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EDITORIAL

The Layman's Place in the Church

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What is the layman's place in the Church? I answer, whatever is the citizen's place in the State, that is the place of the layman in the Church. The State rests upon you men, not upon women, not upon children. Men bear the honors and the burdens, and meet the responsibilities and discharge the duties of citizenship. They vote. They serve on juries. They work the roads and they pay the taxes. And the State assesses the taxes and the men of the State pay them. At a glance you see the place of the layman in the Church. It is his place to bear the burdens of that Church, whatever they may be. It is his duty to be zealous for the honor of the Church, and to represent the Church always, everywhere.

I believe I will change that figure and take this: Whatever is the position and duty of the soldier in the army, that is the place and that is the responsibility of the layman in the Church. Now let me say that the Church of Jesus Christ is an organized movement for the overthrow of Satan and for the recovery and restoration of men, our brothers who have been carried captive by the devil at his will. We are now engaged in that war, the greatest war, the greatest campaign that has ever been waged in the history of time, a campaign compared with which those of Alexander and Caesar and Napoleon pale into nothing. It is a conflict between truth and error, between light and darkness, between heaven and hell, between Jehovah and Satan, and we are in that army, and the war is on and it is to a finish. There is no rest and there is no armistice in this war. It is an absorbing fact.

All wars not only absorb public attention, but public effort. Everything gives way—commercialism, professionalism—all give way when the tocsin of war is sounded.

The war is on now. You are in the army. Why did you join? You were not drafted. You entered after investigation. You investigated the Church and the Church investigated you, and you were sworn in. And every one around this board can say with the psalmist, "Thy vows are on me O God."

Why did you join the Church? You could not afford to be neutral. Neutrality in time of war is scandalous. It is dishonorable. We all recognize that. When great men face each other on issues of life and death, the man who skulks, the man that hides, the man that plays neutral, that man hasn't the respect of angels or of men. You have felt that. You could not afford to be neutral. More than that, you felt that you needed the Church, and you were right. You knew it, and God knew it, and he provided the Church for you he brought it to you. It met you at the cradle. It laid its loving hands on you and claimed you,

and lifted you up out of that cradle and started you in your tottering steps, and it led you through the Sunday-school and the Epworth League to the mourners' bench, and there God drew near and claimed you for his child, and you said, "Abba Father."

You will always need this Church. You will need its public ministry. You will need its parental oversight, its brotherly fellowship, such as we have here tonight. You need to touch elbows with those who march in the daily walks of life. You need its sympathy in the dark hours of the dark days. You need that Church and will always need it.

Now, in this Church there are not many officers. There are not many in the army, nor many in the navy. The men behind the guns are the men to be reckoned with, and just as those men are to be taken into account, so you laymen who stand for the Church and the cause of Christ are the men to be reckoned with. Now, by that I mean to say that every man in the Church has a place and a responsibility. The Church is made up of humble men mostly, and surely God has a place for humble men in his Church, because he has so many of them. I want to say that there is not a Church in this land but that has work for every layman in it, and definite work, and you can find it if you will; and the Church is seeking men to use on great occasions.

It is very doubtful if Caleb was an Israelite. He was an Egyptian who went out when Moses led the children of Israel across the Red Sea and into the wilderness. "A great multitude followed the Israelites" when they went out, and among them this man. And yet this humble man, who perhaps was not an Israelite, was selected for the most difficult and responsible work that lay before the Church. That one act made him immortal.

And so the Church will find you if you do what is before you.

In the first crystallization of Methodism in America and in Europe the layman's place was distinctly prominent. Preachers were few and pastors were scarcely to be found. Mr. Wesley, with that wonderful insight for government and organization, saw that he must lay his hand upon the laity, and with his high Church notions he hesitated about it, but his godly mother, who was wiser than himself, laid her hands upon him and said: "John, these men," meaning the lay preachers, who had gone vigorously to work and over whose work he was embarrassed, "these men are surely called of God, as you are," and Mr. Wesley knew she was right, and made use of this great asset, the lay preacher.

Brethren, we have lost a great deal when we lost the class leader. How did we lose him? In the early days in this country the gospel was spread in circuits. Preachers were all circuit riders. They had twenty-eight appointments in the month. They were allowed two days to rest. The preacher in charge was not a pastor, but an evangelist. He would preach here today and call penitents, and men and women would be

converted, and he would turn them over to a class leader. And on and on the preacher in charge went, until he made his circuit, and when he returned inquired of the class leader how those men and women had behaved. That godly man, who had seen each one every day of the week and had advised and encouraged and prayed with them, reported, and the preacher in charge admonished as the occasion might demand. The class leader was an important asset. By and by, in the advance of civilization, the Churches became strong, and they wanted a pastor all the time, and when the pastor came he took the work of the class leader and he became preacher and class leader and factotum of the whole business. And so the Church, without intending it, has piled on the pastor a vast amount of work that the class leader ought to do. And the Church would be benefited if class leaders had some of this work to do.

There is no reason why we should not get back to it. You might each one become a class leader. Each one of you might meet once a week at one place with those in your class or with them singly, to get personal knowledge as to how they are living, and advise with and help them. Oh, what a blessing it would be to you.

In this change the Church has lost and the laymen have lost. They sit by and see the pastor undertake to do everything when both are losers. We have to an extent taken up the habits of the Romish Church. The priest is everything, the layman is nothing. He is like a passenger who pays his fare and expects the priest to take him through. We are too much in that condition.

That man is the best pastor, not who does the most work and makes the most visits and sees the most people, but who puts the most men to work, who makes work for his men, who studies at night what he shall put this man and that to do.

Every pastor ought to have a list of laymen of his Church and he ought to study that list and pray over it and ask of God what this one is best fitted for, and if the laymen found out that the pastor was engaged in that careful study whenever he laid his hand on a brother and said, "Lead a meeting at such a place and visit a sick man and do this and that work," that brother would feel that the message came from God and that he ought to heed it.

Let me say that the moral discipline of the Church can only be enforced by the laymen. The pastor can not do it unless the laymen stand up and for him. Now what is discipline? It is not turning people out of the Church. That is the failure of discipline. That is the confession that discipline has failed. Discipline means training, development. We talk of the discipline of the army. We mean the training that makes soldiers, that develops them physically and heroically and intellectually. It is the discipline of our home that brings our children under law and control. We need that discipline in the Church. It is the greatest need in our Church today—discipline that will bring every man to stand

in his place as a representative of Christ, that will impress upon the heart and conscience the idea, "I stand for Christ. I am his representative. I belong to him. He has the right to my services." That is the discipline we want exercised, and that is the training we want to see developed in our Church. Only the laymen can do it, and they can do it.

As I said before, the relation of the Church is the relation of a citizen to the State. Only a citizen and a layman can bear the offices and honors and burdens of the State. Only the layman can perform that for the Church.

Now, our Church is the best organization in the world for discipline. It is a system of superintendency. Every man has a man over him and responsible in a sense for him. Here is the woman's organization, in which the women watch over one another. Here is your ministry, the pastors under the oversight of the presiding elders and these under the oversight of bishops, and these under the General Conference. But where is the place that you discipline and train your men? Where? What place in the Church have we for the development of our men? The meeting here tonight is the first I ever addressed that looks toward the training and development of the laymen of the Church. I congratulate you heartily. Don't let this be the last. Do not feel satisfied with this meeting. You have just now opened your eyes to see your needs.

It is beyond the ken of man to have originated the idea of the divine life. It required the wisdom of one Divine to conceive such a thought and give it to the world. It required a Christ to invent Christ. The very fact that two thousand years ago, when the world was steeped in ignorance and superstition, that such a perfect ideal as Christ appeared among men is sufficient to convince us that he is the Son of God.

Emotional religion is better than no religion at all; but unless it has some root in deep and unwavering conviction, it is not of permanent and abiding nature. Religion is something more than temporary fermentation. It involves deep thought, pungent repentance, the forsaking of sin, the accepting of Christ and a persistent purpose to follow after righteousness.

Thomas was a doubting disciple; not that he was more intellectual than the rest, with a mind more investigating and harder to satisfy, but because he was of a phlegmatic temperament and inclined to moods of melancholy. His natural disposition was toward a somber view of life, and he was easily depressed and discouraged. Yet Christ dealt patiently with him and did not upbraid him for demanding ocular evidence. But he pronounced a blessing upon those who can believe, though they may not have been able to see with their eyes. Real faith accepts Christ in the absence of outward knowledge of an absolute character. It relies upon the inward knowledge of consciousness.

In The Windy City

By Dr. S. A. Steel.

After a delightful stroll through the Chicago Art Institute, I was about leaving when I met a distinguished Northerner who greeted me very cordially, and arrested my departure. He said a reception was on; Chicago was extending her courtesies to Dr. Francis G. Peabody, the Dean of the Theological faculty of Harvard University; and I must be present. So I stayed. "Get in good company," he said. And I did. I found Dr. Peabody a very genial gentleman, met Dr. Judson, of the University of Chicago; Dr. Rodgers, of the Northwestern University, a number of distinguished educators, and a galaxy of beautiful women, the fair hostesses of the occasion. They were by far the most beautiful things I saw in the Art Institute! Nothing equals God's final touch to creation—woman.

The National Convention of the Society of Religious Education is in session. Dr. Peabody is its President. The subjects discussed, and the discussions are all intensely interesting and important and all concern higher education. Nobody seems to think of the greenhorn in the backwood, the poor boy has scant opportunities to learn even the elementary branches of knowledge. Yet all Chicago is cheering the memory of one of these boys, her streets are blazing with decorations in his honor, and every speaker who mentions the name of Abraham Lincoln starts a storm of applause. Lincoln belonged to that class of boys I was trying to give an opportunity in my industrial school in Mississippi. Both Church and State overlook him. There is not a school in Texas where Lincoln could have gotten an education, unless he was one of the lucky few who get the jobs around a college. Fortunately for the world such boys as Lincoln and Forrest go to the front anyhow and university men become their eulogists. But there is immense waste at this point, undeveloped manhood, latent potentialities of character, that the agencies used will never reach. The two years I spent in that school in Mississippi were the most useful in my life.

It is Lincoln week in Chicago, and the city honors itself in honoring the great man. We Southern people are slow to realize the truth about Lincoln, but it is time for us to do so. The more you study him the more you admire him. My lecture on Robert E. Lee is popular up here. I wonder how many calls I will get for one I am preparing on Lincoln in the South? Yet ought we not to be as manly and as hospitable in our mental attitude toward the men of 1860 as our Northern neighbors! Can we afford to let them outdo us in magnanimous oblivion of all rancorous prejudices and honest appreciation of virtue and patriotism though it does not pronounce our sectional shibboleth? For my part I do not intend to be a Rip Van Winkle, or a superannuated malcontent. The truth of the business is that if history teaches us anything it teaches us that God intended this Union to stand undivided, and overruled the issues of the now far-away struggle between the North and South, and Lincoln was the human agent through whom he accomplished his purpose. The North is coming to look with a fairer mind on the South of 1860. Yesterday a distinguished man was addressing 2000 students in a college here in Chicago. He mentioned the name of Robert E. Lee when there was an instantaneous storm of applause. It was unexpected, spontaneous, enthusiastic, honest. This is the way the young men of the North look on Lee. The logic of reason and time will teach them that they cannot consistently cheer Lee and denounce his cause. At one place here in Chicago I lectured on Lee to a large and cultured audience. Not only did I receive frequent applause, but at the close of the lecture, a gentleman said to me: "I always thought Gen. Robert E. Lee was a great and good man. But I also thought that he committed treason

against the Government. I thank you heartily for hearing your side. I can never again think Lee was a traitor." The average man up here has never heard our side. Who's to blame? Go in these great book stores, and you will not find one book written by a Southerner in a thousand. We have let the pen of the North write the story.

It is this kindly hearing of our side that pleases me up here. It means that we are living in a larger age and a freer time. A few evenings ago I lectured to one of the Grand Army Posts here, named after Gen. Grant. It was an inspiration to address that large body of old soldiers who wore the blue. They were there with their flags and drums and fifes and badges and decorations and enthusiasm and heard me with cheers for two hours. And I tell it straight. Dr. Stuart, the affable and brainy editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, said to me last evening: "Steel, how do you do it? You are no better looking than I am"—(I wish I were as handsome as the scamp undoubtedly is)—"yet you come up here and talk as you do, and our people not only hear you, but like you!" Got sense, I said. Amen! And they have—a good deal of nonsense mixed with it—especially about the race problem. But enough negroes have drifted up here to kinder slow 'em down on that line. I tell them that while Northern people have been pouring into Texas by the thousands, the Democratic majority remains normal down there!

It is a tonic to an American's patriotism to be in the midst of these Lincoln memorial celebrations. There was a little flutter of objection made to singing Dixie; but the twentieth century spirit silenced the growl and the strains of Dixie blend with Yankee Doodle and America on every hand. Lincoln was a Southerner, born in Kentucky, and if he had not moved into Illinois—an accident shall we say, or providence?—he might have been President of the Confederacy. His mother was a Campbellite; his father

a Baptist, and his wife a Presbyterian. He never joined any Church—not to be wondered at with all these hold of him. But he preferred the Methodists. Dr. Jackson says he was converted in his study. Bishop Simpson was his bosom friend. He gave sound evidence of a genuine religious experience. And just as in the case of our great General Forrest, who came into the Cumberland Presbyterian Church a little while before he died, had Lincoln lived he would in all probability have united with the Church. The type of his character and the logic of his sincerity put him there. Of course in the eulogies pronounced on him here there is a great deal of extravagance. One is disgusted to hear him put by the side of Jesus Christ; that, too, by some who profess to believe Jesus was divine. But such a great man as Lincoln naturally disturbs the polarity of little men. The Nation is his monument. And just in proportion as we realize the advantages that we enjoy as citizens of a country whose name and flag command respect around the world, we should honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

Some one suggests that these sentiments about Lincoln will not be published in a Southern Methodist paper, or if they are, will destroy the reputation of the man who utters them. It's up to the Advocate to show that the first part of the charge is false; while as for my reputation, if it can be hurt, much less destroyed, by people who are too little or too benighted to appreciate Abraham Lincoln, let it go. It is not worth caring for. I don't intend to roost with owls.

There are about two hundred Methodist Churches in Chicago and vicinity. For the fourth time I had the privilege and honor of addressing the ministerial association. I have been there so much that I feel quite at home around at the Book Concern, and always receive the most agreeable courtesies in the editorial rooms. These good folks have never forgotten two things about me: that I made a speech in New York, and edited the Era. I have been an honorary member of the Methodist Episcopal Church ever since.

Manliness in the Ministry

By Rev. S. W. Kemerer.

The qualities which make for manhood outside the ministry, should characterize the manhood within it. There is not, and should not be, a double standard of conduct for the laity and the clergy. What is demanded of the finest type of manliness in the world is increasingly expected from men in the pulpit. It is sometimes thought that the office of minister covers, or should cover, defects of personal character, and because a man is a minister he is entitled to leniency of judgment denied other men, and is therefore excused by a superficial charity. But on the other hand a cold, keen-eyed world has subjected the ministry the most rigid tests of genuine worth. The world believes that the clerical garb in itself is no substitute for the garment of manliness, and that it can not conceal unmanly qualities.

Besides this, the pulpit itself has a way of being a background. Instead therefore of the sacred desk being a to the closest scrutiny. It has applied prop for imperfect manhood, the pulpit by some law calls attention to defective qualities. The office magnifies a man's opportunities, but not the man, and multiplies both his faults and his excellencies. The ministry is a setting in which qualities both bad and good shine with a light either baleful or blessed. In no profession is the demand for manliness so imperative as in the Christian ministry, and in no other calling is its lack so quickly perceived, so unjustifiable and so lamentable.

This is one of those subjects about which it is possible to say more in five minutes than one may do in a

year. In fact it is hard, but not impossible to make good.

In my study I have found it convenient to consider manliness in the ministry in its relations to four or five departments of life, following an order of increasing importance and value.

1. Manliness conforms to social amenities. We can not associate manliness either with eccentricities of manner, appearance, dress or untidiness of person or habit. The minister's habits are above reproach and away from any necessity for apology and defence by his friends. His knowledge of the laws of social procedure is extensive enough to carry him through ordinary occasions without more violations than are necessary. Emerson says: "I could better eat with one who did not respect the truth or the laws, than with a sloven and unrepresentable person." He adds: "Moral qualities rule the world, but at short distances the senses are despotic." While good breeding may not always be the fine heritage of every minister, he can never be excused from politeness, for this springs from the qualities of the heart. Nothing is finer than the manifestations, however awkward, of good will to others. One of the qualities for which the world loves Gladstone was his unflinching kindness. By his life he exemplified Wordsworth's estimate of the "best part of a man's life—his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

The manly minister can not be a bore, a pedant, loud-mouthed and loud-breathed, whether from bad teeth or any other cause. He must be a gentle-

man, with a gentleman's kindness, courtesy, fine feeling and sensibility. 2. Again, manliness demands the common virtues. In this respect what is expected from every one is expected of a minister. He must live the truth and in the truth. Truth lies at the foundation of all knowledge and is the basis of reality. "The highest homage we can pay to truth is to use it," for while we live we are exhorted "to tell truth and shame the devil." What possible use has a minister for a lie, unless perchance he imagines with the little boy that it is a great help in time of trouble. But if a preacher has gotten into trouble his way out is rather through repentance and confession than evasion, equivocation and shuffling the blame upon other shoulders.

Another common virtue is honesty. Surely manliness and honesty appear well together. A clergyman pays his debts. He recognizes his obligations. He does not let his creditor do all the worrying. He frets a little on his own initiative. And yet the course pursued sometimes by some Church Boards is conducive to practical dishonesty among ministers. What is the course open to the unfortunate minister who is confronted by a deficit in his salary of from \$50 to \$200 or more. And he has contracted obligations, undertaken in the fond but ill-founded hope that his salary will be paid? He has a choice of two ways of extricating himself from the dilemma: Either leave his debt unprovided for, which brands him as dishonest and a reprobate in the eyes of business men, or put off the day of settlement by borrowing and cripple himself and family by thus mortgaging his future. And we all hold that preachers should not deal too much in futures. A minister is sometimes hard put to it to be honest, and yet a manly man must be honest.

The other common virtue which is indispensable to the minister is purity. We may find it in our hearts to excuse a man if he lie, under some great provocation, or if he leave some stingy steward his creditor, but what can we say of him who endeavors to preach purity to men whom his own stories have besmirched, or who has been untrue in any sense to inward purity? The streams which go out from a manly man's life are pure and wholesome, so that when men think of the minister it will be with the profoundest respect for his uprightness, his honor and the purity of his personal life. The pearly snow-flake as it falls or the crystal dewdrop nestling in the heart of the rose petals, and reflecting heaven's vaulted blue, is not more pure than the manly minister.

3. Manliness requires participation in the affairs of men. The recluse is no longer regarded as a necessary excrecence of religion. Men have their pleasures and sports, they go hunting, fishing, and enjoy the thousand and one forms of out-door life. The manly minister is in sympathy with a hunter's achievements apart from the game and fish he leaves at one's back door, for he, too, loves "God's out of doors," the earth, the sea, the air and sky. He occasionally hears the "call of the wild," and his heart throbs with the passion of nature's pulsations. Likewise, the manly minister is fascinated with the throbbing business life of the world. He sees the giant achievements in commercial life, the manifold activities and monster problems in engineering and industrial works. He is scarcely fit to preach to men who does not share in the problems and perils and engrossing activities of men in their business life. Nor does a manly ministry remain silent upon public matters and refrain from discussing the great issues of civic and political life. The dictum, "Let the ministers stick to preaching the pure gospel," has come from two classes of persons, the uncommonly good, which is a small class, and the uncommonly bad, which is about the same size. These two classes issue the above exhortation from motives so opposing as to be antipodal. "One fears endanger-

ing the truth for which a minister is supposed to stand, by undignifying it; the other fears endangering his own pecuniary interests." But the great mass of people of common sense, both in the Church and out of it is calling to the ministry to take its place upon the side of progress, morality and reform in public matters and to support these with all the strength of their own ability and the authority of their positions as ministers of God. Truly a manly ministry must participate in the throbbing activities and complexities of modern life. Of course, to feel all this a minister must be a human being and he must be a man. His interests must be mundane. The affairs about the throne and the judgment can not preclude interest and sympathy in twentieth century people who are still actively engaged in sport and business and the world's stern struggle.

