marriage. Monday, March 11, we laid her body to rest at Overton, the scene of her childhood and youth. Among the many floral offerings placed upon the last resting place of this good woman was one from her Sunday-school class at Henderson. The public school of Overton attended the funeral in a body. I never saw one develop as a Christian worker more rapidly than did she. No more glorious testimony could be left us than the deep spiritual influence that was increasingly manifesting itself in her daily walk and conversation. She passed away in the transporting joy of her Lord, singing, "We'll Never Say Good-Bys in Heaven." Indeed the soul longs for a country, a city, where farewells shall be unknown. Another home is vacant, another household broken up because the holy influence and presence of the wife and mother are gone. But to Him who appeared for the purpose of putting an end to death and bringing life and immortality to light we commend the husband and children.

LAWRENCE B. ELROD,  
Henderson, Texas.

**GRUBBS.**—Mrs. Mary Emma Grubbs, daughter of J. A. and A. H. Becker, was born March 14, 1881; was converted and joined the Church when thirteen years old; was married to J. A. Grubbs December 4, 1898. Two children were born to them. She died in Fort Worth March 6, 1907; was brought back and buried at Kemp. Our Becker Church is built on a lot from her father's farm. He has long been an official member of our Church. She said, when she knew she was dangerously ill: "I am ready to meet my Savior." To be reared in an ideal Christian home is very fortunate, indeed. Such was her childhood's blessing. May we all meet her in the home of the redeemed.

E. G. ROBERTS.

**KILLOUGH.**—Mrs. Nancy Killough, daughter of James and Sarah Chance, was born in Mines County, Miss., April 20, 1827, and died in Center Point, Kerr County, Texas, March 17, 1907, at about eighty years of age. She came to Texas with her parents in 1838 and settled in Milam County, where she married Rev. N. C. Killough, of the Methodist Protestant Church, in 1842. Thence, with her husband, moved to Leon County, where they lived till 1867, and then moved to San Marcos, Hays County. Here, in 1884, she buried her husband and here she has lived most of the time since. About two years ago, however, on account of failing health, she went to Center Point to live with her youngest son, S. D. Killough. She was the mother of thirteen children, six of whom died early; the rest still live to bless her memory. Two of her sons are preachers—William H., an honored superannuate member of the West Texas Conference, and George B., local. The other living children are John M., B. F., S. D. and two daughters—Mrs. Ida Hood and Mrs. Ella Oliver. Sister Killough was a woman of affairs. She knew how to manage her home and the farm. Nothing went to wreck by the absence of her husband. Indeed, some thought her the better manager of the two. And while, perhaps, she would not have admitted the claim, nevertheless when her hand was at the helm things moved right on. And after the death of her husband it soon became manifest that she could take care of herself. By industry, economy and frugal living, comfort and good cheer abounded in her home, and it was indeed a pleasure to be in her house and sit at her table. Sister Killough was a woman of uniform, simple and unaffected piety, but it was less emotional than practical. In fact, she was intensely practical; she did things; she did what she could. In cases of sickness none knew better what to do and how to do it than she. And the poor found in her both sympathy and help. The writer remembers a time when, broken in health and with a large family to support, Brother and Sister Killough were among the first to give substantial aid. A marked characteristic of this godly couple was their life-long hospitality. Years ago, when Quarterly Conferences and other religious services meant something more than they do now, great crowds were gladly entertained by them. They used hospitality without grudging. During her husband's lifetime she was loyal to the Church of his choice and shared with him in its toils and triumphs, but after his death she affiliated with the M. E. Church, South, giving "her life, her time, her money and her children" to its communion. And now she rests from her labors and her works do follow her.

JOHN S. GILLET.

**DONALSON.**—Elizabeth Caroline Donalson (nee Wynn) was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., March 13, 1833; moved to Texas in 1854 and was married to J. S. Donalson in August, 1855. One mile east of Ladonia, Texas, the young couple began the making of a home. They lived in this home until a few months ago, when they, in company with a part of their children, moved to Midland. Sister Donalson had lived a very active life and was only seriously ill for a short time before her death. She united with the Methodist Church in her early girlhood and lived a consistent member of the Church up to the day of her death. Hers was a beautiful Christian life, and needed no parting words to assure her loved ones that all was well. Her life spoke more eloquently than words of her readiness to meet the judgment. She leaves an aged husband and five children, who miss her presence, but all of them know where to find her. She rests after a long life of unselfish devotion, and the way of many has been made brighter by her kind words and loving deeds.

NAT B. READ.

**ANGELL.**—Wyatt Munroe Angell, son of Bro. and Sister Angell, was born in Milam County, Texas, March 5, 1900, and went home to live with Jesus, March 24, 1907. For several months before his death little Munroe was sorely afflicted with a severe cancer in his left eye. Never have we seen any one bear suffering with more patience than this little sufferer. Not often was he heard to complain. Munroe was an exceptional boy in many respects. He had an excellent mind. His friendly disposition made him a special friend to all. Often when he would see his papa and mamma had become tired from waiting on him he would tell them to die down and rest. The last words he was heard to say were: "Let me go." We believe God lifted the curtain and let the little sufferer see the happy land where suffering is known no more. Weep not, loved ones, your darling boy is safe with Jesus, and will greet you in heaven. A large crowd was present to see the little body laid to rest. Beneath a bed of roses in Walker's Creek Cemetery, we left the remains of little Munroe to await the resurrection morn.

