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Submission Defeated in the Lower House Forty-Four Members Blocked It.

Last week the vote on the passage of the submission bill was taken, and forty-four men voted against it, leaving it short one vote necessary to pass it. Eighty-six voted for it, but a small minority turned it down. Mr. Mobley changed his vote at the last and went over to the minority in order to be able to move a reconsideration of the vote by which it was defeated and thereby bring the matter up later for another vote. So under this arrangement the bill is still pending before that body. It is barely possible for it yet to pass, but it is not probable. The same men who voted against it will do the same thing again. In the Senate they have not voted at this writing, but there are twelve men in that body who have pledged themselves to vote against it, and they only need eleven to defeat it in the Upper House. So that, so far as we can see, submission is doomed in the present Legislature.

THE PEOPLE COMPLIED WITH THE LAW.

In the Terrell election law there is provision whereby all demands for specific legislation to become a platform demand must have the endorsement of the people in the primary election. To obtain this it is necessary to secure the signatures of ten per cent of the voters in the previous primary and take this before the Executive Committee, and it is mandatory upon them to include the specific matter in the primary ballot. We did this last spring, and the committee put it before the people. The antis were present to object to the action of the committee, but they were turned down, for we had complied with the law. The primary election came on in July, and our proposition was carried by a substantial majority before the people. At San Antonio the antis tried by every hook and crook to prevent the State Convention from putting the demand in the platform, but in this they were beaten by a vote of two to one. The proposition went into the platform as an absolute demand. Then the platform with its candidates went before the people, and though there was another platform and ticket in the field pledged against submission, still we triumphed by one hundred and fifty-odd thousand majority.

THE PROPOSITION BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE.

This put the question as a demand of the people before the Legislature. When that body met last month Governor Campbell devoted a large section of his message to the importance and necessity of giving special attention toward passing a bill submitting the question of State-wide prohibition to a vote of the people, and his arguments were beyond controversy. Judge A. B. Storey, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the party, both the United States Senators and

other leading men in the party came out in signed statements saying that it was the duty of the Legislature to pass this bill and give the people the opportunity to settle this matter at the polls. But one-third of the men in that body have come out and boldly defied the people and violated their pledge to stand by the primary election and the platform demand of their party. Nearly all these men are from South and Southwest Texas, where the brewers are in control, and they prefer to obey the will of the brewers rather than the will of the people.

WE WERE NOT ASKING FOR A PROHIBITION LAW.

We were not asking the Legislature for a prohibition law, but for the poor privilege of contesting this question at the bar of the ballot box. We were and are willing to let the people say whether the bar-room shall continue in Texas or whether it shall cease to exist. Had we been contending for a law on the subject there might have been some pretext for the minority in the Legislature turning us down. But we were and are contending for the right of petition and for the right of the people to rule. This the anti-prohibition minority have denied us. They have assumed to say that they are the bosses of this question and that the people shall not pass upon it. Therefore, they have assumed the responsibility to slap a majority of the primary voters in the face and to spit upon their petition secured under the law. As a result, the people of Texas have ceased to rule, and they are at the mercy of the liquor politicians for another two years. We have been kicked out of Austin by forty-four liquorites in the House and twelve devotees of the bar-room in the Senate.

WHY IS IT WE ARE THUS TREATED?

It is because the liquor and brewing men have more influence with forty-four members of the House and twelve men in the Senate than the majority of the people of the State. They have more respect for the brewers and the liquor dealers than they have for the moral element of our citizenship, and they hold the liquor business and the breweries in greater respect and esteem than the moral weal of the Commonwealth. For the sake of this business they have been induced to play the traitor to the majority vote of their own primary election and to their convention obligation. They have also shown themselves the enemies of the people and the sworn friends of the beer dive and the saloon. Just what influence, beyond argument, the brewers and the liquor dealers may have offered some of them, the people will never know; but one thing is morally certain, some of them are not standing by this infamous business for conscience's sake. If the facts in connection with some of those votes could be revealed the people would be astonished.

That these interests have at their command a large fund to be used for whatever purpose to control legislation may be necessary is a truth stated by one of the Senators in his terrible indictment of the whiskey lobby the other day in the open Senate. But this sort of influence has been so adroitly exerted that the people will never be the wiser so far as the fact is concerned. But the liquor and beer business went to Austin with the avowed purpose of seeing to it that submission should be defeated. They knew that it would cost them less money to defeat submission in the Legislature than to defeat prohibition before the people. As a result, submission has been defeated, and the whiskey lobby is snickering in its sleeve and the saloons throughout the State are congratulating themselves.

WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECT OF ITS DEFEAT?

After all it may be that the present condition of things is better for us than if submission had won. Several of our leading workers were of the opinion one year ago, when State prohibition was sprung, that we were not quite ready for the State fight, but when a majority of them thought differently we waived our judgment and went in for State-wide prohibition. And we did our best to help win the fight in the primary and in the convention. The agitation has been for the good of our cause. We have gained in public sentiment, and we are further advanced because of the campaign than we were one year ago. The people are more aroused. And now that a small minority in the Legislature, under the domination of the liquor influence, has slapped us in the face and treated us with contempt, the eyes of the people are open as never before to the infamy and insolence of the saloon. Its influence in the halls of the Legislature is now understood. The people see what they have before them. They fully understand that before their will can be respected in the Legislature this whiskey power has to be dethroned at Austin. They have found out that liquor has a stronger pull on some men than primary election and convention obligations, and that we are tolerating a gang in the Legislature who are willing to put their feet on the necks of the people whenever the brewers of Texas issue the order. The people can speak at the ballot box, and they can register their will in a platform demand, but the brewers can go to Austin through their hired lobby, put their fixings on a minority and hurl the people from the Capitol.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

We are blocked temporarily in our effort, but we are not discouraged. Our condition is more favorable than ever before. Had the Legislature given us the election this year the antis would have a fighting chance; but their opportunity is gone. By their high-handed outrage at Austin they have made twenty-five thousand prohibition votes. They have turned the tide of opposition to them into a wider and a deeper channel, and its

volume is greater than ever before. They have only put off the evil day two years longer. Prohibitionists never retreat, and when one dies five more are raised up in his stead. The fight has just begun, and this insult to the people will only stir them to deeper depths of determination and cause them to redouble their energy and purpose to drive this enemy of God and man from the confines of the State. Multiplied thousands of people are indignant, and those who have heretofore been rather indifferent are girding themselves for the continued conflict. If those miserable miscreants at Austin think that they have put a quietus on this question, they will awake to their disappointment when the people speak again touching this matter.

THE QUESTION IS NOW PLUNGED INTO POLITICS.

It has been the studied effort of our leaders to keep this question out of politics, and this is the only reason why we took advantage of the Terrell election law and had it brought before the primary. We wanted it in such shape before the Legislature as that it would be submitted to a vote of the people this summer when there would be no other election on hand. But a treacherous minority, under the direction of the brewers, has ordered it otherwise. They have plunged it into the vortex of politics. Had our counsel prevailed it would have been a people's fight, separate and distinct from a political election. But it is decreed to the contrary, and into politics it has gone. The result is that the next State election will be fought out on this issue. The people who have a right to vote on this question will never cast their ballots for any man who is against them on this issue. The candidates for Governor, for Lieutenant Governor and for the Legislature will have to run this prohibition gauntlet. In fact, every man who hobs up for a State office will meet this question squarely in the middle of his political road. And since these treacherous men at Austin have thrown their Democracy to the wind, will they be able to enforce party discipline in the future? That awaits to be seen. It will be men who will get the votes of the people in the next election rather than politicians and partisan whoopers. They have broken down the lines and opened the gaps, and they are alone responsible for the condition of things. We now want men—men who can withstand the blandishments and lures of brewers and liquor dealers, men who will not sit at Austin and betray and crucify the people on a beer keg and a demijohn. It is not the fault of the people that matters are in this shape. They have had the gage of battle thrown down to them, and they will be quick to take it up. It means war to the knife, and the knife to the hilt. Henceforth the battle will be fought under a black flag. The people will neither give nor ask quarters. They have been insulted and humiliated until they are desperate. They will no longer ask favors; they will enter the conflict and win them. On with the battle!

First Decade of Methodism in Cuba

By Rev. Ernest L. Lloyd.

A high-sounding title this is for one who has been in Cuba but six weeks and has seen the work of Methodism at only three points on the island. However, I write from the standpoint of one who has taken a hasty view of results achieved, I write of what has been accomplished, not of how it was accomplished. I do not pretend to know the inner history of those ten years, the serious problems that our missionaries met, the hardships they bore, the discouragements they faced, the difficulties they overcame. The greater part of that will never be written. It is known only to them and to God.

Our Cuba mission has just celebrated the decennial anniversary of its beginning. Prior to the Spanish War our Church had made some effort from time to time toward establishing itself on the island. But the work was not seriously taken in hand and prosecuted with vigor until Cuba passed from under Spanish rule just ten years ago. In Nov., 1898, Bishop Candler, Dr. Lambuth and Rev. H. W. Baker made a tour of the island to study conditions. At that time we had a very small native congregation in Havana. In the early part of 1899, under the direction of Bishop Candler, work was commenced at Matanzas, Santiago, Cienfuegos, and among the Americans in Havana. For ten years now the work has steadily grown, the workers have increased in number and many noble men have given valuable service to the Master and to Methodism on the island of Cuba. A large part of the success here is due to the untiring efforts of Bishop Candler. He has been in charge of the work since its inauguration and he seems to have made it his chief care. He has studied conditions on the island, solved difficult problems, selected workers, and has raised through public and private solicitation about \$100,000 for the cause of Methodism in Cuba.

I count it a great privilege to come to a new field just at the close of the first decade of our work and see in the rich results already achieved an evidence of what we may expect as a reward of future labors. It was with such thoughts as this that I went last week to the annual meeting of the Cuban Methodist Mission in Matanzas.

A trip to Matanzas in itself is very interesting to an American. Very few tourists leave the island without having spent a day in this charming little city. It is situated on the north coast about fifty-four miles from Havana. The country as seen from the train is very beautiful. Immense palm groves, picturesque avenues of palms, the little farm houses with thatched roofs, miles and miles of cane fields, and a succession of large sugar mills—these are some of the sights that hold the attention of the traveler. Matanzas contains about 40,000 people, but is so compact that it is no larger in area than an average American town of 10,000. It is a beautiful place nestling by the sea among small mountains and divided by two rivers. The work of Methodism was begun in Matanzas ten years ago by Rev. H. W. Baker, of the Florida Conference. For four years our Church grew under his care; then he was brought to Havana, and for the next six years Rev. S. A. Neblett, of the Holston Conference, was our pastor in Matanzas. The Church now has more than 200 members and worships in a neat stone building with a seating capacity of about 400. The Matanzas Church has played a very important part in the history of Cuban Methodism. Under the leadership of its pastors, from the very first, it seemed to catch the true missionary spirit. It has been instrumental in opening our work in about a dozen points; so that now the Matanzas province is better occupied by Methodism than any other portion of the island. An important factor in strengthening the Church at Matanzas has been the Irene Toland College,

operated at that place by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The school is under the direction of Miss Rebecca Toland and has a faculty of five American and four Cuban teachers, and enrollment of pupils for the present session has gone beyond 200. It was my pleasure to visit this school on more than one occasion, and I was much impressed with the work that these noble women are doing.

The opening service of the annual meeting was held on the evening of Thursday, January 14. This was the decennial anniversary service of Cuban Methodism. A large congregation was present and the occasion was one of great enthusiasm. The principal address of the evening was read in Spanish by Bishop Candler. The Cuban greatly appreciated the fact of the Bishop addressing them in their native tongue. Other talks were given by Rev. H. W. Baker and Rev. M. Denlofen.

The business sessions of the meeting were held in the morning and afternoons of Friday and Saturday. As the proceedings were in Spanish I could understand very little of them. Nevertheless I enjoyed it all. The reports presented by the preachers and their final summing up by the Committee on Statistics were very interesting, giving, as they did, a superficial view of the progress made during the past ten years. We now have on the island sixteen missionaries and sixteen native pastors. There are about four or five local preachers that have regular charge. At the Matanzas meeting four young men were licensed to preach. We have on the island forty-four organized congregations with an aggregate membership of 3921. During the past year there were 236 additions on profession of faith. The total enrollment of Sunday-schools was reported at 2315. The amount of money raised for all purposes was \$13,741.11, an average of more than \$1.50 per member. In view of the fact that many of our members are very poor people, this is a splendid showing. I have heard of some denying themselves not only comforts but even a part of the necessities of life in order to give to the cause of Christ. We have thirty-two church buildings and seventeen parsonages.

In the city of Havana we have two congregations, the American with 68 members and the Cuban with 220 members. The Church at San Juan de las Yeras has 296 members; the one at Fomento, 200 members. Our Church at Cardenas is a marvel of rapid growth under the power of God and the labor of Rev. H. W. Baker. In one year's time Bro. Baker has organized a Church of 100 members, erected a church building and raised for all purposes \$1483.07. About thirty of the members came to our Church from another mission that had ceased to operate in the city; but the rest represents the work of one year's work.

We now have in Cuba four Methodist schools, two operated by the Parent Board of Missions and two by the Woman's Board. The two belonging to the Parent Board are Candler College, Havana, with seventeen teachers and an enrollment of 120 pupils, and the "Colegio Ingles" at Camaguey, with eight teachers and an enrollment of 120 pupils. The two owned by the Woman's Board are the "Colegio Irene Toland," of which mention has been made, and the "Colegio Eliza Bowman," at Cienfuegos, with six teachers and an enrollment of 108 pupils.

One of the greatest pleasures that I derived from the meeting was getting acquainted with the other missionaries and the native preachers. With only one exception they are young men. The missionaries came from nine different conferences. Rev. B. F. Gilbert and J. T. Redman are from the Tennessee Conference; Rev. E. E. Clements and H. B. Bardwell from South Georgia; Rev. S. A. Neblett from the Holston Conference; Rev. H. W. Baker, W. G. Fletcher, L.

Oser and Manuel Denlofen from Florida; Rev. W. E. Sewell from Memphis Conference; Rev. J. P. Lancaster from North Alabama; Rev. Henry Smith from Arkansas; Rev. R. J. Parker from North Carolina, and Rev. Ben O. Hill and myself from the Texas Conference. I was much impressed with the native preachers. They were neatly dressed, bore intelligent faces and gave evidence of vital religious experience.

In at least one respect I think that the Cuban preachers can teach a valuable lesson to the home Church. That is in the matters of Church statistics. We do not find here much of a tendency to keep Church rolls swelled and thereby make a fine report. On the contrary three of the native preachers were reproved for transcending their powers in rigidly cutting down the Church rolls by eliminating the names of those members who seemed to have lost interest in the Church. In the annual reports of schools and of Sunday-schools there is given both the number enrolled during the year and the number of pupils who come regularly enough to be regarded as actual attendants. I have often thought that the Sunday-school statistics presented to Annual Conferences at home are frequently little better than a meaningless farce. This is due chiefly to a defective report blank. But I have known of other items in Annual Conference reports that were not a perfectly frank statement of facts. For some time it has seemed to me that just here a reform is needed.

Our annual meeting was favored with the presence of two of our connectional brethren, Dr. G. B. Winton and Dr. W. W. Pinson. Both of these contributed much by their sermons and their counsel. Dr. Winton's facility in the use of Spanish gave him ready access to the native preachers. Our meeting was especially fortunate in its presiding officer. Too much praise can not be given to Bishop Candler for the way in which he conducted all the sessions. He was ever ready to see both points to commend and errors to correct. His attitude toward all was so gentle and fatherly that none could have the least cause of complaint. He took much time in explaining various points in our Church government. The entire session was enriched with his wise comments on many matters, put in his peculiarly attractive and forceful style. From the first he gave such a spiritual tone to all the proceedings that we could not but be impressed with the fact that God himself was directing this memorable meeting.

Sunday, the last day of the meeting, was indeed a rich one. At 8:30 o'clock the Bishop preached and ordained the elders and deacons. At 10:30 o'clock Dr. Pinson preached on I. Cor. 13:13. This was a great service. It seemed to me the spiritual culmination of the whole meeting. There was abundant evidence of the presence and power of God's Spirit. In the afternoon was the love feast. The talks were all in Spanish. I could understand very few of the words; but I enjoyed it all immensely. It was wonderful to sit in that room and watch the faces of those Cubans light up as they told of what God had done for them. And as I studied it all, I was thrilled with the thought that nationalities and languages are but superficial and temporary barriers, that human nature is essentially the same, and God is the same, and the effect of God's Spirit on the human heart is one and the same throughout all the races of mankind. What a great privilege it is not to be limited by national boundaries, but to be a part of God's great world-wide movement, to be "laborers together with God" in his work of redeeming the world.

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DEPRAVITY. No. 2.

We do not say that children are born degenerate, but we do say that the life principle is a fact and a gift from God, and the development, growth and maturing of the Christly life is

conditioned on suitable environments and associations, a condition we know to be true in order to the development of any form of life, whether in the vegetable or animal kingdoms.

Admitting the enmity put between Satan and the woman and their respective seed consisted in the gift of moral capability and moral inclination to the right, a sense of the oughtness and oughtnotness, all of which man had before the fall, but none of which he had after the fall, until graciously supplied by divine gratuity. Was it not in the possession of these principles or elements that constituted the life of the soul? And acting under the impulses of these principles, was there not, and is there not, joy, peace and righteousness as the result?

What we have said seems to be well supported when we consider Christ, his work and his attitude, and his relation to the world, or the race, for he represented the race as fully as did Adam the first.

He was a "quickening spirit." Christ was no conditional Savior, nor was his work merely provisional, but he was a Savior in the fullest sense, if you allow the statement of Paul, Rom. 5:18, to be true when he contrasts the atonement with that of the fall. For, he says, "Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." This is simple, but under the influence of preconceived notions men are wont to modify the apostle's language.

It ought not to be forgotten that Adam was very different in many respects to any of his descendants.

Physically, he was full grown, with the power of will and volition. His descendants come into the world without the power of will or volition. His descendants, however, are men in every respect in embryo. We know in body and mind they are, and to deny they have the elements of spiritual life in germ as a gift from God is to make it hard to explain Gen. 3:15 and Rom. 5:18, and how Christ could consistently use a child as a picture of the best specimens of his kingdom when it was not possessed of any of the elements of spiritual life.

We must admit that it is the gratuity of God since the fall, or deny the infliction of the penalty which was death.

To admit that this is the solution of the status of the descendants of Adam, is to be saved from the seeming absurd notion that sin is transferable from sire to son.

For, does not such a view involve the declamation that sin is an entity; that it is a substance, and not merely an act of the will of a person as the Bible defines sin. Why add to this definition?

And if we are going to hold to the notion that sin is transferable, it seems to be consistent, we must admit that righteousness is also transferable. If not, will some one explain?

If depravity, which is so often referred to as the seed bed out of which all the wickedness and meanness have sprung, then to make the gospel a sufficient remedy, regeneration ought to eliminate the depravity of the heart, and in such case righteousness would be as readily transferred to son as sin from a depraved father. If not, will some one explain why not?

Methodism has never taught that infants are in danger of eternal death; but by contending that sin, or depravity, as a moral infection is transferred by natural generation, we have to suppose that, in case of the dying infant, regeneration, independent of any condition whatever on its part, is accomplished. I say we have to suppose for the reason no text is cited in support of the notion that regeneration takes place in such instances, but supposing that the child is polluted and defiled with sin, something must be done to fit it for heaven or save it from hell.

I know that reference is made to the atonement, but this seems a strange use of the atonement, for we

have usually regarded the atonement as for, or in behalf of, and not as an active agent doing the work of regeneration.

In the Sunday-School Journal of December, 1908, we have the following quotation from Whedon, D. D., taken from the Methodist Review, under the caption, "Methodist View of the Child:"

"The theory of our individual view which comes most nearly to our best standards is very near in Mr. Marsh's words, 'That infants are to be baptized because under the atonement they are born regenerate.' When this view was advocated by Merclin, Hibbard and Gilbert Haven, it was indignantly denied by most of our best thinkers. Yet we believe it clear that Dr. Hibbard's view is about the view of the church, if her formulas are to decide the question.

"One minute, but important, correction is to be made. Arminius, Wesley, Fletcher and Fisk could not be said to hold that infants are born regenerate. The true statement would be that they are born into the world depraved, but as Fisk expresses it, 'The atonement with its provision meets them at their entrance. Their justification or regeneration, so far as it exists, is not congenital, but post-genital.'"

Now, in view of what is revealed in this connection, congenital regeneration is nearer the truth than post-genital, for the reason no text is given in support of the latter, while it must be admitted that something was given in the garden that the woman did not have, and that something was to descend to the race. The something received was something lost, as we presume, that which was lost was the life of the soul.

Now, if it was something else, it was something she did not possess before the fall. To admit this is to suggest that she was minus something of importance when created.

I do not like the expression regenerate or regeneration, whether it be congenital or post-genital, for the reason the work of regeneration involves the notion of a process.

It is suggested that "our inherent depravity is not entirely removed by regeneration until the regeneration is completed in the resurrection." I would not say our inherent, but our depravity, that which we have contracted ourselves by obeying the carnal mind, or by failing to restrain ourselves, as indicated to us both by our conscience and the word of God. If we admit those who were lost in Adam were recovered or by Christ (which can not be denied without modifying the language of the apostle in Rom. 5:18), is it far-fetched to suggest that the divine act which resulted in putting enmity between Satan and the woman and their respective seed was less than the act by which the race was begotten to life?

If this be admitted, we can see how the life of the soul is congenital, and from this condition regeneration, development of the new life, the Christ-life may be developed as urged in the gospel. It furnishes the reasonable ground for the exhortation to parents to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and for children to obey their parents in the Lord.

Such instructions must rest on the fact of existing life. Hence we are inclined to think that the life of the soul is congenital, and from this fact each for himself must develop the Christian graces of the Christian religion under the new way of life, as Adam was expected to do in the garden under the impulses with which he was inherently supplied.

This view gives a rational account for all people showing the worshiping spirit; it accounts for all peoples having some form of religion.

The reason why the progress of the kingdom of God is so slow in the world is not because of original sin, and the consequent depravity descending to the race, but because we are like our father Adam in his innocency in the garden, we respond to the calls of the carnal mind, as Adam did,

and we make progress proportionate as we adjust ourselves to divine law, and all men may do this as the result of the existing grace of God.

God will make a crop for men independent of their co-operation as certainly as he will develop the Christ-life in the soul without co-operation. The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul (which is a law for action).

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MISSIONS.