4. Manliness in the ministry is inseparable from a certain largeness of qualities. I would have every minister possessed of a large body, handsome head and fine presence. I know that the absence of these qualities in so many ministers rather weakens the strength of this argument, and also that this statement of George Stuart concerning a prominent Houston preacher rather detracts than supports me, namely: That when God makes a man handsome he seldom does much else for him. But I think that most of us will agree with Charlotte Bronte, who says that "indisputably a great, good handsome man is the first of created things." And perhaps most of us will add that then God broke the mold. But lest we linger too long in considering, as far as it applies to many of us, what is not, let me say that the manly minister, though he have a small body, must be intellectually large. He must have a large range of sympathies. He can not be narrow, one-sided, unfair in his judgments or intolerant in his opinions. He can not be a bigot. Now there is at Orange a Methodist preacher who fills my idea of this part of my subject. He is not very large in body, no taller than I, but he has endeavored, and with a measure of success, to cultivate an expansive corporeity. He has an intellectual range like the limitless sweep of the far off sea and sympathies which delight to find exercise in many conditions and countries.

5. Now for a little alliteration:

Manliness in the ministry makes a manly message mandatory. The themes of the gospel are large. They affect time and eternity. They have to do with great issues, the human and the divine natures, sin and salvation, heaven and hell, life and destiny. What excuse is there in the pulpit for rapid utterances and sickly sentimentalities? The toning down of great truths is as disagreeable to sturdy manhood as the tuning up of instruments of an orchestra. Bishop Warren, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, says there are some pastors who go at toning down truths in this style: "Brethren, you must repent, as it were, and be converted, in a measure, or you will be damned, to some extent." The preacher is commissioned to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, as Dr. Tupper says "in the fullness of its truth and power, and standing on the high levels of the divine life, with mind and spirit quickened, and eyes drinking in with delight inexpressible the infinite glories of Calvary, he proclaims the unsearchable riches of grace centered in, and flowing out of, an ever blessed Redeemer." Here is the preacher's manliest work to proclaim the awfulness of sin and the greatness of the Savior, for this is the central, fundamental, energizing power of Christianity—"Christ mighty to save through the unlimited power of his redeeming blood."

We do not associate every great preacher in scripture and out of it with a manly ministry. The prophets almost without exception lived apart and were far removed from the activi-

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ties of their time. Isaiah was a notable exception, but John the Baptist appears on the scene like a visitant from another world, having but little knowledge of and sympathy with the affairs of men. Paul was a supreme example of manliness, and the world is his debtor for the strength, grace, beauty, sympathy and effectiveness of his ministry. The Church is rich in examples. In more modern times Luther was great, rugged and savage, mighty in spite of his weaknesses. To Methodists the name of John Wesley sounds peculiarly sweet, and with singular fullness does he measure up to the standards demanded of a manly minister. And in our own time do we find ourselves glorying in the fact that the ministry of the modern Church is composed of so many clean, brave, wise, consecrated men, who see their responsibilities and opportunities and are both willing and eager to assume and enter into them.

Yet we dare not pause here amidst

our congratulations and applause. Bishop Candler's reference to a celebrated wag's division of the sexes as "men, women and ministers" flew like wildfire throughout the country, and because it was so caught at revealed that the characterization was too often true to the conditions. We recognize that the pulpit is a bulwark of all that is "noblest in our civilization and divinest in humanity. And when it is filled by a great mind, warmed by a great heart, with the mighty agency of the Holy Spirit to produce conviction, and the wonderful machinery of modern communication to carry the message to the ends of the world," who can measure that man's work? Richard III. cried in time of dire need: "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!" May the Church of Jesus Christ never call in vain, in this conflict of the ages, for ministers who are men, Spirit-born, duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified, for her missions and for her ministry.

When his father, mother and wife and children had forsaken him, this friend remained loyal. He would follow him nights in his debauches and many a time saved him from freezing to death when he was so inebriated that he could not stand. Scores of times this friend would leave his home and hunt in the slums for him, to keep him from the hands of a policeman, and to shield him from the cold when everyone else had forsaken him; and this great love and devotion finally redeemed the fallen man and sent him back to decency and to his home. Can any money measure the value of such devotion?—O. S. Marden.

THE SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURE.

In a divine revelation, we must expect many points of information to be reserved. You send a child, for instance, on an errand to a distant street; and you give him the street's name and the number, and the number of the crossings, and repeat to him perhaps more than once his particular business; but you do not detain and perplex him by either a history or a panoramic exhibition of the city he visits. "When I was a child, I spake as a child;" and the converse is all true: "When I was a child, I was spoken to as a child; such knowledge was given to me as was proper for my childhood's estate." And even in our manhood, and with reference to our fellow-men, there are always topics as to which we are more or less ignorant, and as to which speculative information is withheld. Thus a government sends forth a colonist, but gives him just information enough to enable him to perform his particular work. A general charges an inferior officer with a special duty; but here, too, there is silence as to whatever does not belong to this duty. To enlarge the official directions given in either case, so as to include all the knowledge the superior may possess, would perplex the agent, and withdraw his attention from that which concerned his work to that which did not concern it. And if we are to expect such silence in a parent's dealings with a child, and in a Government's dealings with a subaltern, how much more reason have we to expect it in the dealings of God with man! God knows all things and endures from eternity to eternity; man comes into the world knowing nothing; lives at the best a life which endures for a few years, and in his short life is charged with the momentous question of settling his own destiny for the eternity to come. Silence, then, on all irrelevant questions is what we would expect in the revelation of an all-wise God; and of the irrelevancy, he is the sole judge.—Selected.

STICK TO THE OLD FAITH.

This is a queer age. It is eminently practical, it is eminently impracticable. It is practical because we are all discussing matters which pertain to life. We discuss what to eat, and how much. We discuss ventilation as a health science, and we study economy and every other advantage in the erection of all our buildings—churches excepted. Mankind are healthier than for centuries before; and, as a whole, they are happier. But then we are impracticable. Too much business. Too much speculation. Too much theorizing. Too much talk about where we came from, and too little talk about where we are going to. There is too much generalization; and even science, instead of contenting itself with bringing fact to the apprehension of the senses, flies off at a tangent and discourses upon matters regarding which it knows no more than does our cousin, the monkey, of his intimate relationship to the human family. And so writers tell us how the world was evolved into existence from matter which was never created. They tell us what has been, but they can not tell us what is to be. Beyond they see only the look-

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Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalence of kidney disease. While kidney disorders are the most common diseases that prevail, they are almost the last recognized by patient and physicians, who content themselves with doctoring the effects, while the original disease undermines the system.

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Devotional—Spiritual

THE ANCHOR WATCH.

"I often recall," says an old sailor, "my first night at sea. A storm had come up, and we had put back under a point of land which broke the wind a little, but still the sea had a rake on us, and we were in danger of drifting. I was on the anchor watch, and it was my duty to give warning in case the ship should drag her anchor. It was a long night to me. I was very anxious whether I should know if the ship really did drift. How could I tell? I found that, going forward and placing my hand on the chain, I could tell by feeling of it whether the anchor was dragging or not; and how often that night I went forward and placed my hand on that chain! And very often since then I have wondered whether I am drifting away from God, and then I go away and pray.

"Sometimes during that long, stormy night I would be startled by a rumbling sound, and I would put my hand on the chain, and find it was not the anchor dragging, but only the chain grating against the rocks at the bottom. The anchor was still firm. And sometimes now, in temptation and trial, I become afraid, and upon praying I find that away down deep in my heart I do love God, and my hope is in his salvation. And I just want to say a word to you boys: Boys, keep an anchor watch, lest before you are aware, you may be upon the rocks.—Selected.

THE BAND OF ORION.

Orion is not only the most striking and splendid constellation in the heavens; it is also one of the very few clusters visible in all parts of the habitable world. The equator passes through the middle of it; the glittering stars of its belt being strung like diamonds on the invisible line. In the beginning of January when it is about the meridian, we obtain the grandest display of stars which sidereal heavens in this country can exhibit. * * * The three bright stars which constitute the girdle of bands of Orion never change their form; they preserve the same relative position to each other, and to the rest of the constellation, from year to year, and age to age. They present precisely the same appearance to us which they did to Job. No sooner does the constellation rise above the horizon, however long may have been the interval since we last beheld it, than these three stars appear in the old familiar position. They afford to use one of the highest types of immutability in the midst of ceaseless changes. When heart-sick and weary of the continued alterations we observe in this world, on whose most enduring objects and affections is written the melancholy doom, "passing away," it is comforting to look

up to this bright beacon in the heavens, that remains unmoved amid all the restless surges of time's great ocean. And yet in the profound rest of these stars there is a ceaseless motion; in their apparent stability and everlasting endurance there is constant change. In vast courses, with inconceivable velocities, they are whirling round invisible centers, and ever shifting their positions in space, and even passing into new collocations. They appear to us motionless and changeless, because of our great distance from them; just as the foaming torrent that rushes down the hillside with the speed of an arrow, and in the wildest and most vagrant course, filling the air with its ceaseless shoutings, appears from an opposite hill frozen by the distance into silence and rest—a mere motionless, changeless glacier on the mountain side. Mysterious triplet of stars that are ever changing, and yet never ceasing to change! How wonderful must be the Power which preserves such perfect order amid all their complex arrangements, such sublime peace and everlasting permanence amid the incalculable distances to which they wander, and the bewildering velocities with which they move!—Rev. Hugh Macmillan.

THE STIMULUS OF FRIENDSHIP.

"Our chief want in life," says Emerson, "is somebody who shall make us do what we can. This is the service of a friend. With him we are easily great. There is a sublime attraction in him to whatever virtue there is in us. How he flings wide open the door of existence! What questions we ask of him! What an understanding we have! How few words are needed! It is the only real society. A real friend doubles my possibilities and adds his strength to mine and makes a well-nigh irresistible force possible to me."

The faith of friends is a perpetual stimulus. How it nerves and encourages us to do our best, when we feel that scores of friends really believe in us when others misunderstand and denounce us! Many a man has told me that there were periods in his life when he would have failed but for the thought that his friends had implicit faith in him, and believed that he would finally triumph.

What is more sacred in this world than our friendships! One of the most touching things I know of is the office of a real friend to one who is not a friend to himself—one who has lost his self-respect, his self-control and fallen to the level of the brute. Ah! this is friendship, indeed, which will stand by us when we will not stand by ourselves! I know a man who thus stood by a friend who had become a slave to drink and all sorts of vice that even his family turned him out of doors.

underneath the words. Whoever we heard of a life "standing out" in perpetual sunshine? The shadows do it. The divine artist knows.—Young People.

LOOK OUT—NOT IN.

"The clouds are always beautiful and clean, no matter what is in the house. Just look out, mamma," said a little girl to her mother who stood on the door-step of the dingy factory tenement, bemoaning the smoky discolored walls. The mother looked out. The strip of green by the river's edge, the great rolling white clouds, and the deep blue of the calm, far-reaching sky entered her heart and soul and made her forget the poverty and grime.

What a blessing that our homes have windows, that we catch a glimpse of heaven's blue any hour that we look out into the sunshine!

All we have to do is to lift our eyes and thoughts from the common place things around us, and enjoy the beauty that is always there in the sky, the restful landscape, or the twinkling stars. Nature would not have us shut inside drear walls, if she could have her way. Like the little girl, she bids us to "just look out" of our surroundings if we would find the best in life.—Selected.

WHAT GIVES LIFE AND LIGHT.

"I have been diligent with my work since the last lesson," said an art student to her instructor, "but I can not make the vase of white flowers look like anything but death on a pale horse. There is no life to them at all, though I studied the real ones and copied them as well as I could."

"And I can't make this figure stand out," said another. "It looks flat, without the solidity that there is in the model."

The teacher took brush and crayon in turn to give an object lesson upon the vital need in each case. Under her touch the flowers seemed actually fragrant, and the carved panel in black and white looked as if one might put a hand clear around it, as it started from the surface.

"I don't see what makes the difference," said an on-looker, unskilled in art.

"I put just a little more sunshine in the flowers by adding a touch of yellow in the center," was the reply; "but in both cases the shadows did it all. I deepened these, and the dead came to life. The shadows do it always."

The hearer listened to a lesson

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DR. J. H. BRUNNER'S GREETING.
 To the Holston Conference Preachers:
 Midway between your yearly meetings
 Your eldest brother sends you greet-
 ings.
 His senior comrades all have left us,
 Remorseless Death hath sore bereft
 us.
 But Death ne'er made complete dis-
 aster;
 The Church has grown, is growing
 faster.
 See new recruits are ever rising,
 The ways of God our foes surprising.

The Church of God he ever keepeth,
 He never slumbers, never sleepeth;
 The Great Commission was intended
 To show our work with God's is
 blended.

How grand the creed of Father Wes-
 ley!
 Revealed in Bible, taught expressly,
 A free, a full, a felt salvation
 For ev'ry one in ev'ry nation!

O bless-ed Gospel, bless-ed story!
 What throngs redeemed have gone to
 glory!
 And lo! the crowds still onward press-
 ing,
 And those to come exceed all guess-
 ing.

Yes, preach the Word, and never
 falter,
 Lay all you have upon God's altar;
 To work is ours while life is given.
 The place to rest is up in Heaven.
 Hiawasee College, 1909.

RESPONSES SLOW.

Responses to the call for assistance
 to build the church and to save Method-
 ism in Brownsville, Texas, are coming
 in very slow; but we are so thankful
 for these which have come.

A physician sent his contribution,
 and said: "If the Methodist Church,
 South, expects to hold her own in this
 rapidly developing Southwest her
 membership elsewhere will certainly
 have to come to her assistance." No
 truer sentence has been written than
 this.

Do not be afraid to send your money,
 for we have nine as good, reliable men
 who compose the Board of Trustees
 as you will find; the Building Commit-
 tee is composed of men who under-
 stand their business. Send draft or
 money order.

We have bought the best location in
 the city for a church, which has cost
 us \$3500. It is the down-town church
 and always will be. When the Church
 is strong enough to build largely,
 this that we now build will be or can
 be used for the annex in the which
 the "open Church" can be conducted
 for the benefit of the city. The con-
 tract will soon be let.

Including the pastor's office there
 will be four rooms. It will be plain,
 but neatly finished, the outside being
 stucco. Please respond quickly. Ad-
 dress Box 337.

A. NOBLE, Pastor.

FOR CONFERENCE EVANGELIST.

To the Ministers and Laymen of the
 New Mexico Annual Conference:
 The work committed to my hands
 at our last Annual Conference has so
 far prospered, and I feel assured that
 the Holy Spirit will assist as much in
 the future as he has in the past. But
 a common longing is necessary to pro-
 cure his greatest and most universal
 manifestation. It was not the prayer
 of Peter on the day of Pentecost that
 caused him to fill the upper rooms with
 his gracious presence, but the united
 prayers of the one hundred and twenty
 were needed to cause him to de-
 scend with the sound of a mighty
 rushing wind. If we are to have a
 general revival in New Mexico it will
 not be when the conference evangelist
 and the minister whom he is assist-
 ing come before God alone to make
 their wishes known, but it will come
 when the simultaneous prayers of a
 burdened Church comes before him.
 We need a revival and may have it by

the asking. I want to ask every
 Methodist in the conference to join me
 in praying for this great work of grace
 among us which we so much need.
 Would it not be a wise thing for each
 minister to hold one or more meetings
 in missionary territory contiguous to
 his work? Some have already planned
 to do this. Where it is possible to do
 so organize a class, give them an
 evening appointment until help can be
 sent. In many of the places that I
 visit I find a large per cent of the
 members composing the classes of
 other denominations were formerly
 Methodists. No doubt many of them
 had never been good Methodists, but
 some of them had, and growing tired
 of waiting decided to join somewhere
 rather than allow their family to grow
 up without any Church affiliation. Now
 a word to the laity:

If you have no preacher of your
 own invite the Methodist minister
 nearest you to preach for you in the
 afternoon of Sundays. Get the names
 of all the Methodists and turn them
 over to him. He will organize them for
 you into a class. Then organize weekly
 meetings, and a Sunday-school. Use
 Methodist literature. Arrange to have
 a protracted meeting in your county.
 God will send you help. The Lord
 bless you all. G. W. SHEARER.
 Clovis, N. M.

STUDY HOME MISSION WORK.

For the first time since the organiza-
 tion of the Summer School of Theolo-
 gy, I have determined to spend the
 time in a study of the home mission
 field. The Domestic Mission Boards
 have often been called "the mixed
 wheel of Methodism." This ought not
 so to be.

In casting about for a suitable book
 for the discussion, I have been sur-
 prised to find none to suit the case.
 In my limited reading I have not seen
 a book that fits the case. There are
 many that treat of special phases of
 the subject, but have found none of suf-
 ficient scope to cover the situation, so I
 have had published the names of two
 that treat of some aspects of the ques-
 tion in rather an elementary way. I
 hope they will be carefully read, as
 they are quite suggestive. I expect to
 discuss those phases of the question
 that press us most closely in Texas.
 Among these are:

1. The Depletion of the Country Churches. In many places we are losing what we or our fathers have gained.
2. The Small Towns.
3. The Cities. This will require two studies.
4. The Immigrant. This will require two studies.
5. The Scope of Our Evangelism.
6. The Laymen's Movement.

The right to change the forms of
 these propositions is reserved, but this
 will be the trend of the studies.

HORACE BISHOP.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

After a very thorough examination
 of a number of books on missionary
 subjects I have decided to use this
 year as a text-book for the Mission-
 ary Institutes to be held within the
 bounds of the New Mexico Confer-
 ence "The Foreign Missionary," by
 Brown. I trust that every member
 of the conference will make a thor-
 ough study of this book before our
 institutes are held. It can be had of
 the House at \$1.50.

GEORGE H. GIVAN,
 Conf. Missionary Secretary.
 Melrose, N. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

At a recent meeting of the Execu-
 tive Committee of the Northwest Tex-
 as Conference Board of Missions it
 was agreed that we would elect an As-
 sistant Treasurer, to whom the money
 raised by the Laymen's Movement
 shall be remitted. We elected Judge
 W. E. Williams, of Fort Worth, Breth-
 ren who are working in this move-
 ment will kindly send their money to
 him and he will forward to J. H. Wise-
 man, Blooming Grove. By this means
 we will avoid confusion between reg-
 ular assessments and the specials.

HORACE BISHOP, President.

DIRT BREAKING.

Beginning the Work on the New
 Building for the Methodist Pub-
 lishing House, No. 294 Com-
 merce St., Dallas, Thurs-
 day, Feb. 25, 1909.
 3 O'Clock P. M.

Presiding—Rev. J. M. Peterson.
 Opening Prayer—Rev. A. L. Andrews.
 Song—E. O. Excell. Object of Meet-
 ing—Dr. James Campbell. Address—
 History and Work of the Publishing
 House—Rev. J. W. Hill. Address—
 Good Literature as an Educative
 Force in the Development of Our
 Civilization—Dr. George C. Rankin.
 Song—Led by E. O. Excell. Address—
 The Publisher as an Adjunct to the
 Preacher in the Spread of the Gos-
 pel—Bishop J. S. Key. Breaking
 Dirt—Masters W. C. Everett, Jr., and
 James Mathis. Song—E. O. Excell.
 Benediction—Bishop J. S. Key.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Members of the Texas Confer-
 ence:

Dear Brethren: As you know, I was,
 at the request of the Board of Educa-
 tion, appointed Secretary of Education
 for the conference at its late session
 in Beaumont. I not not want to hold
 a merely nominal appointment or be a
 figure-head. It is time for us to do
 something more than we have been
 doing for the cause of education. I am
 ready to correspond with any brother,
 presiding elder or pastor, as to the
 work, and make a date to help in any
 way that I can. If you want me to speak
 on the subject or preach a sermon on
 it I am ready to do so. If you wish
 it I will attend your District Confer-
 ence and deliver an address on the
 subject, or preach a sermon on it, as
 you may think best. We must do
 something, and now for this cause.
 We have talked and planned long
 enough. The Southwestern University
 and the A. C. I. at Jack-onville are the
 schools with which the Texas Confer-
 ence is immediately concerned. Rev.
 J. T. Smith is the Financial Agent
 of the school at Jacksonvillle, so that
 I shall regard my work as more par-
 ticularly concerned with the South-
 western University, though not exclu-
 sively so of course. I invite corre-
 spondence with the preachers and lay-
 men. Why may we not do something,
 especially looking toward the endow-
 ment of the Chair of Theology, which
 Dr. Mouzon is now doing so much to
 get rightly started? Let me hear from
 you, brethren. E. W. SOLOMON.
 Huntsville, Texas.