G. C. CRAVY.

**GRIFFIN.**—Geo. W. Griffin, son of Lindsay and Elizabeth Griffin, was born September 1, 1849, in Tuscaloosa County, Ala.; moved to Navarro County, Texas, in 1878; from thence to Merkel, Taylor County, in October, 1907, where, on March 26, 1907, his immortal spirit returned to the God who gave it. He was twice married—first to Miss Emily Dockery; second time to the Widow Tadlock, who, with his surviving children and relatives, was with him and kindly administered to his every want. One of his chief delights was to serve his Church and to look after the comfort of his pastor. He served his Church as Sunday-school superintendent, steward, etc., to the satisfaction of all. He never criticised his pastor or officers of his Church. The greater part of his active Church life was spent with Old Mt. Zion Church, near Purdon, Navarro County, where many relatives and friends mourn his departure. After religious services conducted by Bro. Rowlett, pastor M. E. Church at Merkel, he was laid to rest till the resurrection morn by the Merkel Camp No. 719, W. O. W. "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." His brother, L. S. GRIFFIN.

**MARSHALL.**—Rev. Wm. N. Marshall was born in East Tennessee April 8, 1820, and died at the home of his oldest daughter, in Halfway, Mo., October 7, 1905. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church at the age of 14 years; was appointed class leader at 16; was licensed to preach while a young man; was married January 25, 1842, to Miss Charlotte E. M. Cunningham. In early life he moved West with his family; lived successively in the States of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Texas. He was a man of strong convictions, was firm in what he conceived to be right, and was devotedly religious. A man of great influence, his power was felt far and wide. For years he suffered much and death came to him as a relief messenger. He died as he lived—in the triumphs of the faith; and although our hearts are bleeding, we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. His wife, three sons and three daughters survive him. Father is gone, but we know where to find him. His son,

R. C. MARSHALL.

**GILBREATH.**—Catherine B. Gilbreath was born in Montgomery County, Ala., October 5, 1819, and was born the second time fourteen years later, at which time she united with the Methodist Church, wherein she lived and labored, until March 8, 1907, God took her to the home prepared for her. She moved to Texas with her mother in 1836. In April, 1837, she was married to John W. Lane, with whom she lived until his death, September 29, 1850. Six children were born to them—four of whom survive her. On February 25, 1855, she was married to James Gilbreath, five children were born to this union—four of whom have preceded her. Since the death of her husband in 1882, she has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Harriet McCain. Three of her children, her brother, Thomas Hall, and quite a number of her grandchildren were watching at her bedside when the end came. Grandma has lived a frontier life. Many have been her trials and conflicts. The world is much better by her long and useful life. We laid her body to rest in the Carson Cemetery, near Ector, Texas, to await the glad morning of the resurrection. Her pastor,

R. L. ELY.

**FORD.**—Johnnie Casteria Ford, the baby daughter of Jas. and Mrs. Casteria Ford, was born at Christoval, Tom Green County, Texas, May 16, 1906, and on February 8, 1907, the Lord took her to heaven to live with the angels. Little Johnnie just lived here long enough to firmly entwine herself around our hearts. She was very bright. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away." The Lord give us grace to say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord." What the Lord doeth we can not now understand, but we shall know hereafter, for then shall we know even as also we are known. So good-bye, little Johnnie, for awhile. Thou art gone, but not forgotten, for you still live in our hearts. Her pastor,

T. J. LASSETTER.

**JOHNSON.**—Renny Johnson was born in Tennessee, May 10, 1838; married to Miss Mary Taylor, in Mason County, 1881. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1888, and in 1890 moved to Olga, Coke County, Texas, where he lived until death overtook him, January 13, 1907. Everybody who knew Uncle Red, as he was familiarly called, loved him and regarded him as a consecrated Christian man. He left a wife and five children to mourn their loss, until they, too, hear the same voice: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, and inherit the kingdom prepared for you."

W. TAYLOR JONES.

**COCK.**—Mrs. Susana Cock was born in Alabama on April 19, 1821. She was united in marriage to Mr. C. S. Cock, in Water Valley, Miss., October 30, 1849. In the autumn of 1851 she moved to Texas and resided in this great commonwealth until December 20, 1906, when she peacefully fell asleep, at the advanced age of 86 years, lacking four months. She leaves five children to mourn their loss—Mrs. J. A. Montgomery and Mrs. J. W. Earnest, of San Marcos, Texas; Rev. C. W. Cock, of Wynnewood, Indian Territory; Mr. W. C. Cock, of San Saba, Texas, and Dr. L. W. Cock, of Mineral Wells, Texas. The blood of this saintly woman flows in the veins of twenty-nine grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren, who are truly blessed in being descendants of this noble mother in Israel. Mrs. Susana Cock was a daughter of Rev. Israel Walker, of the Illinois Conference. She had the advantage of being brought up in a preacher's household; and, as we would naturally expect, she was converted in childhood and at once united with the Methodist Church. She was one of the charter members of the San Marcos Methodist Church, and from the beginning of its history until the hour of her death she took great interest in everything that tended to promote its prosperity. Mrs. Cock was a deeply pious woman. She loved the Bible and lived in communion with God. The services of the sanctuary were very precious to her, and even in her old age, with all her physical infirmity, she never failed to occupy her pew, when it was possible for her to be present. Modest and unassuming in her manner, she was the ideal of that which was beautiful and lovable in an aged saint. Her heart was full of love and compassion for the suffering and the unfortunate, and she exemplified the spirit of the Christ she loved in her own deeds of beneficence and helpfulness to others. Fidelity to every duty and constancy in all right living marked her entire life. She walked in the footsteps of Jesus for more than half a century; and so, when the end came, she had nothing to do but to calmly fall asleep in Jesus. It is no departure from the strictest truth for her pastor to say that she was pre-eminently meet for the inheritance of the saints in light, and that as she had been developed in Christian character by a long life of communion and fellowship with God, we are sure that she is now with that countless multitude round the throne, ascribing all the glory of her redemption to the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.