When God called Abraham and made a covenant with him he did not begin a new work, but instituted a new plan or order for the accomplishment of his purpose in Christ Jesus. In that covenant are found the three following statements: 1, I will bless thee; 2, thou shalt be a blessing; 3, in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. (Gen. 12:2-3.) God blesses Abraham; in consequence of that blessing Abraham is to become a blessing to others; the blessings which are to flow from God through Abraham are to extend to all the families of the earth. A purpose and a plan which could be conceived only by one who could see the end from the beginning; one in whose heart every sin-cursed, sorrowing and suffering child of humanity has a warm place. Isaiah, who by inspiration saw this whole purpose worked out through the atonement of Jesus Christ, said: "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. * * * I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, I will hold thine hand, and

I will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord: that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images." (Isa. 42:1-18.) Is it not strange that the Jews, with the universal terms in this covenant, such preaching and teaching as the above by their prophets, the experience of Jonah and the many other things used of God to impress upon them the fact that through them he meant to bless the whole world, could and did believe that the promised Messiah was only for the Jews and that the blessings he brought were limited to Israel? But so they, in their willful blindness, believed, and so believing, rejected Christ, and for nineteen hundred years, so far as the fulfilling of the purposes of God are concerned, have been lost sight of and dropped into nothingness. Rejected, cut off, lost, because they would not see the day of their visitation. But is it not still more strange to find a man with not only all this, but also the life and teaching of Christ and the apostles before him, claiming to be a Christian, and hear him say: "I believe in home, but not foreign missions?" The truth is, he does not believe in any kind of missions, if his faith is to cost him much money. Can any one believe in Christ and reject his teaching and refuse to keep his commandments? Let each one answer as though you now stood in his presence. More on this later. J. M. PETERSON, Con. Sec. of Mis., N. T. C.

from your old sins, with a full purpose to live a different life. Faith is a resolute grasp of Jesus Christ, binding your soul to him as your atoning Savior. You must put your whole heart into both. Nor can you consider yourself a converted man or a saved man until you are joined by the Holy Spirit to the infinite Son of God. The Spirit will help you, waits to help you, and every hour that you refuse to obey conscience and follow Jesus, you are resisting that Divine, loving spirit. In the saving of your soul you must act and Christ must act. Your faith is your laying hold on Jesus, and doing whatever he bids you. Jesus will forgive your sins, cleanse your soul, and give you strength to follow him. That is his doing.

Take these two truths and act on them. Go to Jesus in honest prayer. The "inquiry meeting" for you is a meeting of your own heart with him; no pastor, or evangelist, or friend can be a substitute for your Savior. One honest hour with Jesus Christ is the first step to which you must come sooner or later, or else die in your sins. One honest hour with Jesus may give you a new life in this world, and life everlasting up yonder. A single decisive step—straight to Jesus Christ—will give you such a "Happy New Year" as you never knew before.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

AS GOOD AS HIS BOND.

I remember that a good many years ago, says J. L. Harbour, in Christian Union Herald, when I was a boy, my father, who was a stone mason, did some work for a man named John Haws. When the work was completed, Mr. Haws said that he would pay for it on a certain day. It was late in the fall when the work was done, and when the day came on which Mr. Haws had said that he would pay for it, a fearful storm of sleet and snow and wind raged from morning until night. We lived nine miles from the Haws home, and the road was a very bad one even in good weather. I remember that father said at the breakfast table:

"Well, I guess that we will not see anything of John Haws today. It will not make any difference if he does not come, as I am not in urgent need of the money he owes me. It will make no difference if it is not paid for a month."

But at noon Mr. Haws appeared at our door almost frozen, and covered with sleet and snow.

"Why, John Haws!" exclaimed my father, when he opened the door and saw who it was that had knocked. "I had not the least idea that you would try to ride away out here in this fearful storm."

"Didn't I say that I would come?" asked Mr. Haws.

"Oh, yes; but I did not regard it as a promise so binding that you must fulfill it on a day this."

"Any promise that I make is binding, regardless of wind or weather. I said that I would pay the money today and I am here to keep my word, regardless of the weather."

"But then it is only a small sum and I did not really need it."

"I need to keep my word. If the sum had been but ten cents and you were a millionaire, and I had said that I would pay it today, I would be here to pay it if I had been compelled to ride fifty miles."

Do you wonder that it was often said of John Haws that his word was as good as his bond? He was as truthful as he was honest. I remember that a neighbor of ours stopped at our house one day on his way home from the town. He had an almost incredible story to tell about a certain matter, and father said:

"Why, it hardly seems possible that such a thing can be true."

"John Haws told me about it."

"Oh, then, it must be true."

"Yes, or John Haws never would have told it."

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tion like that. It is worth more than much worldly glory and honor when they are combined with the trust of the people. There are men in high positions, with all that wealth can buy at their command, who are much poorer than humble John Haws, because their word is of no value, and they have none of that high sense of honor that glorifies the humble life.—Lookout.

HOLINESS

Holiness appeared to me to be of a sweet, pleasant, charming, serene, calm nature. It seemed to me it brought an inexpressible purity, brightness, peacefulness and rapture to the soul and that it made the soul like a field or garden of God, with all manner of pleasant flowers, that is all pleasant, delightful, and undisturbed; enjoying a sweet calm, and the gentle vivifying beams of the sun. The soul of a true Christian appeared like such a little white flower as we see in the spring of the year, low and humble on the ground, opening its bosom to receive the pleasant beams of the sun's glory; rejoicing, as it were, in a calm rapture; diffusing around a sweet-fragrance; standing peacefully and lovingly in the midst of other flowers round about, all in like manner opening their bosoms to drink in the light of the sun.—Jonathan Edwards.

SEEING THE GOAL.

It is a great disadvantage in life not to know why we are alive, or for what we are heading. Yet many live on, day after day, without seeming to have any clear consciousness of this. They do not realize or care, that life is a race, and that, when running a race, it is well to have some thought for the goal. Said one of the runners in the recent Marathon race in England: "Of what does one think on such a run? Of nothing except the far-away goal. For the rest, the mind is blank; perhaps little thoughts flit across the mind, but they are wiped out at once by the big outstanding thought of the finish." It is not difficult to pick the men and women of our acquaintance whose lives are plainly dominated by the "big outstanding

thought of the finish." Their minds are not, like the Marathon runner's, a blank, nor are their daily thoughts and duties mere flitting trifles; but they see a goal, for themselves and others; they see it all the time, and it is the great, outstanding fact of their lives. Therefore they run, not uncertainly, but to win.—Exchange.

Faith alone justifies, but not the faith which is alone.—F. W. Robertson.

But for suffering, the best part of many men's natures would sleep a deep sleep.

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Boys' and Girls' Self-Culture Club

Conducted by H. L. Piner. Denison, Texas.

The Debt of the State of Texas.

The bonded debt of Texas amounts to \$3,989,400. This sum is so large that the human mind cannot tangibly and in detail conceive it, and yet it is a small debt for so wealthy a State.

It is a strange and yet interesting fact, as well as an illustration of wise business economy on the part of our State officials, that nearly every dollar of this debt is due within the State. It is a seeming contradiction, but nevertheless a fact, that Texas owes Texas nearly all her entire debt.

For instance, if Texas needed funds in her general revenue to pay for the expenses of the State government, she borrowed money from her own public school fund, and she now owes the permanent school fund the sum of \$2,687,200. She owes the university fund over \$600,000, and other State institution funds over \$500,000 more. To individuals she owes only \$136,400.

School Children and School Attendance.

There are in Texas within scholastic age 869,864 children. Only 730,893 of these entered school at all in 1908. In other words, 138,971 Texas school children never darkened a school house door during the past year. But this is not the worst feature, perhaps, of the showing. The average daily attendance for the school year was only 471,646. Thus it is evident that 398,218 children were absent on an average every day the schools were taught. Therefore, nearly half of all the school children in Texas were absent from school every day, and hence only a trifle more than half of them were in school. The total amount of disbursements from the available school fund for last year was \$5,389,934, as paid out on warrants by the comptroller of public accounts. The length of school term in independent districts where the people tax themselves locally to supplement the State fund, was seven and three-fourths months. In districts untaxed the term was only five months. It is a fact that in many counties less than 20 per cent of the children were in average daily attendance, and that sixty per cent of children did not enter school at all.

Some Very Common Little Words Often Mispronounced.

(Webster's International Dictionary is used as our guide.)

Cud, the portion of food brought up from the first stomach of ruminating animals, takes "u" as in "but," not as in "full."

Put, to place, takes "u" as in full, not as in but.

Hog, takes "o" as in not. So also, song is not sawng; dog is not dawg; off is not awf; frog is not frawg; and so on with many similar words.

Sieve, a strainer, is siv, not seev.

Your is commonly pronounced "yore," but the only correct thing is "yoor," and "yooors."

Oyster, is oys-ter, not oys-cher.

Soot, as in foot, not as in but.

Walnut is generally pronounced wail-nut, but the correct way is "wo-nut."

Elm, one syllable, not el-lum.

Frontier is usually pronounced "froun-teer," with accent on second, but both syllables are thus wrong. It is "o" as in not, and accent on first.

Almond is ah-mund, accent first.

And brogan, a rough shoe, is accented on first.

Pretty is pritty. Walrus is wol-rus.

Do not say of-ten for often, but omit the "t" sound, off'n.

Do You Say.

Peert for pert; umble for humble; truthz for truths; Eye-tal-ian for Italian (first i as in it); sody for soda; strenth for strength; erick for creek; turn-up for turnip; pe-kon for pecan; woon for wish; bow-kay for bouquet (boo-kay); wotter for water (water); wawsp for wasp (wosp); sat'n for satin (sat-in, two syllables); po-ka for polka (pole-ka); Ay-rab for Arab

(Arab); artie arctic; Ed'n for Eden (E-den); ek-zee-mah for eczema (accent first syl.); wuz for was; Lat'n for Latin (Lat-in, two syl.); and Palesteen for Palestine? (i as in wine.)

Texas Girl and the Word Piano.

A Texas girl went to the New England Conservatory for a course in music. During her first lesson she said something about a piano, giving the "a" the same sound as in and, and a little flatly.

"Pee-an-o! Pee-an-o!" exclaimed the disgusted professor. "I never heard of such thing. We have pee-ah-nos in this country, but no pee-an-os," again echoing her pronunciation.

"Well," answered the plucky girl, somewhat irritated at the reproof; "I don't know what you've got up here, but we've got just dead-oodles of 'em down in Texas."

Some Stray Thoughts.

You are on a level now with those who are going to succeed. What are you going to do? Will you go up or down in the scale as the years bring differences of elevation. In a few years some of you will be working for others at small wages. It need not be so. The chances are the same today. Will you grasp them, utilize them, improve them, give them the best that is in you? If so, you may win as well as any other.

What are your last thoughts at night as you fall asleep? They are very important factors in the final formation of character and the fixing of destiny. Do not pass this question by without consideration. How does your mind think and how does your heart feel over all that has passed in your consciousness all during the day? Do you feel at ease after the multitude of impressions made upon you, and concerning the suggestions which these made upon your life? Are you satisfied about what you have accepted into your soul during the day and what you have rejected as well? Whatever your state of mind as you fall asleep, you may expect that the subconscious activities of your nature, which cover a far wider field than the conscious, will take your estimate upon all that has happened during the day and make them part of your permanent self. There is nothing sweeter than the feeling of perfect ease of mind and heart as, with clean conscience, we fall asleep, confident that all is well.

A SAD ACCIDENT AT WINCHELL.

Our whole community was shocked Saturday afternoon at a tragedy caused by a runaway team running into the rear of a hack in which were members of two of our best families. In the buggy were Bro. Warren and his daughter, Verner, and not Lela as the papers had it. Also Mrs. Dr. Matthews and her four children. The runaway team to a wagon ran into them from the rear, with disastrous results. Of the seven inmates all except one child received injuries more or less serious. The eight month-old baby of Mrs. Matthews was killed instantly. Mrs. Matthews is suffering from injuries, but not thought to be fatal. Brother Warren is also suffering, but is not serious. Miss Verner Warren is the most seriously hurt, suffering internal injuries. Dr. Matthews and Brother Warren's family are substantial members of our Church here.

The whole community shows a beautiful spirit of sympathy to the bereaved ones.

J. B. KILGORE.

PREACHER WANTED.

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J. W. SIMS, P. E.

Vinita, Okla.

NOTES AND COMMENTS FROM HOLSTON.

Missionary Evangelists in Holston.

Holston has two missionary evangelists at work in the conference territory, and the Oklahoma Conference has ten district evangelists for its several districts. Holston's evangelists have served two years and are paid salary in full by the Conference Board of Missions, under whose direction the evangelists work during the year. The appointment of Revs. J. B. Ward and D. V. York as conference evangelists proved successful in more than one respect. Many gracious meetings were held and numbers of people were brought into the Church. The collections for missions, made at the places where they labored, exceeded the amounts paid by the board for their services. The smaller charges were not frequently reached by them, as the calls from the larger Churches exceeded their ability to meet engagements.

A system of district evangelists was advocated before the board to supply help on mission charges, but the board did not feel able to inaugurate such effort while keeping these evangelists in the field. Volunteer helpers were called for in each district to reach these poorer charges.

Holston's younger itinerants are gifted in evangelistic work, and as pastors many of them have proved to be good revivalists, as was common in other days. Some of them are inclined to specialize and make one feature of the Methodist itinerancy the chief object of study and practice. This impairs their success as pastors. The example of Rev. George R. Stuart as a traveling evangelist, while enrolled among the old time local ministry of Holston, has much influence in keeping special evangelism before the minds of the young preachers in the conference.

It may be well for the older pastors and the sub-bishops of the Church to guide these young ministers discreetly, so as to save the very best talents to the regular pastoral service of the Church. If the next General Conference will direct the enlargement of the country charges and strengthen the pastorate with a system of district evangelists for missionary work in the destitute fields of the conference territory, there will be great improvement in the working of the itinerant ministry.

State-Wide Prohibition in Tennessee.

The prohibition of saloons and the liquor traffic by the State at large, or by counties and municipalities, has just been very thoroughly canvassed and discussed in Tennessee, and will soon be a question of importance in the politics of Virginia. The Tennessee Legislature has just passed a law which will close up the saloons in the large cities of the State, where the people did not vote out the liquor trade under the Pendleton law in 1907.

Our Tennessee Governor did what no other Chief Executive of the State ever did, in vetoing this measure, and using all possible means to defeat it. He boldly contended for the continuance of the vicious trade in intoxicating liquors until the cities of Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga each, by vote of the people, decided to close the saloons. This he called local option and a well established principle of Democratic policy. Republicans joined with the State-wide Democrats and passed the law over his veto.

I am inclined to defend our State-wide views in getting rid of saloons and some other evil practices that thrive most in the larger cities, and sometimes dominate over a large country electorate by crafty schemes. Country voters in Tennessee have had a poor showing before the State Legislature for many years. If this contest with the shrewd voters of the large cities and the chicanery of many party leaders shall wake up rural communities to the evident dangers threatening them, it will result in much good. This partial, piece-meal law, making to protect evil industries, is a shame on the intelligence and claim of civilized manhood. That the obnoxious

liquor business should be sheltered by carefully framed statutes dictated by its devotees is astonishing to all moral and upright Christian people. I can find no words strong enough to fitly express the proper anathemas for this practice of our lawmakers during the past twenty or thirty years.

Of some other Holston matters I would gladly write, but this mid-winter essay is long enough now. Our preachers are busy and some of them are having revivals which cause rejoicing even with those who are off the muster roll. Johnson City's new church house for Southern Methodists, named for Holston's princely orator-preacher, W. E. Munsey, has just enjoyed a second dedication in the shape of a great revival. Old Brush Creek camp grounds and its old time camp meeting power still lives in the new Munsey Memorial Church of the little mountain city in Washington County, Tenn. Some Holston people in Texas were worshipers at the Brush Creek camp.

J. R. PAYNE.
Washington College, Tenn.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To Pastors and Sunday-school Superintendents, Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren: Last year there was delay in securing Children's Day Programs. These programs are printed at Nashville, Tenn., and they did not issue from the press in time. Suffice to say that our Dallas House, nor no one in Texas, was in any way responsible for this delay.

This year we took the matter up early. Mr. D. M. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., told me yesterday that the programs were now in press at Nashville, and our Dallas House has ordered a large shipment to reach Dallas the first of March. This one shipment will supply all Texas Sunday-schools; so I feel safe in assuring you that I can secure prompt shipment from Dallas this year. As heretofore we will furnish our Sunday-schools with programs free of charge.

Before March 12 I will mail to all pastors and superintendents a blank order for a supply of programs. If it is convenient for the pastor and superintendent to confer before ordering it may be best, but on circuits this is not always convenient. However, if you will fill the blanks in full, giving name of your local school, name of superintendent, etc. In case two orders come for the same school, only one order will receive attention. It is very important that you fill the order blanks in detail. Watch for the order blanks in March! I would be glad for every school in the conference to order in March, so that the programs may reach you all about the first week in April, thereby giving you ample time for preparation. You need time! Our motto this year is: "Children's Day May 16. Every Sunday-school observe it."

CHAS. S. FIELD, Sec.
Sta. A, Fort Worth, Texas.

FROM REV. C. L. BALLARD.

Having waited until all the pastors have made their reports from the Texas Conferences and all the poundings elaborated on, with too many other articles to mention, I also will say my speech.

Last year was one of the best years in my revival work. Some of the best meetings I ever held. Not one that might be called a failure. I held more than thirty. I have quit counting professions, lest, like David numbering his host, I should be puffed up. I have just closed my first meeting for the new year at Wilburton, Ok., a town of five thousand. We had a great meeting—many conversions, many backsliders reclaimed, and a fine class added to the Church. All said it was the best meeting in the history of the town. The snow hit us amidship, but not a single service was missed.

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his young converts, which means much to the convert, Church and pastor. The towns would all do better to hold their meetings in winter time, and many country places are busier in mid-summer than in mid-winter. But, says the objective case, will the people come in the winter? Yes, through snow, mud or sleet. When the spiritual fire begins to burn, sinners and backsliders will come and warm by it. No trouble about the crowds. Set the Church on fire and sinners will come and warm by it. May God bless all the brethren and give us the best year yet.

C. L. BALLARD.
Sherman, Texas.

Remember, you have not a faculty of body, mind or soul whose law of improvement is not energy.—Edward B. Hall.

Notes From the Field

Axtell.

We are filling this work this year as a supply. I began work here in January. Have been to each of my four pointments one time. Had penitents at each appointment. Last night at Wednesday night prayer-meeting (which we lately organized) we had not only "showers," but cloudburst of heavenly "blessings." Not a soul went away unsaved. Six bright conversions, who said they rejoice that their names are written in heaven. Such an occurrence on such occasion never occurred here before. We rejoice that this village is becoming more and more a unit. A few nights ago there was quite a noise on our front porch. Axtell people wanting to unload themselves and rest awhile. This band was composed of men, women and children of all the various denominations represented here and non-Church members likewise. They brought us the very choicest food of both their smokehouse and pantry. This looks like the people are taking stock—don't it? The "Pentecostal time" began last night.—E. M. Edwards, P. C., Feb. 2.

Dudley Mission.

We are hard at work. Have been all over the charge twice, and have met with good people every place. Have missed one appointment. First Quarterly Meeting is over. The presiding elder was on hand and preached to the satisfaction of all present. Finances somewhat behind, but sufficient promises have been made for the preacher and his family. We are doing fine. Have taken two into the Church, married two couples and have dismissed two members, built a parsonage and am now living in it. Can anybody beat that? Last, but not least,

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comes the pounding. A great pounding, and it was done in the good old fashion way. On the night of January 30, while we were at the supper table, we heard the sound of wagons and baggies; then after awhile we heard undertone of voices in the back yard. When they entered the kitchen door we saw it was a host of friends going to our cook table. They laid upon it good things until the table almost groaned. After a long conversation and some music the writer expressed gratitude in a short talk and prayer. Then the crowd dispersed. We feel more determined to do our very best for God.—J. M. Slatton, Feb. 1.

Rochelle.

The itinerant wheel set me off at Rochelle, a charge with four appointments, and reasonably compact. Our coming to the parsonage attracted no special attention. The folks acted like they did not care if all the preachers in the world were dead, or at least out of the way, until their cotton was gathered and ready for market, after which they began to turn their attention kindly to the preacher. In due time, however, we got our boat launched and the work began in earnest. The preacher said, and the folks also said, let us get our general collections provided for at the earliest possible date. We now have fifty per cent of our collections in cash, and the balance subscribed with the understanding of an early collection. The people seem very much interested in making this a prosperous year on all lines of Church work, and they are treating us nicely. At Carroll Colony they presented us with a Christmas box filled with all sorts of good things which we gratefully accepted as so many tokens of their loyalty and love. Pardon me for telling it, but I must say folks will marry out this way, and I have had the pleasure of pronouncing the solemn words "man and wife, together" for three couples—first for Mr. C. B. LeBlew and Miss Pearl Roper, then Mr. Arthur Moseley and Miss Mattie Seales; next Mr. J. W. Blackwell and Miss Effie Townsend. These young bridegrooms almost swept the preacher from his feet with their generous gifts. Just think of a ten dollar bill being tossed at a fellow for the pronouncement of the nuptial paragraph! Our League, under the leadership of Rev. S. T. Powell, is doing a fine work, while our W. H. M. Society, under the presidency of Mrs. John Waddill, is keeping pace with all the movements of work in that department. For the want of having our own houses of worship we are hampered in several ways, especially does that make our Sunday-school work problematic, but we are hopeful.—D. C. Ross.

Winfield Circuit.