A CORRECTION.

The Northwest Texas Conference
 Journal shows that the assessments
 on Aledo charge were not paid in full.
 It is due this charge and its pastor to
 say that the assessments, originally
 made on this charge, were sent in to
 the Statistical Secretary and recorded
 early in the year. Later these assess-
 ments were changed by those in au-
 thority and the Secretary was not no-
 tified of the change. The assessments,
 as they were finally fixed, were paid
 in full. JOHN M. BARCUS,
 Secretary Northwest Texas Confer-
 ence.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Texas Conference Preachers, Atten-
 tion:
 As Secretary of the School Board I
 want to urge the holding of Children's
 Day services in all our schools and
 the taking of collection for this fund,
 as the Discipline provides. A great
 many of our preachers report "Child-
 ren's Day," but never turn anything
 into the board. This is our main
 source of income, and the demands
 upon the board this year are unusually
 heavy. So please observe Children's
 Day and don't put the collection in
 with the other conference collections,
 as most of our preachers have been
 doing. If you do, you thereby cut us
 off from the source of our income and
 render the board helpless to do any-
 thing. The board has assumed con-

siderable responsibility in putting Bro.
 Oxley in the field, but we felt that the
 interest of our Sunday-schools de-
 manded the whole attention of a good,
 strong Sunday-school man and we
 were indeed fortunate in being able to
 being able to secure Bro. Oxley for
 this work. But he must have the
 co-operation of the presiding elders
 and preachers if he succeeds. So cor-
 respond with him with reference to
 holding institutes and visiting your
 charges in the interest of the Sunday-
 school work. M. L. LINDSEY.
 Hearne, Texas.

TIME OF MEETING CHANGED.

Program mid year meeting Board of
 Missions, Northwest Texas Confer-
 ence, March 23 and 24, Anglin Street
 Church, Cleburne, Texas.

Tuesday, March 23—10 a. m., Mission-
 ary prayer meeting, J. H. Stewart, 10:30
 a. m. Reports from missionaries in
 our conference, tabulated by the Sec-
 retary. 11:00 a. m., Missionary Bio-
 graphy: Heroes and Heroines of Our
 Church, J. T. Griswold. 2:00 p. m.,
 devotional, W. E. Pennington. 2:20 p.
 m., Policies of the Board. Report of
 committees—1. City Missions; com-
 mittee: W. H. Matthews, H. A. Boaz,
 W. C. Hillburn, H. M. Long, F. P. Downs,
 Ed McCollough, M. C. Witeher, A. J.
 Trantham. 2. Rural Missions. Com-
 mittee: Jno. R. Morris, J. W. Story,
 J. W. Cartwright, J. M. Donahue, H.
 E. Anderson. 3. Foreign Missions.
 Committee: H. Bishop, J. D. Whit-
 comb, D. M. Alexander, J. H. Wise-
 man, E. B. Bynum, M. S. Hotchkiss,
 N. J. Thomas. 3:30 p. m., The New
 Department of the Parent Board and
 Its Relation to This Board, Jno. R.
 Nelson, J. H. Wiseman. 8:00 p. m.,
 The Laymen's Movement, Hon. W. A.
 Tarver.

Wednesday March 24—8:30 a. m.,
 Missionary prayer meeting, W. E. Lig-
 on, 9:00 a. m., Consideration of Pol-
 icies, continued, 10:00 a. m., What
 Is the Chief Object of the Laymen's
 Movement, and How to Secure Quick-
 est Results. Hon. J. K. Parr, Rev. J.
 W. Story. 11:00 a. m., Methodism in
 the Panhandle—History, Problems,
 Outlook, Rev. G. S. Hardy. 2:00 p. m.,
 executive session. 3:00 p. m., The
 Foreigner in Our Midst; Port Mis-
 sions and Missions in the Interior, H.
 M. Long. Final adjournment.

N. B.—Judge W. E. Williams, Fort
 Worth, Texas, was elected Treasurer
 of the Laymen's Movement, and all
 remittances on the pledge of \$20,000
 should be made to him. The Lay
 Leaders will be called together just
 preceding the meeting of the board
 by the Conference Lay Leader. Our
 fiscal year ends March 31, and much
 remains to be done.

M. S. HOTCHKISS,
 Secretary Board of Missions.

**THE DALLAS METHODIST PAS-
 TORS' CONFERENCE.**

The conference met in regular ses-
 sion Monday, February 22. The re-
 ports of the different charges were
 very flattering, there being all told
 eight conversions and forty-one acce-
 sions. We had the pleasure of having
 with us a number of visitors. In ad-
 dition to these, Dr. John R. Nelson, of
 Nashville, one of the Secretaries of
 the General Board of Missions,
 dropped in to see the brethren and
 made a short address with regard to
 the Home Department of the Board
 of Missions, and brought out the fact
 that Texas Methodism is leading the
 Southern Church in this new depart-
 ment of work.

Rev. Chas. A. Spragins read a most
 interesting paper on "Current Review
 Articles," and among many interest-
 ing things brought out the fact that
 juvenile crime was greater than that
 of adults, the cause of which was due
 to a lack of moral education in the
 home and secular schools of our
 country. More than eighty per cent of
 our boys and girls, he said, are the
 victims of immoral habits.
 LAWRENCE L. COHEN, Jr.,
 Secretary.

**FT. WORTH PASTORS' ASSOCIA-
 TION.**

B. R. Bolton was in the chair. Ar-
 lington received four additions. River-
 side had several conversions and five
 additions. Mulkey received four ad-
 ditions. Bro. Matthews preached
 twice at jail, having a great service,
 several deciding for Jesus. Weather-
 ford Street reported four additons.
 Bro. Braswell was present and report-
 ed his work at Knox City. The work
 is very prosperous. Dr. Hay spent
 Sunday at Smithfield and roused them
 up, paying off all conference claims.
 Missouri Avenue reported work get-

**How He Got Rid
 Of Consumption**

Remarkable Rescue of Prominent In-
 dian Man A Matter of Life-and-
 Death Interest To All Throat
 and Lung Sufferers.

For Benefit of Christian Advocate
 Readers, He Tells How He Cured
 Himself at Home—Costs Noth-
 ing to Try.

"I think I owe it to all sufferers of lung and
 throat trouble and consumption to tell them some
 mighty good news—a sure way to cure themselves,
 right at home with little trouble," said E. S. Stroh,
 of Angola, Ind., yesterday, as he passed through.

"Coming from me, probably, some people might
 doubt this, but let me tell you," he said, as his
 66-year-old face flushed with a resurcted, youthful
 smile, "over two years ago I was a wretched-up
 week, a consumptive at 65. Those lung specialists
 passed me up. Every day I would cough up about a
 pint. I had chills and fever every afternoon. I
 could hardly eat, even the plainest food, coughed
 nearly all night and was down to 127 pounds when
 I hit on the cure. Well, you see me now. I weigh
 166 pounds, frisky as a boy at 66, can do a 12
 day's work, and eat like a poltro.

"Not I am not trying to boost anybody, but I must
 give credit where credit is due. Dr. J. Lawrence Hill,
 278 Hill Building, Jackson, Mich., the well known
 lung specialist of America, and probably so far the
 only successful one, cured me. That was two years
 ago. I have just had my lungs examined again, and
 there is no trace of consumption nor danger of its
 recurring. Dr. Hill makes a specialty of treating
 throat and lung sufferers at a distance who have
 not the means of visiting his office personally. That's
 the way he cured me, and I know of many others
 who had one foot in the grave almost brought back
 to life by what he calls his Rational treatment. It
 certainly is a wonder.

"I wish every reader of your paper who has weak
 lungs, catarrh of the bronchial tubes or catarrh in
 any form, chronic bronchitis, asthma, chronic hack-
 ing cough, loss of flesh, night sweats, hemorrhages,
 weakness of the chest, or under the shoulder
 blades, or any other deadly symptom of consump-
 tion, to send to Dr. Hill for his free package. This
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 will. I enclose 25c to help pay for packing,
 etc., and as an evidence that I am not sending
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ADDRESS

ing in fine condition. There were
 six additions Sunday. A great lay-
 man's rally of the district will be held
 in Ft. Worth March 21, 22, 1909.

ASHLEY C. CHAPPELL,
 107 Pecan St.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

To the Preachers of the Gatesville
 District:
 Dear Brethren: Please take the
 collection at once for both foreign
 and domestic missions and send the
 same to Bro. Wiseman, Blooming
 Grove, Tex. Your people will be glad
 to divide the collections and not have
 all come due in the fall. Please have
 your receipts in hand on the above
 items by April 1.

J. M. SHERMAN.

DIED.

Last night about 12 o'clock Rev. W.
 A. Moore, of Neches, Texas, died. He
 attended Church the same night. It
 was quite a shock to all.

L. I. WEATHERBY.

Neches, Texas, Feb. 20, 1909.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Feb. 9.—A. W. Hall, sub. I. E.
 Hightower, subs. L. H. McGee, sub.
 L. G. White, sub. G. E. Wyatt, subs.
 W. C. Childress, sub. C. W. Jacob,
 sub. B. R. Goodwin, sub. C. C. Mc-
 Cormick, sub. F. M. Atchison, sub.
 F. L. Giles, sub. F. M. Atchison, sub.
 Feb. 10.—R. E. Porter, sub has at-
 tention. C. V. Oswalt, sub. A. P.
 Hightower, sub. R. F. Bryant, sub.
 F. M. Brownlee, sub. G. W. Kin-
 cheloe, sub. B. C. Anderson, subs.
 February 11—G. W. Kincheloe, subs.
 C. B. Golson, sub. J. T. McClure, sub.
 H. K. Agee, sub. M. D. Hill, subs.
 C. H. Little, sub. W. H. Vance, sub.
 L. G. Rogers, subs. J. C. Moore, sub.
 J. T. Hicks, sub. H. B. Johnson, sub.
 February 12—J. W. Patison, subs.
 W. S. Easterling, sub. H. H. Liles,
 sub. B. A. Evans, sub. J. P. Rogers,
 sub. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. G. A.
 Nance, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub.
 February 13—L. N. Myers, sub. L.
 P. Palmer, sub. V. A. Godbey, has at-
 tention. S. H. Kelly, sub.

Notes From the Field

Riesel.

We have started on the second year at Riesel, with prospects good for a profitable year for the Church and people. Yes, we were pounded a short time ago in due and modern form. The good people of our Church, town and surrounding country came to the parsonage, each one bringing something valuable for us. The pounds ranged in size from one to forty-eight pounds, and as much as it hurts our feelings to eat chicken, some of our good ladies brought us some chickens that night, and since then, too. Fact of the matter is, I don't see how any people in the world could be any better to a little unworthy preacher and his family than our people have been to us. Good things have been brought to us every few days since we came. My people have a profound respect and reverence for the cause we represent. God bless every one of them. Those strong tokens of their respect for us and their love for God and his cause make us resolve anew to be a better man. First Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. It was held February 13. Bro. Jordan, that grand old man of God, preached a good, warm sermon for us Saturday at 11 o'clock. He was on this charge eighteen years ago and all that know him love and honor him. Bro. Nelms, our loved presiding elder, came on the noon train and held our conference in the afternoon. He is as kind and gentle as a woman, but as firm as steel. He looked after the Church's interests closely and lectured along during conference in a way that all of us were benefited. At night he preached as good a sermon as I ever listened to. God bless our presiding elder. He is working a work in his day that we would hardly believe, though one

should tell it unto us. We were rained out Sunday. I must not forget to say that our conference was held in our new church at Battle. We have just finished a Methodist Church there, where one has been needed for twenty years worse than at any other little place in the wide world, I think. It's a gem, a combination of beauty and comfort, and we "air" mighty proud of it. Our steward raised the preacher's salary \$100 over last year. A better set of stewards than we have don't range over the prairies of Texas. They would keep the Church going here in spite of a sorry pastor, and our Sunday-school superintendent, Bro. Burton, were it not for the fact that we are inclined to withhold our bouquets until our friends have crossed the river, I would say I love him, he has been such a wonderful help and stay to this poor, weak preacher. Well, God bless him. Reader, did it ever occur to you that Dr. Rankin is one of the greatest men of the age? Let's encourage him a little. I am going to do more for our Advocate than I have done. Boys, we need a revival all over this country. Let's work and pray to that end. "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth children."—W. T. Kinslow, Feb. 17.

Kountze.

We are closing a very gracious meeting here. Bro. E. N. Parish of Joshua, Tex., has been with us for ten days. He is a young man of fine parts, and the most successful revivalist I know in Texas Methodism. He is a blessing to the pastor, as well as to the people. There are no clap-trap or sensational methods used. But a deep spiritual current running through his own heart reaches the hearts of the people, produces conviction, and leads to repentance. While we have had many conversions, the largest and most glorious work done in the meeting has been the spiritual uplift of the Church. All religious services were poorly attended, and most of those who did attend did it out of respect, or from a sense of duty. There was but little spiritual interest, and less of faith or confidence in the success of the work. Now our people are ready to work and are hopeful. Family altars in a number of homes have been erected, and the Churches are in the hearts of our people. We expect to see very decided advances in the Church on all lines during this year.—A. C. Biggs.

Bartlett Station.

For the third year the writer is trying to supply the Methodist Church in Bartlett with the ministry of the word. Three months of the year have flown by. The record of good would not fill many pages of a portly volume, though every beautiful deed has been duly registered to the credit of the doer. Last July five denominations of our town combined in a very pleasant and harmonious union meeting, which was well planned and well prepared for. It was known as the Cates-Hall meeting, though Mr. Cates did not reach the place. The preaching was done by James L. Bowling, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the city, and Bro. Hall, the companion and helper of Bro. Cates. More than two hundred persons professed faith in Christ, and two hundred others ought to have done so. About one hundred and forty joined the various Churches, the Methodist Church receiving into her ranks about seventy souls. But we, doubtless, need another revival to save some of these members, bring them back to the Church and establish them in the service of the Lord. Some of the old have done but little better than the new, and if they do not mend their ways there is little probability that they will ever find a better country than this, unless they discover it in the West. It is very doubtful, however, that a better country would do them great good, un-

less they first acquire a character that will make them loyal to God and his Church. In due time, the pounders assaulted the inmates of the parsonage with their pounds of various sorts and sizes, and values, leaving food and gladness in the preacher's home. Christmas came, filling the world with its melody of peace and good will to men, but its music was tinged with sadness by the death of the sweetest occupant of the parsonage, and the children had no public Christmas tree laden with its fruits of divine and human love for their pleasure. But the fountains of love did not dry up nor cease to flow. The Lord was good to us in our bereavement, and the people, without reference to Church or religion, and in many ways showed us very great kindness that we can never forget. The first quarterly meeting has come and gone. The new elder preached a good sermon that was much enjoyed by some of the people. The stewards, out of the love of their hearts and on their own motion, fixed the pastor's salary at \$1100 and lacked only \$18.25 of paying one-fourth of it. The Junior League is much better; the Sunday-school is fairly good; the prayer meeting is not nil; the W. H. M. Society is still alive, and still looking after the parsonage. The chief need of our Church and community seems to be a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit that shall enliven our hearts and set us on fire with love to God and zeal for his cause. "Our souls cleave unto the dust; quicken us, O Lord, according to thy loving kindness."—E. F. Boone, Feb. 17.

McKinley Avenue, North Ft. Worth.

We have been hard at work. Our Church has taken on new life. At the first Quarterly Conference my stewards raised the salary \$100 over last year. Our Sunday-school and congregation had enlarged until we felt that it was very important we enlarge our quarters. The Quarterly Conference voted unanimously to build more room to the church. We have spent about \$750. We are now able to seat about 200 more, giving us a seating capacity of about 500. We have it so arranged as to cut it up in Sunday-school rooms. We have made the old church new inside and out by papering and painting. We are planning for a revival about the last of April. We have just organized an Intermediate League with fine prospects. The Junior has taken on new interest. The Sunday-school is growing under the leadership of W. H. Conn as superintendent. We have a Boys' League that is bringing things to pass. We have one of the finest Home Mission Societies that I have ever had anything to do with. They are receiving new members nearly every meeting. The next quarterly meeting of the W. H. M. Society of the city meets with our society. This means much to us. There were more than 200 in attendance at last meeting. We are expecting great things this year.—D. A. McGuire.

Rising Star.

We have many things for which to be thankful. The Annual Conference was kind indeed in sending us back to the good people of Rising Star. Both people and preacher were glad to see each other again, and the common opinion seems to be that this will be the best year in our history as preacher and people. It must be. We are moving on nicely in our regular services. The young people's societies are prosperous, and the prayer meetings deserve special mention. Last Thursday night it would have done your soul good to have been present in the prayer meeting. Many were blessed with a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit, and our hearts filled to overflowing. Strong men and women did not fail to give forth their praises to Him who was most graciously blessing us. We started out the beginning of the New Year to have the prayer meetings succeed. We are not disappointed and shall not be. This is going to be "one year in a growing prayer meeting." Along material lines we

have made some advancement. New barn, new fences, insuring and painting Church are some of the improvements made and being made. Our town is considerably uplifted over the prospects of a new railroad, coming from beyond Breckenridge, through Eastland, Carbon and to Rising Star. The route has been surveyed, and the right-of-way is being secured, and some of our best citizens believe that by September we will hear the whistle of the iron horse. The owners of the oil well are still hopeful of striking oil, and with such prospects before us we are sure to have a city in the not distant future. Last, but not least, our new presiding elder has captured our people, and the next Quarterly Conference is now being arranged for. We are looking forward to a great and good time. Live topics will be discussed by different ones and Monday, March 22, will be given entirely to this occasion. Our supernumate, Bro. J. J. Canafax, and family are comfortably domiciled in the home given them, and are getting on nicely. Bro. Canafax is full of energy and never fails to preach at several places on the Sabbath days when the weather permits. Our prospects are bright for a good year, religiously and materially. We are happy in the work.—R. F. Brown, P. C.

Mexia Station.

On the fifth Sunday in January we began our protracted meeting which lasted for two weeks. Rev. J. W. Head, of Groesbeck, did the preaching and it was well done. G. F. Coffey, of Ft. Worth, led in the singing to the satisfaction of everyone. The meeting was a great success. I don't know how many were converted, as we only made the proposition for all who had been converted and wished to join some Church to give their names. Forty-nine joined our Church on profession of faith, and nine by letter and restoration, making a total of fifty-eight. Twelve gave their names for membership in the other Churches, making a grand total of seventy-one. I must speak a word in regard to our Sunday-school. We have four hundred and twenty enrolled in all the departments, making ten more than the enrolled membership of the Church. We are happy, and Mexia Station is moving up. Pray for us. The Advocate is about our ideal Church paper.—J. C. Mimms, P. C., Feb. 22.

Pittsburg.

Pittsburg to the front! Yesterday was a "red-letter day" in our Church. For a month I have been preaching sermons and preparing the way for a call on this Church to assume the support of a missionary in the foreign field. When the day came, beautiful and cheery, I felt that the auspicious time had come; so after preaching as earnestly as I could on "The World's Need, and Our Duty and Opportunity," I made a call for money to put our representative in the field, and soon had the necessary amount raised in good subscription. My people are delighted and enthused over their success, and are glad to be the first Church in our conference to assume the support of a missionary, and we expect to have our own representative in the field very soon, as we have already been in correspondence with Dr. Lambuth at Nashville, and propose to work through that office. Our work moves along well. Public worship, prayer-meeting, and Sunday-school are well attended. We had 300 at Sunday-school yesterday.—O. T. Hotchkiss, "L. D."