H. M. WHALING.

**GORDON.**—Mrs. Martha P. Gordon was born in Erath County, Texas, in 1849; was converted in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South. In 1874 she was married to J. A. Gordon. Sister Gordon resided at Knickerbocker, Texas, for twenty-three years before her death. She was very sorely afflicted for years, but this she bore without complaint, for she endured as seeing Him who is invisible. According to the testimony of her family she was a faithful Christian. She leaves an aged husband and seven children to weep after her since January 23, 1907, when the Lord said: "It is enough; come up higher."

T. J. LASSETTER.

**WIESE.**—Ora Wiese, daughter of Albert and Georgia Wiese, was born October 24, 1897, in Milam County, Texas. For nearly nine years this little visitor was permitted to remain in this home, shedding rays of sunlight from morning until night. With such a sweet disposition and noble character as she possessed, she had entwined her heart and life around the inmates of this home, which nothing but death could sever. But, thank God, for the hope, "through Jesus Christ," little Ora is not forever gone, but is waiting at the beautiful gates for papa, mamma, sisters and little brother. God help them to so live that they may be an unbroken family around the throne of God. In Spring Prairie Cemetery sleeps her precious little body waiting the sounding of the trumpet when the graves shall give up their dead.

G. C. CRAVY.

**CROSS.**—Mrs. Martha S. Cross was born in Omen, Texas, May 22, 1841, and departed this life at Rusk, Texas, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Huston, March 25, 1907, being 66 years, 8 months and 3 days old. She professed religion in her fourteenth year and joined the Methodist Church. She lived a faithful, devoted Christian life, and died a triumphant death. Her husband preceded her to the better land eight years. She leaves nine children to mourn their loss—five boys and four girls. Five went before to greet her coming. May the children emulate the life and faithfully love and serve their mother's God; and when life is done on earth may all meet their mother in heaven. We laid her to rest by the side of her husband in the Troup Cemetery. May God bless the children, relatives and friends.

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**HAYES.**—Bro. William Pell Hayes was born in Gates County, N. C., January 21, 1838. Having professed faith in Christ as his Savior he united with the Southern Methodist Church at the age of 8 years. In young manhood he was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Laster, of his native county. He was thrice married, and to him were born five sons and four daughters, whose ages range from 43 to 11 years. At an early age he became a teacher in public schools and spent his life in this important calling. He came to Texas in 1875 and has ever left the impress of a godly example wherever he has gone. He was active as a Christian worker, loyal and devoted to his Church. His last days were spent in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fannie A. Seyle, of Houston Heights, where he passed to rest December 19, 1906. His life was full of faith and good works and his death was a peaceful passage from labor to reward. As we laid him to rest amid the tears and sob of breaking hearts it was in the consciousness that he would "have a part in the first resurrection" and share in "the glory that excelleth." Blessed is the memory of the life he has lived! Blessed is the influence which he has left behind. His pastor, S. S. MCKENNEY.

**BROWNING.**—Mrs. Virginia Irene Browning, wife of ex-Governor Browning, was born in North Carolina, May 20, 1860. She was married to J. N. Browning March 9, 1879, at Fort Griffin, Texas. To them were born thirteen children. Seven of these survive her. She professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist Church before she was fully grown. She was a consistent member of that Church until 1885, when, of her own accord, she joined the M. E. Church, South—the Church to which her husband belonged. Of this Church she was a faithful member until her death, which occurred at Amarillo, Texas, February 9, 1907. Sister Browning was a woman of fine character. She was indeed a faithful wife, a patient, loving mother and a good Christian worker. She leaves many friends here and her good influence abides with her devoted husband and children, who expect to meet her in the beyond. The writer visited her often and always found her trusting in the Lord, who was with her unto the end of her earthly pilgrimage. She lived a pure life, died a triumphant death and has entered into the joys of her Lord.

**C. N. N. FERGUSON.**

**BAGGETT.**—J. A. and Lula Baggett were sadly bereaved on February 28, 1907, in the death of their little son, Lee. He was given them August 4, 1899. He was a bright child, pleasant and good. The home was happier then, but this one cloud drove out much of the sunshine. His bright eyes and sweet smiles are seen no more, nor his little feet heard about the place; and yet he is happy on the golden shore. A golden thread of love binds more closely to the better world those who are left behind. May the Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen his parents, and enable them to bear the cross, and may we all so live that when the roll is called up yonder we may meet and sing praises to Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." The pure spirit of our darling Las gone to be with God and the angels, but some day may we all meet our darling again in that sinless summer land, and there'll be no more parting and sorrowing there. GRANDMA.

**CRAVY.**—Sarah E. Cravy, daughter of John C. and Matilda A. Cravy, was born September 16, 1855, in Milan County, Texas, and departed this life January 13, 1907, aged 52 years. Sarah was the oldest child; was converted when a child, joined the Methodist Church and lived an acceptable member and a consecrated Christian life. She was very much devoted to home life; never left father and mother; lived with them until their deaths. Her death came suddenly. She was about her work, came in, sat down, and died in a few moments. But we feel quite sure sister (as we always called her) was ready to go. Now the old home is broken up; it is so lonely there—father mother and sister are gone; but, thank God, we know where they have gone, and, if faithful, dear brothers and sister, we will meet them where parting is no more.

**BROTHER GEORGE.**

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To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbago, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood, and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, Notre Dame, Ind.

**NEWMAN.**—Mrs. Beulah Kate Lee Newman (nee Beulah Sims) was born in Chattooga County, Georgia, June 2, 1875; was married to Lee Newman the last days of October, 1892; professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1893, and departed this life March 6, 1907. Sister Newman was a kind, good neighbor, an affectionate wife, a devoted mother, a loyal Methodist, a true Christian. She had an experience of heart-felt religion, hence she had been born again, "not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible." She had the Spirit bearing testimony with hers that she was a child of God. She died in the triumphs of a living faith and went home to glory. She leaves a husband and five children, with many friends, to mourn the loss of their loved one. Dear husband and children, live faithful and you will meet your loved one where parting will be no more. After the funeral at the Methodist Church (by the writer), in the presence of a large concourse of weeping friends, we laid her to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Caddo Mills, Texas. J. C. MOORE, Floyd, Texas.