After serving this work one year we found it to be all the preachers told us it was—one of the best circuits in the Texas Conference. The circuit is well organized and in perfect harmony—not a jar or contention on the circuit to the organized work of the Church. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Winfield January 23, 24. Our presiding elder came in promptly early Saturday morning and preached a gospel sermon at 11 o'clock Saturday to the delight and joy of us all. It was gospel, logical, spiritual, uplifting. Then at 2:30 p. m. he called the Quarterly Conference together, and as it is my rule I held a class-meeting with my official board, and we had an old-time Holy Ghost Quarterly Meeting—the kind we used to have long ago. The reason we don't receive the full measure of God's love and grace as the Church once did is because we don't live up to the full discharge of our Christian duty. God loves us and the Church. Glory to his name. We had a fine turnout of the official board, every appointment being represented, and, by the way, we have one of the finest official boards in Tex-

as, and they made a liberal assessment for the pastor—every dollar that they felt able to pay. The three sermons preached by our presiding elder were good, better and best. We not only have one of the best presiding elders in Southern Methodism, but a Holy Ghost gospel preacher. Well, what about the pounding? Don't let it get out or some preacher might want my job. It commenced with the Winfield people of all denominations, headed by our Sunday-school Superintendent, Earl Fisk, and our Justice of the Peace, Bro. Armstrong, bursting in on us just after dark, women, young men, young women, boys and girls, marching right through the hall into the dining room, everyone bringing something, filling up the dining table and then piling the rest down on the floor. An then on the morning of the Quarterly Meeting here they came from New Hope, headed by Bro. and Sister Oliver, in their buggies and hacks filled up with everything most that goes on a dining table. My how they did pile it in the parsonage, and when they were through, wife said: "I feel like Bishop Pierce did when he was a little boy, when he went with his mother to take dinner with a friend, and when the man helped his plate George began to cry and when asked what was the matter, said, 'I can't eat it all.'" So from all over the work something is finding its way to the parsonage that reminds us that they all love us and the cause we are representing. Our hearts are full to running over to God and the good people of Winfield Circuit for the tokens of love and appreciation we are receiving day by day, and we are praying and laboring to make this, if possible, the best year of our ministerial life. So note it be.—J. M. Smith, Feb. 2.

Travis and Chilton.

The people received us gladly on our new charge. Dr. Cansler met me at the train and gave me a home with his family until my family came, which was three weeks later. I began to visit my people at once and met a hearty welcome in every home. At Travis we have a nice little parsonage quite well furnished, a barn, a stable and a buggy house, a good garden and several fruit trees. The people at Travis sent us many tokens of kindness. A lady gave us half a dozen chickens. (How is that, Wilson?) Our first Quarterly Conference was held Jan. 23, 24. Bro. Shettles came to us Saturday morning, preached a good sermon, and presided over the conference to the delight of all present. I have six appointments and all of them were represented in person. It reminded me of former days and made me glad that we have a Quarterly Conference. I am well pleased with my field of labor. We have a good country, a good people, and a healthy locality. We need to make some improvement on most all lines, of which we will look well. By the help of God I expect to make this the busiest year of my life. I expect a revival at every appointment this year. I have planned to hold more services this year than any other previous year of my ministry. We cannot reap where no seed has been sown. I believe my people will cooperate with me in the sowing, and I know God will give the increase.—S. D. Harger, Feb. 6.

Cochran Circuit.

Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Dr. Peterson, the presiding elder, was with us in the power of the Spirit. For the first time in my itinerancy of twenty-five years there was a snout in Quarterly Conference. In calling the official roll Bro. Peterson turned class leader, and the result was blessed. He is doing ideal work and with such a leader Dallas District is bound to swing to the front as she ought. The reports showed the circuit in good shape, finances up and the collections well in hand. We are serving a royal people. Wife and three children ar-

rived from New Mexico only three weeks ago (Jan. 16), and when we drove up to the new parsonage found our Home Mission ladies in possession with table spread and a feast upon it and many good things in the pantry besides. Nothing but a severe change in the weather saved us from a possibly fatal "pounding" that night, for the plot was laid, but only a few ventured out, and so our discipline has been administered in broken doses from day to day and from night to night as we were able to bear. One night the Epworth Leaguers drove up and unloaded a fine new mattress and three nice rocking chairs. Maple Avenue Home Mission Society would not be outdone and showed up one day recently with a nice kitchen cabinet, a number of other valuable kitchen utensils and a pair of heavy woolen blankets. You see they are determined that we shall lack for nothing. It is delightful to serve such a people. These things speak eloquently to me of the high character of the pastors that have preceded me, into whose labors it is my good fortune to enter.—O. T. Rogers, P. C.

Cameron.

Yesterday was a great day for us in Cameron. We had a special service at the morning hour for the "old people" of the Church—many of our people making special efforts to bring the old people out in their vehicles. There were many present who had lived out their allotted time and all these fathers and mothers in Israel enjoyed the services, especially the singing of old hymns and the communion service. The night service was held by our presiding elder, Bro. E. L. Shettles, who preached a strong, thought-provoking and heart-searching sermon on habits. Both of these services were great uplifts to our people and we think altogether a great day for our Church. We are moving up along all lines here at Cameron. The prayer-meetings are very fine indeed. Our newly organized teachers' meeting under our good superintendent, Bro. R. H. McIntosh, is doing fine work. The Foreign Missionary Society had a rally day January 31, which we think has put new life into the society. The Leagues are doing very good work. In fact, there is much to encourage in our new field of labor. Oh the "transfer," etc., ad infinitum—well it is not so bad after all. Methodists are Methodists everywhere. I reluctantly left my home conference, but have received a very cordial, brotherly reception from the brethren of this conference, and the good people of Cameron have done everything possible for our comfort, pleasure and to make us feel welcome and to show their appreciation of their new pastor and his family. We are here under the providence of God and we are expecting great things from our people and from God. To our many friends "at home" we send greetings of love.—C. T. Tally, Feb. 8.

Blanket.

We will close here to-night. We have had a great revival. The town and country is stirred. More than 100 have professed religion.—W. H. Brown, Feb. 8.

Dexter, N. M.

Our new church at Lake Arthur is nearly complete. It is a fine property for the money. Inclined floor, furnace in basement, circle pews, and large, fine windows; cost \$2500. We hope to dedicate by March 15. It will be a red-letter day for Methodism in Lake Arthur. We are in the midst of a gracious revival here now. Five have been received into the Church by conversion and baptism, and we look for greater things yet. The congregations are large, interest intense, and the entire country is lining up against sin. This is a Methodist revival—the kind that goes deep into human hearts and brings conviction and repentance. The old-fashioned altar service is a necessity here. We are praying for the complete destruction of the strongholds of sin and the

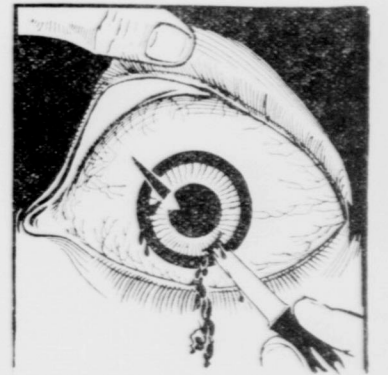
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Plano.

On last Wednesday evening our people gave us a great pounding. We appreciate very much their expressions of love and esteem, and in return we shall give them our best service. Our Sunday-school, Leagues and prayer-meetings have improved very greatly since our great revival. We are hopeful and happy.—C. B. Fladger, Feb. 8.

Mabank.

We have received many tokens of kindness since our return to this charge, both in word and deed. I will not complain even about our house (the parsonage) being broken into in our absence, because the people that did it were so heavily loaded that they left many of their burdens on the dining table; but the pounding has been of an intermittent type, and resembles somewhat the typhoid, i. e., many headed. Since our return to Mabank the preacher in charge had a twelve days' tussle with la grippe, and just as he was convalescing, the mistress of the parsonage took down

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The Home Circle

THE DESERTED DOLL SPEAKS.

She put me away last summer and told me she didn't care; She was weary of lips like cherries, and pink cheeks and golden hair; She had fallen in love, she whispered with a "cute" little Teddy Bear!

So I've waited in here in the darkness at her Highness' commands; Oh, the hours I've spent in longing for the touch of her baby hands! For, e'en though she loves another, she holds me in iron bands.

If my rival were only handsome I would never have shed a tear. But, ugh, that horrid monster that I never would let come near!

Oh, the thought of that bear and her Highness is driving me mad, I fear.

But I hope some bright, bright morning, she will turn to her love of old. And the Teddy Bear's place will be taken by her dolly's head of gold; And the arms of her loving Highness will my waiting arms enfold!

—Denver Republican.

HARRY'S BIRTHDAY.

Nannie was spending a week at her uncle's. The day she got there was her Cousin Harry's birthday; he was twelve years old. One of his presents was a new Bible with the story of Jesus' visit to Jerusalem marked in blue ink. Harry read it to Nannie.

"O!" said Nannie. "He was just your age."

"Yes," said Harry, "and what a lot he knew! Just think! He was smart enough to talk with all those wise men and astonish them. I wish I could do something like that—something that would surprise everybody."

"You could mind your father and mother," said Nannie; "that would be doing like Jesus, you know."

Harry looked sharply at his cousin for a minute, and wondered if she could have found out that only the day before he had disobeyed his father.

"How do you know he minded them?" he asked.

"Cause it says so in the story. 'No it doesn't.'"

"O, yes, it does! It says: 'And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them.' Grandma says that means he minded them. She told us all about it, and we learned the verse. I'm going to begin before I am twelve years old to be like Jesus, and mind every word my parents say. Begin now, on your birthday."

"Who says I don't mind them?" Harry asked, and this time his voice was cross. He went away from Nannie, and was gone for almost an hour. When he came back he was very pleasant. He let himself be harnessed for a pony, and be driven by Nannie all about the grounds. At the big gate they saw Ben Stuart going out with a pail of milk.

"Hello, Ben," called Harry. "You tell your brother Carl that I can't go skating this afternoon; father doesn't think the ice is safe."

Nobody but Harry and Jesus knew how near Harry had come to disobeying his father.—Selected.

TWO PRAYERS.

The little woman reflected: "No; I always want the impossible things. Katrine asked me the same question, saying that a person's desires formed a clew to his real character. You can imagine how shocked she was when I told her that for years I have wanted a piano and a tiny diamond ring."

"You? I never would have thought it." Mrs. West exclaimed, for it had seemed to her that the little woman's ambition was focused upon her husband's career.

"You did not guess that I was so worldly-minded?" and her chin quivered. "I know I haven't musical talent, but I have determination and patience. As a child I used to make scrap-books

until I nearly fainted from exhaustion, but would not stop until bedtime, in order to conquer my 'weakness,' as I termed it then. That principle carried into music would enable me to master it."

"But why is a piano among the 'impossible things?'"

"Why, we both determined long ago that we would never go in debt for anything we could deny ourselves. A home ought to come first, we think; so the piano will not be ours for years and years unless it is a direct gift from God."

Mrs. West smiled as she said: "I thought the ambition of your life lay in assisting that husband of yours. How a piano could help him is beyond me."

"Listen: I have dreamed that some day John might be called to a little country Church, and that then he would need me in the music. See? What do you think now?"

"Honestly, I think you are a little goose. It might have come true at an earlier period of your life, but there is not a shade of reason in the thought, now. The younger men will serve there, while those in the prime of life, as he is, are fighting in the harder places. If you should try to help in that way here, coping with the great organ specialists would make things vastly uncomfortable, even if you could do it."

And Mrs. West, with the privilege accorded an old and tried friend, laughed heartily.

"How about the diamond, though, dear?" she asked a few moments later. "How can you reconcile that with helping him? I know you mastered typewriting and stenography for his sake, and it seems to me that the dazzling stone will be in your way when you write," with an attempt at banter, as her own diamonds flashed in the sunlight.

"Now, Marion West, you are laughing at me, when I expected you to understand my odd fancy. I have never worn any ring except this," pointing to the broad gold band which had served as engagement and wedding ring. "I have always kept the busy hand bare, waiting for my diamond, and I am sure that I will write better, nobler things when it is there. I have waited so long, almost twelve years. Last Sunday at Church I sat just behind Mrs. Thomas Andrews. I could not help noticing her earrings—such large stones, in old-fashioned settings, so that they touched her cheek, and she must be seventy! As I saw the contrast, I glanced at my hand and wondered if it would be all withered and yellow before my diamond came."

"You poor child! Does your husband know?"

"Of course, but I would not enjoy it at all unless we could afford it, and if I'm good enough it will come some day; so I rarely mention it."

Mrs. West rose. I must go. I trust such faith as yours will have its reward."

When alone the little woman smiled hopefully, saying to herself: "Just think of the diamonds my Father owns, and all the pianos! Surely I can have mine," and then she prayed: "Dear Father, help me to wait patiently for all these things, and help me to be good enough to deserve them."

After that prayer she claimed them by faith, and looked often at the corner where her shadowy piano seemed to stand.

The preacher, the little woman and her sister were standing in a large jewelry store.

"It rests with you," he was saying, as she turned the registered stone on her finger. "Ella says she will lend us the money. We are almost out of our heaviest obligations, and can repay it soon. Of course I want you to have it, dear."

But she put it down bravely. "It is entirely too large, and would attract attention. I wouldn't enjoy that kind. I wanted a very small one. Then I wouldn't be happy in it if we had not paid for it. I'll wait a little longer."

And so it was about the piano. There were a number of instruments that almost entered the door, such bargains were they, but the rightful prejudice against debt prevented such entrance.

They were not called to the country. On the contrary, the Churches her husband served grew larger, with an increased expense of daily living. The pipe-organs grew larger, also, requiring the best talent, and the little woman saw that whatever help she might be to her John, it would not be along musical lines.

Very close to her heart were the members of the first Church where her husband had ministered and where she had gone as a bride. She never outgrew the love for "her children," as she playfully called them, and one of the joys of her life was a visit to that community. On one of these occasions she sat in the home of a charter mem-

ber of that Church looking about her with appreciative eyes.

"We still miss you more than you know," the friend said. Then coming closer: "You know I have so little to give you to show my love, and yet there is never a day when I do not think about you, or forget to pray for you and your husband. My dear, would you be willing to wear another ring? Here is one that I wore for years. I have kept it sacredly, for it was given to me when I was young, but it is too small for me now, and I want you to have it."

Instinctively the little woman extended her hand, realizing as she did so that this would take the place of any other the years might have in store.

Looking at the plain little silver band, she said softly: "It just suits me, doesn't it?"

"I thought it would," said the other. "for it is like you."

A few months later the minister entered the home of one of his sick parishioners.

"Your wife was here about an hour ago," Mrs. Burton said. "She took off her ring, when she began to rub my aching head, and put it on the mantel. Here it is."

The minister put it in his pocket with a smile, saying: "Thank you, my wife wouldn't take a million dollars for that ring."

The little woman lay in the gray dawn with the hand which wore the little silver ring close to her cheek.

"Father," she prayed, "please give my piano to some poor girl who needs it more than I do and can use it to help those she loves."

As the tear of renunciation fell, it dropped upon the ring, which sparkled with joy, as if it knew what she had already learned—that the love it represented was better than the notes of a grand piano.—Mrs. George W. Shelton, in Cumberland Presbyterian.

THE MUSKRAT GLOVES.

The summer when Hugh Greenwood was eight years old it was decided that he ought not to go to school for a while, and must be out in the air of the fields and woods nearly all of every day. That was why Hughie was left on his grandfather's farm when the rest of the family went back to the city in the fall.

Of course, in a way, Hughie was glad. He missed father and mother and his sisters; but being on the farm meant all kinds of out door fun which he could not have in the city.

What he wanted most was to do some trapping. This was because of the gloves, of course. Uncle Norman had given them to him when the mornings began to get real sharp and snappy with cold. They were very warm gloves, made of muskrat fur, and Uncle Norman had said that Oliver Bumble had caught the muskrats himself, in Hughie's grandfather's swamp.

Were there any more there? Oh, yes, probably hundreds of them; and sometimes there were mink, and now and then, but not often, an otter.

"Why, just think of it, Uncle Norman!" said Hughie. "If I had some traps I could go down to the swamp and catch muskrats enough for a fur coat for mamma and a nice buffalo-robe for papa!"

"Well!" said Uncle Norman, "you might get enough for the fur coat, but I don't know about the buffalo-robe. It takes an awful lot of muskrat skins to make a buffalo-robe." And then he laughed. But he also said there were plenty of traps in the shed, and he got some of them down and cleaned them, and showed Hughie how to set and place them.

He started out the first time to visit it was a great day for Hugh when his line of traps. The sun was bright and the crust of the snow was frozen hard, so walking was easy; but it was very cold. I tell you, those fur gloves felt good then, and so did the woolen muffler which grandmother had tied about his ears.

The first trap, to Hughie's disappointment, held no muskrat, and had not even been sprung; and it was the same way with the second one. The next was quite a long way off, and suddenly, before Hughie reached it, a big rabbit jumped out of some bushes and dashed away into a hole at the root of a big tree.

The traps were forgotten then, and Hughie rushed to the tree, and kneeling down, looked into the hole. The rabbit was nowhere in sight, and so Hughie pushed his hand in, and then his whole arm, and felt round.

Still he could not feel any rabbit, but his fingers did find a little place, way in, through which he could just push his hand. Perhaps the rabbit had squeezed through. He pushed his hand in and felt. No, there was no rabbit. And then, when he tried to pull his hand out, he found he could not, because his fur glove caught on something sharp and rough, that felt like ice. Every time he pulled, the glove caught and held fast. Perhaps if he pulled hard it might give way and come off; but he knew that if he did

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it would drop away down into the hole, and he would never see it again.

If he could only get his knife out and cut the hole bigger! But no, his knife was in his right hand pocket, and it was his right hand that was caught. He could move it back and forth a little way and in and out a little way, but he could not get it free.

Hughie began to feel very cold. When he had been running or walking fast he had been warm enough, but lying still, face down, in the shadow of the great tree trunk, the chill struck through him like a knife. Perhaps he would freeze to death before any one found him. The thought set him to shouting, "Grandpa! Grandpa! Grandpa-a-a!"

It hurt him to lie so still, with his arm stretched out, and he began to bear more of his weight on the hand in the hole. Something under his hand felt very cold where his bare wrist rested on it, and then he could feel his hand and sleeve growing wet.

After a long time, as it seemed to Hughie, his arm tingled so that he just had to move it; and then, to his surprise, the hand came out of the hole with the glove all on it. It was some icy and ragged edges of ice that had caught, and his warm hand resting on it so long, had thawed it enough to set him free.

It was a very thankful boy who got up and walked away. The first thing he did was to go back and pull up the two traps he had passed. Then he went to the others, and pulled them up, too, and took them back to the house.

"I don't want to catch any muskrats or rabbits or anything else," he told grandma, "because now I know myself how it feels to be caught in a trap. And if I had been a muskrat and got caught, and hollered as loud as I did, and anybody had heard me and come, he wouldn't have helped me out, would he, grandma?"

"No, my boy, not if the hunter had wanted a buffalo-robe."

"Well, I don't want mine that way," said Hughie.—Youth's Companion.

A DAUGHTER'S THOUGHTFULNESS.

"Has father come yet? I haven't heard the whistles," called Agnes, as she slipped from her pony and ran toward the veranda, where her mother was sitting.

"No dear; it isn't quite time. Have you had a pleasant ride?" Mrs. Gilford looked up from her sewing smilingly.

"Oh, I had a delightful scamper! You can't think how lovely the river road is, mother; but I hurried back to go after father. It won't take but a few minutes to put Jack into the cart," and the young girl flew upstairs to change her riding habit for a pretty pink gingham.

A few weeks before Agnes' uncle had made her a present of a pony, a cart, and a saddle. How much she enjoyed the rides on Jack's back. And there was always room for two in a little cart.

The whistles were just blowing for six o'clock when Agnes drove up to the large building in process of erection on the other side of town. The carpenters were making ready to climb down from the scaffolding.

"There's your girl with her pony-cart, Gilford," sang out one of the men.

Agnes was watching him, and she was more than repaid for her self-denial by the look upon her father's face as he turned towards her.

"Hello, daddy!" Agnes called joyously as he came toward her.

"I don't know about getting in beside such a pretty pink pony; I might crush some of her petals," said Mr. Gilford jocosely.

"Why, daddy, how you compliment! Hop right in, and Jack will take you home in no time; you'll enjoy the ride."

"Indeed I shall! I was dreading the long walk. I feel pretty tired tonight;

but it rests one wonderfully, daughter, to think that you remembered."

And then Agnes' face grew rosier, and her heart gave a quick warm throb. How glad, how very glad she was! She never thought that father would care so much.—The Sunday-school Messenger.

A SONG OF THE BRUSH BRIGADE.

Have you ever thought how useful brushes are? If it were not for the different kind of brushes that we use every day, we would hardly know how to keep ourselves looking neat and clean. This is what some one has said about brushes:

- One to brush our hair we need,
 - And one to polish our boots,
 - One to clean our nails, indeed,
 - And one to dust our suits.
 - And one to give our hats a switching.
 - To make us all look very bewitching.
 - And that's the song of the Brush Brigade.
- Apples of Gold.

COMPANY MANNERS.

A small boy was asked to take dinner with a distinguished professor, and the lad's mother gave him repeated directions. Upon his return, the first question was, "Harold, did you get along all right at the table?"

"O, yes, mother; well enough."

"You're sure you didn't do anything that was not perfectly polite and gentlemanly?"

"Why, no; nothing to speak of."

"Then something did happen. What was it?"

"But I fixed it all right, mother."

"Tell me at once."

"Why, I got along pretty well until the meat came; but while I was trying to cut mine, it slipped from my plate onto the floor. But I made it all right."

"What did you do?"

"Oh, I just said, 'That's always the way with tough meat.'"

—Youth's Companion.

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A Man Without a Principle, by Retzel, and published by Loenthal-Wolf Company.

Peloubet's Notes, by Dr. F. N. Peloubet, and published by the Wild Publishing Co.

Religion and the Modern Mind, a series of lectures delivered before the Glasgow University Society of St. Ninian.

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to work and apparently disabused his mind of all prejudice and set himself to the task of writing a book containing an exposition of the faith and practices of Romanism without bias or warp of judgment.

PREACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Preachers Institute of the Houston District met in the basement of St. Paul's Church, Houston, at 19 a. m., January 21, 1909.

The session was opened by Presiding Elder C. F. Smith, and prayer was offered by Dr. J. B. Lucas, of Houston.

The morning session was devoted mainly to the discussion of "The Preacher Himself" and "What current literature should a preacher take?"

During the afternoon session the question, "Should we observe the order of worship as we have it?" was discussed very heartily by almost all the brethren.

Thursday evening Bishop S. W. Ward delivered a great missionary address to a great audience.

Friday morning the body enjoyed the presence and words of Miss M. M. Haskell, of Samokab, Bulgaria, a missionary of the Congregational Church.

"How to reach the visitor and stranger who attend the Church" was very profitably discussed during the first part of the session and later the general subject of missions was taken up.

The session closed by an address from M. D. Field, on the "Laymen's Movement." The District Stewards met at twelve o'clock with almost all of the officials present.

After adjournment sine die the ladies of St. Paul's served lunch to all present.

HERSCHEL M. TIMMONS, Secretary.

A WORD FROM THE SIGHING PINES.

After years of absence we are again in East Texas listening to the song of the pines and trying to translate it. Little Dombey thought the wild waves were singing songs and making speeches.

but also voices and sermons and songs in the fastnesses of the untrodden wilderness, where both by day and night the listening ear can distinguish sad sighs, pleading whispers, sorrowing dirges and plaintive songs.