Historical Liberty.

In colonial days Liberty used to be a very important river port, and Austin's people got much of their supplies here; but the coming of the railroads has robbed her of much of her former glory. General Houston often stopped at Liberty. Some of the older inhabitants remember some of his visits. Santa Anna is said to have been kept a prisoner here for a time. It was upon the citizens of Liberty that Gen. Bradburn vented his spleen. It was but a few miles from Liberty that the fleeing women and children were when

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they heard of the victory of San Jacinto. The writer was appointed to supply the Liberty charge and landed here the 31st day of December, 1908. The work has four other places of worship, viz., Smith's Chapel, Oakdale, Devers and Sahara. Liberty gets half of the pastor's time. The citizens of Liberty have lost none of their old-time hospitality. They have received the preacher and his family in royal style. Many tokens of love have found their way to the parsonage, for all of which we are very thankful. The other places have received us gladly and we are encouraged to believe that with God's help and their co-operation we shall have a great year. Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Liberty, February 6, with Brother D. H. Hotchkiss presiding. On Sunday night following Brother Hotchkiss preached us a great sermon, with which the people were greatly pleased. The stewards placed the pastor's salary at \$600, and that of the presiding elder at \$50, and we believe it will be paid.—W. Newton Carl, P. C.

Dryden, Oklahoma.

As I am just out of Texas, and a Texan by birth, allow me a few words in the Advocate. I transferred to this, the Oklahoma Conference, last fall and was appointed to the Dryden Circuit, consisting of Dryden and five other appointments, and yet I give two whole Sundays in each month to Dryden. Dryden is in Greer County, about thirty-five miles from Quanah, due north, and thirty miles from Eldorado, on the Frisco, and thirty miles

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BABY GIRL CRIED AND SCRATCHED

All the Time—Torturing Eczema Covered Her Body—Could Not Sleep—Doctor Said Sores Would Last for Years—Skin Now Clear.

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The Home Circle

Unto the Least of These

"Get out of my way, Elizabeth," said Mrs. Raymond impatiently to her little daughter, nine years old.

"Pardon me, mother, but I thought these rosebuds would look so sweet in your hair," said the child gently.

Mrs. Raymond was arranging her hair for a gay party when Elizabeth brought the beautiful white rosebuds and suggested to her mother that she wear them in her hair. If the mother had not been so selfish and heartless she would have immediately asked forgiveness for her unkind words. But they were not the first she had ever spoken to the little girl, for Elizabeth was accustomed to receiving them from her mother. The child was very affectionate and would often ask her mother to let her kiss her, but she was pushed aside and told to "get out of the way and not be silly." When she would ask Mrs. Raymond questions she was told again that she was forever in the way, and the little girl would turn sadly from her mother and wonder why she did not love her.

Elizabeth was the only child, and she was so lonely, for her mother was always busy entertaining visitors and making calls.

When the little girl received this rebuke from her mother this afternoon she went to her play room and, sitting down by the window, was soon lost in meditation. Her thoughts were all of her dead father, who had loved her so much, and when he was taken only two short years ago the child missed him sadly, and her hungry little soul often longed for the kind face and gentle voice she had loved so well. Now she had no one to whom she could tell her petty troubles; no one to sympathize with her in her childish plans.

Presently Elizabeth heard her mother going out at the front door and, rising, hastened after her to see her before she entered the carriage.

"Good-by, mother," said the dear child.

"Good-by," said Mrs. Raymond indifferently, "and mind you don't play with Mary while I am gone," she added.

Mary was a poor little nurse girl across the street, and, of course, was thoroughly shunned by the haughty Mrs. Raymond. But Elizabeth loved the girl, and felt so sorry for her because she had to carry her mistress' baby all the time and was never allowed to play any. Elizabeth had learned from Mary that she was an orphan, and had no one in the world to love her. The warm-hearted child was filled with sympathy for the neglected girl, and she would cut beautiful flowers and hand them over the fence to Mary. The gratitude and tears with which they were received more than repaid Elizabeth for the narrow escape she had from being seen by her mother. But she would never stop to play, for she respected her mother's commands too much for that.

This afternoon, as Elizabeth watched the delicate girl trying to amuse the spoiled baby, a thought came to her so unexpectedly that it made her start. Their house was large and their furniture great—she would ask her mother to let Mary live with them. She thought on this so long that it almost became a reality, and

the belief that her mother might refuse caused the little girl distress.

She sat on the steps a long time waiting for her mother to return, and at last she heard the carriage coming up the avenue. Mrs. Raymond alighted and passed on into the house. Elizabeth silently followed, and when her mother was comfortably seated in an easy chair she approached and said:

"Mother."

"Well, what is it that you want now?" asked Mrs. Raymond, fanning herself vigorously.

"I—I—get so lonely sometimes, mother dear, and as Mary has no home, won't you please let her come and live with us?"

These words were spoken softly and pleasantly; but, on hearing them, Mrs. Raymond drew herself up proudly.

"Elizabeth, I am actually ashamed of you. To think of such a thing as that tacky girl living with us and associating with you. I really believe that you have no taste and never will have. You are always asking for foolish things and expect to get them granted, I suppose; but I can tell you right now I would not even let her stay in my kitchen."

The childish heart sank, and she hurried from the room to prevent her mother from seeing the tears that would fall.

That night when she went to bed she lay awake for a long time looking at the stars. There was one that shone brighter than the rest, and when she went to sleep she dreamed that her father was looking at her through it, and he seemed to smile and beckon to her.

The next morning she told her mother of her dream, and, although Mrs. Raymond's face softened, she laughed at the child.

After breakfast Elizabeth, as usual, went riding on her pony, Dandy. The creature was going along at a lively gait and the child was wishing that Mary, too, had a pony, when Dandy,

seeing a parasol blow across the street, was so frightened that he bolted and threw the little girl from the saddle; but her foot remained in the stirrup. She tried to stop him, but on, on he ran with Elizabeth dragging on the ground. Finally the trembling pony was caught, and the unconscious child taken to her home. Her mother was frantic with grief, for she really loved her child and had just been too proud and selfish to show it.

"Alas for frail humanity, insensible to the calls of love!"

She tried to arouse Elizabeth, but the child opened her beautiful eyes only once, and said: "Dear mother, I love you." Then she closed them forever to this world.

She was dressed and placed in her little white casket, and many who loved her came to catch one more glimpse of her sweet little face.

Oh, the remorse that gnawed at that poor woman's heart! And oh the bitter tears that fell from her burning eyes! What cared she now for her society friends, and all her wealth? That casket held what was dearer than all else in the world, and she would have given her life for those icy-cold fingers to twine around her neck as they once so loved to do.

Now her once cold heart is completely melted and her pride is humbled. But too late! Too late! The darling you should have cherished can never know.

After the funeral and Mrs. Raymond had gone back to her desolate home it seemed that there was nothing to live for. And yet there was. For a plan came to mind which she thought would lighten her burden. She would take Mary as her own child and bestow her love and affections upon her. This would be doing something to the dear dead child's memory.

Thus Mary was received with warmth and kindness into the home where she never expected to be admitted. And she did cheer and comfort the lonely woman, but often the old remorse would eat at Mrs. Raymond's heart and she would sigh:

"But O for the touch of that vanished hand,
And the sound of the voice that is still!"

(MISS) A. GRETCHEN McBRIDE,
Clarksville, Texas.

Stifled Impulses

Marcus Antonius tersely tells us "He often acts unjustly who does not do a certain thing; not only he who does a certain thing."

So James, more in harmony with Christianity and its soul-touching beliefs, expressed the same thought in these words: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is a sin."

This thing of doing good. Sometimes we are in tune for it, and sometimes we are not. How about that? Why as to that impulse, and its opposite feeling, the putting back something that tugs at us and says, "Don't do it because you don't feel like it," we can have no better guide than James just quoted, and St. John, we remember, tells us, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Sir Mathew Arnold helps us out a little just here:

"We cannot kindle when we will
The fire that in the heart resides,
The spirit bloweth and is still,
In mystery our soul abides;
But tasks in hours of insight willed
Can be through hours of gloom fulfilled."

Yes, often in the silent night watches we see very clearly some duty that we ought to do. We firmly resolve to do that thing, but before it gets done that ugly suggestion somehow comes to us, "What's the use? You don't

feel the impulse now to perform it. Why not let it alone? Am I my brother's helper?"

Then the battle royal is on, and its not worth while to try to describe it. We could not if we tried, and it involves an experience that every one, trying to lead a Christian life, goes through with as he passes along. Who wins the victory is what concerns us. If with soul-strength and God's aid we conquer and rise to that altitude of spiritual life which downs the suggestion of non-performance and leads one to performance, we will be right straight among St. John's happy ones and not with St. James' sinning ones.

Let us fall into line with Sir Mathew Arnold's idea. The duties, which seem so clear to us when the "spirit bloweth," and the fire in the soul is kindled into live embers, can be performed when the embers smolder in the stillness, and there is no impulse to quicken us. Speaking to young people—and as to that matter to old ones, too—about spiritual matters is a hard and a delicate thing to do, and is so often one of the omitted duties. Of course there must be discrimination exercised. We must remember the when and the where must be taken into consideration, and to use a worldly expression there must be "tact" employed in this delicate work. Often young people have a soul-hunger which they do not acknowledge even to themselves, and which a kind, encouraging word satisfies and be-

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comes indeed the bread of life they crave.

Christ warned us just here not to cast our pearls before swine. A loving, prayerful spirit will warn us of the swine and help us by words and acts to fulfill our mission of good.

Another thought right here John Ruskin gives us: "Every duty we omit obscures some truth we should have known." Yes, by following out our good impulses with tactful discrimination we open the windows and light shines in.

MARY R. LESESNE.

WHO BROKE THE SABBATH AND SOME OTHER THINGS.

In the year A. D. 1841 I was boarding in a good Methodist family, going to school. Every Sunday we went to preaching in the school house. It was a sociable neighborhood. One Sunday three ladies—all Methodists—went visiting together, leaving six boys to keep house, two of each family, aged from nine to twelve. They were to range the whole place, only keep away from the "pond." Did ever six boys spend a day together and not concoct some mischief? Anyway, they laid plans to have some fun and never let their parents know it. So they got three "clap-boards," tied twine to one end and slid them out on the water. "Look how they float!" they all cried. "Let's take a row. We will take turns about," said the oldest boy. "Let the three little boys go first." No quicker said than done. The boys got on. "We will hold you fast enough." Then a splash and screaming. The little boys were drowning. No one to help. The largest boy ran for help. Of course, the three were dead when taken out. The preachers—Trappiss and Latmore—who officiated at the triple burial, on Monday warned us children of the dangers of Sabbath desecration. Whether he said anything to the grown-ups as to that abominable habit of Sunday visiting by the wagonload this writer does not remember after a lapse of sixty-eight years.

Some other things I've seen. "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon." I've seen a Methodist preacher get off the train Sunday at 11 o'clock and walk into the pulpit and preach. I've seen an old Baptist preacher walk ten miles Saturday to keep from riding on the train Sunday morning. Selah! How long, O! Lord, how long?

MRS. N. E. WILLIAMS,
Quanah, Texas.

A LITTLE SWEET SINGER.

Brushing and sweeping and dusting, a little Swedish girl was busily cleaning a big schoolroom in Stockholm. She warbled and sang as she worked, like a bird in springtime. A lady riding past in her carriage heard the song, and stopped to listen to the sweet voice; then entered the building, and hunted about till she roused the little singer. The child was shy, and not at all pretty; but her manner was so courteous that the lady was charmed. "I must take your daughter to Craellus, the famous music master," she said to the mother, who was the janitress of the school building. "She has a voice that will make her fortune."

So the lady took the little girl away with her to see the music master. The great man was delighted with her voice. "I must take her to Count Puche," he said; "he is a great judge of music."

But Count Puche looked coldly at the young singer, and gruffly asked the music master what he expected him to do with such a child.

"Only to hear her sing," answered Craellus.

This the Count consented to do, and

when she had finished, he cried out in delight, "She shall have the advantages of the Stockholm Academy."

At the academy the child sang and studied, and studied and sang. She was not yet twelve, and with all the praise and attention showered upon her she was almost in danger of being spoiled.

One evening at an entertainment she was to sing a higher part than she had ever tried before. The house was filled, and everybody was looking for the little favorite. She took her place before the audience, but when she tried to sing there was no sound. She tried again, but all her silvery notes were gone. The master was very angry. Her friends were surprised and grieved, and the poor little songstress drooped with sorrow.

Her voice did not come back next day, nor the next. Slowly the beautiful dream of fame and fortune faded away; yet she bore her disappointment bravely, and said, "I will study."

Four years passed, and the people had quite forgotten the little singer. All one day some one was wanted for an unimportant part in a chorus which none of the regular singers was willing to take, and the master thought again of his poor little pupil. Would she take it? Pleased to be useful and oblige her kind master, she consented to sing.

While practicing her part, to the surprise and joy of both pupil and teacher, the long-lost voice suddenly returned with all its beauty and richness. All who remembered the little nightingale received her back with a hearty welcome, and she afterward became one of the most wonderful singers the world has ever known.

Have you guessed the little Swedish girl's name? It was Jenny Lind.—Deaconess Advocate.

Love rules the court, the camp, the grove,

And men below and saints above;
For love is heaven and heaven is love.
—Sect'.

Bear your own burdens first; after that try to help carry those of other people.—George Washington.

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University Church Day

Second Sunday in March--March 14, 1909

By Rev. C. H. Booth

All the Texas Conferences have united in fixing the second Sunday in March as University Church Day in order that a great united effort might be made to raise sufficient money to complete the University Methodist Church at the University of Texas.

Wanted, \$15,000.

On March 14 the sum of \$25,500 will already have been paid out on building and lots. Of this amount, \$10,000 will have been borrowed. It will require at least \$15,000 more to finish paying for the church, not including the cost of organ and other furniture. Of the money already secured, less than \$5,000 has been given by Methodists living out of Austin. Can not the 250,000 Methodists of Texas furnish the required \$15,000 by making one strong, united effort? Surely they can and they will.

How It Can Be Done.

There are 809 pastoral charges in Texas. If the charges should average \$20 apiece, that would be \$16,000. Surely there are as many as fifty who would contribute \$100 each to this great cause. That would be \$5,000. Surely fifty more could be found who would give \$50 each. That is \$2,500 more. At least 100 would give \$25. If all our pastors will properly present this great cause. That is \$2,500 more. Then 100 will give \$10 each and 200 will give \$5 each, which is \$1,000. This leaves only \$3,000 unprovided for. Surely out of 250,000 Methodists, 3,000 can be found who will give \$1 each.

50 at \$100.....	equals \$ 5,000
50 at 50.....	" 2,500
100 at 25.....	" 2,500
100 at 10.....	" 1,000
200 at 5.....	" 1,000
3,000 at 1.....	" 3,000
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3,500	\$15,000

This would be a total of 3,500 contributors. If the weather be only moderately good, 100,000 people will attend the Methodist Churches of Texas on Sunday, March 14. Surely one in thirty of these would be willing to give something to such a cause as this. In union there is strength. Let us make "a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together," and we can easily secure \$15,000 on March 14.

The Situation to Be Provided for at the State University.

The following, clipped from The Texan, the semi-weekly paper published by the students of the University of Texas, will show the tremendous opportunity and the corresponding responsibility of the Methodists at the State University:

RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Out of 1,505 Students Enrolled, There Are 1,911 Church Members, 406 With Preferences, 88 Without, Methodists Head the List.

It, of course, will be of great interest to the Christian workers here and many anxious fathers and mothers over the State to know a fact or two concerning the Church membership and religious affiliation of the student body of the university. When applying for the entrance permit, each student is requested to state if he or she is a member of any Church, or state preference when not a member. In this way a very accurate census of the religious side of the student body's life can be preserved.

The matriculation of the University is now 1,505, which is only twenty-five short of what it was at this date last year. Very interesting is the religious census of the university, which shows the number of stu-

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dents as members of or professing the several denominations. A careful estimate reveals the following state of affairs:

Church—	Members.	Preference.	Total.
Methodist.....	339	139	478
Baptist.....	172	82	254
Presbyterian.....	180	71	251
Episcopalian.....	118	37	155
Christian.....	92	44	136
Roman Catholic.....	52	9	62
Jewish.....	21	7	28
Lutheran.....	19	6	25
Congregational.....	8	5	13
All others.....	10	6	16
Expressing no preference.....	88
Totals.....	1011	406	1505

A Strong Letter from Bishop Key.

Rev. C. H. Booth: My Dear Brother—I am delighted to learn from your letter just received that your church enterprise is nearing its completion. No movement of our Methodism in Texas has more fully met my approval or aroused my interest. When conditions are not as we wish, we must meet them as they are. The situation at the university forces us as a Church to provide pastoral oversight for the children of our Church who, whether we approve or not, will attend it. To fail to do it is simple obstinacy and blindness, and will turn our young people over to the care of other Churches who are already on the ground and ready.

The conferences in Texas saw this necessity and approved your action, and appointed the second Sunday in March as University Church day, on which every pastor of our Church shall present the claims of your new church and solicit financial help.

You will need large assistance. Your plans were laid wisely and broad. To provide for the present and the future, we must have building and equipment both ample and attractive. Your location and grounds are the best, and your building is large and worthy of our great Church. It represents us properly. We could not do less.

Now, as this is a united movement of the Texas Methodists, indorsed by each Annual Conference, and intended for the common good, it ought to be supported heartily by the whole Church, and I am sure it will be.

On the second Sunday in March every pastor will present this important interest to his congregation, explaining, and urging a united rally, and take a contribution from the people.

You will come to the completion of the church with a considerable indebtedness. The contributions on University day ought to provide ample means to lift it, and let the Church enter at once on its grand career. I trust we will each one stand in our place and take part in this most worthy effort. Truly and fraternally,

JOSEPH S. KEY, Sherman, Texas, Feb. 12, 1909.

Present Achievements the Earnest of Future Possibilities.

If a man of wealth were thinking of investing his money in giving a larger opportunity to some bright boy he would first desire to know whether the boy was making the most of his present meager opportunities. He would take what the boy might be accomplishing under difficulties as the earnest of the larger things he might accomplish under more favorable conditions.

If the University Methodist Church expects the Methodists of Texas to help it to provide a better equipment it should at least be able to show that something is being accomplished with its present inadequate equipment.

The Present Meager Equipment.

The congregation is now occupying the building known as the Hotchkiss Memorial or Twenty-fourth Street

Church. The building of this little \$3000 brick church twenty years ago represented great heroism and sacrifice. But it has been totally inadequate for the needs of this university community for a long time. It is the smallest and shabbiest church building in the community. It will barely accommodate 250 people. The location is not the best. Surely we could not expect to draw and hold any large proportion of the faculty and students of the university with such an equipment. But let us see what has been accomplished in spite of this poor equipment.

Student Membership.

There are now 127 university students enrolled as members of the University Church. A large number of others who have not seen fit to transfer their membership are more or less regular attendants at this church.

During the past two years twelve university students have professed faith in Christ at the regular services of the Church and have all been received into the Church.

Students in the Sunday-School.

There are now 160 University students enrolled in the University Church Sunday-school. This is about one-half of the entire enrollment of the school. Because of the lack of room in the church, seven classes of university students, ranging from six to fifty in membership, are forced to meet outside the church in private residences and in club rooms. All these classes assemble at the church for the closing exercises of the school.

Students in the Epworth League.

The Church has a live and efficient League, which has enrolled over fifty university students in its membership. Nearly all the officers are students. It is not only training these young people to talk and pray in public, but it is also training them in active Christian service. Groups of students frequently conduct Sunday afternoon services at the jail, or the Soldiers' Home or at some hospital.

A Training School for Christian Workers.