**EASTERLING.**—Mr. T. M. Easterling was born in Marlboro County, S. C., October 1, 1818, and died at the home of his son-in-law, A. B. Shepherd, near Leona, Texas, March 12, 1907. He was married to Miss Jane Bethea in Marvin County, S. C., in 1844. He moved to Clark County, Miss., in 1858, and after the close of the Civil War returned to his native State. In 1885 he moved to Texas, where he lived until God called him to a higher life. He was converted in early life and was one of the most consistent men we ever met. He was constantly speaking of his communion with God, and said the way grew brighter every day. He was faithful to his Church, true to his home and loyal to God. His life was a benediction to all around him and his death triumphant. His wife, four children, fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren have gone on before him. He leaves five children, forty-six grandchildren and forty-eight great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his departure. May God bless them. His battle was fought and the victory won and he has entered his celestial home. His pastor, J. W. TREADWELL.

**CHERRY.**—Little Thomas Asbury, son of Rev. S. T. and Mary F. Cherry, was born December 30, 1905, and departed this life February 19, 1907, aged thirteen months and twenty days. His stay on earth was short, but O how we miss his sweet little company! He was walking and trying to talk. We see his little playthings and imagine we can hear his little talk all the while. How sad and lonely we are, but we must submit to the will of God. He does all things right. We can never see our sweet little darling here any more. We loved him, but God loved him best, and took him up to heaven to live with Jesus and the angels. Weep not, papa and mamma and grandparents: let us live faithful and meet our little darling in heaven. GRANDMA.

**SHARP.**—W. F. Sharp was born in Monroe County, Missouri, September 14, 1846, and died at Ballinger, Texas, March 11, 1907. He was married in Coleman County January 9, 1877, and his faithful and devoted wife survives him. He and his wife joined the Methodist Church at the same time twenty-two years ago at Baird, Texas. Soon after uniting with the Church Bro. Sharp was elected steward, and served in that office for sixteen years. He had been in feeble health for a number of years before his death. During the last two years of his life he could not attend Church often, but he did not lose his interest in and love for the Church. Bro. Sharp was a devoted Christian. Just a few days before his last sickness he finished reading through the Bible. At the time of his death he was Treasurer of Runnels County and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his departure. May the Heavenly Father comfort and guide the wife and children and bring them all at last safe home to heaven. E. P. WILLIAMS, P. C.

**ALLMAN.**—On March 18, 1907, another dark wave came over the home of Bro. R. B. and S. E. Allman and claimed little Clyde Jones, the pet of the home. He was born March 28, 1902. This is a very severe stroke to the family, as the baby girl had gone some six months before. After that little Clyde was baby in the home. We laid his body to rest by the side of his little sister, Clyde, our dear one, we miss your sweet smiles and those beautiful curls and patter of the little feet following mother everywhere. We will meet you, dear, where parting is no more. This flower fades on earth, but blooms in heaven. We say to the family, try to meet him up there. G. W. HARRIS.

**WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

**Beeville District—Second Round.**  
Oakville Cir., April 13, 14.  
San Diego, April 20, 21.  
F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

**Llano District—Second Round.**  
Boerne, at Salado, April 13, 14.  
Llano sta, April 20, 21.  
Center Point sta, April 28, 29.  
Bandera, at Medina, May 1.  
Kerrville, May 4, 5.  
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

**Cuero District—Second Round.**  
Lavernia, at Elmendorf, April 13, 14.  
Hope, April 15.  
Nursery, at Fordtran, April 20, 21.  
El Campo, April 23.  
R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

**Austin District—Second Round.**  
Eagle Lake, at Rock Island, Apr. 13, 14.  
Columbus, April 21, 22.  
University Church, 11 a. m., April 28.  
South Austin, 7:30 p. m., April 28.  
Walnut, at Merriltown, May 4, 5.  
JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

**San Angelo District—Second Round.**  
Garden, at Plain View, 2nd Sab. in April.  
Midland, 3rd Sab. in April.  
Sherwood, at Knickerbocker, 4th Sab. in April.  
District Conference at Eldorado, Thursday, May 20.  
Ozone, 2nd Sabbath in May.  
W. J. RENFRO, P. E.

**San Augustine Dist.—Second Round.**  
Nachodoches Miss., Bonita, April 13, 14.  
Nachodoches Sta., April 14, 15.  
Garrison, at Ariam, April 20, 21.  
Carthage, April 27, 28.  
Gary, at Gary, Wed., May 1.  
Melrose, at Simpson's, May 4, 5.  
Lufkin Sta., Friday, May 10.  
City, at Huntington, May 11, 12.  
Burke Cir., May 18, 19.  
C. A. TOWER, P. E.

**San Antonio District—Second Round.**  
Moore Cir., at Leona, April 13, 14.  
West End, April 20, 21.  
Prospect Hill, 8 p. m., April 20, 21.  
South Heights, April 24.  
Del Rio, April 26.  
Eagle Pass, April 27, 28.  
Cotulla, at Millet, May 4, 5.  
Amphion, May 11, 12.  
A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

**San Marcos District—Second Round.**  
Luling Cir., Soda Springs, Apr. 13, 14.  
Belmont Cir., Belmont, Apr. 20, 21.  
Lockhart, April 27, 28.  
Waelder and Thompsonville, W., May 4, 5.  
Tilman Cir., Tilman, May 11, 12.  
San Marcos, May 18, 19.  
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

**NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE**

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

**Gatesville District—Second Round.**  
Pearl, Pidcoke, Apr. 13, 14.  
Valley Mills and Clifton, Clifton, Apr. 20, 21.  
Turnerville Charge, Apr. 27, 28.  
China Springs, Coon Creek, May 4, 5.  
Crawford, Coryell City, May 11, 12.  
Copperas Cove Charge, May 18, 19.  
Evant Charge, May 25, 26.  
JAMES M. SHERMAN, P. E.