This is the best town for business in East Texas proper. We have a handsome new brick church that does credit to the city.

In our membership we have some of the salt of the earth undoubtedly. Fine congregations and attentive to word read and expounded.

Now as to replying to a few questions in a general way. Farming in this county, Angelina, is non est. Mammoth lumbering establishments abound, and this is the sole industry.

As a health resort, Angelina County has not made any great record. In conclusion will add this, East Texas is the finest poor man's country west of the Mississippi River, in my judgment.

MARRIED.

Gunn-Long.—At Byrds, Texas, Dec. 27, 1908, Mr. Jas. Gunn and Miss Lueta Long, Rev. W. L. Brandon officiating.

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Sardis-Sparks.—Mr. W. B. Sardis and Mrs. Willie Sparks, in their buggy at the paragon gate, in Thornton, Texas, January 17, 1909.

Jordan-Robison.—At the residence of Rev. S. H. Morgan, at Elgin, Texas, January 20, 1909.

Wallace-Drew.—At the parsonage, Wheelock, Texas, December 12, 1908.

Love-Wallace.—At the parsonage, Wheelock, Texas, December 26, 1908.

Armstrong-Barnett.—At the parsonage, Wheelock, Texas, December 27, 1908.

Carrell-Kelley.—At the residence of N. H. Cox, two miles west from Fairlie, Texas, Nov. 12, 1908.

Drake-Spearman.—At the bride's home, Dec. 3, 1908, Mr. Cleveland Drake and Miss Lella Spearman.

Reneau-Johnson.—In Knox City, Texas, Jan. 21, 1909, Mr. J. B. Reneau and Miss Anna Johnson.

Barnett-Moore.—At the home of the writer, near Holly Springs, VanZandt County, Texas, January 17, 1909.

Johnson-Lynch.—On Sunday afternoon, December 20, 1908, at Point, Texas.

Dial-Colman.—At the court house in Emory, Texas, December 21, 1908.

Duffey-Greene.—At the parsonage in Emory, Texas, December 27, 1908.

Martin-Waskom.—Near Emory, Texas, January 2, 1909.

Patton-Young.—At the Methodist parsonage in Mesquite, Texas, Sunday afternoon, January 31, 1909.

Wooster-Pool.—On Dec. 27, 1908, at the home of the bride's father.

Christian-Lester.—At the home of the bride's parents, near May, Texas, Jan. 29, 1909.

Loveless-Womac.—On Dec. 13, 1908, at the home of Marvin Womac, in Royse, Texas.

McCartney.—At the Methodist parsonage in Mesquite, Texas, January 27, 1909.

Houser-McCamey.—On Dec. 27, 1908, at the Methodist parsonage in Royse, Texas.

Cline-Davis.—On Jan. 6, 1909, at the home of the bride's father.

Rutland-Griffith.—At the parsonage in Lexington, Texas, Jan. 27, 1909.

Nichols-Lockett.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lockett, Georgetown, Texas.

Stanton-Spence.—At the residence of the bride's father, J. L. Spence, of Emory, Texas, on Wednesday, January 14, 1909.

Phillips-McCormery.—At the residence of the bride's father, December 24, 1908.

Kuhn-Kuhn.—At the parsonage at White, Texas, January 29, 1909.

Angell-Angell.—At the home of the bride's mother, January 20, Mr. Fred Treadaway and Miss Lucy Angell.

Lutterell-Cobb.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Cobb, Mr. V. M. Lutterell and Miss Alice Cobb.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Waxahachie, Milford, 2 p. m., April 1
San Marcos, Luling, April 2
Austin, Smithville, 7:30 p. m., April 6
Georgetown, Rogers, April 21
Cuero, Hallettsville, April 27
Vernon, Childress, May 3
Sherman, Whitesboro, May 6
Beville, Kenosha, May 11
Waco, Mart, 2:30 p. m., May 11
Sulphur Springs, Cooper, 7:30
p. m., May 11
Brownwood, Ballinger, 8 p. m., May 25
Dallas, Lewisville, 4 p. m., May 25
Greenville, Quinlan, May 27
Abilene, Anson, May 28
Weatherford, Graham, 3 p. m., May 27
Gatesville, China Springs, 8
a. m., May 27
Decatur, Chico, May 27
Clubs, Godley, June 25

A PLEASANT VISITOR.

Last week we had a delightful
visit from Mr. D. M. Smith, one of the
Agents of our Publishing House at
Nashville. He was out looking over
the work of the Branch House and ex-
pressed himself as greatly pleased
with the work of the Texas end of the
proposition. The interest out here has
increased every year and the past year
is the most successful in the history
of the Branch House. Mr. Smith was
also taking a great deal of interest in
the new building to be erected for the
Dallas house. Plans have been adopt-
ed for a beautiful structure, modern
and convenient, and he wants it finish-
ed by next fall, so that when the lease
is out on the present location the busi-
ness can move at once into the new
building. All this is good news, and
shows that the work in Texas is to
become permanent. The new building
makes this a fact. We congratulate
Mr. Everett and our Texas people on
the success of this connectional enter-
prise, and we will now expect larger
things of it in the future, since it is
to have these additional facilities.

A BLOW AT DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Last week the Senate Committee re-
ported favorably to that body a bill,
by Senator Peeler, to "exempting from
examination for practitioners' certifi-
cates all graduates of the school" at
Galveston. This bill, though innocent on
its face, contains a dangerous princi-
ple. Its purpose is to give all gradu-
ates from the State Medical School ex-
emption from appearing before the
State Medical Board, where they are
expected to stand a regular examina-
tion on a four years' course of study.
All physicians at present, it matters
not where they have been educated,
have to take this examination. It is a
severe one, and it requires high
merit to pass it. But it is necessary
for the protection of the profession as
well as for the protection of the
health of the people. Why should
medical students of the State School
be exempt from this test? And why
should all other graduates of medical
colleges be required to take it? As a
matter of fact it is an effort to force
all young men who want to become
physicians in Texas to go to the State
Medical School, and it is legislation
directly against the private medical
schools and the medical colleges of
Southwestern and Baylor Universi-
ties. Yet these two institutions have
courses of study the equal of the one
taught in the State school.

This is the first time that the Leg-
islature of Texas has been called
upon to strike our Church schools a
full blow in the face. So far the
Church and the State schools have
gotten along harmoniously; but this
is the beginning of a war between
them. If a lot of political ringsters
propose by legislation to thus dis-
criminate between our Church schools
and the State schools, it is high time
that the Church people wake up to the
danger that is confronting them. If
this bill becomes a law it will practi-
cally kill the medical departments of
our Church universities. Are we ready
for this? Can the State afford such a
catastrophe? Can the Church afford
to remain quiet with this sort of a
covert attack upon her institutions?

We call upon the Legislature to go
slow in this sort of legislation. Such
a bill bodes no good for the peace of
the State schools. We have some-
thing over 500,000 Methodists and
Baptists alone in Texas, and we do
not propose to sit still and be thus
discriminated against.

THE WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT IN- STITUTE.

By special invitation of the presid-
ing elder, Rev. T. S. Armstrong, we
attended the Missionary Institute of
the Waxahachie District at Venus last
week, and preached for them at the
11 o'clock hour the last day. Rev. M.
S. Leveridge, the pastor, kindly made
provision for the entertainment of all
visitors and delegates. The most of
the preachers and a number of laymen
were present. A few preachers were
kept away on account of meetings. It
was very well attended. The program
was a good one and successfully
carried out. The leading discussions
were to the point and interesting. All
phases of the missionary question
were presented. Judge Erskine Wil-
liams, of Fort Worth, the lay leader
for the Northwest Texas Conference,
was present and had charge of one
number of the program.

The work of the district starts off
well. Rev. T. S. Armstrong has al-
ready made his first round and gives
a most encouraging report of his work.
Nearly all the charges have made ad-
vances in the support of the ministers
and they are making arrangements for
the early collection of the conference
assessments. This is Bro. Armstrong's
first experience in work of this sort,
and he is addressing himself to it with
zeal, intelligence and enterprise. He
is strong of body and mind, and the
sum total of his strength is invested
in his work. He is preaching a great
deal and visiting among the officials
of each charge. We heard the best
reports from his preachers and lay-

men as to his work. They are very
much pleased with him and they are
expecting one of the most successful
years in the history of this excellent
district. He is not only alert and ac-
tive, but he has good business tact, a
fine social nature and a head for sys-
tem and order. He has a fine body of
preachers. They are men of energy
and consecration, and they are all in
hearty co-operation and sympathy
with their presiding elder.

BISHOP HOSS DEFIED THE POLI- TICIANS.

In the splendid fight made by the
Legislature and the people of Ten-
nessee, Bishop Hoss was in the fore-
front. The Nashville American and a
few of the political bosses tried to
silence him by their opposition and
their denunciation of him, but they
failed to silence his battery. At a
great mass meeting, where he was
called upon to speak, just before the
legislative action was taken, he hurled
the following defy at them:

"My citizenship is a part of my in-
heritance. It came to me from hon-
est and stout-hearted men who helped
to build this mighty commonwealth.
For the proper use of it I am respon-
sible to no man or set of men, and I
will not surrender it on the clamorous
demand of subsidized newspapers or
impertinent politicians. * * * Crack
your whips, gentlemen, as loudly as
you please, but be sure to crack them
over the heads of men who desire
some favor that you can bestow or
dread some penalty that you can in-
flict; but do not make the rash and
foolish experiment of trying to crack
them over the heads of free Ten-
nesseans who want nothing that you
have and fear nothing that you can
do."

We spent the morning hour last Sun-
day with Rev. T. O. Rogers and his
congregation at Maple Avenue, three
miles beyond the city limits. That
church was built some years back by
our venerable Bro. Hawkes, one of
the best local preachers in the county.
Now it is a part of the Cochran
charge and has a membership of
seventy-five. Also it has a prosperous
little Sunday-school. We had a good
congregation and a religious service
last Sunday, and the people seemed to
enjoy it. Bro. Rogers is an admirable
preacher, a good pastor and a most
brotherly man. The people are greatly
pleased with him.

On February 20 the North Texas
Female College at Sherman will cele-
brate its usual annual reception, on
which occasion there is usually a re-
union of many old students as well as
a fine assemblage of the new students.

PERSONALS

Rev. J. L. Sullivan, of Wylie, made
us a pleasant visit recently.

Rev. S. T. Francis, of Blue Ridge,
dropped in to see us the other day.

Rev. M. L. Hamilton, of the Terrell
District, was a pleasant caller at this
office last week.

Rev. S. C. Riddle is moving off well
at Decatur. This is his first year
there, and he is making good.

Rev. J. D. Hudgins, of Cedar Hill,
called recently. This is his first year
on his charge and he is pleased with
his beginning.

Rev. J. F. Forester, of Farmersville,
attended the Institute in the city last
week and paid his respects to the Ad-
vocate while here.

Rev. I. F. Betts, of Marlin, was in
the city last week looking over plans
for his new church. He is much en-
couraged over the outlook at Marlin.

The good wife of our dear brother,
the Rev. Gus Garrison, of Lindale, died
last Saturday in Tyler after four
months of serious illness. She was
buried in Tyler last Sunday afternoon.
Revs. Ellis Smith, Clyde Garrett and

New Harris officiating. She was a
most excellent woman, lived a beauti-
ful life and died in the full assurance
of eternal life. We extend our heart-
felt sympathy to Bro. Garrison in his
great affliction.

We hear good reports from the work
of Rev. J. R. Wages at Bowie. He is
a man whose good nature always gets
hold of his people, and in the pulpit
and the pastorate he does good work.

Rev. S. W. Turner, of Midlothian,
has a strong hold upon his people,
and is giving them sermons of thought
and power. They speak in high terms
of him as a preacher and pastor.

Rev. J. S. Chapman, of First Church,
Hillsboro, is delighted with his charge
and his people are greatly pleased
with him. They have raised his salary
to \$2000 and his work is prospering.

Rev. W. B. Bayless, of Aubrey, the
"Irish preacher" of the North Texas
Conference, cheered us up with a
pleasant visit recently. He is on his
third year with his charge and he is
greatly in love with his people.

While at Red Oak the other Sunday
we met Rev. E. R. Patterson, of
Ovilla. He took part in the services
at the former place, as his charge is
near by. He is doing a good work and
popular with his people.

Rev. Claude Simpson, of Navasota,
will be married March 15 to Miss Sal-
lie E. Burke at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. A. J. Eastin in the city of Beau-
mont. Bro. Simpson is a popular
member of the Texas Conference, and
we extend congratulations.

Rev. A. W. Gibson, of Commerce,
supernumerary member of the North
Texas Conference, was a delightful
visitor to this office last week. For
many years he was a hard working
member of our conference, but has
been on the retired list for awhile.

We are pained to announce the
death of Bro. H. H. Robertson, of
Whitesboro. It occurred last week. He
was one of our staunchest laymen in
the Church at that place, and his
house was always our home when
visiting in that town. He was a good
man and died in the faith.

Rev. W. H. Howard, at Ennis, is mov-
ing off finely with his people. They
are much pleased with his preaching
and pastoral work. A few years in the
presiding eldership did not cause him
to lose his interest in the pastorate.
It only gave him a deeper insight into
such duties.

The father of Governor Campbell,
whose death occurred some days ago,
was a member of the Methodist
Church, having joined with his wife
some three years ago at Greenville.
He was buried at Longview, and our
pastor, Rev. J. W. Bergin officiated at
the funeral, assisted by other minis-
ters.

Rev. W. B. Wilson, Agent for the
San Angelo Training School, was in
Dallas this week, and made us a
brotherly visit. He is planning great
things for that promising school, and
he feels greatly encouraged over the
prospect. He has fully recovered from
his recent illness and is about himself
again.

Rev. M. S. Leveridge, of Venus, is a
young man, full of zeal and enterprise.
He is giving great satisfaction to his
people. We enjoyed the hospitality
and fellowship of his good parsonage
home recently. He has been in the
conference ten years, and he is a good
preacher.

Rev. M. A. Clark, of the Oklahoma
Conference, spent a few days in Dal-
las the past week and the Advocate
enjoyed a visit from him. He is now

at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He has spent
twenty-five years as a missionary
among the Indians, and has no doubt
been of vast service to the Church and
humanity.

HO, FOR WACO!

The fifth Annual Texas Methodist
Sunday-school Conference will be held
in our Fifth Street Church, Waco, be-
ginning Monday night, April 12, and
closing Wednesday night, April 14.
The program has been completed
and a rich feast awaits those who
attend. In the list of speakers
are three Bishops—Atkins, Key
and Ward. Of the connectional
force at Nashville we have Dr.
and Mrs. Hamill, Dr. E. B. Chappell,
Dr. Ed F. Cook and Mr. E. E. Friends.
Texas also furnishes an able list of
speakers. Among the preachers in the
program are Rev. S. R. Hay, presiding
elder Fourth Worth District, Dr. G. C.
Rankin, editor Texas Christian Advoca-
te; Rev. C. H. Booth, pastor Universi-
ty Church, Austin; Rev. J. E. Wray,
pastor Shearn Church, Houston; Rev.
E. W. Alderson, pastor at Terrell; Dr.
J. E. Harrison, President San Antonio
Female College; Dr. W. F. Packard,
pastor at Marshall, and a number of
others.

The laymen and practical teachers
and workers are well represented and
much time will be devoted in sectional
meetings and general discussion to the
practical problems of Sunday-school
work. The aim of this conference is
to impress the fact that the Sunday-
school is the biggest single interest
in our Church and worthy of the in-
telligent, earnest and consecrated la-
bors of our biggest and best men.

The railroads will give reduced
rates. Mr. J. M. Ferguson, Waco, is
chairman of the local entertainment
committee, having all arrangements in
hand. A big attendance is anticipated.
W. C. EVERETT, Pres.
C. S. FIELD, Sec.

HISTORY OF METHODISM IN TEXAS.

The members of the "committee of
twenty," appointed by the several An-
nual Conferences of the State, will
please bear in mind the time and place
of the meeting of that committee—
Austin Avenue Church, Waco, Wednes-
day, 9 a. m., Feb. 24—when definite
action will be taken in the matter of
the proposed history. We bespeak a
full attendance of the members of the
committee, and cordially invite the at-
tendance and co-operation of any oth-
ers feeling an interest in the enter-
prise. As it will devolve upon this
committee to outline the general plan
and scope of the history, to devise
ways and means for raising necessary
funds for collecting data and for all
other expenses connected with the en-
terprise, it will be well for members of
the committee to give thought to these
matters, and come with well matured
plans and suggestions bearing upon
the main issues of the undertaking.
We hope the brethren will give heed
to the call to the work involved, and
that definite and decisive action will
be taken on the subject at the ap-
proaching meeting. By writing Rev.
W. B. Andrew, pastor of Austin Ave-
nue Church, in advance of your com-
ing, entertainment will be provided
for all while in the city.

JNO. H. McLEAN.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong, D. D., has
handed us a pamphlet entitled: "Chris-
tian Science," which is a review of
Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy's "Science and
Health," written by Dr. Armstrong. It
was published sometime ago, not by
him, but by another who felt that it
would be a great help to those who are
interested in a question of this char-
acter. Dr. Armstrong did not have an
opportunity to go over the proof of his
manuscripts, and as a result, the
pamphlet is marred by a number of
typographical errors, and here and
there by other errors seriously blur-
ring the author's meaning in a few
instances. But in the main it gives to
the reader the subject-matter treated,
and it points out the errors and falla-
cies of Mrs. Eddy's system of teach-
ing.

PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT

We have on hand many tokens of appreciation of the Advocate. Of course they give us much pleasure, for he is cold indeed who is not lifted up and encouraged by kind words.

"PLEASE DISCONTINUE."

Felix Helixson.

"All right. Show him in." These were the words of my friend, a busy man of large means who, on New Year's day, had invited me into his private office for a free and easy talk.

The young man came in with a deferential air and, politely assuring my friend that he desired only a few minutes, said: "I represent the Church Messenger, and, as your subscription has expired, I thought that I would secure your renewal." My friend looked at the young man a moment and said: "I will not renew. Please discontinue the paper."

Jenny was getting very much in earnest by this time. She said: "Just take the case of Mr. Finnon's family. Those children are breaking the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Finnon. Do you know that I have never seen a religious book or paper in that family?"

Jenny, we are taking too many papers—more than we read. Besides, the times are getting so hard that I am simply compelled to drop that paper."

I was in rather a mean humor, and I said: "There is the Herald, a much cheaper paper. If you are going to have a religious paper, why not take the cheapest one?"

The stranger must have known of this conflict of feeling, for his face began to wear an assuring smile as if saying: "Don't get excited. You will understand it all by and by."

With these words he thrust a little slip of card-board into my hand. I read:—"Now," the stranger continued, "you don't see my name written on the card. It is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. But I am really Inspecting Agent. My business is to investigate the claims which are sent to headquarters."

I looked ahead and saw him in later years carrying out my carefully constructed plans and bringing joy and honor to an aging father and mother. I felt helpless. I felt grateful. I realized the sweetness and value of prayer, though I had not really prayed in months, and I knelt by the side of my chair and asked God to cherish and protect our boy.

I shook my head and said: "You must be mistaken. You, doubtless, have taken the wrong house number." Just then a howling gust of wind tore around the house, and the stranger advanced a few steps nearer the door.

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Fascinated by the strange words and the unusual presence of the stranger, I had to obey. I tried to read the words, but I found great difficulty in doing so. The words seemed to catch in my throat.

The stranger snatched the card out of my hand and read the words in a way that was new to me. I had heard them often in Sunday-school, but never had their meaning appeared so tremendous before.

The stranger seemed to read my thoughts, for he again shook his head and jotted down some more words in his book.

The Agent jotted something down in his book again and sighed. "My friend, my friend, it is my duty to tell you. But what is this?" He stepped to the desk and seized the letter which I had written, against the wishes of Jenny, to the Evangel. He opened it, and spreading it open to the light, read:



The testimony of eminent musicians to the unequalled qualities of the Mason & Hamlin organs is significant and conclusive. It has come from the four quarters of the globe, and from all civilized countries.

that your claims be denied. You have given in that letter there the very word that is so often used at headquarters. You have deliberately relegated the Master to a secondary place in your life for many years.

The last words were lost, for the awfulness of my situation had stunned me. I heard the Agent going through the hall. Gathering up my strength and regaining my faculties, I rushed after him. He had vanished in the darkness. In agony I cried: "For God's sake, come back!"

THE FAMILY ALTAR. I desire the name and address on postal card of every family who have family prayers, daily. I want this for a book. When you read this, please answer me at once.

He who would prevail in prayer must persevere.—Ram's Horn.

When You Leave Home For a journey you provide your family with money to use until you return, do you not? Where are you on life's journey? Have you made the necessary provision for the voyage from which you will not return. LIFE INSURANCE will do this. Address your letter to Houston, Texas, and

"See Swope About It!" WANTED.—Sober, ambitious young man, good stenographer and typewriter, who desires to study law in office. Will pay sufficient wages for expenses while preparing for examination. In return for work and instruction. Address Jno. J. Miner, Granbury, Texas.

GOSPEL SINGER. I am now closing engagements for spring and summer meetings. Will those desiring my services please make their dates as early as possible? W. G. WALTERMIRE, Honey Grove, Texas. \$350 EUROPEAN TOUR \$350 For Texas People. Wanted.—A few to finish party. For particulars address MRS. DELLA HENDRICKS, 193 Second Ave., Dallas, Texas. Representative Thos. Cook & Son. Intelligent European travel demands expert, cultured leadership, leisurely itineraries, first class, every expense, every care.

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CONVERSION OF OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHILDREN—HOW IT MAY BE SECURED.

We have seen that the conversion, even of a little child, is nothing less than being "born of the Spirit." John 3:5. That the Holy Spirit is the only worker; that the problem is, how His action can be brought to bear upon the heart of child or man; that he usually works through some person, and the problem therefore resolves itself into this, how can we be best fitted for Him to work through us? That this problem confronted the Saviour, and He solved it by planning for His disciples to be filled with the Spirit. (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8), with the result that at the first sermon 3000 were converted and at the second 2000 more, Acts 2:41 and 3:1; that this great gift is for you and for me, lay Christians of to-day, Acts 2:38-39, Luke 11:13; women as well as men, Acts 1:15 and 2:4, and we have come to the question: How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit and receive power for service?

By far the simplest, clearest, and most complete presentation of this subject that I have ever heard or read was given at the Northfield Student Conference by Rev. R. A. Torrey, formerly Superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute, now world wide evangelist (through whom thousands have been converted in England, Australia and this country—about 6000 in Melbourne alone) in the following address on

"The Holy Spirit."