In the years to come this Church will be a source of supply for trained Christian workers. Year after year it will send out all over Texas numbers of educated and consecrated young men and women trained for efficient service as Sunday-school officers and teachers, as Epworth League officers and the like. Some work has already been undertaken looking to this end. The Church now has a Sunday-school teachers' training class, conducted by E. E. Rail, Ph. D. (instructor in the department of education in the university); a mission study class, conducted by the secretary of the University Y. M. C. A., and a Bible study class, conducted by the pastor.

A Source of Supply for Preachers and Missionaries.

Out of nearly 500 Methodist students in annual attendance at the university, the Church ought to be able each year to claim a number of the brightest and best for the ministry and for the mission fields. This should be one of the great recruiting stations of the Church. Has anything already been accomplished along this line?

Three Former Members of University Church Now in Foreign Mission Fields.

Three former members of this Church are now engaged in mission work in foreign fields, two having gone out last summer. Miss Button is working under the auspices of the Sudan Mission in Africa, Mr. Crutchfield under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in Ceylon, and Mr. Akazawa under the auspices of our own Board of Missions in Japan. He served Bishop Ward as interpreter, and the Bishop says that he is one of the most valuable men in Japan.

One Young Man Recommended for License to Preach.

At the last Quarterly Conference of this Church Bro. H. K. Morehead was recommended to the District Conference for license to preach. Bro. Morehead is a brother of Rev. T. R. Morehead, pastor of Grace Church, Palestine. Bro. Morehead entered the law department of the university last Octo-

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ber Early in November he surrendered to a call to the ministry. He is now at Southwestern University preparing for his life work.

Thirteen Volunteers for Christian Work.

At a recent service the pastor called for all those who were willing to consecrate their lives to Christian service to come forward. Thirteen young men and women responded to the call. Possibly half of these young people had already offered themselves for service at some former time. Of those who came forward, three are volunteers for foreign mission work. Three young men confessed that they felt themselves called to the ministry and yielded their lives to the call.

Only a Hint of What May Be Done.

These things will indicate to thoughtful and earnest men and women what this Church might accomplish with an adequate equipment. Surely you could not more wisely invest your Lord's money than in helping to complete the splendid new church now in course of erection.

Bro. Bowles of Goldthwaite Responds First.

Through a misunderstanding of the date, Bro. J. S. Bowles and his congregation at Goldthwaite observed University Church Day on the first Sunday in February and promptly forwarded to the pastor of the University Church a check for a substantial amount, which was greatly appreciated. It is always better to be ahead of time than to be behind time. Bro. Bowles has recently come to Texas from Missouri, but he is already manifesting interest in the connectional enterprises of Texas Methodism. May his tribe increase.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.

For years I have known of Chappell Hill, of its productive lands, its cultured society, the high moral tone of its citizens, who for more than a half century have been conspicuous for their interest in Christian education. For many years there were two schools here—the Soule University and the Chappell Hill Female College.

Over thirty years ago the Soule University was moved to Georgetown and

the name changed from Soule to Southwestern University, leaving Chappell Hill Female College to educate all the Methodist girls of South and West Texas. Girls from the best Methodist families in our Southland have attended this school and from here they have gone out to fill high stations in life, reflecting the character of this noble institution.

As before stated, I had known of these things for many years. But since the Bishop appointed me to serve this people for a year I feel an interest not felt before. The country, the people and the school are constantly growing in interest to me. When I think that for over a half century each year a number of young women go back each to their homes to kindle among their associates the fires of holy aspiration, impressing the lofty cultured sentiment developed by this institution, my soul rises in gratitude to God for such an institution. Many of those noble people who made great sacrifices to establish and support this school have gone to their reward, but their work follows them to bless their posterity.

We have not space to mention all of them. We will only mention a few who have been mentioned since I have been here. Such men as Jos. Nichols, Wm. Herring, Robert Alexander, H. Herring, Bros. Heard, Matthews, Browning and others.

Taken together, the last two years have been the best for years. This year is not quite up to last. We had a fearful failure in crops, which reduced finances greatly.

Bro. Willis, the present President, has tendered his resignation, to take effect May 25, at close of this session. The Board of Trustees are anxious to secure a competent man to take his place, and they will give a good man a good opportunity. Write Dr. Campbell, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Chappell Hill, Tex., for particulars; also see Trustees' advertisement in another column. T. J. MILAM.

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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
Corsicana, Irene, 9:30 a. m.	April 28
Vernon, Childress,	May 5
Sherman, Whitesboro,	May 6
Brenham, Brenham,	May 10
Beeville, Kenedy,	May 11
Waco, Mart, 2:30 p. m.	May 11
Sulphur Spgs, Cooper, 7:30 p. m.	May 11
Clarendon, Dalhart, 7:30 p. m.	May 13
Brownwood, Ballinger, 8 p. m.	May 25
Plainview, Tulla,	May 25
Dallas, Lewisville, 4 p. m.	May 25
Greenville, Quinlan,	May 27
Bonham, Bailey, 9 a. m.	May 27
Ablene, Anson,	May 28
Weatherford, Graham, 3 p. m.	May 27
Gatesville, China Spgs, 8 a. m.	May 27
Decatur, Chico,	May 27
Paris, Roxton, 7:30 p. m.	May 29
Beaumont, Newton,	June 1
Stamford, Hamlin, 9 a. m.	June 19
Marshall, Beckville,	June 22
Cleburne, Godley,	June 25
McKinney, Wylie,	June 25
Calvert, Lott,	June 29

We notice in the papers that our First Church at Hillsboro, at its recent Quarterly Conference, reported the purchase of a fine lot for the building of a new church at no distant day. Rev. J. S. Chapman, pastor, and Rev. T. S. Armstrong, the presiding elder, are bringing things to pass. We have no better Methodists than those who live in Hillsboro, and their pastor is giving to them the best service possible; and it will not be long until they will have a splendid church enterprise on foot.

Judge Paddleford, of Cleburne, had a communication in the daily papers on "The Preacher in Politics," and he took the wind out of the sails of the whiskey advocates who are so much disturbed because of the fact that the ministry are fighting the saloon. It was a searching and a merciless arraignment of those carping critics, and it came from an able lawyer competent to speak advisedly on that question.

DALLAS AND THE RACE TRACK GAMBLING ISSUE.

For some time the joint pastors' association has been waging a war against race track gambling, and their influence has been exerted toward getting the Legislature to pass a bill prohibiting it. Dr. W. D. Bradfield and Dr. Norris, of the Baptist Standard, have been foremost in this fight. The result is that the lower house has passed a stringent bill nearly three to one against the evil, and at this writing the matter is pending before the Senate. In the meantime, Dallas, through certain of her citizens, is making strenuous efforts to have passed a bill, called the Breeders Bill, which permits gambling at the county and State fairs through what is called "Pari Mutuel," that is gambling, not by the bookmakers, but by a machine. This the pastors are opposing with might and main, for the European countries that have tried this form of gambling have prohibited it by law as a vicious form of gambling. So the fight has waxed hot and fierce.

Last Saturday night the Chamber of Commerce called a mass meeting of citizens at the Commercial Club rooms to boost Pari Mutuel. It was a public meeting, and so the writer and Drs. Bradfield and Norris, together with two or three other ministers, went to the meeting. We had seats far up to the front. We did not go for the purpose of taking any part in the proceedings, but to witness them and to hear the discussions. The first three speeches were made by business men and they were respectful and dignified; but the next three were made by lawyers, two of whom were very irreverent, blasphemous and offensive. The third one in a humorous way held the writer up to gibes and laughter. So when he was through we arose to a question of personal privilege and then there was a wild and a disgraceful scene. It turned out that instead of having the members of the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting, it was largely a gathering of hoodlums and toughs. They were boisterous, offensive and determined that we should not be heard. But we had faced storms of that character too often under other circumstances to be browbeaten. We held our ground and by dint of sheer persistence forced that gang of ruffians to listen to us until we had our say. And we also forced them to give Drs. Bradfield and Norris a hearing, though while these two gentlemen were speaking they were often interrupted and insulted. Such conduct was a disgrace to the civilization of a lot of Hottentots. One fellow openly insulted Dr. Bradfield, and when Captain Epps G. Knight came forward to substantiate the remark made by Dr. Bradfield, this fellow hurled an insult at him, but Captain Knight faced him in such a way as to bring him to his senses, and had it not been for the interference of friends the fellow was in a fair way to pay dearly for his coarseness.

This was the meeting of so-called Dallas citizens to boost race track gambling at the county and State fairs. If that conduct is a sample of the morals and training given to our citizens by the race track gamblers, then all good people ought to be heartily opposed to such a school of vice and rudeness. Just what the Senate will do we are not yet sure, but that body ought to pass that bill by all means and forever set its disapproval upon an institution so hurtful to good morals and decent manners.

Our apology for making this reference to the matter is that the secular papers have made much out of the incident; and we desire to give the facts to our readers. True the News passed over the blasphemous and sacrilegious part of the affair, for it did not want the general public and the Legislature to read of the true inwardness of the affair; but the outside dailies had quite a good deal to say about it. And we wish to add that the better citizenship of the city and a number of gentlemen present are heartily a-hamed of the whole thing, and feel humiliated over the result. They feel that the city was disgraced in the eyes of her own good people and in the

esteem of good people throughout the Commonwealth. We feel sure that the enterprising men who have put their money, time and brains into the Fair feel a sense of humiliation and shame over the conduct of that lot of toughs and ruffians who dominated the meeting. And we are sure that they are outraged at the blasphemous and profane utterances of at least two of the men who abused their privilege by referring to Christ as "corn-thief" and to the Church as an institution that has "caused the death of more than seventy millions of human beings." But nothing better can be expected of the output of legalized gambling at the race track.

THE MEN WHO BETRAYED THE PEOPLE.

The following is the list of the men in the Legislature who violated the instructions of the people, set at naught the obligation imposed upon them by their convention and obeyed the wish of the Brewers' Association:

In the Lower House.

Thad T. Adams, San Antonio; C. A. Allen, Shimek; R. Boswell, Hearne; J. A. Brooks, Falfurrias; W. S. Brookshire, Granger; H. D. Brown, El Campo; J. P. Buchanan, Brenham; Roger Byrne, Smithville; B. F. Cathey, Quitman; W. W. Caves, Oakville; W. L. Crawford, Jr., Dallas; A. S. Crisp, Cuero; W. B. Crockett, Washington; W. C. Davis, Bryan; W. B. Fitzhugh, Arlington; J. W. Flournoy, Beeville; Wm. Gleson, San Marcos; August Nathausen, Houston; C. C. Highsmith, Houston; Marsene Johnson, Galveston; Walter Keeble, Elgin; C. M. McCallum, Dallas; J. G. McDonald, Anderson; W. C. McGown, El Paso; S. M. Meek, Somerville; Jens Moller, Galveston; Sam O'Bryant, Bandera; C. C. Pearson, Burnet; W. R. Perkins, Allee; W. E. Rabb, Sweet Home; J. C. Ralston, Waller; Charles Roach, Paris; A. G. Schlueter, Austin; William Schofield, Lockhart; R. R. Smith, Union; I. M. Standifer, Houston; Mr. Terrell, San Antonio; W. A. Trenckman, Bellville; A. M. Turney, Alpine; C. J. Von Rosenberg, LaGrange; Otto Wahrmond, San Antonio, and Louis J. Wortham, Fort Worth.

In the Senate.

Claude B. Hudspeth, Ozona; F. C. Hume, Houston; E. I. Kellie, Jasper; T. W. Masterson, Galveston; W. O. Murray, Floresville; D. A. Paulus, Hallettsville; John L. Peeler, Austin; Julius Reel, Keerville; Q. U. Watson, Giddings; F. C. Weirner, Seguin; John G. Willacy, Corpus Christi; Mr. Harper, Groesbeck. The last named Senator has already announced himself a candidate for the Court of Criminal Appeals. Let people remember that the above named gentlemen in both branches of the Legislature are the men who voted against, or spoke against, submission, and denied the right of the people to vote upon the question of State prohibition.

LAYMEN'S BANQUET.

On the evening of Tuesday, February 16, 1909, the laymen of the Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas, gave an elaborate banquet to the men of the Church, upon which occasion opportunity was taken to acquaint all with some of the problems confronting the Church in which men can and should have a part. With a single exception the responses to the toasts were made by laymen of the Church.

Travis Park Church occupies a prominent position in Protestant affairs in Southwest Texas, and J. N. Brown in responding to the subject, "Travis Park Church," touched the keynote when he said that our members should not only stand for Travis Park Church, but for all that Methodism means in that Church in San Antonio and in the section surrounding it. Mr. Hildebrand urged upon the men, especially the business men, the importance of carrying their business acumen into the Church, and their value to the Church if they stood shoulder to shoulder with the pastor

in the important work of meeting the problems which confront him day by day.

All the talks were pertinent and to the point, and the meeting was pronounced a distinct success, and the prophecy was made that would be of immense value to Travis Park Church in carrying on her work in the future. About one hundred and fifty men attended the banquet.

Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, pastor of this Church, has been with his congregation only a few months, but has already made a large acquaintance, and is active in developing a spirit of harmony and co-operation among the membership, which augurs well for the future of his work. He is heartily interested in the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and will lend his co-operation upon any and all occasions.

Messrs. Brown and Curry are to hold a revival for him during March, and from the character of the preparatory work great things may be expected from it.

The banquet was prepared under the direction of Mr. D. B. Wright, lay leader for the San Antonio District, and his wife. Bro. Wright knows how to work and his district is to-day one of the best organized in the conference. He expects to give considerable time to the movement during the year. Dr. J. C. Ballard, Surgeon U. S. A., stationed at Fort Sam Houston, is the lay leader of Travis Park Church, and is in every way qualified for the position, and is heartily enthused with the work. R. H. Wester, lay leader of the West Texas Conference, is also a member of this Church.

THE BRANCH PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The plans for the new Publishing House in Dallas have been adopted by the Book Committee at Nashville and forwarded to this city. Bids were received sometime back from a number of reliable firms in this city and out of the city; and these were sent sealed to Nashville early last week. Just as we go to press Mr. Everett tells us that the bids were examined at Nashville and the lowest bidder was the J. W. Slaughter Construction Company of Dallas, and that firm was awarded the contract. Mr. Slaughter happens to be a Methodist and it was his company that built Grace and St. Paul's Methodist Churches in this city. It is one of the most reliable companies in Texas, and work on the new building will proceed at once; and by the first of next September it is thought that it will be ready for occupancy. This is a great accession to our Texas Methodism and shows that the Book Committee has confidence in the ability of our Church in Texas to more than sustain this branch of our great publishing interests.

DR. W. D. BRADFIELD ENDORSED.

The monthly meeting of the Official Board of Trinity Church last Tuesday night unanimously endorsed the position and the fight now being made by their pastor, Rev. Dr. Bradfield, against race track gambling, and in doing it they represented the entire membership of that large congregation. It has a membership of nearly one thousand, and they stand by their pastor to a man. And it contains many of the best business and professional men in the city. The fact is Dr. Bradfield has the good people of all Texas with him in this righteous warfare.

THE FILING CASE.

The Filing Case is a device invented by Rev. H. H. Smith, of Ashland, Va. He has kindly sent the Advocate a set of these Filing Cases. It is a simple arrangement, gotten up in manila or cloth, with pockets as numerous as the alphabet, and so constructed that it is pressed into comparatively small space. In these pockets, arranged alphabetically or topically, illustrations or quotations can be conveniently placed so that at a moment's notice the preacher can lay his hand upon the matter he has

stored away, have it close by for use on any occasion. It is a cheap affair and easily within the reach of those who may need that sort of file for those who may often want to preserve useful clippings, systematically arranged.

The Legislature has just passed a bill placing a prohibitive tax upon all cold storages, or upon persons or firms or individuals keeping such things to drink in local option territory, and upon persons soliciting orders for the same. This is an excellent law and we trust that the courts will let it stand. It will give relief to the local option sections from persons who are thus imposing upon the people after they have voted to free themselves from such nuisances. Gradually our local option laws are being perfected so as to give the people the right to enforce law against liquor and beer selling when a majority of them vote on this question.

Senator Kellie, who misrepresents his Senatorial District in the Senate, and who has been severely criticised by his people, and who has been requested by some of them to resign his seat in that body because of his insult to them on the submission question, introduced a bill the other day to prohibit political speeches in Churches or places of worship. You can always expect a natural born donkey to lift up his voice and bray whenever he finds room in the brush of his pasture to lay back his ears and open his mouth. It is the nature of such beasts and they cannot help it.

We learn that on Washington's birthday there came to the home of Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Crary, of Lyons, a fine boy; and while he did not seize his hatchet and go into his father's cherry orchard, yet he doubtless made his presence known otherwise. Since he came on the birthday of the Father of his Country we hope the future has something great in store for him, as he begins life amid the greatest opportunities that ever threw open their doors to the aspirations of the American youth.

The Legislature has enacted a bill, levying a tax on frosty joints that will tax them out of existence in local option districts. We had a bill of this sort, enacted by the last Legislature, but two members of the Court of Criminal Appeals declared it unconstitutional. Now this bill is supposed to meet the objections of this court, and if so it will give deliverance in all prohibited territory from those miserable make-shifts for selling beer and the like where the people have voted out such sales.

Our Bay City pastor and people have a splendid \$10,000 church edifice under way. Last week they had the cornerstone laying ceremonies and the work is going ahead promisingly. We congratulate our pastor and people on their enterprise. They are doing a good work.

We surrender the first page of the Advocate this week to Bishop Joseph S. Key. Our readers will find the Bishop's deliverance good reading. It is the substance of an address delivered at the Methodist laymen's banquet at the Southland Hotel a few weeks ago. Mr. Rowland Stokely, of the News staff, prepared the extract for us, and he did it well. Next week the same space will be surrendered to Bishop Seth Ward, with the substance of the address he delivered on the same occasion, and prepared by the same excellent young reporter for the News. Later on the substance of the Hon. Cone Johnson's address will also appear in these columns.

If our most excellent correspondents, whose contributions we greatly appreciate, would only learn the art of condensation it would add greatly to the value of their productions and also to the comfort of our readers. Some of

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PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT

In the Advocate of February 11 we printed an article under the caption, "Please Discontinue." It appeared in the Publishers' Department. Credit should have been given for said article to the Raleigh Christian Advocate. It was written originally for that paper, but by some means the credit was overlooked. The Raleigh Advocate is edited by Dr. Thomas N. Ivey, and he produces one of the best advocates in the Church. We had no intention of "purling" his matter without credit. We are glad that his paper contained the article above referred to, because it should be read not only by all his people, but also by the subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate.

A great number of commendatory letters are received touching the editorial department of the Advocate. We cannot refrain, as they pass through our hands, from making a few excerpts. Rev. Geo. H. Smith, of Macon, Ga., who reads nearly all our Southern Church papers, and who is eminently well qualified to judge a good article, says:

"I write this note to say how highly I appreciate that beautiful tribute to your sainted mother. It is a gem. It gives a picture of a race whom I fear are vanishing from this earth. God bless you."

Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, though a new man in our State, is wide awake, and is now thoroughly enthroned in the hearts of his people at Travis Park, San Antonio. He reads the Texas Christian Advocate, and feels that some flowers should be strewn even before death. In a note he says:

"I wish to say amen to your splendid fight for righteousness in the prohibition campaign, and to commend you for your ringing editorials. Your recent editorial on the departed and sainted mother was exquisite."

Rev. Simeon Shaw, of Colorado District, also has a commendatory word: "I think your editorial on your mother the finest thing I ever read. You

these contributions are unmercifully lengthy, and their real thought could be easily condensed into half the space. Because of these long contributions we are falling behind and our files are becoming congested. A number of correspondents are complaining that their articles are belated; but we cannot help it as long as some of the brethren write such interminable pieces. Will not our contributors take the hint and put their ideas into less space? Please do, brethren, and thus help us.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

It will be gratifying news to all our readers to know that Bishop Hoss, who recently went to Baltimore to have a serious surgical operation performed at the Johns-Hopkins Hospital, passed through the ordeal successfully and is now on the road toward recovery. If no complication sets up the Bishop will soon be himself again, for which the whole Church will be devoutly thankful.

ought to print it in double face type and let us frame it."