**Wexahachie District—Second Round.**  
Venus, at Cahill, Apr. 13, 14.  
Alvarado, 8 p. m., Apr. 14, 15.  
Maypearl, at Auburn, Apr. 19.  
Bethel, Apr. 20, 21.  
Forreston, at Falls, April 27, 28.  
Bardwell, at Bird, May 11, 12.  
Ovilia, at Onward, May 18, 19.  
Red Oak, at Dixon's, May 18, 19.  
Dublin Cir., May 18, 19.  
JAMES CAMPBELL, P. E.

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

**Dublin District—Second Round.**  
Eastland Cir., April 13, 14.  
Carlton Cir., April 20, 21.  
Hico Sta., April 21, 22.  
Proctor Cir., April 27, 28.  
Dublin Sta., April 28, 29.

DeLeon Miss., May 4, 5.  
DeLeon Sta., May 5, 6.  
Desdemona Miss., May 11, 12.  
Carbon Cir., May 18, 19.  
Gorman Cir., May 19, 20.  
Granbury, Miss., May 25, 26.  
Granbury Sta., May 26, 27.  
Gren Rose Miss., June 1, 2.  
Duffau, Miss., June 8, 9.  
Iredell Cir., June 9, 10.  
J. G. PUTNAM, P. E.

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

**Clarendon District—Second Round.**  
Dumas Mission, Apr. 13, 14.  
Channing Station, Apr. 15.  
Canyon City Station, Apr. 21, 22.  
Amarillo Station, May 4, 5.  
J. G. MILLER, P. E.

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

**Abilene District—Second Round.**  
Haskell, April 13, 14.  
Haskell Miss., at Sayles, April 16.  
Cottonwood, Belle Plaines, Apr. 20, 21.  
Baird, April 21, 22.  
Hamlin and Rule, at Rule, April 25.  
McCauley, at Fairview, April 27, 28.  
Stamford, April 28, 29.  
Pinkerton, at Rochester, May 4, 5.  
Tye, at Rock Crossing, May 9.  
Nubia, at Nubia, May 15.  
Sweetwater, May 18, 19.  
Minert, at Ample, May 25, 26.  
Abilene, May 29.  
Lawn, at Lemon's Gap, June 1, 2.  
J. R. MORRIS, P. E.

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

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

**Waco District—Second Round.**  
Hubbard City, May 12.  
Morgan, May 18, 19.  
Penelope, June 8, 9.  
W. L. NELMS, P. E.

**Plainview District—Second Round.**  
Silverton, at Lakeview, Apr. 13, 14.  
Plainview Mis., at Runningwater, Apr. 20, 21.  
Hale Center, at Center Plains, Apr. 22.  
Dimmitt, May 4, 5.  
Floydada Mis., May 11, 12.  
Emma, May 14.  
Tahoka, at Tahoka, May 18, 19.  
Gomez, at Brownfield, May 25, 26.  
Lubbock Sta., May 28.  
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

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

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

**McKinney District—Second Round.**  
Wylie Cir., St. Paul, April 13, 14.  
Western Cir., College Hill, Apr. 20, 21.  
Celina Cir., Celina, Apr. 27, 28.  
Plano Sta., May 4, 5.  
Princeton Cir., Blythes Ch., May 11, 12.  
Renner Cir., Frankfort, May 18, 19.

Allen Cir., Whites Grove, May 25, 26.  
Josephine Cir., June 1.  
Nevada Sta., June 1, 2.  
J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

**Greenville District—Second Round.**  
Floyd, Caddo Mills, April 13, 14.  
Leonard, Orange Grove, Apr. 20, 21.  
Lone Oak, Lone Oak, Apr. 27, 28.  
Quinlan, Quinlan, May 11, 12.  
JNO. H. McLEAN, P. E.

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

**Paris District—Second Round.**  
Roxton Cir., at Elm Grove, April 13, 14.  
Paris Cir., at El Bethel, April 14, 15.  
Avery Miss., at Lydia, April 20, 21.  
Rosalie Cir., April 27, 28.  
Clarksville Cir., at McCoy, May 4, 5.  
Clarksville Sta., May 5, 6.  
Emerson Cir., at Round Prairie, May 11, 12.  
Shady Grove and Marvin, May 18, 19.  
J. F. ALDERSON, P. E.

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

**Bonham District—Second Round.**  
Randolph Mis., Grove Hill, Apr. 13, 14.  
Bailey Cir., Pleasant View, Apr. 14, 15.  
Brookston Cir., Brookston, Apr. 20, 21.  
Gober Mis., at Hall, Apr. 27, 28.  
Ladonia Sta., Apr. 28, 29.  
Honey Grove Sta., May 4, 5.  
Trenton Cir., at Marvin, May 11, 12.  
Ecor Cir., at Savoy, May 12, 13.  
Dodd and Windom, May 18, 19.  
Petty Mis., May 25, 26.  
M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

**Sulphur Springs Dist.—Second Round.**  
Yowell, at Pecan, 2nd Sun Apr.  
Rely Spgs, Shooks Ch., 3rd Sun Apr.  
Winnboro Sta., 4th Sun Apr.  
Birthright, at Sira, 1st Sun May.  
Cooper Sta., 7:30 p. m., May 19.  
Klondike, at Klondike, 2nd Sun May.  
Mt. Vernon, Center Pt., 3rd Sun May.  
Sulphur Bluff, Prairie V., 4th Sun May.  
Dist. Conference, Cumby, 1st Sun June.  
Lake Creek, 2nd Sun June.  
Brashear Cir., Arbala, 3rd Sun June.  
Parley, 4th Sun June.  
C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