"We shall take up this subject a little differently from the way in which we have approached it on former occasions. We shall consider the Holy Spirit first, who he is; second, what he does; third, how to obtain him in personal experience; fourth, how to retain him in personal experience."

First of all, who is the Holy Spirit? "The Holy Spirit is a person. This is brought out all through the Bible, but I give but one verse as emphasizing that thought especially, John 16:13, 'Howbeit, when He the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come.' Notice the number of times that 'He' is used in this verse. While the pronoun is not so often in the Greek text, the first 'He' is far more emphatic than in the English. The pronoun translated 'Spirit' is neuter and, according to Greek usage, the pronoun that refers to it should also be neuter. But the apostle, who reports and translates Christ's words from the Aramaic into Greek, was so dominated by the conception of the Holy Spirit as a person that he overlooked the usage of Greek, and used a masculine pronoun with the neuter noun, thus bringing out the personality of the Holy Spirit in the Greek far more emphatically than it is in the English."

What Difference Does It Make?

"But some may say, 'suppose that the Holy Spirit is a person; what is the use of emphasizing it?—what difference does it make whether the Holy Spirit is an influence, or a power, or a person?' It makes all the difference in the world whether our God is a 'He,' or an 'it,' a person or a thing. It is also of immeasurable practical importance. If you think of the Holy Spirit merely as an influence or a power, you will think something that you are to get hold of and use; if you think of the Holy Spirit as a person, you will think of One who is to get hold of you and use you. If you think of the Holy Spirit as an influence or power, you will be thinking of getting

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more of the Holy Spirit. If you think of the Holy Spirit as a person, you will be thinking of the Holy Spirit getting more of you."

He is a Divine Person.

"In the next place, the Holy Spirit is a divine person. This thought, too, permeates the entire Bible, especially the New Testament. One passage emphasizing it is Acts 5:3-4. Peter, in rebuking Ananias, says, 'Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?' and 'Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.' Of course, then, the Holy Ghost is God. Oh, if we could only have that thought take possession of us to-day, that this Holy Spirit, whom we are to know in personal experience, is a person, infinitely wise, infinitely mighty, infinitely loving! Paul brings out the thought of the love of the Spirit in the fifteenth chapter of Romans, thirtieth verse, when he says, 'I beseech you by the love of the Spirit.' We hear a great deal about the love of the Father and the love of the Son, but how much time have you given to thinking of the love of the Spirit? O friends, we oftentimes think and speak of the Holy Spirit as if there was a certain coyness and shyness about Him, as if He was constantly trying to elude us, and we must put forth some stupendous effort to get hold of and retain Him. What a difference it would make, if we could only get the Bible conception of the Spirit, as being of infinite love, who, however much we are eager to be filled with Him, is infinitely more eager to fill our hearts and our lives and our service with His presence and with His power. So much as to who the Holy Spirit is."

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

"Of course we cannot attempt to take up the entire work of the Holy Spirit or even of his working in man, beginning with the work of conviction of sin, and passing on to His regenerating work, etc. Let us notice two phases of His work to-day."

1. "First, the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus Christ. This is seen in John 16:14, 'He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.' It is the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ, to glorify Him. You will never really know Christ until the Holy Spirit reveals him to you. Of course, the Bible reveals Christ, and if a man studies his Bible he may get a correct intellectual conception of Him, but he will not have a real personal knowledge of Christ. Since I was ten years of age, I cannot remember having passed a single day without reading this Book, excepting two weeks when I was too sick, but I did not know Christ. A good deal of that time I was leading a life very far from Christian. Some of that time I was an utter skeptic and agnostic. If you had asked me what the Bible taught about Christ I could have told you. I taught a Sunday-school class part of the time, but, oh, what a change it was when the glorious truth got hold of me that there is a living person to-day who takes what is stated here in the Word of God, and makes it a living thing to us, so that we have not only an intellectually correct conception of Christ, but have a personal knowledge of Him as well. I have known Christ since that; I knew about Christ before. Many people are afraid of emphasizing the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, lest Christ, in some way, be put in the background. Friends, it is the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ. Christ will never occupy so prominent a position in thought and speech as when you come to know the communion of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit gives you a personal acquaintance with Jesus Christ."

He Endues With Power for Service.

2. "The second work of the Holy Spirit, and the one we shall emphasize this morning, you will find in Acts 1:8. R. V., 'Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' It is the work of the Holy Spirit to endue with power

for service. This same thing in the fifth verse of the chapter is spoken of as the baptism with the Spirit, and in the fourth verse of the succeeding chapter as being filled with the Spirit. We are not going to discuss terms. Different phases of thought in connection with this subject are brought out by different expressions. But the essential thought is this: The Holy Spirit endues the Christian with power to witness and work effectively for Christ.

"Gentlemen, you have heard the Bible taught by gifted men; you have learned about the most effective forms of Christian work; you expect to use your knowledge in work for Christ, but I wish to say on the strength of God's word, that all you have learned, and all the methods that you have studied, and all the resolutions that you have formed, will all come to practically nothing, unless you are definitely endued by the Holy Spirit with power from on high."

"Ye shall receive power!" Is not that what we want? We go to our friends and we expect to lead those men to Christ. We think we know just the Scripture to use, and we use it, and expect results, and there isn't any. I came out of college a Christian, but whenever I think of my college life, I think, oh, if I had only known Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, how many of my classmates might have been saved! Gentlemen, we must have power; and, thank God we can have power."

"This endowment with power is a very definite thing; something distinct from the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, for this promise was made to men already regenerated, a special work of the Holy Spirit, calculated to fit us for the work of bringing others to Christ, and of witnessing for our Master along this every line. A man may not know when he was endued with power from on high. I do not know when I was regenerated; though I know I have been. So a man may not know when he was endued with power from on high; but whether you know when or not, you may know the fact; and unless you know definitely that you have been so endued, I would not stop until I did know it."

THE FALLACY OF THE PROSELYTER EXPLODED.

It is a well known fact that the proselyter abounds in many parts of the country. He will compass land and sea and use all sorts of schemes and tricks to make one proselyte. His arguments sometimes seem plausible to some folks, but if they would just think a bit the fallacy of the argument would show out on the surface.

A very popular old saw that some use on Methodists as a proselyting scheme is this: "I don't like the polity or plans of government in the Methodist Church." This same proselyter will admit that the Methodist itinerant plan is the greatest success of the age. The reason why he didn't like it is on account of its wonderful success. To illustrate: Suppose here are two farmers who will make a specialty of corn raising. One, by using certain plans of his own, is making fifty bushels per acre. The second, using his own plans, is making five bushels per acre. The latter, after making a few crops, goes over to the man who makes fifty bushels per acre and says to him: "Well, I don't like your plans on corn raising; I want you to give them up and adopt my plans." "Well, I will think about it," says the fifty-bushel man. "I am a corn raiser, and I am ready to adopt any plan that will be to my interest in that particular." The five-bushel man proceeds to show the beauties of his plan. When he gets through the fifty-bushel man asks him: "How many bushels do you make per acre by that plan?" "Five," is the answer. "Five!" says the astonished neighbor. "I make fifty by the plans I now pursue." I should think that the five-bushel man could hardly get up enthusiasm enough to let a dry grin

spread over his face after that reply. The amount of corn raised is the best argument on plans. Of course, the fifty-bushel man will stay by his plans. People have sense about raising corn and making money and the like. But it is a fact that members of some little Churches that have been working for many decades with very meager success are still using that old saw on the Methodist Church, though she is gathering in converts by the hundreds of thousands.

Another argument that the Cheap John proselyter will use is this: "The Methodist Church is too arbitrary. I want to take the Bible as my guide and have my liberties in all things." My friend, if you will think a little, the Methodist Church is just about the best institution on the continent about letting folks take the Bible as their guide and settling small matters at the bar of their own conscience. Anyone that can accept the Apostles' Creed ought to make a good Methodist. The chief difference after passing that creed lies in the fact that the Methodist Church allows its members some privileges which many others do not, such as selecting their own mode of baptism, having their children baptized if they desire, and just as many blessings as they want. Now, with all this talk about "taking the Bible," I don't see how any Church can claim to take the Bible as its rule of faith and practice and then turn an applicant down on a little thing like the mode of baptism. Let us illustrate: Suppose here is a Church that practices pouring only for baptism. An applicant for membership comes forward, saying, "I want to join the Church, but I want to take the Bible as my guide and settle all minor matters at the bar of my own conscience." "All right," says the minister, "you are at the right place." "I want to be baptized by immersion. Will you attend to it?" "Well, no," says the minister, "we don't practice immersion." No matter how sound his conversion or how fine a character, he is denied membership simply because he desires to exercise his right of choice in some little matter. Take another case: Suppose an applicant comes forward to join a Church which practices immersion only for baptism. He says to the minister: "I want to join the Church, if you will let me take the Bible as my guide." "All right," says the preacher, "that is our boast: Liberty of conscience, and the Bible the only rule." "That is all I desire," says the applicant. "After a careful reading of the Bible I have fully decided that I want to receive baptism by pouring; will you attend to it?" "No, no," says the preacher. "Our Church don't practice pouring." No matter how fine a character or how sound his conversion, he is turned down and denied a place in the Church just because he wants to interpret the Bible for himself.

Away goes the boast in this case about the Bible being the rule. The Church is the rule, and not the Bible. I am glad that the Methodist Church leaves these things with the individual conscience, so that the applicant need not be turned down here for choosing his own mode with an open Bible. C. G. SHUTT, Hutto, Texas.

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The board is called to meet in Jackville, February 16, 17, 18. Opening service February 16, at 7:30 p. m.

This to be a very important meeting of the board, and since it pays the traveling expenses of its members they are urged to come for the first session, and stay, if possible, to the last. Great problems confront us. We must handle them wisely. The whole wisdom of the whole board is needed. One of the very important matters to be considered is the question of the foreigner. We would be glad if at least one representative of each of the Conference Board in Texas would meet with us. J. T. SMITH, President.

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We have one of the finest student bodies of its size that I have ever seen, and what is remarkable is that three out of four of them are young men. They are young men with a purpose, and they are bending every nerve to accomplish this purpose.

Our attendance is good, and continues to improve. Four entered to-day. The outlook for the future is all that we could wish.

Our new pastor, Bro. Cox, is moving off nicely. He is a hustler, and the Church feels the effect of his energy in every department. In the pulpit he preaches a strong, old-time Methodist gospel. His salary has been increased two or three hundred dollars over that of last year. There is something doing here in Granbury, and don't you forget it.

The following is clipped from the Granbury News of recent date:

"Granbury College has resumed its work again with all its former students and an additional enrollment of about 15 new students with prospects of others by the opening of the third term. It seems the best advertisements the school has is its students. They are continually bringing back new recruits." ATTICUS WEBB.

"READY TO SING."

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SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

This is the first year that the University has tried three terms a year with one of them closing at Christmas and the second one opening in January at the close of the Christmas holidays. The subject of how it works came up recently at a faculty meeting, and it appeared that all were delighted with it. Most of the professors said that their classes had returned better than for several years. However, we have had some thinning out since the reports for the first term have gone out. These showed that a few pupils were doing nothing whatever. Some of these have become discouraged and quit. Others have buckled down to work, determined to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Bishop Ward in Georgetown.

Our native Texas Bishop spent last Sunday in Georgetown, and preached twice to the great delight of our people. At eleven o'clock his sermon was upon China, and he certainly interested us in that great empire. At night he preached on "The Kingdom," and he made our hearts beat high with hope of the victory of the cross.

Bishop Ward is greatly interested in our Theological Department, and has promised to help us endow it. He is ready now to go anywhere in Texas where a pulpit is opened to him to preach and present this cause. The brethren should keep him busy.

The Future of Texas.

The sermon of Bishop Ward made us realize as never before the probable effect on Texas of the opening of the Panama Canal, and the modernizing of China, and bringing her into vital relations to the commerce of the world. What world-wide opportunities will soon be at our door! We have not a moment to lose to get ready for that day. We have got to have broad-minded statesmen and politicians and divines to be ready for the opportunity; and these must all be educated men. Nor will we have time after the hour is struck to train them. We must begin now to get them ready. To this end we must endow and enlarge all our colleges and schools, and crowd their halls with our children. Up then, my brother, and get to work, for "there is a tide in the"—(see Shakespeare). JOHN R. ALLEN.

CHURCH EXTENSION NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet at the Publishing House, Dallas, March 9, next, at 10 a. m. Brethren who wish to make application to the General Board will please apply either to Dr. McMurry, Louisville, or to C. R. Wright, Brownwood, for blanks.

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MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Missionary Institute of Bowie and Decatur Districts was held in Bridgeport, Texas, January 27-29, 1909.

To say this first joint institute of the "kid districts" was a success would sound tame to any who were present. It was enthusiastic from the initial service to its close, in spite of roaring winds and soaring dust and sand.

Bridgeport fully justified her reputation for hospitality and religious zeal.

All but three of the pastors of the Decatur District and nine of those of the Bowie District were present and we were highly favored by the presence of C. M. Harless, of the Sherman District, and D. H. Aston, of Gainesville District, and Rev. Lawrence Reynolds, who has been a missionary to Mexico the past twelve years. These brethren contributed in very large measure to the missionary enthusiasm and edified all present by their faith and knowledge as reflected in sermons and addresses.

Ours was emphatically an institute—not an occasion for oratory and eloquent theorizing, but the question-and-answer method was much used and the verdict generally was, "This is the best plan." The fact that we had a foreign missionary plant in actual operation within the city in which we met added greatly to the effectiveness of the institute; for he it known to all concerned that one of Bro. Reynold's former pupils in San Luis Potosi (Collegio Wesleyan) is pastor of a flourishing Mexican Church here, by name, Francisco Olazable, who electrified a large audience by a splendid address through an interpreter. The various subjects usually considered by such bodies were presented by men and women chosen before, and free general discussion engaged in. The institute felt specially favored by the addresses of Mrs. L. P. Smith, of Henrietta; Mrs. W. W. Williams, District Secretary Decatur District W. F. M. Society, and Mrs. J. F. Holmes, of Chico.

A resolution was passed memorializing each of the District Conferences to take action at their next session, respectively, toward supporting a foreign missionary. The preachers pledged themselves to observe Friday forenoon of each week as a day of fasting and prayer; and also to use their utmost endeavor to secure the assessments for the Orphanage, Bishops and foreign missions by March 15, next. Each of the two presiding elders held a conference with his pastors. One of these decided that every pastor would hold at least one revival meeting in any destitute community contiguous to his field.

Everybody resolved that by divine help this shall be a year of advance on all lines. S. C. RIDDLE, Secretary.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Paris, Sulphur Springs and Greenville Districts met in joint session at Commerce, Texas, January 19-21, to hold a missionary institute. The meeting was a success from every standpoint. There was a large attendance of the pastors and a number of the laymen from the three districts, and great interest was manifested by all, and we feel confident that this will be the best year from a missionary standpoint that this section of the conference has had hitherto. The people of Commerce gave the delegates royal entertainment; made us feel welcome, and we were glad to be there. The good ladies of the Home Mission Society killed the fatted calf and served three dinners in the parlors of the church that will not soon be forgotten. Brother Barcus, the pastor, and his excellent wife were ready to speak a kind word to all and looked carefully after our needs. Surely Commerce is a delightful charge and fortunate indeed the pastor that serves this good people.

The first session of the institute was held Tuesday afternoon with Rev. W. D. Mountcastle in the chair, and the devotional service conducted by Rev. T. A. Lisenby. After the half hour of prayer and song, Rev. Franklin Moore

discussed the topic, "The Bible a Missionary Book." Rev. R. C. Hicks led the discussion on "Missionary Motives." Rev. J. P. Lowery spoke on "Missions the Duty of the Whole Church." At night Rev. G. E. Cameron preached a soul-stirring sermon on missions.

On Wednesday morning Rev. J. M. Sweeton presided and Rev. E. F. Brown conducted the devotional service. The general topic for the morning was, "The Fields of the M. E. Church, South." This was subdivided into a number of heads: "The Work and Progress of Our Church in China," was led by Rev. E. A. Maness; "The Work and Progress of our Church in Korea," by Rev. W. A. Pritchett; "The Work and Progress of our Church in Brazil and Cuba," by Rev. J. W. Mayne; "The Foreigner in Our Midst" was discussed by Rev. C. W. Dennis, and the Gulf Port Mission Work by Rev. R. B. Moreland.

The session on Wednesday afternoon was presided over by Rev. R. G. Mood. After the devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. F. A. Bond, the regular program was taken up. Rev. A. F. Hendrix spoke on "Christian Stewardship." Rev. R. C. Hicks on "What We Pay to Missions and What We Ought to Pay." Rev. E. H. Casey read a very interesting paper on "The Increase of Wealth in the South and Corresponding Responsibility." The closing topic for the afternoon, "The Possibilities of Our Districts," was discussed by Rev. C. P. Combs. At night the writer preached on "Christian Giving."

Every speaker had made special preparation on the topic assigned and showed conclusively that careful thought had been given to the subject. Each topic was followed by general discussion and such was the interest manifested that almost under every subject the chair had to call attention to the fact that the time was up for the next topic. It was the verdict of all that it was the best missionary institute that we had ever attended.

Resolutions were passed urging the pastors to have assessment for foreign missions in the hands of the Conference treasurer by March 15.

On Thursday morning each presiding elder met the pastors of his district and discussed plans for the present year. This was a helpful meeting, and good results will follow. The institute closed with a telling sermon by Rev. J. M. Sweeton at 11 o'clock, and we adjourned to go back to our fields of labor with a new zeal for the Master's work.

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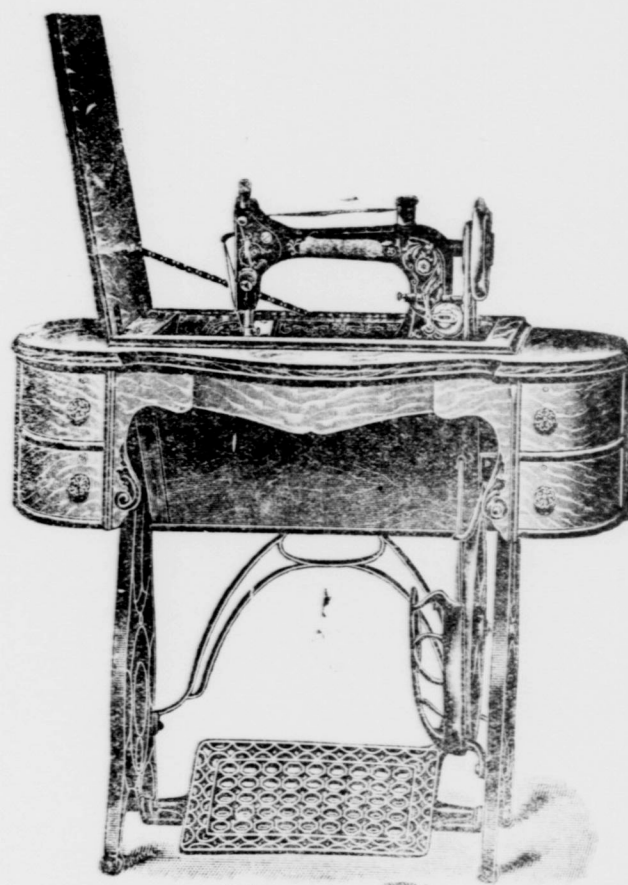
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All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to the address of the Editor of the Woman's Department.

Phillips Brooks says that it is well to think of no blessing as being really ours until we have passed it along to someone else. There is nothing which we can really enjoy for any length of time without sharing it with others.

A LETTER FROM MISS MARY CULLER WHITE.

(Sent from Union Pacific Railway, January 21, 1909.)

My Dear Texas Friends.—If I had been asked what gift I would rather have had than any other, I should immediately have said, "A typewriter." I had a watch, I didn't want a diamond ring and couldn't stay in America to enjoy a house and lot. Moreover I was living so far away that all messages to relatives and friends must be sent home in writing and the rapid work I endeavored to do with my pen, resulted in such degenerate chirography that my letters were hard to decipher and fatal to read aloud. Therefore above everything I wanted a typewriter—one that would write plain and dot its own "i's" and cross its own "t's." But such a gift is not one that could have come with equal grace from every source. Had the women of Georgia made me such a present my mind must inevitably have gone back to a time when they were struggling to read one of my letters aloud and somebody in the congregation proposed a collection to send me a typewriter.

But the women of Texas! You have never suffered at my hands or pen. And you have given me a typewriter! It can not be anything except one of the loving thoughts of our Father put into expression through Miss Davies' management and your generosity. I have long proved the truth of Phil. 4:19, and now the word "typewriter" goes down on the text under that verse. I wish you could all see the machine and enjoy it as I do. It is a fine Monarch model, one of the standard machines and one of the best, if not the very best, made. I shall have a fine chance to practice while on the steamer and when I arrive in China I shall be able not only to send home clearer letters because of it, but many more of them. Be sure I shall send some of these letters to my friends in Texas. My stay among you was a blessing and a help to myself and as Paul said to the Philippians, "I have you in my heart."

I am following your work with my thoughts and prayers and I shall look eagerly for your annual reports next summer. I feel there is no limit to the things you may do in the Lord and I pray that Texas may have her rightful part in the evangelization of the world within our generation.

As I write I am on the train speeding back to my field in China and I am so glad to go. I sail January 23, from San Francisco, so this is my good-bye.

With thanks to everyone, I am, yours in His glad service,

MARY CULLER WHITE.

Soochow, China.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Notice.

Below you will find the general outlines for a practical plan for getting the most out of our reading course:

Divide your society into neighborhood circles with a maximum membership of eight ladies to the circle, preferably four.

"The making of auxiliaries" is written in story form and will be eagerly read. Have several ladies buy copies and pass them on for the other ladies to read at home, and after all have read it, have an informal discussion at some meeting.

"The Price of Power" is closely written and will have to be studied as well "The Challenge of the City." I have made out questions on "The

Price of Power" and have had them printed and will be glad to supply any one free of charge with them. Use the questions at the close of each chapter in "The Challenge of the City." Let each circle leader insist upon the answers to these questions being prepared at home and come together every afternoon for a week or one afternoon each week for four or five weeks until the course is finished. Let the first forty-five minutes be given to the devotional book, "The Price of Power" and the last forty-five minutes to "The Challenge of the City." If two neighbors buy these two books they can exchange and this practically puts the reading course in your hands for fifty cents, the price of one book.

I have written every Press Superintendent in the Northwest Texas Conference urging this study.

MRS. H. A. BOAZ.