Rev. John R. Morris, of Cleburne Station, always sleeps with one eye open, and, of course, sees and hears everything going on around him. He says: "One thing is the truth, at least, viz.: The Advocate and its editor are known and felt and loved and hated and feared in this Commonwealth."

It is pleasant to know that the Advocate furnishes to many homes good reading and much information. But when we realize that it is oftentimes a spiritual guide it is comforting, indeed. In the obituary department of this issue these words appear: "He loved the Texas Christian Advocate, and to its leadership he attributed much of his success in a Christian life."

Don't discontinue the Advocate. I cannot afford to miss even one copy, for each copy is worth a year's subscription. No Methodist home can afford to be without the Texas Christian Advocate. M. K. JACKSON, Colorado, Texas.

I cannot afford to do without the Advocate, especially when I am in China. EDWARD PILLLEY.

This three on my club of five. I hope to go beyond that, however, with new subs. The Advocate (Texas) was never so good as now. We like it more and more. The children are eager for its coming. M. L. MOODY.

McLean, Texas.

This makes six new subscribers. I hope to send you many more during the year. M. F. DANIEL, Angleton, Texas.

This makes three of my new ones. Will get the others somewhere. Must do it. J. W. PATISON, Santa Anna, Texas.

This makes my five new subscribers. Of course, you are going to give me a chromo. G. A. NANCE, Eldorado, Texas.

I am getting new subscribers each week. The Advocate is well liked and well read by my people. J. E. MORGAN, Naples, Texas.

Rev. Thomas N. Ivey, D. D., of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, wishes the names and the addresses of all Methodist ministers now living out of the old North Carolina State, but who were born there, to send him their names and addresses. He is anxious to get into touch with all the native North Carolinians who are now in the Methodist ministry.

The Board of Missions will meet May 5 in Nashville. This will be the annual meeting of this board, and it is about the only one of our connectional boards that will meet in Nashville this year. The others are itinerating and will meet in other cities, as we announced last week.

Mrs. W. P. Lovejoy, wife of Rev. W. P. Lovejoy, of the North Georgia Conference and presiding elder of the Dalton District, died recently at Cartersville. This writer and Dr. Lovejoy were admitted into the North Carolina Conference in the same class in 1870. He is one of the most prominent minis-

ters in the Church, and his affliction will touch the hearts of many of the brethren.

Rev. Percy Knickerbocker, the popular pastor of our Church in Oklahoma City, has been granted a leave of absence by his people in order to take a trip to the Orient, along with his brother, Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, of Fort Worth. He will write the accounts of his observations for the St. Louis Advocate. We wish him a successful and profitable time.

The Wesleyan Christian Advocate, published in Atlanta, has moved into new and commodious quarters in the Candler Building. The Wesleyan and its editors deserve the best that is going, and we are glad to see them imitating the Texas in that it goes from less commodious to larger and better quarters. Drs. Lovett and Cofer are giving their constituents a good paper.

The laymen of the South Georgia Conference have agreed to raise \$10,000 this year over and above the conference assessment for foreign missions. Those South Georgia laymen are the liveliest set in Southern Methodist, and we hope the laymen throughout the connection will catch their spirit.

The old men in gray and the old men in blue held a joint meeting some nights since in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Atlanta, Ga., in commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's centennial anniversary, and Rev. Jas. W. Lee, D. D., the pastor of the Church, delivered the address on that occasion. It was a magnificent tribute to Mr. Lincoln's worth as a citizen and a statesman, and the whole occasion proves that the war is over in Georgia.

The Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church recently elected Rev. Charles M. Stuart, D. D., of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, published in Chicago. He succeeds the lamented Dr. David Thompson, who was so lately killed in an automobile accident in St. Louis, Mo. This is the paper so long and so ably edited by Dr. Arthur Edwards. Dr. Stuart is a scholarly Christian gentleman, and he has really been editing the paper since the death of its former editor.

PERSONALS

We had a pleasant visit from Brethren J. H. Cobb and J. R. Bourland, of Lewisville. They were down attending the lay leaders' meeting.

Rev. Dr. H. A. Bourland, who has been in San Antonio for the health of Mrs. Bourland for some months, was in the city recently and called to see us.

We had a pleasant visit from Bro. J. W. Campbell, of Valley View. He is the District Leader of the Gainesville District of the Laymen's Movement.

Rev. C. W. Macune, of Thurber, paid the Advocate a pleasant visit the past week. He has an important charge and things are coming to pass out that way.

Rev. R. B. Bonner, of Memphis, Texas, dropped in long enough the other day to speak an encouraging word to us. He is doing a good work in his region.

Rev. J. M. Tisdal, of Greenville, one of our most efficient local preachers, was in the city this week and made us a brotherly visit. He was down at the laymen's meeting.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, Financial Agent for the San Angelo Institute, recently preached a strong sermon in that city, setting forth the reasons why that section ought to put a large sum of money

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in the school. It was an impressive deliverance, and it was published in full in the San Angelo daily.

Rev. G. F. Boyd, of Gatesville, was in this section a while back and gave the Advocate a good visit. He is Chairman to the Reform School, and his work is an important one.

We had the pleasure of a visit recently from Rev. L. E. Conklin of the Quinlan Mission. He is a man of energy and persistence and will bring things to pass on that work.

Rev. M. D. Hill, on the Vera charge, is doing a good work. He and his people have just finished a new church at Prescott, and the prospect for a good year is most encouraging.

Rev. E. R. Wallace, of Arlington, made us a pleasant visit this week. He is thinking something of taking a trip to the Orient with Revs. H. D. and Percy Knickerbocker about the middle of May.

Mrs. Jennie M. Melugin, of Polytchnic Heights, Fort Worth, will give her daughter, Miss Sadie, in marriage to Rev. M. L. Lathan, March 10, 1909. The young couple will be at home after March 17 at Guthrie, Texas.

We had a pleasant visit from Judge M. M. Brooks, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, this week. He is one of the most prominent citizens of Texas, and on the bench has rendered splendid service in behalf of law and order.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Chambliss, of Albany, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Willie Ellen, to Mr. Oliver P. Gresham. The event took place on the 17th of this month, and the couple will live in Temple.

Rev. H. C. Willis and his preachers on the Huntsville District are moving on in good shape. They enjoyed a fine Missionary Institute recently. They are pushing early collections, and some of the charges have already had good revivals.

Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, of the Sulphur Springs District, was in to see us last week. He and his preachers are moving ahead up there. He is now specially engaged in paying off an old district parsonage debt and in renovating the building. He always improves things where he goes.

Rev. S. S. McKenney and his people at Rosebud are contemplating a new church enterprise. The enterprise will be under way before long, and it will cost at least \$20,000. In looking over a local exchange we noted a sermon printed in full on the Transfiguration, recently preached by Bro. McKenney. It was good to the use of edifying.

Rev. Thomas Gregory, the solid and fearless pastor at Uvalde, recently preached a searching scriptural sermon on the preacher in politics. He treated the subject from a lofty point of view, and pointed out the exact re-

lution sustained to moral questions by the minister and his duty in the premises. It was published in full in the Uvalde Leader and it makes good reading.

Bro. W. T. House, of DeSoto, Dallas County, was in to see us recently. He says that they have a small membership at his point, and a new church building, costing \$1800, paid for; but they have no preacher. Last year they were with Wheatland, but this charge is now a station, and this leaves DeSoto out in the cold. We are sure that some arrangement will be made to give them one appointment, at least, a month.

The aged father of Rev. W. D. White, of Athens, died recently at Granbury after an illness of two days. He was a member of the Baptist Church and one of the best citizens of the community where he lived and died. In his early life he was a Methodist, and his good wife a Presbyterian; but as they could not quite harmonize their Church relation in the two Churches, they compromised and joined the Baptist Church. But he always had a tender feeling and an intense love for the Methodist Church. Those two good people gave to our Church and our ministry the popular pastor at Athens.

Rev. John R. Nelson, of Nashville, was in the city this week and met with a number of the presiding elders and district lay leaders to counsel with them touching the great movement now in progress among the laymen of the Church. These North Texas Conference brethren wanted his assistance, and they were greatly helped by his wise suggestions and earnest cooperation. Dr. Nelson says that his work is growing on him daily and its greatness almost appalls him. All the cities are calling on him for counsel and advice, and the larger ones are entering with zest into the forward movements of the Church. He went from here to New Orleans to look after such work in that city. It is already taking shape and gives promise of great success.

We are pleased to state that the machine bought of you, after ten years' of regular use, works the same as it did at first, and has not cost a cent for extras. J. O. BOYCE, Midlothian, Texas.

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WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL! Indeed, it is wonderful for an inveterate stammerer to be cured of stammering in from one to three days. DR. C. W. RANDOLPH cured a good many stammerers when he was in Dallas about 1880. We saw numbers of his cures before and after this were cured, and all of them talked freely. DR. RANDOLPH has returned to Dallas again. He is now at the Pensacola Hotel, 121 Elm St. He would like to mail you a copy of his book, "Stammering Cured," if you will send him a card. Charge reasonable to all. Send this to a stammerer, please. Remember the Golden Rule.

Anyone desiring a good matron and housekeeper, write at once to the undersigned. She has a green daughter who can teach music and help in other ways. Can furnish good recommendations. A. J. Morgan, Texas. ALANZO MONK, JR.

Epworth League Department

GUS W. THOMASSON, EDITOR
Van Alstyne, Texas.

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

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

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STATE HEADQUARTERS.

I hope that every Junior Superintendent in Texas read Miss Christopher's call in the Advocate and Era for the sidewalk fund at Epworth. This is a very essential improvement and we can not have the walks unless we get the money. Ten dollars from each of our Junior Leagues will give us ample funds, and we will then leave the bond question for the Seniors to handle. Who will be the first to remit?

We have read a number of letters in regard to the trip to Seattle in July for the great International Conference. Several have stated that they want to make the trip, and there seems to be a general desire to make up a congenial party to go up via Denver and the Yellowstone, returning through California. We would be glad to have the names of all interested in this trip, so that we can place the arrangement for the trip in the hands of a special committee to complete all arrangements and get the most for the party at the least expense possible. Write to A. K. Ragsdale,

CHURCH EXTENSION AID.

The annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension will be held April 29-May 1. Many inquiries are reaching the office concerning the method of procedure in securing Church Extension aid. It is well for all interested to know that applications to the board must be made upon printed form furnished by the Corresponding Secretary. The Annual Conference Boards have blank forms for the use of applicants, but they differ from those used by the General Board. Do not get one of them and try to change it to suit. The application blank, which may be had for the asking, explains itself. After it has been properly filled out it must go to the Secretary of the Conference Board of Church Extension in order that the following rule may be complied with:

"Every application for consideration at the annual meeting of the General Board must first receive the approval of the Board of Church Extension of the conference from which it comes, and said approval must be given at a regular meeting of said board or its Executive Committee held in the month of March. Said boards or committee shall consider all the applications from their respective conference and forward such as they approve so as to reach the board's office at Louisville, Kentucky, by April 1 of each year. Each application so approved must have the action of the Conference Board written therein, certified by the President and Secretary, and all the applications from a given conference must be by the Conference

San Antonio, or to Frank McNary, Secretary, Dallas.

We are completing plans for the coming Encampment at Epworth-by-the-Sea Aug. 5 to 15, and from present indications the attendance and the program will excel anything we have yet had. Drs. Cook and Parker and Misses Head and Davies will be with us and we are making a strong appeal on Mrs. Hargrove, of Scarritt, to come and give us the Bible study. We will, of course, have a number of our Bishops, and will devote more time to institute work than we have had at former assemblies. It is not too early to begin to make your arrangements to meet with us. Save your small change and ask for your vacation so that you can get full benefit. A number of rooms in the Inn are already booked and we have many requests on file for cottages.

Some time ago we have personal appeals to a number of our friends for a loan to tide us over our financial troubles until we could convince other Leagues that it was their duty and privilege to invest in Epworth League bonds. Next week we will publish a list of those who have come to our relief, and we are hoping for still others. Had it not been for the faithful aid of a few of our friends we would be far short of the success we have been able to attain. We still need to sell \$12,000 worth of our Swt. bonds and we are depending on our Texas Leagues to take over this amount. Some have done well—a large majority have taken no part at all in the work. Won't you take this up at once with your League, and if you have not taken part, remit the amount of at least one bond?"

A. K. R.

Board graded and marked in the order of their relative importance, and the Secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule."

We trust that, except in the most extraordinary cases, no demand will be made upon the board for aid in the older communities or for the payment of Church debts anywhere unless it be to avert imminent and otherwise inevitable disaster in the loss of Church property. Let all our people remember that Church Extension means aggressive movement—the multiplication of houses of worship, which is essential to the prosperity of the Church and the good of the land where we work.

The demand upon the board is greater than ever before in its history. The increased receipts are not equal to the increased demand. Wide sections of undeveloped territory are open to us. A little timely aid here and there will go far toward laying the foundation of what is to be a great Church in the near future. These fields cannot be neglected without great loss to the Church. If the brethren of the older conferences will keep in mind the obligation of the Church to enter the wide open doors, especially in the Southwest, and as far as possible care for their own building enterprises without calling upon this board, we will be able, in some degree, to do the work so urgently needed and so essential to our life as a Church.

W. F. McMURRY, Cor. Sec.
707 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY HOME-COMING DAY.

In response to an urgent request signed by many prominent ex-students of Southwestern University from various sections of the State, the faculty will set apart April 21 as a holiday and designate it Home-Coming Day. It is desired by those who ask it that an effort be made to get every man and woman in Texas who ever attended the old Southwestern to come to Georgetown and spend that day in renewing the acquaintances of "Auld Lang Syne" and getting acquainted with those who have been here since

they were and getting acquainted with the new conditions that now exist at the "Alma Mater."

It is now thirty-five years since the school began operations in Georgetown, and with every passing year of that, more than a third of a century, students have been coming in ever-increasing numbers, until now their number is legion, and they are in all parts of the State and in every honorable walk and calling of life.

Most of them when they left school promised themselves and their fellows that they would come back some time to look in on the scenes of their school days, but the cares of life and business engagements have been such that many of them have never fulfilled that promise. But their love for the school and desire to walk again in its classic shade have never passed away. With many of them this love and desire has grown with the years, and all will hail with the keenest delight the privilege of coming back together. When they come they are to forget, for the day, that they are men and women, fathers and mothers, bankers, lawyers, doctors, preachers, politicians and else—and just be boys and girls together on the old college campus again.

Georgetown will spread herself to make this seem like a real home-coming. The latch-string of every home will be put on the outside. They will kill the fatted calf, roast a Berkshire shooat, bake all the turkeys they can find and fry every chicken in town. We will have dinner on the ground and stay all day. We are already assured of a big crowd. The railroads will make special rates. Delegations from Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and other points are already being formed, who will come on special cars. A suitable program is being prepared and will be announced in due time. We are not going to have any cut and dried literary addresses, but we will have about twenty-four hours of the biggest time any set of boys and girls ever had. It is distinctly understood that no effort is to be made to raise money. No collection for the University will be taken. In fact, this movement did not originate with the faculty or any other officers of the University. The desire for it is expressed in a numerously-signed petition from old students who do not reside in Georgetown. As pastor of the Church and as a citizen of Georgetown I am sure that I express the sentiment of everybody in Georgetown when I say that we are delighted at the proposition. We hope that every old student will come and we will do our best to see that the day will be one of the red letter days of their lives.

JOHN M. BARCUS.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.

The Polytechnic College is now in the midst of another very satisfactory term. Students and teachers are hard at work and seem happy in their work. We have never had so many to return for the second term as we have this year. Our students are staying with us better than ever before. The spirit of the student body has never been so good. Everybody seems to be in a good humor and the work moves nicely.

The Susan M. Key Literary Society had a brilliant open session last Saturday evening. It was enjoyed by a large number of students and outside friends. These open sessions mark an eventful day with the students.

On last Monday evening the Athletic Association gave a very unique and original program. The college was crowded with an appreciative audience. The program was an emphatic success, the audience being kept in an uproar of laughter a good part of the time. The Athletic Association is planning a fine season. Mr. John L. Craig has been engaged as the physical director for the next year and the students are delighted. He is very popular with all classes. His stay in the college guarantees enthusiasm in all college athletics and also assures the faculty that all athletics will be clean. This means much in these

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The new financial agent is still "making good" in his work. Last week he was at Grandview and secured more than \$800 in subscriptions. In the city of Fort Worth he secured \$500, making a total of more than \$1,300 in one week. At this rate, in a year he would bring in more than \$50,000 for the college. It can not be hoped, however, that he will do so well every week. He is sure to succeed, for he is filled with enthusiasm and feels the importance of his trust.

President Boaz was at Graham last Sunday and received in cash and good subscriptions more than \$500 from the good people of that prosperous town. In the city of Fort Worth he secured \$325 in new subscriptions, making a total for the week for the President and the agent a little more than \$2,000. This is encouraging.

The Polytechnic is now an assured success, and is destined to make one of the great schools of the Church. Extensions and improvements are being planned for next year and will be executed in due time. The future holds many good things in store for the Polytechnic College.

C. L. BROWNING.

A TRIBUTE.

I have seen in the Advocate a notice of the death of Rev. Geo. R. Bryce, of Waco, Tex., which caused me to feel very sad. Bro. Bryce and I were personal friends, being associated together in the Arkansas Conference in 1870 to 1874. He was my predecessor on the Huntsville Circuit. We both came to Texas near the same time. We were both members of the Northwest Texas Conference until he located and settled in the suburbs of East Waco, where he lived for several years, and was a useful local preacher, but his heart was in the itinerant and his sympathy with the itinerant preachers. I spent two days and nights with him in his home during the last session of our conference in Waco, and we enjoyed each other's association very much, conversing of the past and our prospects of the future—praying and singing together. Bro. Bryce believed in and practiced scriptural holiness. A good man has gone to his heavenly home. I wish to send sympathy and condolence through the Advocate to the bereaved family and commend them to God, whom Bro. Bryce so devotedly served. GEO. F. FAIR, San Gabriel, Mexico.

A CARD OF THANKS—A REQUEST.

Many and exceedingly helpful have been the expressions of sympathy and assurances of prayerfulness in our behalf as we have been walking amid the dark shadows of the terrible affliction of our oldest son and the deep bereavement of his departure. For all these our friends will please accept our gratitude and not expect us to write them personal letters in reply. A further favor I ask of those who knew our son, Emory Marler. In collecting material to go into a sketch of his life, I am hunting for facts, incidents, sayings of his and of others

about him, as expressed verbally or in letters or magazine articles, etc. Anything that would reveal his letter self and stimulate fellow mortals to noble endeavor, if seen in print, statements concerning his work, spirit and life, including spiritual struggles and triumphs, as seen by his teachers, fellow students, pupils, patrons and others, who observed with profit his manner of life. So ambitious was he of noble achievement and so sanguine of having time for the accomplishment of his great life plans, it was extremely pathetic to hear him speak of his life as "such a disappointment." Our endeavor is to widen and perpetuate the worthy influences of his brief life on earth. If those reading these lines can contribute to this end as above indicated or in any other way, we shall be their debtors. Cordially, J. M. ARMSTRONG, Tularosa, N. M.

Don't you touch the edge of the great gladness that is in the world, now and then, in spite of your own worries? Well, that's what God means; and the worry is the interruption.—Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney.

When a man, instead of possessing gold, is possessed by it, he is in a desperate condition.—Rev. J. Ossian Davies.

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Postum Knocked Out Coffee Ails. There's a good deal of satisfaction and comfort in hitting upon the right thing to rid one of the varied and constant ailments caused by coffee drinking.

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Weatherford District—Second Round.