**Gainsville District—Second Round.**  
Era, at Boliver, 2d Sunday April.  
Marysville, 3d Sunday April.  
Woodbine, at Callisburg, 4th Sun. Apr.  
Broadway, April 28, 29.  
Sanger, at Sanger, 1st Sunday May.  
Denton Sta., May 5, 6.  
Dist. Conf. at Myra, May 16-19.  
Rosston, at Hardy, 4th Sunday May.  
Greenwood, 1st Sunday June.  
Saint Jo, 2d Sunday June.  
Dexter, June 12, 13.  
Aubrey, at Friendship, 3rd Sun. June.  
J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

**Sherman District—Second Round.**  
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.

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Would you be willing to lay aside four dollars a week for five years and send it to Southwestern if by so doing you could make Christian education the mightiest force in the State?

Would you sell your \$5,000 home and buy a \$1,000 one, giving the \$4,000 to Southwestern if by so doing you could project a moral force sufficient to confirm Texas in civic righteousness?

Would you consider \$1,000 invested in the brain and character of the young men of Texas a better-paying investment than a thousand dollar United States bond?

Do you believe that a thousand dollars put by you into the endowment fund for Southwestern will bring you better returns than one thousand dollars invested in bank stock?

Do you know that that thousand dollars given to endow Southwestern will go on for generations in its mission of good to the State, to society and to the Church?

But do you know what will become of it if you leave it for others to dispute over?

A millionaire gave \$10,000 to a school on condition that so long as he lived he had the right to educate two pupils there free of charge. The \$10,000 saved the school. That man lost his fortune. He told me, after his misfortune came, that the greatest joy of his life was to be able to send two worthy pupils to school, though he did not have a home for himself.

J. E. HARRISON.

### PREACHERS' AND WORKERS' INSTITUTE.

The Preachers' and Workers' Institute for the west end of the Weatherford District met at Throckmorton on March 29, and continued its session until the night of the 31st. We had the pleasure of discussing Methodist doctrines to large crowds, among which were those of all denominations living in the community. Among other things discussed was the Witness of the Spirit, why repentance precedes faith and the difference between intellectual and saving faith. Methodism and its doctrines and polity were ably discussed by Brother Cox. There were present only four of the nine preachers in the subdivision. Some were kept away by sickness and others were busy. Who ever heard of a Methodist preacher that was trying to do his duty who was not busy? I have heard preachers grumble much because the stewards were not at Quarterly Conference. Brother absentee, you are missing a blessing to yourself by not coming to these meetings, and you are withholding from our people a blessing by not aiding us in these meetings. The next meeting, the fifth Sunday in September, will meet at some point on the Farmer charge, and I hope all will be present. Among the most enjoyable and profitable things at this meeting were the talks on "Missions," by Brother

W. P. Davis, and on "Faith," by Brother S. D. Cook. On Sunday Rev. E. V. Cox, of Graham Station, discoursed in the morning on the "Mode of Baptism," and the writer at night on the "Attitude of Methodism to the Lord's Supper," after which the sacrament was administered.

The sermon on "Baptism" was the best the writer has ever heard. Brother Cox is master of the subject. Every preacher in the Methodist Church ought to send to Brother Cox and procure a supply of his tracts on Baptism, as they will aid him in his work of teaching our people our idea of things.

Brother W. P. Davis, of the Throckmorton work, is in good favor with his people, and is doing a good work. Both he and the splendid people of his town have the sincere thanks of those present for their kind treatment of us and our families.

J. HALL BOWMAN.  
P. C. Farmer Circuit

### PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Since the saloon has been ousted from Clarksville, Bristol and Knoxville there are only five counties in the State of Tennessee where whisky can be lawfully sold. It was voted out of Bristol almost unanimously, and the vote in Knoxville was nearly two to one. I trust that in a few years at farthest the entire State will be dry. I am not posted as to details, but Virginia is proceeding along the same route and will, I believe, "get there." I have been pleased to notice the brave fight your paper has been making against the hosts of Bacchus and with the news of prohibition victories reaching you from all parts of the Lone Star State.

I am busy preparing for the press volume three, Holston Methodism. I have fourteen chapters nearly ready for the printer, and am now working on the fifteenth, in which William G. Brownlow and his times will be ventilated. We sold some three thousand copies of volume one, and up to date have sold about two thousand copies of volume two. Your favorable notices of the work, which I have used, have done us much good.

I trust the work is doing spiritual good, as the following letter will testify:

Sweetwater, Tenn., March 14 1907.—Dear Bro. Price: Near Lenoir City live an old couple, James and Sarah Jackson. The other day Mrs. Mollie Dyer Foster loaned them volumes one and two of your Holston Methodism. The result is given in a letter from Miss Mary Dyer as follows:

"Miss Mattie received Bro. Price's two books and took them to Cousin Sarah (Keen) Jackson, and she read them aloud to Mr. James Jackson. They were the means of his conversion and joining the Church."

"I feel that the items of news will cheer your heart, as it has cheered mine."

"JOHN H. BRUNNER,  
Aged 82 years and 2 days."

Dr. Brunner has given me much help in collecting material for the history. His heart is in every good cause, and he is awaiting the call of the Master to go up higher.

R. N. PRICE.  
Morristown, Tenn.

### ATTENTION, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The minutes err as to officers of Sunday-school Board. They are as follows: V. G. Thomas, Chairman, Yoakum, Texas; J. W. Black Secretary-Treasurer, Kenedy, Texas. The error in the Treasurer's report is the fault of the printer or proof-reader, or both.

V. G. THOMAS.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.

The approaching session of the board will be held in St. Paul's Church, not Shearn Memorial, as previously announced in the church papers. A very cordial invitation was given last year by St. Paul's, and unanimously accepted.