Superintendent of Reading Course, Northwest Texas Conference, Fort Worth, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the District Secretaries:

In this the last month of our fiscal year I beg leave to call your attention to the last clause of section 8, page 45, of our last Conference Minutes, which says "the District Secretaries shall report quarterly to the Superintendent of the Supply Department." As I have received but one report from a District Secretary this year I earnestly request them one and all to "sum up" and send me full report of the year by March 10.

MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG.

Weatherford, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Auxiliary First Vice-President:

Dear Sisters: In the beginning of the new year we are always given to making good resolutions and now is a good time to resolve to form the habit of reporting promptly the work of your department to the Conference First Vice-President. If your department is not organized for work, now is the time to do it. Yours is the most important department in the auxiliary. I would suggest that you have the following committees: The Parsonage, the Church, Local Charity, the Home Department.

The Committee on Parsonage should be composed of from three to five of the liveliest, most generous women of the Church. Get some good women to co-operate with this committee who are members of the Church, but not of the Home Mission Society. These will look after the needs of the parsonage and devise ways and means to make the pastor's home comfortable and attractive. An inventory of the furniture should be kept, and the same given the pastor's wife. This committee should secure a contribution from every member of the Church for the parsonage. It is just as much the duty of every man, woman and child in the Church to keep up the parsonage as it is the duty of the members of the Home Mission Society. It is enough for the H. M. Society to be custodians of the parsonage fund and to expend it to the best purpose.

The Church Committee co-operates with the Epworth League in looking after flowers for the church, and greeting the strangers at the Church services. It is their duty to visit the newcomers and report their names to the auxiliary and the pastor.

The Charity Committee looks after the poor, the sick, and lends a helping hand where needed.

The Home Department Committee takes up the new work suggested at our last annual Home Mission Conference. They will get a list of the women of the Church, armed with a knowledge of the work of your Home Mission Society, they will start out two

and two, to visit these Church members and interest and enlist them in our Home Mission work. Those who can not attend the meeting may be willing to enroll as members of the Home Department of the Society. Leave for these a leaflet on our work, also a small envelope writing on the outside the person's name, their dues, and other objects to which they may contribute. If our home mission work could be properly put before the women of the Church there is no doubt but that our women would become interested and gladly contribute to it. "Information is inspiration."

Once a month, or at least once in three months, call on these Home Department members and collect their dues, and any other contribution they may give. Be ready to tell of the work of the auxiliary and the general board.

Now let me beg of you to hold monthly meetings with your committees so that you may be able to give a full report of the work of your department to the business meeting of your auxiliary. This should always be given in writing so that your report as First Vice-President may be put in the minutes.

At the end of each quarter please send me a full report of your work. I shall then have something to send to the Conference Corresponding Secretary at the beginning of the next quarter.

I want to hear from the First Vice-President of every auxiliary in the North Texas Conference before March 1.

If our work is done systematically it will not fall heavily on any one and will go a great way towards making our auxiliaries ideal, and we will do much towards reaching the 50,000 mark.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL.

First Vice-President Conference Society, Denton, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To Auxiliary Third Vice-Presidents:

Dear Sisters: I was much disappointed at the end of last quarter, so few reports from Auxiliary Third Vice-Presidents. After hearing Miss Head's urgent appeals and receiving so many valuable instructions on this line of work, at our annual meeting in Seguin, and at the institute held in different places, I was hopeful that our members would realize the great obligations and opportunities open before us and resolve to enlist and organize the children in their auxiliary. I am sure many have done this. If you have, please report to me what you have done. I find, from the reports of the District Secretaries in the minutes of our last annual meeting, quite a number more members on the Brigade and Baby Roll than were reported to me. This ought not to be. I can not do my duty as an officer without your co-operation. This month closes the second quarter in the conference year and the last quarter in the fiscal year. Now, dear sisters, let us see if we can not swell the membership in our Brigade and Baby Roll before the end of this quarter. Have a mite box, opening with a program, and send in a good report. If I have not written to you, it is because I have not been able to get your address.

Will the newly elected Third Vice-Presidents please send me their addresses? It is so long, some times, before the District Secretary can furnish me with your address, as she does not always receive them promptly from the Corresponding Secretaries. I have the addresses of only forty-six Third Vice-Presidents, and I will be sending out blank reports to these addresses in a few days. Please let each one reply. If you have no report, write to me and tell me why. I am anxious to hear from you.

May we enlist many children in the work of our Master during the next fiscal year is the prayer of your co-worker.

MRS. B. F. MOORE.

Third Vice-President Conference Society, Seguin, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY ONE-DOLLAR-EXTRA-FUND.

Every Conference Society gives half its dues to parsonage building in its own bounds, which means that if our dues from the entire membership amounts to \$40,000, \$20,000 will be spent on parsonages and the remaining \$20,000 used for the support of our connectional work.

By connectional work is meant the work that is supported by the whole society—schools for the mountain people, Japanese, Cubans, Italians and other foreigners; rescue homes, doors of hope, industrial home schools for poor and friendless children, city missions and deaconess work.

These enterprises are great preventive factors, since they deal largely with the unfortunate children of our land and, not only the Church, but the state as well, is awakening rapidly to the fact that money invested in the youth saves dollars and cents, as well as character, and that it's a wiser thing to prevent crime than to rescue the criminal.

It is evident to every thoughtful woman that incalculable good is being accomplished by our home mission institutions in that they are not only helping the Government to produce good citizenship by improving social conditions, but are live agencies in the salvation of many unfortunates.

It seems useless here to dwell at length on the value of a Christian school, a settlement home or the many forms of city mission work, for we read in all the current literature of today comprehensive discussions on the importance of these agencies.

All of us agree that these are noble enterprises and worthy of our best effort, but these undertakings can not flourish in mere endorsement and good will—it takes money, too.

There are 57,788 members in the W. H. M. Society of the Southern Methodist Church and 5 cents each month from each member goes to the support of these connectional enterprises. If you will make the calculation you will see at once how inadequate this sum is for a successful operation of these institutions.

In order to meet this need, the board has asked that each member contribute over and above dues as a free-will offering each year a sum equal to \$1.00 per member.

The Texas Conference at present is \$2,400 behind on this one-dollar-extra-fund and the year is almost gone. Will not every member help to bring the Texas Conference to her usual high standard by making this small offering at once? MRS. JOHN H. BOLIN, Jacksonville, Texas.

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

Dear Sisters: Though time for the annual election of officers is at hand and we want to impress on you the importance of the Press Department and the necessity for electing a Press Reporter. Few offices in the Home Mission Society are more important and none have broader opportunities for good than this department. Many women refuse to accept the office of Press Reporter, pleading that they do not understand the duties of this office. In order to meet this objection, we have secured for distribution an abundant supply of leaflets on both the press work and the reading course. Send me the name of your newly elected Press Reporter and I will forward her a supply of these leaflets. Unless I receive your name I will not send the literature.

Next month we will be sending out report blanks and we are hoping for a full report. Our second quarterly reports will then be due. It will also be the last report we will send out before the annual board meeting in April, and on it will depend our standing among the conference societies. Won't you help me to make it one of which we will all feel proud of by faithfully and promptly reporting?

Have you observed the week of prayer? If not, don't fail to do so. It would be a shame if Mrs. Johnson's own home conference failed to stand by her in the great effort now being

WOMAN'S WORK.

It is a woman's work to look after the house, but, for some strange reason, woman's work is much harder on a woman, than man's work on a man.

This explains why so many women are wrecks before 30 and in their graves before 50.

Too much woman's work;—too little Cardui.

Cardui is an antidote to the results of too much woman's work.

It has been found, by those who have used it, to relieve women's pains and other distressful feelings, the result of female ills, brought on by overwork.

Having cured thousands of other sick, miserable women, why should it not cure you?

Just read what Mrs. Sarah J. Hoskins, of Cary, Ky., says, in a recent letter: "I believe that Cardui saved my life. I suffered from various troubles for 9 years. I was irregular and would nearly cramp to death, every month. My back and side would nearly kill me. I tried everything to get relief, but failed, till I took Cardui. Now I can wash all day and do my housework with all ease." Try Cardui.

made to complete her stock company with the week of prayer collection. If you don't feel able to give anything this year, sit down and count your many blessings and see what God has done for you, and then give as he has prospered you.

MRS. FRANK BENNETT.

Press Superintendent Conference Society, Pottsville, Texas.

SURGEON'S PROVERBS.

"Even two calves' heads are better than one."

"If you must walk on thorns, wear strong boots."

"Better an honest penny than a dishonest pound."

"Love your neighbor, but keep up your fences."

"They who have most time have no time to waste."

"Chimney-sweeps should not point to a miner's black face."

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But a Change of Food Gave Relief.

Many persons are learning that drugs are not the thing to rebuild worn out nerves, but proper food is required.

There is a certain element in the cereals, wheat, barley, etc., which is grown there by nature for food to brain and nerve tissue. This is the phosphate of potash, of which Grape-Nuts food contains a large proportion.

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"Mother purchased some Grape-Nuts and we found it not only delicious but I noticed from day to day that I was improving until I finally realized I was not nervous any more.

"I have recommended it to friends as a brain and nerve food, never having found its equal. I owe much to Grape-Nuts as it saved me from a nervous collapse, and enabled me to retain my position."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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Is The Organ All Parents Should Protect and Keep Normal.

The stomach of a child is the organ above all others upon which the future of a child depends. Bodily development is fast in children, and the nourishment necessary to meet such development is the one essential demanded from a parent. Most mothers and fathers jealously guard a child from the formation of bad habits, yet in this age our children early become the victims of wrong food, over eating and irregular meals.

It is most appalling to know the effect of stomach troubles among our children.

Most children who are nervous, irritable and cross, who dream, sleep restlessly, who tire easily and have no desire for child exercise, generally have stomach trouble, indigestion and dyspepsia.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are intended to thoroughly digest food and to place the system in shape to obtain all the nourishment it needs from such food.

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Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets should be given to children after each meal and at bed time. They are made from pure vegetable and fruit essences and contain no harmful chemicals whatever. The use of these tablets will give greater vim to a child in its school work or at its play. They will produce appetite and soothe nerves, destroy abnormal cravings and will allay the bad effects of sweets and such improper foods as most children enjoy and will eat no matter what is done to prevent it.

It is due the child that his stomach be protected by the parent, and if Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are given after meals, the habits of the child will not tear down the stomach and destroy the digestive juices nearly so rapidly. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are given to each and every degree of life. Any condition of the stomach welcomes them, from the strongest to the weakest. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents. Send us your name and address today and we will mail you at once a trial package free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Waxahachie District.
To the Preachers of Waxahachie District:

Please send me at the earliest time possible a list of names of all persons from your several charges who are likely to attend District Conference.

K. P. BARTON.

Waxahachie District.
The Waxahachie District Conference will meet at Milford Thursday, at 2 p. m., April 1, and continue till the 4th. Bishop Key will hold the conference.

Examining Committees:
For License to Preach—C. E. Lindsey, M. W. Rogers, J. J. Creed.
For Admission—R. W. Nation, S. B. Sawyers, E. R. Patterson.
For Deacon's Orders—W. H. Howard, M. S. Leveridge, L. A. Reavis.
For Elder's Orders—J. S. Chapman, J. T. McClure, S. W. Turner.

T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

In that glorious likeness of Christ thou wilt be made rich and find all the solace and sweetness in the world.—John Taulor.

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DEDICATION AND ELSE.

Sunday was a great day in the history of La Mesa, for it was the dawning of a better day. The good people by patient and faithful work saw the completion of their new church—the first Protestant Church erected in Mesilla Valley south of Las Cruces.

The ladies in furnishing the church combined beauty and comfort so artistically as to give the home-like appearance—a home where the faithful where the faithful fay come with worshipping hearts to receive the spiritual comforts which Christ promises to those who love Him.

At 11 a. m. we "were all with one accord in one place" to witness the dedication of "none other but the house of God." And in all hearts burned the prayer that it would be a gate of heaven whereby all in our community may behold the vision of Christ.

Our beloved Presiding Elder Cochran, in one of his characteristic sermons, noted for sound thoughts and full of the Spirit, unfolded to us the great truths and protecting love found in the text "Beloved, I am with thee and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest and will bring thee again into this land, for I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." It was a great sermon and our hearts burned within us, for the Lord was in this place.

We have an excellent church and with glad hearts was it dedicated to the service of God. May the dawn of the Great Day show that this church has helped sinners to find Christ who will bring them into the better land.

Rev. Cochran convened the second Quarterly Conference at 3 p. m. and the interest in the meeting showed that the morning service was blossoming in minds and hearts. The preacher's salary was fixed at \$500 and \$79.57 paid. How glorious it will be if all have made the vow of Jacob, for many blessings attend the furtherance of God's cause. Bro Cochran gave us a helpful talk on Church work.

Our people are happy, and rightly so, for God wishes us to be faithful. May the Church be a power in our town is my prayer.

FRANKLIN CRAMER.

La Mesa, N. M., Jan. 31.

A PREACHER WANTED.

Bro. Morphew has given up Geneva Circuit and I want a man at once to take his place. The work will pay \$400 or \$450 dollars; a parsonage at Geneva. Write me with endorsement.
C. A. TOWER, P. E.
Timpson, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 21.—T. S. Barcus, sub. M. L. Moody, subs. F. L. Giles, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. H. M. Cosby, sub. J. F. Luker, sub. M. F. Daniel, sub. J. C. Wilson, sub. R. E. Porter, sub. J. F. Sherwood, has attention. W. D. Wheeler, sub. J. W. Tinscher, sub. C. J. Atkinson, sub. W. H. Vance, subs. S. W. Stokely, sub.
Jan. 22.—G. W. Davis, sub. W. H. Keener, sub. J. D. Young, subs.
Jan. 23.—W. H. Carr, sub. J. T. Osborn, sub. B. D. Dodson, sub. J. R. Henson, sub. M. W. Hester, sub. R. Morehead, sub. has attention. J. C. Mimms, sub. G. J. Bryan, sub. P. M. Riley, subs. D. B. Doak, subs.
Jan. 25.—W. F. Bryan, sub. J. F. Webb, sub. J. W. Wilson, sub. W. B. Moon, sub. A. S. Whitehurst, sub. A. L. Vincent, sub. J. L. Morehead, sub. S. M. Black, sub. E. R. Barcus, sub. W. F. Campbell, sub. J. E. Green, sub.
Jan. 23.—R. F. Bryant, sub. J. T. McClure, subs. G. W. Kincheloe, subs. M. P. Hines, sub. J. D. Major, sub. V. A. Godbey, sub. J. R. Wages, sub. C. W. Jacob, subs. J. T. McKeown, subs. C. U. McLarty, o. k. J. W. Slagle, sub.
Jan. 27.—H. L. Vincent, sub. C. C. Hightower, sub. W. B. Vaughn, sub. J. C. Mimms, sub. H. H. Liles, subs. J. C. Wilson, sub and change. J. W. Allbritten, sub. B. S. Crow, sub. J. M. McCarter, sub. S. L. Bass, subs. J. A. Old, subs. J. S. Wilson, sub. S. N. Allen, subs. R. A. Langston, sub.
Jan. 28.—E. R. Patterson, sub, has attention. R. F. Bryant, correction made. O. B. Turner, sub. G. A. Nance, sub. T. H. Davis, sub. J. W. R. Bachman, sub. W. Y. Switzer, sub.
Jan. 29.—L. E. Conkin, subs. A. E. Turney, sub. W. A. Gilleland, sub. J. M. Barcus, sub. J. D. May, sub. L. G. White, sub. A. Nolan, sub. J. A. Walkup, sub. C. A. Evans, subs.



NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

(Continued from page 5)

and narrowly escaped the pneumonia. No one to wait on us it would have been a hard pull, but the kind people came to our assistance, and we have lacked for nothing. I have never seen anything equal to the kindness manifested here during our sickness. May God bless these kind people. Our first Quarterly Conference has gone to record. It was a great occasion. "Beloved" M. L. Hamilton made his first appearance in our midst. He came, he saw, he captured all hearts. He preached four sermons as fine as I ever heard, and they were in demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. The universal decision of all is that it was as good as I ever heard or the best I ever heard. A small raise in salary and Mabank paid up to date. Prairieville made no report, but has one-fourth time; have not heard from them. The stewards have never met us, not even in stewards' meeting. Prairieville paid out last year and expressed themselves as anxious for the return of the pastor. I hope they will not move their record. We need a great revival. Pray that God may give it to us. The Advocate is in favor with my people, but not in every house. It should be. Some officials do not take it. How can we expect God to bless us when we ignore our obligations to him and the Church? I have not received a copy of our minutes yet, but have seen one on another charge. They have me down as preacher in charge at Mabank Mission, and my postoffice address at Caddo Mills. This has been repeated in my case two or three years. Why is it so? It causes much trouble in my mail matters. Don't see why the Secretary would want me to go sixty miles for my mail.—I. A. Thomas, P. C., Feb. 9.

Tupela Church.

Praise the Lord for another victory. We closed last Friday night a gracious revival. Rev. J. M. Wynne, Corsicana District Evangelist, was with me and good help indeed is he in pulpit and in the homes. Visible results: The Church and almost every member on "higher ground" spiritually. We raised all our conference assessments or nearly so in subscription, and about \$20 for Bro. Wynne as a token of appreciation. We had about twenty conversions and seven additions to our Church. We organized a weekly prayer meeting to meet each Sunday night with about thirty promising to attend and take part. We will organize a Woman's Home Mission Society in a short time. The whole community took a hearty interest in the meeting. The stewards spoke very hopeful in reference to the ease with which the people will now pay the pastor's salary. Our Sunday-school attendance is increased and so are the collections in the Sunday-school. Rejoice and praise the Lord with us. We hope to have two more revivals before summer. Pray for us.—H. B. Henry, P. C., Feb. 9.

La Mesa.

Two and one-half months have passed since we came to our new field of labor. We found a large field offering many opportunities. We were given a hearty welcome by a loyal, big-hearted band of Methodists. In a few days after we came we were given a delightful reception in the home of Judge J. S. Crumpton and soon after this expression of appreciation of the new pastor and family, we received a nice pounding. On the 23rd of January Brother Shaw held our first quar-

terly conference. It was a delightful occasion. Brother Shaw preached us four sermons that were full of spiritual power. The Church was made to rejoice and sinners were converted. We have organized the charge for the year on the old time circuit plan. We are to have fifteen regular preaching places and I shall have two assistant pastors. Last year this charge assessed \$460.00 for the support of the ministry; this year we have assessed \$1,130.00. At La Mesa we have a good W. H. M. society, an excellent Epworth League, and a Sunday school that cannot be beaten in the district. We are going to fix out church for doing modern Sunday school work, and thoroughly organize it in every department. We are to begin a new parsonage this week that will be a credit to the Church and town. La Mesa is a nice town of about 800 inhabitants. Situated on the south plains in the heart of the finest farming country I have ever seen. Anything can be grown in Dawson County that can be grown in Central or West Texas. It is especially adapted to corn raising—corn made 25 to 30 bushels per acre on sod last year. We have good prospects for a railroad this year. We have a grade already completed into La Mesa. This is a fine place for a Methodist who wants a home in a fine country at a reasonable price. We think a great deal of the Advocate out here. I have secured seven new subscribers since conference.—J. B. Curry, P. C., Feb. 3.

Granite, Okla.

The Texas Christian Advocate is a welcome visitor in our home each week. We still love to read of the work in Texas. We spent eleven happy years in the West Texas Conference, and we love to read of the good meetings down there. We feel quite at home here now, and the preachers and people make us feel welcome. This is a great country, and a great conference. We do things here. We have a fine work, and we closed a fine meeting here last night. My dear friend, Rev. M. J. Allen, of Lometa, Texas, spent ten days with us and did us much good. There were thirteen accessions to the Church and the Church greatly blessed. I think we will get Allen yet, if you don't look out. I shall never forget the dear brethren of the West Texas Conference. May God bless them all.—M. T. Allen, Feb. 5.

Collinsville and Tioga.

Our first Quarterly Conference is in the past. The presiding elder, Rev. D. H. Aston, if possible, took deeper hold upon the people. Although full of cold and feverish, his sermons were grand, edifying and inspiring, and every interest coming before the conference was carefully considered. Rev. J. A. Old, of Broadway, Gainesville, was with us. How the people enjoyed this visit of their former and faithful pastor. Come again, "Ab." A liberal salary was assessed and a good payment made. And here I mention something very unique: Brother F. P. Valey, one of the stewards at Collinsville, paid every cent assessed against his list of members. "I told my brethren and sisters we could by earnest effort pay up entirely now and enable the preacher to live above the shallows of real want, and they agreed with me." If there is another steward in Texas who can equal this report, let us hear from him. Until heard from, I shall claim for Brother Varley the title, "unique steward." Dr. E. D. Hughes, C. M. Boxley and P. G. Beauchamp were elected delegates to the District Conference.—D. F. Fuller.

SECTARIANISM.

Sectarianism, or denominationalism, is evil. Every denomination was founded by a theorist, and many there be who follow their theorist rather than Christ? There is one true kingdom or Church, but only one. How frequently we hear a minister say, "We are the Church!" And how absurd! All who have been baptized into

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Christ by the Holy Spirit are in the Church, but no one set or sect of professors are the Church itself.

To make any one literal denomination the Church makes literal death of the baptism referred to in the sixth chapter of Romans, else water salvation! For, "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

But you know it does not mean literal death—but spiritual death to sin and an awakening to righteousness. Hence, it must mean spiritual baptism and not literal baptism that puts one into Christ—the Church—"You are hitting the Campbellites!" you say. Well, the Campbellites are as consistent as any other theoretical sect. The Baptists and Presbyterians emphasize the attribute of God's mercy; the Campbellites and Methodists emphasize God's justice; the Hardshells emphasize God's power and all wisdom. As if God were not as just as he is merciful, and as powerful as he is merciful and just. He is all-wise, all-powerful, all-just, all-merciful. And we must so reverence Him.

CLINT C. REYNOLDS,
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THURMAN.—George M. Thurman was born in Tennessee, in Giles County, Tennessee, and moved with his parents to Manor, Texas, in 1882. In 1893 he was married to Miss Dollie Langham, joined the Missionary Baptist Church in 1905, and died of pneumonia and peritonitis January 17, 1909. Bro. Thurman is of a family of prominent and excellent Methodists of sterling Christian character, and it is this latter designation that belongs to our deceased brother. He was a man of upright life and possessed a kindness of disposition in an unusual degree. He was a devoted husband, a kind father, a good citizen, and a consistent Christian gentleman. Admitted as he was for a number of years, he bore his sufferings with patience and resignation. We extend to his bereaved wife and two little boys, his parents, brothers and sisters our sincere sympathy and prayers, and hold out to them the blessed fact that he has but gone on before to await their coming later. His friend. R. S. PIERCE.