Weatherford Cir., at Godfrey's C., March 2.
Weatherford, Coutts Memorial, Mch. 4.
Springtown, at Agness, March 6, 7.
Millsap, at Willow Pond, March 10.
Strawn, at Caddo, March 13, 14.
Gordon, at Minkus, March 15.
Thurber, March 16.
Santo, at Elm Grove, March 17.
Ranger, at Pleasant Grove, Mch. 20, 21.
Aledo, at Benbrook, March 27, 28.
Breckenridge, at Pisgah, April 3, 4.
Crystal Falls, at Baker, April 6.
Wayland, at Aker, April 8.
Peaster, at Poolville, April 10, 11.
Whitt, at Garner, April 12.
Mineral Wells, April 17, 18.
Graford, at Oran, April 19.
Graham Miss., April 24, 25.
Graham Sta., April 25, 26.
Farmer, April 27.
Ellisville, April 29.
Throckmorton, May 1, 2.
Davis Miss., May 2, 3.
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.

Mexia Cir., at Cotton Gin, 11 a. m., Feb. 27, 28.
Mexia Sta., at Mexia, 7:30, Feb. 27, 28.
Wortham, at Woodland, March 7.
Frost, at McCord, March 13, 14.
Irene, at Emmett, March 14, 15.
Brandon, at Bynum, March 20, 21.
Dawson, at Harmony, March 28, 29.
Purdon, at Dresden, March 31.
Corsicana Cir., at Pleasant G., April 3.
Eleventh Avenue, at Eleventh Avenue, April 3, 4.
First Church, at 1st Ch., April 4, 5.
Groesbeck, at G., 7:30, April 9.
Horn Hill, at Big Hill, April 10, 11.
Thornton, at Locust Grove, Apr. 11, 12.
Kirk, at Ben Hur, April 13.
Richland, at Grape Creek, April 17, 18.
Kerens, at Bazette, April 20.
Barry, at Cryer Creek, April 22.
Munger, at Callina, April 24, 25.
Coolidge, at Coolidge, April 24, 25.
J. ORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.

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 Derr's Chapel, May 2, 3.
Red Oak, at Boyce, May 8, 9.
T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Colorado District—Second Round.

Coahama, Center P., Feb. 28, March 1.
Big Springs Mis., Moores, 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.
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.

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.
Rogers Sta., April 24, 25.
W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

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 2, 4.
Morgan, at Kopperl, April 6.
Cleburne, Main St., April 11, 28.
Granbury Miss., Post Oak, April 17, 18.
Granbury Sta., April 18, 19.
Cresson, at Acton, April 20.
Grandview Sta., April 24, 25.
E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Vernon Mis., at Wesley Chapel, March 6, 7.
Quanah 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.
Seymour Station, April 24, 25.
Crowell Station, April 28.
Vera, May 1, 2.
Estelline, May 4.
J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Stamford District—Second Round.

Aspermont Sta., March 6, 7.
Aspermont Miss., March 6, 7.
Royston, at Pleasant V., March 13, 14.
Rotan, at Dowell, March 14, 15.
Hitson, at Mt. Zion, March 19, 20.
Hamlin Sta., March 20, 21.
McCauley and Silvester, at Silvester, March 27, 28.
Stamford Miss., at Corinth, Apr. 3, 4.
West Stamford and Liberty, at L., April 10, 11.
Stamford Sta., April 11, 12.
Avoca, at Bethel, April 17, 18.
Haskell Miss., at Sagerton, Apr. 24, 25.
Weinert, at Pleasant View, May 1, 2.
Haskell Sta., May 2, 3.
Tuxedo, at Fairview, May 8, 9.
Pinkerton, May 15, 16.
Rule, at Rochester, May 16, 17.
Knox City, at League, May 18.
Munday Sta., May 22.
Goree, May 29, 30.
Bomarton, May 31.
J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.

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.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Anson, March 6, 7.
Clyde, at Potosa, March 13, 14.
Truby, at Compere, 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, Apr. 24, 25.
Escota, at Newman, May 1, 2.
Dudley, at Elddale, May 8, 9.
Cross Plains, at Dressy, May 15, 16.
Sabanno, May 16, 17.
Moran, May 18, 19.
GUS BARNES, 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.
Fairly and Lanham, at Fairly, May 22, 23.
Crawford, at Compton, May 26, 11 a. m.
China Springs, at Mill's Chapel, May 27, 11 a. m.
JAMES M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Plainview District—Second Round.

Tulia, Feb. 29.
Hale Center, at Pierce's Chapel, March 6, 7.
Floydada Sta., March 10.
Bovina, at B., March 13, 14.
Hereford Sta., March 15.
Lockney, at Harmony, March 20, 21.
Lubbock, March 27, 28.
Matador, at White Flat, April 3, 4.
Dickens, at Cottonwood, April 6.
Gomez, at Plains, April 10, 11.
Brownfield, at Meadow, April 13.
Barton, April 15.
Emma, at Estacado, April 17, 18.

Tahoka Sta., April 24, 25.
Post City, April 27.
Turkey, May 1, 2.
Silverton, May 4.
Hereford Mission, May 8, 9.
Wildorado, May 11.
Dinmitt, May 15, 16.
Plainview Sta., May 22, 23.
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Augustine District—First Round.

Lufkin Sta., Feb. 28, March 1.
Kenna- at K. C., March 2.
Hen B., at H., March 6, 7.
C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.

Rosenberg & Wallis, Feb. 27, 28.
Fulshear & Brookshire, March 6, 7.
A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round.

Saratoga and Batson, at S., Feb. 27, 28.
Aldridge Mis., at Aldridge, March 3.
Port Arthur, March 6, 7.
D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round.

Shepherd and Cleveland, at C., Feb. 27, 28.
H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round.

Emory, at Emory, Feb. 28, March 1.
Marvin Church Tyler, March 3.
Whitehouse, at Whitehouse, March 6, 7.
CLYDE B. GARRETT, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.

Queen City, at Law's Chap., Mch. 6.
Atlanta Sta., March 7, 8.
Douglassville, at D., March 12.
Linden, at Warren Spgs., Mch. 13, 14.
Dalby 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.
Winsboro, 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.
Giddings, April 24, 25.
Hempstead, April 4.
Waller, April 5.
Caldwell Miss., May 1, 2.
Caldwell Sta., May 2, 3.
Rosenberg, May 7.
Richmond, May 8, 9.
Lexington, May 15, 16.
Somerville, May 22, 23.
Fulshear and B., May 29, 30.
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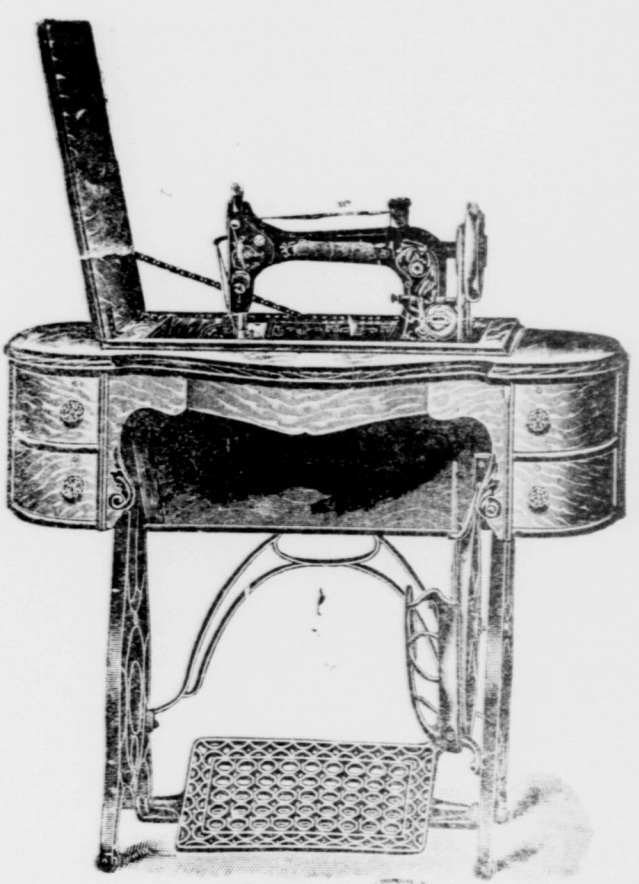
Calvert District—Second Round.

Hearne and Bremond, at Hearne, Feb. 28.
Davilla, at Lebanon, March 6, 7.
Buckholts, at Milano, March 7, 8.
Petteway, at Buck's P., March 13, 14.
Calvert Sta., March 14, 15.
Kosse and Reagan, at R., Mch. 20, 21.
Marlin Sta., March 21, 22.
Travis, at Chilton, March 27, 28.
Iola, at Normangee, April 3, 4.
Fairfield, at Mt. Zion, April 10, 11.
Teague Sta., April 11.
Lott and Durango, at Pleasant Valley, April 17, 18.
Rosebud Sta., April 24, 25.
Centerville Sta., May 1, 2.
Maysfield, at Ben A., May 8, 9.
Wheeler, May 15, 16.
Franklin Sta., May 16, 17.
Jewett, May 22, 23.
E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.

Trinity and Onalaska, at Trinity, March 13, 14.
Montgomery Cir., at Plantersville, March 17.
Anderson Cir., at Shiro, Mch. 20, 21.
Madisonville Miss., at Midway, March 27, 28.
Madisonville Sta., March 28, 29.
Grapeland and Lovelady, at Lovelady, April 3, 4.
Navasota Sta., April 6.
San Jacinto Cir., at Union, Apr. 10, 11.
Augusta Cir., at Percilla, April 17, 18.
Crockett Sta., April 21.
Willis Cir., at Old W., April 24, 25.
Conroe Sta., April 26.
Bryan Sta., April 28.
Cold Springs Miss., at Farley's, May 1, 2.
Dodge Miss., at Riverside, May 4.
Huntsville Sta., May 8, 9.
Groveton Sta., May 15, 16.
Willard Cir., at Westville, May 16, 17.
Shepherd and Cleveland, at Shepherd, May 22, 23.
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Heaven's gates are not so highly arched as Princes' palaces; they that enter there

Must go upon their knees.

—Webster.

TO THE WOMEN OF THE NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The end of another Home Mission year is upon us. An individual review of the year's work by each of us would perhaps be helpful both to ourselves and to the work. But before we take this review, let us make one more tremendous effort to improve the year's record before the close. The opportunity is before you in this the fourth quarterly report. We hope that every Auxiliary Treasurer will scan carefully the pages of her book—see that all dues are paid in full—see that every member has paid the 25 cents for the expense fund. Be sure that your auxiliary is not among those who have neglected sending the \$1.00 for printing the annual minutes.

As you value your own home and loved ones see that your society responds to the call of your District Secretary for the support of the Thurber work. Have you listened unmoved all these years to Sister Johnson's plea for the girlhood of our land? If so, 'twere foolish in me to remind you of this debt you owe. But the opportunity is not gone yet. Get your women together, if only for one evening. Present the facts to them and take the free-will offering for this Christlike cause—the cause above all others which should touch the tenderest chord in every mother's heart.

We did not leave the \$1 fund to the last because it was least important in our mind, but because of its great importance. We are sorry this fund is not more generally understood, because we believe if it were the collection of this amount would be doubled.

One misunderstanding with reference as to how this \$1.00 per member fund is used we believe deserves special mention, for it seems to be a prevalent idea—their objection is that they oppose paying this because "the conference used it to defray expenses." This is indeed a fearful mistake. Not one cent of this goes that way. The entire amount is sent from our conference to the General Treasurer and there expended by her for the support of our schools and the general work. If you are missionary in your spirit you can not do a broader, grander missionary work than is being done by the payment of the \$1.00 per member.

Then, sister, friend, with gratitude in your heart that your children are living under fairer skies and that every physical, mental and moral advantage is theirs, do not let the 1st of March come without paying this small amount of \$1.00 extra that will help some other mother's child to a brighter, better life. We earnestly pray that every woman of the Northwest Texas Conference may have just cause for rejoicing this year over the part that her conference is doing toward "Saving America," but your conference can measure up to what she should only by every woman having done her individual duty.

MRS. D. L. STEPHENS,
Anson, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY—ATTENTION, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE AUXILIARIES!

As yet only a few auxiliaries have sent me the name of their newly-elected Press Reporter. As I announced in my letter which accompanied the February Bulletin, I have on hand a supply of leaflets and suggestions for the reading course and press department which I am anxious to put into the hands of every auxiliary Press Reporter of the W. H. M. Society of North Texas Conference. But this literature costs money and I do

not want to scatter it broadcast without knowing whether it will ever reach the auxiliaries. Hence I shall not send it to any but those auxiliaries from whom I receive reports and names of officers.

Don't fail to send me your Press Reporter's or Corresponding Secretary's name at once. This literature will be forwarded with the March Bulletin.

MRS. FRANK BENNETT,
Press Superintendent Conf. Society,
Pottsville, Texas.

To the Second Vice-Presidents, Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference:

We are now well into the last quarter of our fiscal year. We reported 902 tithers last quarter. If each Second Vice-President will add two to her number we will report at our annual meeting 1402. Let us redouble our energies during these last days and see if this cannot be done. I am depending on you to enlist, not only the members of your auxiliary, but every member of your Church as a tither. Let us strive to do our very best in making this the largest report we have yet had.

Please send your report to reach me by the 5th of March. Do not fail to report if you are the only one in your Church who tithes. Many have failed to report to me during the year. Will you not fill out this report and see that it reaches me on time? "Let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Sincerely your co-laborer,
MRS. O. F. SENSABAUGH,
Second Vice-President Conf. Society,
Amarillo, Texas.

FROM ARLINGTON.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of Arlington is still numbered with the living, and we're very much alive. We have had slow, but steady growth for the last three years and we now have 53 members. Most all of them are faithful and true.

We have just paid the last of the \$1.00 that we promised on our beautiful new church, besides we put in two windows—one for the Brigade and Baby Roll, the other for the Home Mission Society—at a cost of \$117.50, making a total of \$1,117.50 in the last two years. We paid \$599 the first year, and this year just closing we paid our \$500 and paid for the window besides.

We go into the new year without one dollar indebtedness, and with some money in the treasury. We have met all of the connectional claims—everything that we have been called upon to do, except the \$1 above dues. We have not been able to get all of our ladies up to this yet, but we hope to get the \$1 above dues this year.

We have expended \$19.75 for furnishings in the parsonage since Christmas.

We spent \$175 for the help of the needy, and for flowers for funeral purposes. We bought a nice lot in the cemetery and had it deeded to the Home Mission Society for our pastors who may have the sad misfortune of losing some of their loved ones and will want to bury them here. Unless you have gone through with this sad trial you don't know what this will mean to you when you come to this sad hour and realize that you have no place that you can call your burying ground; then it is that you will know how to appreciate what these faithful women are doing for their pastors. This is where we laid our sweet little Carrie Mae to await the resurrection morning, and it will always be a comfort to us to know that this faithful home mission band will watch after and care for her little grave.

This is only the financial side of our work. If our work stopped here we might feel that we had done very little, but we try always to watch the

spiritual side. We feel that most all of us have grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We had our annual election of officers at the regular business meeting in February. The following officers were elected for the new year:

Mrs. J. D. Cooper, President; Mrs. A. M. Coble, First Vice-President; Mrs. Mike Fitto, Second Vice-President; Mrs. J. L. Carter, Third Vice-President; Mrs. H. S. Saunders, Treasurer; Mrs. C. F. Ward, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ed. R. Wallace, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. John Boothe, Press Reporter.
MRS. ED. R. WALLACE.

FROM SOUTH HEIGHTS, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

The W. H. M. Society have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. J. W. Allbritton; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. L. Hunter; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. C. Boston; Third Vice-President, Mrs. R. J. Rowen; Recording Secretary, Miss Ruby Brown; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Hooper; Auxiliary Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Alsworth; Local Treasurer, Mrs. Bessie Spare Brown; Agent Our Homes, Mrs. Wm. Gauger; Press Superintendent, Mrs. J. W. Mathis.

Our society is growing steadily both in interest and in numbers and we hope to do greater things in the future than in the past. We have never had a more capable corps of officers than we have now, and if each one will put her greatest efforts in the work we will have something to tell later on. Will send in annual report in the near future.
MRS. J. W. MATHIS,
Press Reporter.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS.

The W. H. M. Society met at the usual time on February 1, and elected the following officers:

Mrs. C. I. Holt, President; Mrs. J. L. Ward, First Vice-President; Mrs. R. B. Zinn, Second Vice-President; Mrs. L. L. Stephenson, Third Vice-President; Mrs. R. L. Permlinter, Treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Cunningham, Recording Secretary; Mrs. R. Harkrider, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Fox Stripling, Press Reporter; Mrs. A. J. Gillemore, Agent for "Our Homes;" Mrs. Frank Tomilson, Parliamentarian.

We have seventy-two members in our auxiliary.

From November of 1907 to November of 1908 we have expended \$710.98. We are coming up with next of our connectional work, but we are unable to arouse many of our members to pay the \$1.00 above dues. We have given \$3.00 for the Deaconess Fund. Sent \$10.00 for the Thurber missionary. Gave \$25.75 for the Week of Prayer. Have given \$115.15 for the 25 cents per member and have sent \$64 for dues to the Orphan's Home and Rescue Home. We have sent large boxes and have spent \$75 for local charity. Last, but not least, we have spent on our church and parsonage \$471. This past year has been a great year, but we hope to do better this year. We are always glad to know what other auxiliaries are doing.

MARY R. HARKRIDER,
Corresponding Secretary.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, HOBART, OKLA.

The Woman's Home Mission Society, of the M. E. Church, South, met in regular session February 4, and after an interesting program the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. E. C. Hooten; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. W. Hall; Second Vice-President, Mrs. L. M. Carleton; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. M. Rule; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bert Anderson; Corresponding Secretary and Press Reporter, Mrs. Lee Suttle; Treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Clark; Agent for "Our Homes," Mrs. D. G. Banks.

Our last monthly report from the Charity and Help Department showed 119 visits to the sick and strangers and fifteen garments distributed to the poor.

We begin the new year with renewed energy and zeal and hope to

do more and better work, praying that an all-wise Father will bless our faithful unto the end, we shall come out more than conquerors.

MRS. LEE SUTTLE,
Press Superintendent.

FROM CORSICANA.

The Home Mission Society of Eleventh Avenue Methodist Church met Monday afternoon, February 8, for the annual election of officers and to transact such other business as might properly come before the society. The President having previously selected a nominating committee, called the meeting to order, reading the names of the following ladies who were soon elected by acclamation and good humor to all present:

Mrs. Joe Garner, President; Mrs. John Huit, Jr., First Vice-President; Mrs. Geo. Peglar, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Lee Lonsford, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Abe Mulkey, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Walter Hammett, Recording Secretary and Press Superintendent; Mrs. E. J. Jeffers, Treasurer; Mrs. John Garner, Local Treasurer; Mrs. Sallie VanNort, Agent for the Home.

Heretofore no report has been made to our Church papers of our society, our work being only local work, but must say that the work has been a great one and proved a blessing to our society. Our society consists of fifty-two wide-awake members, active in all departments of work in the Methodist Church, who by God's grace and the encouragement of our pastor, Bro. E. P. Williams, desire to make this the best year's work in the history of the society, in the consummation of the greatest of all work—the making of Christ's kingdom on earth.

PRESS REPORTER.

FROM CLINTON, OKLA.

Having never seen tidings from Clinton, we send this report.

We have a splendid Home Mission Society and have done so much good that we want to tell others. And it can be seen that we are wide-awake to our duty and have done some worthy work the past year and begin our new year with renewed determination. Up until November, 1908, we had raised about \$900. During the year we built a neat six-room parsonage, of which we are very proud. Since that time we have furnished it with druggets, matings, furniture, stoves, etc. This month the Home Mission Society was beautifully entertained in our parsonage by our beloved Bro. and Sister Chambers. It was a sweet afternoon for us.

This being our first meeting of the year of 1909 we resolved to be found with a heart more resolute, a hand more ready and willing and a character more like our Christ. We have made many visits to the sick, have helped the needy and tried faithfully to care for the stranger within our gates. Our officers have been conscientious and energetic in their work and we feel we are growing and broadening each year, and with the help we are receiving from our pastor and his wife we expect great things this year.
MRS. O. L. MERRILL.

FROM HICO, TEXAS.