After much correspondence in regard to railway reduction, I am advised by the Chairman of the Southwestern Excursion Bureau that it will not be possible to secure reduction by the usual certificate plan, and he recommends that all delegates take advantage of the low rate winter tourist tickets on sale from all territory in the United States to Houston.

MRS. FRANK SILER.  
Recording Secretary.  
Statesville, N. C., April 2, 1907.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

The officers elected at Houston for the Texas State Sunday-school Conference for the ensuing year are: W. C. Everett, Dallas, President. M. D. Fields, Houston, Vice-Prest. C. S. Field, Fort Worth, Secretary. B. H. Woods, San Antonio, Treas. The officers have entered enthusiastically upon their work and are already planning for a great conference next year in some middle Texas city.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

#### Brenham District.

The Brenham District conference will meet at Somerville, May 14, at 9 a. m. A. S. Whitehurst, of Lexington, will preach the opening sermon Monday May 13, at 8 p. m. The place was changed from Chappell Hill by mutual consent because of commencement preparations usually in progress at the time selected. We want two things: First, a large attendance of laymen; and, second, a spiritual uplift for Somerville and also for the district.

Committees:  
Deacon's Orders—J. W. Bergin, H. A. Matney and W. L. Pate.  
Elder's Orders—A. S. Whitehurst, G. W. Riley and J. T. Smith.  
License—S. W. Thomas, T. S. Williford, H. T. Hart.  
Admission—A. A. Kidd, G. W. Riley, C. C. Bell.  
Records—H. M. Timmons, C. C. Childress, E. W. Potter, G. C. Cravy, J. F. Garrett.

The conference should complete its labors in time for pastors and Sunday-school workers to get home Saturday.

C. R. LAMAR, P. E.

#### Huntsville District.

The Huntsville District Conference will convene at Anderson, Texas, June 13-16, inclusive. Opening sermon by H. B. Urquhart June 12, 8:15 p. m.

Committees:  
License to Preach and Admission—J. W. Downs, R. W. Adams, J. C. Huddleston.  
Deacon's and Elder's Orders—D. H. Hotchkiss, H. B. Urquhart, J. C. Carr. Let all the preachers and laymen come prepared to remain over Sunday.

H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

#### Beeville District.

License to Preach—L. T. Morris, I. B. Gordon, E. W. Morton.  
Admission on Trial—W. H. H. Biggs, W. A. Govett, S. B. Beall.

Deacon's Orders—J. M. Lynn, A. L. Scarborough, J. B. Smith.  
Elder's Orders—H. B. Henry, J. D. Dorsey, J. W. Black.

All lay delegates buy round trip tickets to Corpus Christi at one and one-third fare. Opening sermon Tuesday night, April 23, by Rev. A. T. White. Conference convenes 9 a. m., April 24.

F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

#### San Antonio District—Change of Date.

The San Antonio District Conference will be held at Pearsall June 19-23, instead of date previously announced. The first session will be held Wednesday, June 19, at 2:30 p. m. Opening sermon Wednesday night by Rev. L. B. Ellis.

Following are the Examining Committees:

License to Preach—E. D. Mouzon, C. W. Godwin, J. H. Harrison.  
Admission and Readmission—J. C. Wilson, J. P. Garrett, A. C. Bell.  
Deacon's and Elder's Orders—J. E. Harrison, Joe F. Webb, N. B. Harmon.

A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

#### SAN ANTONIO FEMALE COLLEGE.

Commencement Exercises.  
Graduates' recital, May 2; Alumnae day, May 3; Art exhibit, field day, May 4; sermon by Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D., Travis Park Church, May 5; elocution and vocal recital, May 6; annual recital, May 7; commencement day, May 8.

#### MINERAL WELLS.

You likely contemplate a visit to our city this year for health, pleasure or recreation. We welcome you to the greatest health resort in our country. Come to the city of hotels and mountain scenery and good people. When you come, bring your religion with you, as your pastor will not need it while you are away. Your report of the morals of Mineral Wells will be typed largely by the way you spend your time while you are here. Every department of the Church continues to grow. Seventy-four additions to the Church since conference. When you come, visit one of the best Sunday-schools in the State; visit one of our three Leagues, all meeting at the same hour; in brief, while you are here, act like a Christian, and you will go home feeling better spiritually as well as physically.

S. J. VAUGHAN.

#### HONEY GROVE TO THE FRONT ON MISSIONS—A G. D. REVIVAL.

Bro. Ramsay and myself closed a meeting at Honey Grove Sunday night, having spent ten or twelve days with Bro. Rosser and his people. The meeting was a good one, as many as a hundred professing conversion and more than fifty offered themselves for Church membership. A long pressure was brought on us to stay and it was a great temptation to do so, but other engagements prevented. Great congregations attended the services and the cause of missions was placed to the front. As a result of the meeting Honey Grove pays this year more than \$600 for missions. Another brother gave, as at Ladonia, \$200 for mis-

sions. This time it was Bro. Young Burgher. Let the good work go on. Look out for the North Texas Conference! Her reproach will be removed. As Missionary Secretary, having looked over the field, I confidently expect the North Texas Conference to put herself in that list of conferences that pay out on missions this year. I am sending out this week some valuable literature—facts in which our preachers and laymen will be interested. Brethren, early collections mean full collections. Let's take home and foreign missions at once, send it in and get it out of the way. The money is needed. I go to Cooper this week with Bro. Kirk. Bro. Ramsay will assist Bro. Peterson, and then we will come to gether at Bonham, there to Sulphur Springs, and then to Wichita Falls and so on.

L. S. BARTON.

#### EL PASO DISTRICT.

To All Concerned—Brethren: For some time I have been suffering with a serious form of rheumatism, and after having a conversation with my good friend and physician, it appears that the best thing I can do is to take his advice and go to a lower altitude for ten or fifteen days. Hence the change in the time for holding our District Conference from May 15-19 to June 5-9. If you will conform to this I shall be very thankful. It is expected that the local preachers will have written reports for the conference. The pastors will please see to this.