INGRAM.—Shiloh, Texas, has lost a good man in the death of Bro. S. C. Ingram. He died November 23, 1908, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Harper, Mexia, Texas, at the age of 73 years. He had lived in Shiloh community 40 years; had many friends, and those who knew him best loved him most. His face was pleasant and he wore a smile for all he met. He was a kind husband, a loving father and a noble citizen. He was a member of the Methodist Church, faithful to Church duties, and attentive to Sabbath-school and Church. Bro. Ingram said before he died his way was clear, and we entreat the wife and children to grieve not. The Holy Writ gives us these cheering words, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." No purer and no better man lives than our lamented brother; and if we hold out faithful, we shall enter that heavenly rest, to live forever, with our blessed Redeemer and loved ones gone before.

G. S. EEPANK, W. K. TERRELL.

DOBSON.—Susan E. Dobson was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, April 7, 1849, and died at Tampa, Oklahoma, October 2, 1908. She was converted early in life and joined the Methodist Church. She was a devoted wife and mother, and was a member of the Church. She was a woman of noble character, and was always kind to her home and friends. She was a devoted Christian, and was always kind to her Church. I'm sure we can truthfully say of her, "she hath done what she could." She possessed that happy, cheerful disposition which enabled her to scatter sunshine along her pathway. Especially in the sick chamber was her smiling face and words of cheer most appreciated. To know her was to love her. May our Father in heaven comfort the bereaved ones.

EDGAR A. RIPPEY, Temple, Okla.

McDANIEL.—Mrs. Annie McDaniel (nee Peace) was born in Union County, Arkansas, February 18, 1867; was married to R. R. McDaniel January 29, 1887. Of this union twelve children were born—seven boys and five girls. Six boys and five girls survive. They moved to Texas in 1900. Sister McDaniel professed religion in 1885 and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived in it until God called her to the Church above. I was personally acquainted with her for the last seven years of her life and in all the trials and afflictions I never knew her to complain. Her home was the home of the preacher. She was a good neighbor; a devout member of the Church; a tender mother and an affectionate wife. We will miss her in the home and in the Church and community. She departed this life January 10, 1909, and we laid her body to rest at Earl's Chapel, January 12. Dear weeping husband and children, let us look up to the gracious Father above who doeth all things well, and live as she lived, and after awhile we will meet her again where parting will be no more. Yes, mamma's tender and loving hands are beckoning, come. May the rich blessings of God be on the bereft family, and may his Holy Spirit guide each of them until they shall all meet around God's throne.

G. W. TROTTER, L. D.

MRS. AMARILLA EMBREE.

The pioneers of Methodism are passing away. In the early morning of January 20, 1909, Mrs. Amarilla Embree entered into the joy of her Lord. A long and useful life thus closed without a cloud to obscure the vision of that better world to which she has gone. Our departed sister in Christ was the daughter of the Rev. Richard and Bethenia Phelps; born in Cumberland County, near Burkville, Kentucky, July 23, 1839. In her eleventh year she was born again of the Holy Spirit and united with the Methodist Church. On October 23, 1844, she was united in marriage with Elisha Embree. After three years they removed to the State of Arkansas, and after a brief residence there, they came to Texas and settled in Bastrop County for a year, and from thence to Bell County in 1852, and located on a farm four miles southeast of Belton, where the children grew to maturity. Seven children were born to them, six of whom are living and all were present at her bedside when the end came. On September 17, 1884, the husband died and she left the farm for a modest home in Belton, which she called her own, but most of the time has been spent in the homes of her children, who vied with each other for the privilege of entertaining their mother. Her presence was a benediction to any family or circle where she moved. Having twice been her pastor, and after an intimate acquaintance of twenty-six years, I do not hesitate to say I have never known a better woman. The traits woven into the fabric of her character were the most beautiful and best possible to human nature. She inherited a cheerful spirit. There was nothing morose or gloomy in her disposition. She loved company and was given to hospitality. Hers was a Christian home and only refined pleasures were indulged therein, but they were those the best enjoyed by her well-to-do guests. Sister Embree lived a life of faith in God, which kept her soul in perfect peace. At the time of her marriage her husband was very fond of worldly amusements, and her heart was set on his conversion, and for this she prayed unceasingly. Years passed without the answer to her prayers, but she prayed on, never doubting that her desire would be given her. A campmeeting was held at Sandy Ford, near her home sometime in the winter, and that that she looked toward as the time when she should be saved. She proposed to him that they should camp, but he objected, as his crop needed attention. With a firm faith in God she made all necessary preparation and when the morning came for the meeting to begin, she quietly said to him, "I am ready to go into camp. Please have the wagon brought up and I will go with the family, and you can come on." They went and he soon followed and conviction seized him and he surrendered himself to God. Faith had triumphed and there was joy in the presence of the angels and there was rejoicing upon earth, expressed in shouts of praise. The same faith claimed the children and, one by one, they came into the ark of salvation. Bro. Embree gave the land upon which the Rock Ford Church was built and contributed largely to its erection forty years ago, which is still in use. Scores have been converted there. His home has sheltered many of the itinerant preachers on the circuit, and he contributed liberally to their support, and to the institutions of the Church. For several years past Sister Embree has been in feeble health, but she never murmured nor complained. Four days before the end came she spent the day with her dear friend, Mrs. Tyler, and had a slight chill, but no one thought it serious, but the frail body yielded to the attack; the silver cord was loosed, the wheel was broken at the cistern, and her happy spirit winged its way to her long-sought home. As the sun sank to its setting in the west, on Wednesday evening, after a funeral sermon by the writer, in accordance with her wish, often expressed, we laid her to rest beside the companion of her youth in Belton Cemetery, to sleep until the resurrection morning shall break upon the mountains. One of the last words she spoke, while yet conscious, was glory. It was the foretaste of that far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory which is her portion now and evermore shall be. Amen.

H. A. BOURLAND.

MARSHALL.—Rev. Benj. T. Marshall was born in Henry County, Alabama, February 29, 1837, and died at the home of his son at Field Creek, Texas, January 17, 1909, aged nearly 72 years. He was married December 15, 1864, to Miss Lou Brandon, which union was blessed with seven children—six sons and one daughter. He was licensed to exhort April 10, 1873, and to preach September 11, 1875; was ordained a deacon by Bishop McTyeire at the session of the Alabama Conference, December 12, 1880. These figures mark the life and death of one of the best men I have known. As one who was his pastor for two years, I want to

THOS. HANKS.

WHITEMAN.—Mrs. Carl Myrtle Whiteman (nee Nance) eldest daughter of W. T. and J. Ella Nance, was born in Tippah County, Mississippi, December 21, 1879; moved with her parents to Red River County, Texas, in February, 1886; in August, 1892, she was happily converted and joined the Methodist Church. She was married to Geo. W. Whiteman February 19, 1903. She peacefully passed to her reward at her father's home near Clarksville December 2, 1908, in the 29th year of her age. Carl was a true Christian woman. She loved her family, served her Church, and worshiped her God. Christ was ever the polar

star of her faith—never complaining, always submissive to the will of God. Hers was a happy Christian life. As a child she was dutiful, as a wife loving and affectionate, as a mother kind and indulgent. She leaves a husband, one child (a boy), father, mother, two brothers and four sisters to mourn her departure. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. C. Tenney, at her parents' home, and at evening tide, when the sun was low, at the Shiloh Cemetery we tenderly laid her in her grave, there to await the trumpet call in the last great day, when Christ will come to make up his jewels and take his ransomed children home. PAPA.

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PARKS.—Mrs. Mary Lugenia Parks was born May 13, 1839, and died January 24, 1909. Between the dates were woven the factors of a sublime Christian character. She was happily married to J. E. Parks in 1873. To them were born four children. She became a devout member of the M. E. Church South, at the age of fourteen. Her husband, also being a staunch Methodist, brought to their home many a tired and dust-covered itinerant preacher, who found a welcome and Christian hospitality. For some time before her death Sister Parks was conscious of her coming departure, and through all her suffering, she was patient, resigned and submissive to the divine will, which was closed by a call from above on the evening of the 24th, and in the presence of a host of friends and loved ones we laid her to rest at the old famous Sugar Leaf Cemetery after our order.

N. J. PEEPLES.

KNIGHT.—Mary Anna Knight was born in Chambers County, Alabama, July 20, 1842, and was married to N. J. Barber January 3, 1895. She, with her husband, moved to Texas from the old Alabama home, December, 1903, settling at Wimbrown, Texas. After a long and painful illness she was transferred from the couch of suffering to the Christian's home on November 14, 1908. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Wimbrown where she had held her membership since coming to Texas. She joined the Church at the old home when she was only about twelve years old, and she was unusually faithful and loyal to her Church. It was a great affliction to her not to be able to attend the public service during the last few months of her life. The husband and her many friends ministered to her all through her sickness, doing all that human hands could to mitigate the suffering. Her dust rests in the city cemetery, while, no doubt, her spirit abides with the Father in the home of the good. May the God who was her chief comfort in the hour of trouble bless and keep the stricken husband and relatives.

FRANKLIN MOORE.

DORTCH.—Mary A., daughter of Col. S. R. and Mrs. N. S. (White) Doyle, was born June 3, 1834, in White Co., Tenn., and when still a child she was taken to Bossier Parish Louisiana, where she grew to womanhood, was educated and married. Her parents were Methodists of the old type, there being several preachers in her mother's family; so that Sister Dortch was reared under the best religious influences. She received her education from the Minden, La., Female College. In early life she was converted and received into the Methodist Church, in which communion she worthily lived and died. She was married July 23, 1856, to Bro. W. E. Dortch, with whom she lived happily for fifty-two years, six months and one day. Fitted by birth, education and grace, she was one in whom her husband could safely trust, and she "did him good and not evil all the days of her life." She was the affectionate mother of eight children, six of whom, with their aged father, yet abide. In 1874 Bro. and Sister Dortch moved to Kaufman County, Texas, and fourteen years later to Abilene, Texas, where they have since made their home. Sister Dortch was of a modest, retiring nature that cared little for the prominent places and the applause of the world. She filled well the relations of wife and mother. In her modest way she fulfilled all her duties to her Church. She was a loyal friend to her pastor, taking great pleasure in his visits, yet never complaining if his visits were infrequent. When in health many were the comforts for which he was indebted to her. She was a good neighbor. She visited little, unless some one was sick, or in sorrow, or for other cause specially needed a friend, and then with sympathetic heart she was sure to be found there. One of the keynotes of her character was loyalty—loyalty to her home, her friends, her physician, her pastor, her Church. She was one of those quiet heroines who without the notice or applause of the world fulfilled with fidelity all the varied relations of life. When the end came she was found ready and ripe for heaven. She had been in ill health for some time, and had suffer-

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LAMB.—On October 3, 1908, the soul our friend and neighbor, D. Lamb, winged its flight to the home above, where he is safe from the temptations, cares and turmoils of life. We miss you, Bro. Lamb. How often we have been cheered by your kind words. He was a good Christian man; often we have heard him praise God aloud in the sanctuary. A devoted and loving husband, a faithful friend, a kind neighbor, has gone. Good-bye, neighbor and friend, till I meet you in paradise.

(MRS.) J. F. MARSHALL.

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ed much; but she bore it all with Christian patience, never uttering a word of complaint, but on the contrary grateful for every attention shown her by pastor, physician, neighbors or family. Without fear she entered the valley of the shadow of death; for God was with her. She died in perfect peace with God and all mankind Sunday, January 24, 1909. May the sorrowing husband, four sons and two daughters at last meet her in the Father's home above. Her pastor, SAM'L J. RUCKER.

SHAWVER.—John Abraham Shawver, son of Bro. and Sister G. H. Shawver, was born September 14, 1894, and died January 27, 1909. The message, "John Shawver is dead," was a shock to everyone. To know him as I did was to love him. Always so kind and thoughtful. His devotion to mother and sisters, saving every step for papa that he could, his loving, watchful care over "little brother," was beautiful to see. He will not only be missed by the dear ones at home, but at Sunday-school—always there with his lesson well learned and a smile for all. To see the school as they marched by looking at him for the last time (especially his room), with tears streaming down their sad faces was to know he will be missed there. His teacher said: "John will always be a sweet memory to me." The dear ones left so lonely have my heartfelt sympathy, and oh, may this dark cloud soon pass away, and Jesus with their darling safely folded in his arms take its place. Truly a "good boy" has gone, as one little fellow said to me, and I feel that I have lost a little friend here, but the light of hope penetrates the gloom. May God's blessings rest on all who mourn his departure. A Friend.

MRS. JESSIE VANSTON.

SPRINGER.—Little Willie Springer died January 26, 1909. He had been sick only two weeks with that dread disease, typhoid fever. Many bright hopes were blighted when this bright boy passed away. Willie was a very smart and studious scholar. He had the most headmarks of any in his school. Such a pleasant, happy face greeted you when you met him and was always ready to do a kindness. But he has gone from the home that loved him. Everett (the little four-year-old brother) will miss Willie, who was his constant playmate, and watched over him with such care. Mother and father, grieve not for your darling boy, he has just gone on ahead, where he is waiting for papa and mamma, in heaven. He is with our Savior, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Just another tie in heaven. Let us all live better and do our duty and some sweet day we will meet our little Willie.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Second Round. Bertram, at Mount Horeb, Feb. 13, 14. Webberville, at Colorado Chapel, Feb. 20, 21. Cedar Park, at Cedar P., Feb. 27, 28. Manor, at Manor, March 6, 7. West Point, at Muldoon, 2:30 p. m., March 10. Weimar, at Weimar, Mar. 13, 14. LaGrange, at LaGrange, Mar. 20, 21. McDade, at Alum Creek, Mar. 27, 28. Columbus, at Columbus, April 3, 4. Smithville, at Smithville, Apr. 10, 11. Walnut, at Merrittown, Apr. 17, 18. Eagle Lake, at Rock Island, Apr. 24, 25. University Church, Austin, 11 a. m., May 2. First Street, Austin, 7:30 p. m., May 2. Tenth Street, Austin, 11 a. m., May 9. South Austin, Austin, 7:30 p. m., May 9. District Conference at Smithville, April 6-9. N. B. READ, P. E.

Lockhart, April 17, 18. Dripping Springs Cir., at Fitzhugh, April 24, 25. Harwood Cir., at Clark's Chapel, May 1, 2. Belmont Cir., at B., May 8, 9. San Marcos, May 15, 16. D. K. PORTER, P. E. San Angelo District—Second Round. Water Valley, Feb. 12. Sonora, Feb. 18. Eldorado, Feb. 20, 21. Ozona, Feb. 22. Rochelle, March 6, 7, 11 a. m. Brady, March 7, 7 p. m. Milburn, March 9, 10. Fredonia, March 13, 14. Mason, March 15, 16. Edna, March 20, 21. Paint Rock, March 27, 28. Sherwood, March 30. Sterling City, April 3, 4. San Angelo, First Church, Apr. 10, 11. Garden City, April 17, 18. Midland, April 24, 25. Junction City, May 6. Menardville, May 7. W. T. RENFRO, P. E.

Seminole, Shafter, April 23-26. Colorado Mis., April 30-May 2. Colorado Sta., May 2, 3. Dunn, May 8, 9. SIMEON SHAW, P. E. Georgetown District—Second Round. Belton Cir., at New Hope, Feb. 13, 14. Bruceville and Eddy, B., Feb. 20, 21. Glorieta Mis., Heidenheimer, 3 p. m., Feb. 24. Troy, at Pendleton, Feb. 27, 28. Salado, at Bell Plains, March 6, 7. North Georgia, Goodville, Mar. 13, 14. Holland, Wilson Valley, 3 p. m., Mar. 17. Belton Sta., March 20, 21. Taylor Sta., March 27, 28. Hutto, Robinson Ch., March 28, 29. Temple, 7th St., April 3, 4. Temple Sta., April 4, 5. Moody Sta., Apr. 6, 7. Granger, Jonah, April 10, 11. Georgetown Sta., April 11, 12. Bartlett Sta., April 14, 15. Florence Cir., Wesley Ch., April 18, 19. District Conference at Rogers, April 21-23. Rogers Sta., April 24, 25. W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Tom Bean Cir., at Cedar, April 2-4. Trinity and Preston, at Trinity, April 11, 12. Waples Memorial Sta., April 14-18. Pottsville Sta., April 21-25. Southmayde Cir., at Hagarman, May 1, 2. Whitesboro Sta., May 5-10. Sadler Miss., at Dixie, May 15, 16. Pecan and Friendship, at Pecan, May 22, 23. District Conference will be held in Whitesboro, May 6-10. C. M. HARLESS, P. E. Dallas District—Second Round. Ervay Street Church, 11 a. m., Feb. 21. Trinity Church, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 21. Lewisville Sta., Feb. 26-28. Fairland, 11 a. m., March 7. West Dallas, 7:30 p. m., March 7. Grand Prairie, at Bethel, March 13, 14. Wesley Chapel, 7:30 p. m., March 14. First Church, 11 a. m., March 21. Grace Church, 7:30 p. m., March 21. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at Duncanville, March 28, 29. Oak Lawn, 11 a. m., April 4. Oak Cliff, 7:30 p. m., April 4. Lancaster, April 10, 11. Trinity Church, 11 a. m., April 18. Ervay Church, 8 p. m., April 18. Cochran Cir., at Cochran, April 24, 25. Forest Ave., 8 p. m., April 25. Wheatland, May 1, 2. Grace Church, 11 a. m., May 9. First Church, 8 p. m., May 9. Hutchins and Wilmer, at Hutchins, May 15, 16. Oak Cliff, 11 a. m., May 23. Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., May 23. Let our pastor in Dallas District fail to have his foreign missionary claim by March 15. Delegates to the District Conference elected this round. The District Conference will be held at Lewisville, May 25-27. Opening session 4 p. m., May 25. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Henrietta Sta., Feb. 28, March 1. Bowie Mis., at Stoneburg, March 6, 7. JNO. E. ROACH, P. E. Terrell District—First Round. Royley Sta., Feb. 14, 15. Pleasant Mound Cir., at P. M., Feb. 20, 21. Mesquite Cir., at Mesquite, Feb. 27, 28. Chisholm Cir., at Chisholm, Mar. 6, 7. College Mound, at C. M., Mar. 13, 14. Terrell Sta., Mar. 21, 22. M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round. Falfurrias Cir., at San Diego, Feb. 13, 14. Alice, Feb. 19-21. Mathis Cir., at Skidmore, Feb. 26-28. Kenedy, at Kenedy, Mar. 4. Goliad, at Goliad, Mar. 5-7. Karnes City Cir., Charco, Mar. 12-14. Kingsville Cir., at K., Mar. 19-21. Rockport Cir., at Ingleside, Mar. 26-28. Runge, Apr. 2-4. Floresville, Apr. 9-11. Pleasanton Cir., at Fairview, Apr. 16-18. Oakville Cir., at Oakville, Apr. 23-25. Corpus Christi, May 1, 2. Sinton Cir., at Gregory, May 7-9. District Conference at Kenedy, May 11-16. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE. Waco District—First Round. Axtell, at Axtell, Feb. 19. Reisel, at Battle, Feb. 13, 14. Mt. Calm, at Mt. Calm, Feb. 20, 21. W. L. NELMS, P. E. Gatesville District—First Round. Copperas Cove, at Reece's Creek, Feb. 13, 14. Evant, at Blue Ridge, Feb. 20, 21. Hamilton Sta., Feb. 21, 22. Pearl, Feb. 27, 28. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E. Clarendon District—First Round. Groom Mis., at Goodnight, Feb. 13, 14. Dumas Cir., at Middlewell, Feb. 14. Channing Sta., Feb. 14, 15. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round. Vernon Station, Feb. 13, 14. Chillicothe Mis., at Elm Grove, Feb. 17. Chillicothe Station, Feb. 20, 21. Tolbert, at Bells, Feb. 24. Crowell Mission, Feb. 27, 28. Vernon Mis., at Wesley Chapel, March 6, 7. Quannah Station, March 10. Kirkland, March 13, 14. Paducah, at Dunlap, March 19. Guthrie, at Plainview, March 20, 21. Spring Creek, March 27, 28. Olney, at Olney, March 29. Quail, at Quail, April 3, 4. Wellington Mis., at Fresno, April 10. Wellington Station, April 10, 11. Childress Mis., at Carey, April 17. Childress Station, April 17, 18. Seymour Mission, April 23. Crowell Station, April 28. Vera, May 1, 2. Estelline, May 4. A District Missionary Institute and Layman's Rally will be held at Quannah February 16-18. The District Conference will be held at Childress, May 5-9. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Sulphur Springs Dist.—Second Round. Winnshoro Sta., Feb. 20, 21. Como Cir., at Pine Forest, Feb. 27, 28. Brushy Creek, at Bonanza, March 6, 7. Purley Cir., at Picton, March 13, 14. Cumby Cir., at Cumby, March 20, 21. Pocon Gap and Ben Franklin, at Ben Franklin, March 27, 28. Mt. Vernon Cir., at Weaver, April 3, 4. South Franklin Miss., at Holmes Chap., April 10, 11. Hagansport Miss., at Prairie View, April 17, 18. Sulphur Springs Sta., April 24, 25. Sulphur Bluff Cir., at Sulphur Bluff, May 1, 2. Lake Creek Cir., at Brushy Mound, May 8. Coonee Sta., May 9, 10. Klondike Cir., May 15. Yoavell Cir., May 15. Riley Springs Cir., May 22, 23. District Conference will meet at Cooper, May 11, 7:30 p. m., to May 14. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

TXAS CONFERENCE. Pittsburg District—First Round. Daingerfield, at D. F. b. 13, 14. Hughes' Springs, at H. S., Feb. 20, 21. Naples & Omaha, at O., Feb. 27, 28. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E. Calvert District—First Round. Centerville, at Redland, Feb. 13, 14. Franklin Sta., Feb. 18. Wheelock, at W., Feb. 19. Jewett, at Oakwoods, Feb. 20, 21. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E. Brenham District—First Round. Waller, Feb. 13, 14. Somerville, Feb. 17. Richmond, Feb. 20, 21. Rosenberg & Wallis, Feb. 27, 28. Fulshear & Brookshire, March 6, 7. A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round. (In part.) Uvalde, Feb. 13, 14. Hondo, Feb. 20, 21. Devine, at Lytle, Feb. 24. Cotulla, Feb. 25. Pearsall, Feb. 26. Dilley Cir., Feb. 27, 28. West End, March 6, 7, 11 a. m. Government Hill, Mar. 6, 7, 7:30 p. m. Rock Springs, March 13, 14. Uvalde Miss., at Montell, Mar. 20, 21. Travis Park, March 27, 28, 11 a. m. Prospect Hill, Mar. 27, 28, 7:30 p. m. South Heights, April 3, 4, 11 a. m. Alamo, April 3, 4, 7:30 p. m. Moore Cir., at Tehuacana, Apr. 10, 11. Sabinal and Utopia, April 17, 18. Eagle Pass, April 23. Del Rio, April 24, 25. A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

Stamford District—First Round. Monday Sta., Feb. 13, 14. Pinkerton, at P., Feb. 19. Goree, at Goree, Feb. 20, 21. Bonneton, at B., Feb. 27, 28. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E. Cleburne District—First Round. Blum, Feb. 13, 14. Burleson, Feb. 20, 21. Godley, Feb. 27, 28. E. A. SMITH, P. E. Fort Worth District—First Round. Mansfield, Feb. 13, 14. Smithfield, Feb. 20, 21. Grapevine, Feb. 27, 28. SAM R. HAY, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round. Ballinger Sta., Feb. 6-7. Winchell Cir., at Rice, 10 a. m., Wednesday, Feb. 10. Coleman Sta., Feb. 20-21. Winter's Cir., at Pumphrey, 10 a. m., Friday, March 5. Wingate Cir., at Spring Creek, March 6-7. Blackwell Cir., at Slater's Chapel, 10 a. m., Tuesday, March 9. Robert Lee Cir., at Sanco, 10 a. m., Thursday, March 11. Bronte Cir., at Norton, March 13-14. May Cir., at Green's Ch., 10 a. m., Thursday, March 18. Pioneer Cir., at Pleasant Valley, March 20-21. Rising Star Sta., March 21-22. Sipe Springs Cir., at Beattie, 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 24. Talpa Cir., at Norwood, March 27-28. Indian Creek Cir., at Zephyr, 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 31. Comanche Cir., at Indian Creek, 10 a. m., Friday, April 2, and 11 a. m., Sunday, April 4. Gustine Cir., at Hebron, 10 a. m., Saturday, April 3. Comanche Sta., 8 p. m., Monday, April 5. Blanket Sta., 8 p. m., Tuesday, April 6. Coleman Cir., at Blanket, 10 a. m., April 10-11. Valera Cir., at Milligan, 10 a. m., Saturday, April 17. Santa Anna Cir., at Santa Anna, April 18-19. Bangs Cir., at Salt Branch, April 24-25. Brownwood Sta., April 25-26. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round. Dodge Miss., at D., Feb. 13, 14. Huntsville Sta., Feb. 14, 15. Willard Cir., at Carmona, Feb. 20, 21. Groveton Sta., Feb. 21, 22. Shepherd and Cleveland, at C., Feb. 27, 28. H. C. WILLIS, P. E. Tyler District—First Round. Edom, at Ben Wheeler, Feb. 13, 14. Cedar Street, Tyler, Feb. 17. Colfax, at Antioch, Feb. 20, 21. Tyler Cir., at Liberty, Feb. 24. Alba, at Golden, Feb. 27, 28. Emory, at Emory, Feb. 28, March 1. Marvin Church Tyler, March 3. Whitehouse, at Whitehouse, March 6, 7. CLYDE B. GARRETT, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Marshall, North Marshall, Feb. 19. Waskom, Feb. 13, 14. Kellyville, at Trinity, Feb. 20, 21. Jefferson Sta., Feb. 21, 22. H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E. Paris District—First Round. Paris Cir., at Hopewell, Feb. 13, 14. Bonham Street, Feb. 14, 15. Bagwell Mis., at Robbinsville, Feb. 20, 21. Lamar Avenue, Feb. 27, 28. Centenary, Feb. 28-March 1. JNO. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round. Llano, Feb. 6, 7. Lampasas, Feb. 12. Burnet, at Lake Victor, Feb. 13, 14. Kempner, at Ogles, Feb. 20, 21. Lometa, at Lometa, Feb. 21, 22. Center City, at Pleasant G., Feb. 24. Goldthwaite, Feb. 26. Mullin, at North Brown, Feb. 27, 28. San Saba, March 6, 7. San Saba Cir., at Chappel, Mch. 13, 14. Marble Falls, March 20, 21. Center Point, March 27, 28. Kerrville, March 28, 29. Bandera, at Bandera, March 31. Boerne, at Comfort, April 3, 4. Kingsland, at Moor's, April 10, 11. Blanco, April 17, 18. Johnson City, April 24, 25. Cherokee, at Salem, May 1, 2. Willow, at Oxford, May 8, 9. THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. DeLeon Miss., Feb. 6, 7. DeLeon Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Duffau, Feb. 13, 14. Harbin, Feb. 14, 15. Cisco Mis., at C., Feb. 20, at 11 a. m. Cisco Sta., Feb. 20, 21. Carbon, Feb. 27, 28. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E. Plainview District—First Round. Wildorado, at W., Feb. 13, 14. G. S. HARDY, P. E. Weatherford District—First Round. Eliasville, at Eliasville, Feb. 13, 14. Graham Mis., at Briar Branch, Feb. 16. Farmer, at Hawkins Ch., Feb. 17. Graham Sta., Feb. 18. Throckmorton, at Throckmorton, Feb. 20, 21. Davis, Mis., Feb. 21, 22. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round. Abilene, Feb. 17. Putnam, at P., Feb. 20, 21. Baird, Feb. 22. Nugent, at Hawley, Feb. 27, 28. Anson, March 6, 7. Clyde, at Potosi, March 13, 14. Truby, at Comper, March 20, 21. Lawn, at Lemon's Gap, March 27, 28. Albany, April 3, 4. Caps, at Caps, April 10, 11. Nubia, at Elm Grove, April 17, 18. Tye, at Rock Crossing, April 24, 25. Escota, at Newman, May 1, 2. Dudley, at Elmdale, May 8, 9. Cross Plains, at Dressy, May 15, 16. Sabanno, May 16, 17. Moran, May 18, 19. District Conference at Anson, May 28-31. GUS BARNES, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Wesley, Feb. 13, 14. Kavanaugh, Feb. 13, 14. Commerce Mission, Feb. 20, 21. Commerce Station, Feb. 21, 22. R. G. MOOD, P. E. Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Riley Springs Cir., at R. S., Feb. 13, 14. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E. Bonham District—First Round. Trenton Cir., at Trenton, Feb. 13, 14. Ladonia Sta., Feb. 20, 21. South Bonham and Savoy, Feb. 27, 28. Dodd City Cir., Mar. 6, 7. Honey Grove Sta., March 13, 14. J. B. GOBER, P. E.

Houston District—First Round. Galveston, West End, 11 a. m., Feb. 14. Galveston, First Church, 8 p. m., Feb. 14. McKee, Feb. 21. Humble, Feb. 28. A meeting of the preachers of the district is called for January 19, 10 a. m., at St. Paul's. The District Stewards are asked to meet January 20, 12 o'clock, at same place. CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E. Greenville District. Commerce Mission, Feb. 13, 14. Commerce Station, Feb. 14, 15. Kavanaugh, Feb. 20, 21. Wesley, Feb. 21, 22. The District Conference will be held at Quinlan, May 27 to 31, beginning with the opening sermon on Thursday night, May 27, which will be preached by Rev. W. T. Harris. Committees, etc., will be announced in due time. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round. Hallettsville, Feb. 13, 14. Flatonia, Feb. 15. Pandora, Feb. 20, 21. Nixon, at Seal's Chap., Feb. 27, 28. Lavernia, at Sutherland Springs, March 6, 7. Ganado, March 13, 14. Edna, March 15. El Campo, March 20, 21. Palacios, at Midfield, March 27, 28. Buckeye, at Markham, March 29. Cuero, March 31. Stockdale, at Caddo, April 3, 4. Leesville, at Hancock's Chap., April 6. Smiley, at Davy, April 10, 11. Port Lavaca, at Traylor, April 17, 18. Nursery, at Thomaston, April 19, 20. Shiner, at Sweet Home, April 21. Yoakum, April 24, 25. Hope, at Light's Chapel, April 26. District Conference at Hallettsville, April 27-May 3. R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Waxahachie, Feb. 14. Forreton, at Falls, Feb. 14, 15. Palmer, at Trumble, Feb. 20, 21. Ennis, Feb. 21, 22. Alma, at Bardwell, Feb. 27, 28. Hillsboro, 1st Ch., March 7, 8. Ferris, March 13, 14. Hillsboro, Line St., March 21, 22. Britton, at Britton, March 27, 28. Maypearl, at Maypearl, April 3, 4. Lillian, at Cahill, April 10, 11. Ovilla, at Onward, April 17, 18. Midlothian, April 18, 19. Venus, at Mountain Peak, Apr. 24, 25. Bethel, April 25, 26. Lovelace, at Berry's Chap., May 1, 2. Milford, at Der's Chapel, May 2, 3. Red Oak, at Boyce, May 8, 9. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E. Colorado District—Second Round. (Corrected.) Dunn, at Dunn, Feb. 10, 11. Sweetwater, Feb. 14, 15. Roscoe and Lorraine, L., Feb. 21, 22. Lorraine Mis., Champion, Feb. 29-31. Westbrook, Catbert, Feb. 26-28. Connans, Center P., Feb. 28, March 1. Big Springs Mis., Myers, March 3-7. Big Springs Sta., March 7, 8. Hermleigh, Fairview, March 12-14. Camp Springs, C. S., March 14, 15. Snyder Mis., Mt. Lion, March 19-21. Snyder Sta., March 21, 22. Clairmont, March 26-28. Gail, Gail, April 2-4. Fluvanna, F., April 4, 5. Stanton, April 10, 11. Stanton Mis., Slaughter, April 11-13. Lamesa, Mullins, April 15-19.

McKinney District—First Round. Weston Cir., Feb. 13, 14. Wylie Cir., Feb. 20, 21. J. F. PIERCE, P. E. Dallas District—First Round. Oak Cliff, Feb. 14. J. M. PETERSON, P. E. Decatur District—First Round. Decatur Cir., Feb. 13, 14. Oakdale Cir., Feb. 20, 21. Bryson, Feb. 27, 28. L. S. BARTON, P. E. Gainesville District—First Round. Pilot Point Sta., Feb. 14, 15. D. H. ASTON, P. E. Bowie District—First Round. Byers Cir., at Byers, Feb. 13, 14. Bonita Cir., Feb. 20, 21. Henrietta Mis., at Willow, Feb. 27, 28.

El Paso District—Second Round. Alamogordo, Feb. 13, 14. Tularosa, Feb. 14, 15. Carrizo, Feb. 20, 21. Roswell, Mar. 6, 7. Hagerman, Mar. 10. Dexter, at Lake Arthur, Mar. 13, 14. Hope, Mar. 20, 21. Artesia, Mar. 21, 22. Dayton & Lakewood, Mar. 27, 28. Carlsbad, Apr. 3, 4. Malaga, Apr. 4, 5. El Paso, Trinity, Apr. 6. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Luling Cir., at L., Feb. 20, 21. Seguin and Mill Creek, at S., Feb. 27, 28. Staples Cir., at Harris Chapel, March 6, 7. Martindale Cir., at M., preaching at night March 7; Quarterly Conference, 3 o'clock, March 10. Gonzales, March 14, 15. Kyle and Maxwell, at K., March 20, 21. Buda Cir., at Lyton Springs, March 27, 28. District Conference and Missionary Institute will convene at Luling, April 2 and 5, inclusive. Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., April 10, 11.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Sherman District—Second Round. Key Memorial Sta., Feb. 17-21. Howe Cir., at Gunter, Feb. 27, 28. Van Alstyne Sta., March 3-7. Travis Street Sta., March 10-14. Bells Cir., at Everhart, March 20, 21. Whitewright Sta., March 24-28.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE. El Paso District—Second Round. Alamogordo, Feb. 13, 14. Tularosa, Feb. 14, 15. Carrizo, Feb. 20, 21. Roswell, Mar. 6, 7. Hagerman, Mar. 10. Dexter, at Lake Arthur, Mar. 13, 14. Hope, Mar. 20, 21. Artesia, Mar. 21, 22. Dayton & Lakewood, Mar. 27, 28. Carlsbad, Apr. 3, 4. Malaga, Apr. 4, 5. El Paso, Trinity, Apr. 6. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round. (Continued) Uvalde, Feb. 13, 14. Hondo, Feb. 20, 21. Devine, at Lytle, Feb. 24. Cotulla, Feb. 25. Pearsall, Feb. 26. Dilley Cir., Feb. 27, 28. West End, March 6, 7, 11 a. m. Government Hill, Mar. 6, 7, 7:30 p. m. Rock Springs, March 13, 14. Uvalde Miss., at Montell, Mar. 20, 21. Travis Park, March 27, 28, 11 a. m. Prospect Hill, Mar. 27, 28, 7:30 p. m. South Heights, April 3, 4, 11 a. m. Alamo, April 3, 4, 7:30 p. m. Moore Cir., at Tehuacana, Apr. 10, 11. Sabinal and Utopia, April 17, 18. Eagle Pass, April 23. Del Rio, April 24, 25. A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE.

Mr. Wesley was High Church in his notions of Sunday service, and naturally so, because he had never known anything but the service of the Church of England.

After the American Revolution had given independence to the American Colonies, Wesley saw fit to consecrate Coke to the office of superintendent, and instructed him to come to America and organize an Episcopal Methodism and consecrate Asbury superintendent.

He also prepared Articles of Faith and a Sunday service, both being abridged from the Church of England Articles and Ritual for Sunday Service.

At Baltimore in 1784 the Methodist preachers assembled as a convention, organized the Methodist Episcopal Church of America, elected Coke and Asbury superintendents, or Bishops, and adopted the twenty-four Articles of Faith as sent over by Mr. Wesley.

As to the Sunday service, there seems to be no record of the exact action taken by the conference. It is said that it was introduced, but by what authority is not definitely stated.

It is said also that the wearing of gowns and bands was introduced.

One thing is definite: American Methodism would not have either the Sunday service or the gowns and bands. The only parts of service the American Methodists would allow to be used every Sunday are taken from the Holy Scriptures, viz.: The Lord's Prayer before the sermon, and the Apostolic benediction for dismissal.

It is perfectly clear that American Methodism started out by entirely repudiating a Sunday service, and that in the face of Mr. Wesley's powerful influence in this country.

In doing so the fathers of American Methodism set forth the preaching of the gospel as that which calls people to meet in the churches. They put in the Discipline a statement like this: "Let the morning service consist of singing, prayer, the reading of a chapter out of the Old Testament and another out of the New, and preaching." The first and essential duty of a preacher in charge they gave as "1. To preach." It is certain that Wesley desired them to adopt the Sunday service, and some of the leaders who had come up under the English Methodist movement in the Church of England sought to introduce it, but it is equally true that the American fathers of Methodism repudiated it, and after a short time all dropped it. For a hundred years Methodism in America was without any part of the ritualistic service in their Sunday congregations. In that hundred years when it was free from ritualistic service it saved America and brought in to its fold millions of people who were saved by the preaching of the gospel.

In England the Wesleyan Church accepted the Sunday service and never left entirely the ritualism of the Church of England. In the same hundred years, and under better conditions, the Wesleyan Church, with the ritualistic service, gathered into its fold a few hundred thousand. At the end of that hundred years British Methodist.

Wesleyan Methodism had 400,000 members, while Episcopal Methodism in America had 3,000,000. For every one ritualistic Methodism had saved, Methodism, free from ritualism and depending alone on the preached word, had saved seven.

If, therefore, ritualistic service is an advantage to Methodism, it will have to show itself such in some other way than in the work of saving souls. I am of the opinion that saving souls is the work of the Church. If, then, unritualistic Methodism in America has saved millions by the preaching of Christ, why should it lay aside the weapon of glorious victory and take up the weapon of a less successful warrior?

The fathers of American Methodism would have none of the Sunday service, so that to introduce it now is to declare either that our fathers erred in rejecting it, or that the Methodism of the nineteenth century went too far away from the forms of the Church of England, and we desire to go back towards the mother Church. It cannot be that the fathers made a mistake, for that hundred years of history is unexcelled in the history of the world. It must be, therefore, that those who wish to introduce the Sunday service desire to see the Church retrograde towards the Episcopal Church. J. E. HARRISON.

(This paper is to be followed by a series of articles from the same writer.)

REVIVAL CAMPAIGN.

Our revival campaign will open up at Farmersville in the Methodist Church the third Sunday in this month, Feb. 21. Rev. John B. Andrews, of Siloam Springs, Ark., will do the preaching. We are getting everything ready for a great meeting. Let those who read this notice pray for the meeting. JESSE G. FORESTER, Pastor.

Farmersville, Texas.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension will be held in Memphis, Tenn., April 29 to May 2. The meeting of the Conference Board representatives, which was provided for at the last annual meeting of the General Board, will be held in the same city on April 27, 28. Entertainment for the members of the board and for the Conference Board representatives will be provided by the Methodists of Memphis.

W. F. McMURRY, Cor. Sec.

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FT. WORTH PREACHERS' MEETING.

Dr. Nelson spent Sunday in Fort Worth and filled the pulpits of Mulkey and First Church. He reported his work throughout the Church. We were very glad to have him with us and to hear him. He in turn was greatly pleased with Fort Worth Methodism.

Bro. Leon Sensabaugh, having resigned as District Leader of the Laymen's Movement, a committee was appointed to confer with Judge W. E. Williams as regards a new leader.

Dr. H. A. Boaz was at Graham on Sunday and secured for Polytechnic \$500.

Thirty-seven additions and conversions were reported by the various Churches.

ASHLEY C. CHAPPELL.

HOUSTON PREACHERS' MEETING.

The pastors reported large attendance at preaching services and Sunday-school.

Trinity Church is adding three rooms to the church building.

Washington Street has put in a \$1200 organ.

J. T. Browning preached at Katy, and secured the full amount of the assessment made by the conference.

Several of the preachers spoke out vigorously concerning unwarranted statements contained in the Houston Post on the work of preachers for prohibition.

MORLAND WHALEY, Sec.

Decatur District—Second Round.

Decatur Sta., Feb. 28, 29.
Rhome, March 6.
Paradise, March 7, 8.
Greenwood, March 13.
Alvord, March 14, 15.
Willow Point, March 20, 21.
Boyd and Garvin, March 21, 22.
Argyle, March 27, 28.
Jacksboro Sta., April 3, 4.
Chico Sta., April 10, 11.
Chico Cir., April 17, 18.
Ponder and Krum, April 24, 25.
Justin, April 25, 26.
Decatur Cir., May 1, 2.
Bryson, May 8, 9.
Bridgeport, May 15, 16.
Mexican Miss., May 17.
Oak Dale, May 22, 23.

District Conference at Chico, May 27-30.
L. S. BARTON, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.

Queen City, at Law's Chap., Meh. 6.
Atlanta Sta., March 7, 8.
Douglassville, at D., March 12.
Linden, at Warren Spgs., Meh. 13, 14.
Daby Springs, at Daniel's Chapel, March 20.
New Boston and DeKalb, at DeKalb, March 21, 22.
Nash, at Nash, March 27, 28.
Hardy Memorial, March 28, 29.
Central, Texarkana, April 3, 4.
Redwater, at Maud, April 10, 11.
Winfield, at Bridges' Chap., Apr. 17, 18.
Mt. Pleasant Sta., April 24, 25.
Pittsburg Cir., at Pleasant Grove, April 30.
Pittsburg Sta., May 1, 2.
Wintboro, at Maple Springs, May 8, 9.
Quintman, at Liberty, May 15, 16.
Daingerfield, May 21.
Hughes Springs, May 22, 23.
Naples and Omaha, May 29, 30.
R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round.

Rockdale, March 13, 14.
Brenham, March 20, 21.
Chappell Hill, March 21, 22.
Thorndale, March 27, 28.
Bellville, April 3, 4.
Sealy, April 4, 5.
Bay City, April 10, 11.
Wharton, April 12.
Glen Flora, April 17, 18.
Caldwell Miss., April 24, 25.
Caldwell Sta., April 25, 26.
Giddings, May 1, 2.
Hempstead, May 4.
Waller, May 5.
Rosenberg, May 7.
Richmond, May 8, 9.
Lexington, May 15, 16.
Somerville, May 22, 23.
Fulshear and B., May 29, 30.
District Conference will be held at Chappell Hill, May 11, 12 and 13. Opening sermon on Monday night.
A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

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B. A. THOMASSON, Clyde, Tex.

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Cleburne District—Second Round. In Part

Cleburne, Brazos Ave., March 7, 25.
Cleburne, Anglin St., March 14, 24.
Itasca, March 20, 21.
Grandview Cir., Bethany, March 27, 28.
Alvarado, March 28, 29.
Covington, at C., April 3, 4.
Morgan, at Kopperl, April 6.
Cleburne, Main St., April 11, 28.
Granbury Miss., Post Oak, April 17, 18.
Granbury Sta., April 18, 19.
Creason, at Acton, April 20.
Grandview Sta., April 24, 25.
Sunday-school and Epworth League Conference at Morgan, May 7-9.
District Conference at Godley, June 25-28.
E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round.

Valley Mills, at Lane's Chapel, March 5, 11 a. m.
McGregor Sta., March 6, 7.
Oglesby Charge, at O., Mar. 13, 14.
Meridian Mis., at Grapevine, March 20, 21, at 3 p. m.
Meridian Sta., March 21, 22.
Clifton Station, March 27, 28.
Killeen Sta., April 3, 4.
Nolanville Mis., at Brookhaven, April 10, 11.
Jonesboro, at Jonesboro, April 16, at 11 a. m.
Evant Cir., April 17, 18.
Hamilton Sta., April 19, at 8 p. m.
Gatesville Cir., at Rowlin's Chapel, April 24, 25, at 11 a. m.
Gatesville Sta., April 25, at 8 p. m. and Monday, 9 a. m.
Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, May 1, 2.
Pearl, May 8, 9.
Copperas Cove, May 15, 16; will meet Bro. M. Mills' people one hour.
Fairy and Lanham, at Fairy, May 22, 23.
Crawford, at Compton, May 26, 11 a. m.
China Springs, at Mill's Chapel, May 27, 11 a. m.
The Gatesville District Conference will convene at China Springs, Friday morning, May 27, 8 a. m. There will be preaching on Thursday night, 8 p. m., by Rev. B. A. Evans.

Committees: License to preach and recommend to the Annual Conference—Rev. G. F. Campbell, Rev. A. C.

Smith, Rev. T. W. Sharp and Rev. B. A. Evans.

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