I desire to make another change. For Deacon's Orders, J. W. Smith, George Ward and H. P. Bond. For Elder's Orders, N. E. Bragg, W. E. Foulks and O. T. Rogers. The other committees will remain as already announced. We shall expect and will be glad indeed to see all the pastors present. All the delegates in the Pecos Valley will surely be present. We shall expect them without fail. And all the delegates in the district should be present.

J. T. FRENCH, P. E.

#### WORTHY OF EMULATION.

You doubtless know the forward movement Ladonia has taken in missionary activities—we assume the support of a missionary in Corea. Four hundred dollars are already in the hands of the Treasurer, and three hundred more subject to call. This is largely due to a missionary revival, recently conducted in my charge by our Conference Missionary Secretary and Evangelist. There are at least 25 churches in our conference that could easily support a missionary in the foreign fields, and O, what impetus it would give to our work if they could be induced to undertake it.

JOHN E. ROACH.

#### PREACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Preachers' and Workers' Quarterly Institute for the eastern portion of Weatherford District met with Whitt and Bethesda charge March 29. On account of sickness and rain the attendance of preachers was not so large as we desired. Nevertheless, the occasion was a very helpful one. The brethren all had their subjects well prepared, and they were well delivered. Large and attentive congregations greeted them at each point. Sermons which deserve special mention are: The one delivered on Friday night by Rev. M. L. Story, of Santa charge; the one on infant baptism by Rev. J. P. Patterson, of Gordon and Strawn charge, was a masterly and unanswerable argument. The one on the mode of baptism by Rev. B. F. Alsop, of Millsap College, was a splendid and convincing discourse. All were good. Their influence will live through the year. The coming of these good brethren and sisters into our midst was a benediction. We shall hail with pleasure their coming again. Methodism has nothing to fear from the preaching of her doctrines. All her fears are on the score of silence. If she could only be induced to break this unspeakable silence, all she has to do is to assert herself.

J. M. McCARTER.

Whitt, Texas.

#### AN UNPATRIOTIC LUNATIC.

The Outlook of Dec. 22, 1906, devoted about twenty pages to the life and character of Gen. R. E. Lee. The Outlook is published in New York and edited by a man born and reared in New England and today votes the Republican ticket. However, this editor had the wisdom and courage to say: "The time is not distant when in every place where the statues of and for inspiration, the figure of heroes are placed for remembrance, Robert E. Lee will stand among his peers; when the cities of the North will set his effigy in public places and tell his story to children in the schools." In the same editorial we find this statement: "If any man had predicted forty years ago that the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Lee would be observed in all sections of the country he would have been regarded as an unpatriotic lunatic." May we not venture the assertion

that a man who wilfully closes his eyes to the virtues of and refuses to accept inspiration from the life of such men as General Lee is "an unpatriotic lunatic." In failing to study the lives and characters of our great men are we not guilty of this strong impeachment? I find it altogether impossible to do for my pupils what I ought to do without larger library facilities. As a student in Vanderbilt, in the University of Chicago, in Harvard, in Columbia, I learned from experience something of the advantages of having many books on the library shelves accessible to the students. As a teacher in Southwestern, I know from experience the great disadvantage of not having a well equipped library for the work in history and political science.

I make an appeal now to the wisdom, generosity and patriotism of Texas Methodism in behalf of adequate equipment in the way of books and maps for the study of history and political science in Southwestern University. Our purpose is to dedicate certain sections of the library to "memorial" gifts. These may be of two kinds. One is that of books treating directly on the subject memorialized; the other is that of books given in honor of the memory of some one, though the content is not directly concerning him. Of this latter class we have a noble example in the William Ira Pritchett memorial gift. When Mr. Pritchett was called home his children, who love the Church and are giving their lives to the cause of education in our great State, felt that they could build to the memory of their father a monument more lasting than bronze or marble. They gave \$1,000 with which Southwestern could buy books for her library. All this was used to buy books for the Department of English.

The Department of History and Political Science is in great need of books. May we not have soon in Southwestern a \$1,000 monument to the memory of some one erected by his or her loved ones who think as did Professors H. C. and J. H. Pritchett and their brothers, sisters and mother, that such is most worthy memorial of a worthy life? More than a thousand would be gladly accepted; less than a thousand would not be refused, but gratefully received. Any amount from \$1 up will be appreciated and expended as directed by the donor. A large amount would enable us to dedicate a shelf, a series of shelves, or a whole alcove, to some one. Thus, a small sum may be sufficient to honor the memory of some loved one.

To those who wish to give only a few dollars (or even one) we say send it in promptly and we shall invest it in a book or books, credit you with the gift in the book, and put in into the memorial alcove of General Lee or General Sam Houston as you may direct. In this we prove that we are neither unpatriotic nor lunatics.

S. H. MOORE.

Professor of History, Southwestern University.

There are two kinds of people in the world. One class goes about calling it a vale of tears; they call themselves poor worms of the dust, and talk about living at "this poor dying rate," as if there were some virtue in crawling about like a worm. Such people trail gloom after them, and make a Dismal Swamp of the world. The other class bring sunshine wherever they go. Even if they have to pass through the Valley of Baca, or bitterness, they stop to make a well, so that those who come after them may be refreshed.—Adelaide L. Rouse.

#### FROM FAR OFF GERMANY.

"Please send me by return mail three boxes of Tetterine," writes Max Lewy, of Schonebeck, Germany. "I used your salve with best results when residing at Salisbury, N. C.," which shows that the great cure has established a reputation abroad as well as at home. Get it at druggists, or send direct to J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga. Bathe with Tetterine Soap, &c cake.