The W. H. M. Society held the annual election of officers for the coming year on Monday, February 1, with the following result:

President, Mrs. J. S. Bryan; First Vice-President, Mrs. Jno. Eakins; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. D. Gaskins; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joe Newsome; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. H. McCollum; Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Culbreath; Press Superintendent, Mrs. E. A. Heath; Agent for Our Homes and King's Messenger, Mrs. H. S. Byrd.

Our roll contains twenty-three names, but only about half attend regularly and take an active part in the work; notwithstanding this fact we are closing the year's work with highly satisfactory results and we are encouraged to plan for greater things the coming year. During this year we have spent \$106.15 locally, besides sending delegates to the Granbury Dis-

T. W. O. O.

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Cardui is an old and well tried remedy for female troubles. Your druggist sells it, with full directions for use on the wrapper. Try it.

district Conference. We also had two representatives at Dublin at the meeting held by Misses Davies and Head, both of which gave us great spiritual uplift and encouragement.

The Week of Prayer was observed in November and each day had a well prepared program, every member taking some active part. We gained four new subscribers to "Our Homes," making eleven in all, and the offering amounted to twelve dollars. We sent a box later to the Ann Browder Mission Home at Dallas.

We are praying that this will be the banner year of our work.

MRS. CHARLES WADDILL,
Press Superintendent.

Paris District—Second Round.

Emerson Cir., at Round Prairie, Mar. 6, 7.
Roxton Cir., at Howland, Mar. 13, 14.
Woodland and K., at Hickory Grove, Mar. 20, 21.
Deport Cir., at Milton, Mar. 27, 28.
Shady Grove and Marvin's Ch., at Pat. tonville, Mar. 28, 29.
Apopka Cir., at Coleman Springs, Apr. 3, 4.
Whitlock and Williams Ch., at W. C., Apr. 10, 11.
Roselle Cir., at McKinzie Ch., Apr. 17, 18.
Detroit Sta., Apr. 24, 25.
Blossom and Sylvan, at B., Apr. 25, 26.
Avery Mis., at Cedar Creek, May 1, 2.
Clarksville Mis., at Bethel, May 8, 9.
Clarksville Sta., May 9, 10.
Paris Cir., at Reno, May 15, 16.
Bonham Street, May 16, 17.
Bagwell Mis., at B., May 19.
Centenary, May 22, 23.
Lamar Av., May 23, 24.
District Conference will meet at Roxton, May 27, 7:30 p. m. to May 30.
J. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.

Gilmer Cir., at Soule's Ch., Mar. 6, 7.
Church Hill Cir., at Fowler's Ch., Mar. 12, 14.
Henderson Sta., Mar. 14, 15.
Marshall First Ch., preaching a. m., Mar. 21.
Marshall, Summit St., preaching p. m., Mar. 21.
Gilmer Sta., Mar. 27, 28.
Fairview preaching 3 p. m., Sunday, Mar. 28.
Rhodesboro Cir., at Marvin's Ch., Apr. 3, 4.
Henderson Cir., at Carlele, Apr. 10, 11.
Hollyville, at Lorraine's Ch., Apr. 17, 18.
Longview Sta., preaching Apr. 25.
Longview Sta., Quarterly Conf., May 3.
Beekville Cir., at Ebenezer, May 1, 2.
Harleton Cir., at Coffeyville, May 8, 9.
Marshall, First Ch., Quar. Conf., May 12.
Marshall, Summit St., Quar. Conf., May 19.
Waskom, at Wash'n, May 15, 16.
Harrison Cir., at Union Ch., May 22, 23.
Kelleysville Cir., at Moore's Ch., May 29, 30.
Jefferson Sta., May 28, 30.

The Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute will be held at Gilmer March 24, 25. Programs mailed this week.

The District Conference will convene at Beekville June 22-25. We hope to have a Bishop preside.

H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

(Continued from page 5)

from Mangum, the county seat, on the Rock Island. So you see I am thirty miles off the railroad, but the grade is built and the crew is at work now laying the track on a road to Hollis, nine miles from here. This is a very fine country, and the best roads that I ever saw, though I may want to modify that statement later on, as it hasn't rained since I've been here, but every sweet has its bitter, and so here we have sand-storms to let. The wind has been blowing for two days and nights now, and the mercury is hovering around zero today. We have had good health ever since coming here, except I had a very sore hand; blood poison I guess, and that is the only time we have consulted a doctor since coming here, and that is quite a record for my family. Well, as to the prospects of doing something here, they are really flattering, and I am hopeful for a great year. We have been kindly received, and the people have shown us many tokens of kindness. This work was without a parsonage, and the stewards had bought a nice six room house before our arrival, and immediately after our arrival they furnished it nicely throughout. At our first Quarterly Conference the salary of the P. C. was fixed at \$720. We have our foreign mission assessment on hand and also part of the assessment for domestic missions. I believe that the opportunities to do good are as great as any place in the round world. The country is fast filling up with people and Churches, and schools are building up in a way that seems magic. To any one of our old friends in the North Texas Conference, thinking of coming this way, I want to say that if you are willing to endure the hardships incident to a new country and work and pray and travel, you will find churches to be built, new places to organize, and multitudes of sinners to be converted. If you want to find a good easy place to fill with a big salary and not much required, you had better stay in Texas, or go somewhere else. Love to every preacher in the North Texas, and to hundreds of dear friends whom I have found in my six years of pastorate in that conference.—W. R. Rosser, Feb. 15.

Copperas Cove.

"The fight is on" in Copperas Cove. The house is comfortable but not large enough for the crowds. One man was in from Maxdale Saturday, ten or eleven miles out, and went home and yesterday morning when I arose to speak there sat my man. He had come in over a rock road. That man seems to actually revel in the day's work. Strong men broke down last night and wept. Bro. Grimes, the pastor, is doing a good work here. His boys are getting great good out of the meeting. We have no room and there is not a larger room in town. Last night great crowds of people could not get in. I am trying to put the Church in its proper place, the lodges and clubs, etc., in their proper places. I am a lodge man, but whenever the Church is a second consideration and when we pay our lodge dues promptly and are in good standing with the lodges and

behind with our Churches (and plenty of Methodist pay nothing at all), then I am not feeling very comfortable in Zion and I am going to look into the matter. Strong merchants and lodge men, "excuse me," Church members won't do. There is no institution on earth that pays a better dividend than does the Church. The reason a man does not get any return from the Church is because he does not turn in anything.—J. T. Bloodworth, Feb. 22.

Portales, N. M.

It will be remembered that at the late session of our conference we offered a guarantee bonus of \$25,000 and a campus of 20 acres of land. This failed to secure the school. Later, before the commission, we offered a \$48,000 guaranteed bonus and a 20-acre campus with well, windmill, tank, etc., and were again disappointed in not getting the school. The Baptists have now taken advantage of our desire to have a college at Portales and have located their school here. We are moving on nicely and as prohibition will take effect in about two weeks we are looking the future in the face with a smile. The Christmas offering at the parsonage was an old-time pounding.—L. W. Carleton.

Grafrod.

Something like three months have passed since we arrived at this place. I never met a better and more loyal class of men and women than we have here. The good women had the preacher's home well furnished with such things as the discipline requires. Not many days after we arrived our kitchen was filled with such things as a preacher and family like to eat. With this noble band of workers we began to move forward in the Lord's work. We had no church home at Oran and Grafrod when we arrived here, but we have a house of our own at Oran now, which is worth \$2,000. Our people at Grafrod let a contract to-day for a new church which will cost about \$2,500 before it is finished. We are not only moving forward in that line, but our classes are getting stronger as the days go by. We have received thirty three into the Church since conference. Our first Quarterly Conference was a good one. Bro. M. K. Little preached some sermons that will be long remembered.—Henry Francis, P. C., Feb. 18.

Garrison Station.

We are moving on well with our work. All the departments of the Church are running nicely. We have recently closed a meeting which was in progress more than ten days; much good was accomplished. Several gave their names for Church membership, and several more will join soon. Rev. W. H. Evans was with us ten days, preaching and working for the good of our town. His sermons were plain and pointed. Many were blessed through his earnest and honest efforts. May the Lord bless and prosper him in his work. Our first Quarterly Conference was held yesterday, the 19th. The attendance was good and the interest fine. The reports were all that could be expected. Every official seemed ready to seek and labor for greater success, both in a spiritual and financial way. Our presiding elder, Rev. C. A. Tower, was with us and as a preacher and presiding elder he delighted us. In the home he is at home, and his presence is a benediction to a pastor and his family. His kind words and genial spirit in the Quarterly Conference were enough to put any official board and their preacher upon their best mettle and encourage them to exert all their energy toward the highest goal of human endeavor. We are much pleased with our surroundings.—W. A. Manly, Feb. 20.

Graham Mission.

At the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference I was returned to the Graham Mission. I went to Alabama, my native State, to spend Christmas with relatives and friends, and after a stay of about twenty days I returned to Graham, and brought with me one of Alabama's fair maidens who

resided in Mobile. We were met at the train by Mr. W. S. Atchison and children who gave us a hearty welcome. Then in a few days there came to the parsonage a nice pounding brought by Mr. R. W. Gatewood and Mrs. T. C. Journagin. Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Briarbranch on the 16th of February. Rev. M. K. Little, the presiding elder, was present and preached a soul-stirring sermon, which was highly appreciated by all present. The stewards were there, and made fine reports. It was by far the best Quarterly Conference I ever attended. Everything bids fair for another good year for the Graham Mission.—F. M. Atchison, P. C.

Iowa Park.

We recently closed a good meeting at Burk Burnett, in which we were ably assisted by Rev. G. A. Marvis. His preaching is the sort that lines people up wholly on the Lord's side. A neutral ground specimen of a Christian will lose respect for himself after hearing Marvis. He can take a collection, too. With his assistance we are able to report that nice oak pews have been ordered for the new church at Burk Burnett. The meeting was a great blessing to the town, and has put Methodism to the front in that growing little city.—Chas. P. Martin, Feb. 16.

Edom Circuit.

Things are quite encouraging for a good year. Our congregations are large and attentive. Our Sunday-schools are taking on new life. The first Quarterly Conference was held at Ben Wheeler the 13th of this month and was a great success. The preaching by our presiding elder, Clyde B. Garrett, was excellent. The attendance of the officials was large; the dinner was in abundance, and the reports were good. The stewards fixed the salary for the support of the ministry at \$720 and paid nearly one-fourth the first quarter. We have a fine Board of Stewards. They believe in taking care of their pastor. This is one of the best circuits in the Tyler District; in fact, is one of the best in the conference. From this circuit has gone out some of our leading preachers, such as J. W. Downs, F. A. Downs, M. I. Brown, and others. On Christmas eve our Ben Wheeler people brought us under lasting obligation to them by sending to the parsonage a box well filled with many good things to eat which amounted to a real pounding. (If Pierce Wilcox could have seen the contents of that box he would keep quiet about frying chickens.) We are working, planning and praying that this may be the best of the past years of our ministry.—J. R. Ritchie, P. C., Feb. 20.

Euffau Circuit.

We are beginning our second year at Euffau with bright prospects. Our first Quarterly Conference was held on the 13th inst. Rev. J. G. Putman, our worthy presiding elder, preached for us a splendid sermon at the morning hour, which was enjoyed by all. Our reports for the quarter show much advance over the first quarter of last year. The financial report was more than twice as great. The amount assessed for the support of the ministry this year is \$290 more than was assessed last year. We are grateful to God for the spirit of progress in evidence in the charge, and we are especially striving this year for a great revival at every point.—Jesse H. Baldrige, Feb. 19.

Kingston.

At the last session of the North Texas Conference I was read out to the Kingston charge. We landed in about ten days after the appointments were read. We found a good people, who gave us a hearty welcome. We have been soundly pounded by the good people of Kingston, for which they have our most sincere thanks. Other tokens of appreciation have come to this parsonage home. Have made some needed improvements on the parsonage at a cost of about \$50. Have preached at all of the appointments twice. I find the charge in very

good condition. Bro. H. E. Anderson wrought well and is held in high esteem by this people, whom he served for two years. On Feb. 6 and 7 our first Quarterly Conference was held. Our new presiding elder, R. G. Mood, was on hand and did us a splendid work, both in the chair and pulpit. I think no mistake was made in making a beloved out of Mood. Mood says we may have him in labors abundant now, but that at the next session of the conference we will tip our hats to him. Well, that remains to be seen. We have paid off our Orphanage claim; have a part of our Bishops' and foreign mission money in hand. So we are doing our best to bring things to pass. The outlook for a prosperous year is encouraging. May the good Lord give us a great year on all lines of Church work.—H. K. Agee, Feb. 16.

Gary.

The first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. It was held Feb. 12. The presiding elder did not get to us until evening. The Board of Stewards made a very liberal assessment for this work; raised the assessment \$150 above last year. But the best I have to report is my meeting at Tennessee, one of my appointments; twelve or fourteen conversions, six or eight joining the Churches. It was a union meeting—Presbyterians and Methodists. Am expecting a great year. Am asking God for one hundred souls for Christ this year.—J. S. Wilson, Feb. 17.

Smithfield.

The first Quarterly Conference for Smithfield, February 20 and 21, 1909. Our presiding elder, Sam R. Hay, was on hand and gave general satisfaction both in the chair and in the pulpit. The fact is our people were delighted with him. We are starting off fairly well. Our finances are not up-to-date but ahead of what they were this time last year. At this meeting we raised in cash and good subscription the amount assessed against the Smithfield appointment for conference collections. Took five into the Church, and got three subscriptions to the Advocate. To the last item I think the editor will not object. (Nay, verily.—Ed.) So all in all we are hopeful of a good year. Our Sunday-schools are doing fairly well and we hope to improve with the return of spring. Our prayer-meeting is good and increasing all the time. Lastly I would mention that the good people at Keller, led on by the Home Mission Society, gave this preacher and family a nice pounding. Let all who read this pray that we may have a good year on Smithfield work.—D. C. Stark, Feb. 23.

TO THE PASTORS OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

There seems to be a pretty general movement on the part of most pastors in our conference to collect and remit now the urgent conference collection, which I am very glad to see.

It has been suggested that I mention in the Advocate to whom the different collections should be sent. The mission money should be sent to Bro. A. P. Platter, Denison, Texas. The orphanage money to Dr. J. H. McLean, Waco, Texas. The Bishop's fund to Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn. These several parties will issue proper receipts and be thankful.

B. M. BURGHEN.

North Texas Conference Editor.

INFORMATION WANTED.

I wish to know at once how many churches are now in course of construction within the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference, and how many are under contemplation for the present year, with the probable cost of each. Brethren, will you kindly give me this information on a postal card? Please do it to-day. Sometimes we forget. W. B. ANDREWS, Waco, Texas.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Our church at Golley will be dedicated Sunday, Feb. 28, 1909, by Rev. E. A. Smith, presiding elder of the Cleburne District. All former presiding elders and pastors are invited. JOHN M. NEAL, Pastor.

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Following are the committees of Examination:

- License to Preach—G. S. Wyatt, G. E. Winfield, A. W. Waddill.
- Admission on Trial—C. N. N. Ferguson, L. O. Lewis, M. L. Moody.
- Deacons' Orders—M. E. Hawkins, O. P. Kiker, F. M. Neal.
- Elders' Orders—O. F. Sensabaugh, R. B. Bonner, T. B. Hillman.

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GRIFFIN.—John Mahan Griffin was born in Talladega, Ala., December 15, 1831, and died in Hillsboro, Texas, February 13, 1909. In the death of Dr. Griffin we have lost a patriotic citizen, elegant gentleman, humble Methodist, loving father and a devoted husband. Dr. Griffin attended lectures at the New Orleans School of Medicine and became a graduate of that institute in 1851. He came to Hill County in 1855, and here for over forty years he gave himself to the hard work of a physician engaged in the general practice of medicine. In the fearful war between the States the good Doctor offered his services to the Confederacy. He was accepted and went to the front as an angel of mercy to attend the sick and care for the wounded. The Doctor loved the duties of his profession; put his heart into his work; did his best for every patient, rejoiced when they recovered, wept and comforted the bereaved when the worst came to pass. In 1857 Dr. Griffin married Miss Mollie E. Cox, who lives to mourn her great loss. His wife is the sister of Rev. J. Fred Cox, whose memory with the older members of our church is an ointment poured forth. God blessed this union with nine happy children, five of whom still live and all were present when the good father left us for the home above. Dr. Griffin was converted when a young man and joined the Baptist Church, but he became dissatisfied with the doctrines of that denomination and withdrew from the membership of that body. He finally joined the Methodist Church and died a member of our communion. We had many heart-to-heart talks. The Doctor mourned over the mistakes into which he had fallen, but felt that God in mercy had forgiven all. His last statement to me was: "My hope is in the saving merits of the atonement of our Lord." Full of this hope he died. Dr. Griffin was a worthy citizen, a man of influence, a gentleman of the old school, and he died a Christian. May God bless his aged companion, his children and grandchildren. J. S. CHAPMAN.

BROWN, J. R.—Uncle Joe was born in Tennessee eighty-two years ago; came to Texas thirty years ago, and died at his home in Seranton Tuesday, February 2, 1909. I have known him intimately thirty years. He was an inspiration in his home and community. It may be said truly that he moulded the religious sentiment of the community where he lived. His religion was intense. He despised sham and hypocrisy, and loved the good and true with all his soul. An humble, true, faithful Christian gentleman, and many will stand on the judgment and call him blessed. The dear old soldier is gone. Good-bye, Uncle Joe. Our parting will not be long. We know where to look for you. There will be no good-bye in heaven. The Lord bless the lonely wife and children and may we all meet in heaven. M. V. MITCHELL.

Cisco, Texas.

MCDONALD.—Paul Cornelius McDonald was born in Kaufman County, Texas, March 14, 1855, and died August 14, 1908, near Carbon, Texas. Paul had been confined to his bed most of the time for nearly two years, and but few have suffered as he did. Paul was an industrious, kind-hearted boy, and at fifteen was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Strawn; but working in the coal mines he was thrown with bad company and went back into the world. He was married to Miss Unice Truly September 14, 1903. To his wife and one daughter he was very much devoted. In November, 1906, he took sick and was never able to work any more. He had wandered far from God and he suffered over a year before he could be reconciled but at last he returned and found Christ more precious than before. For months he suffered patiently awaiting the summons, and the night before God took him he sang, "I'm Going Home," and talked to his loved ones about their preparation for the life beyond. He died triumphant in the faith, and we thank God for his salvation. To the loving wife, father, mother, brothers and sisters we say Paul is watching for you. Meet him where sad partings never come. His uncle, R. L. STEWARD.

STANFORD.—Mrs. Lizzie Stanford, daughter of Rev. Thomas Banks, was born near Fayetteville, Ark., April 2, 1835. Converted in girlhood, she united with the Methodist Church and lived within its folds for sixty years. On November 27, 1851, she was married to George H. Stanford, oldest son of Rev. Thomas Stanford. To them were born eight sons and four daughters. Her husband and two of her children preceded her to the other world. To the surviving children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren she left the heritage of a good name. Sister Stanford did not enjoy perfect health, and the circumstances surrounding her were not the most favorable. Patiently and in silence she bore her sorrows, telling many of them to Jesus alone. The thought of heaven that so often appealed to her was that "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." This thought deepened as she passed through the last months of suffering, her last audible prayer being, "Dear Jesus, come and take me to rest." Her prayer was answered. On February 7, 1909, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Wall, she passed from this world to that place "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." Her body was laid beside that of her husband in the Stanford burying ground. Her pastor, Rev. J. D. Hendrickson, conducted the service, surrounded by a large number of relatives and friends. May the prayer of her life that the family, so much scattered here, may meet in the Father's house in heaven be answered. J. SAM BARCUS.

McKEE.—A. F. McKee was born in Mississippi September 28, 1842, and after a short illness his spirit winged its way to the haven of eternal rest September 19, 1908. He was united in marriage to Miss Margaret R. Crow November 25, 1869, to which union three children were born—a girl and two boys—all of whom are still living. They came to Texas in 1891, spending the first two years in Tyler County, since which time he has lived in Madison County. He was converted while a youth and united with the Methodist Church. He has lived a very consistent life all these years, and he had met some of life's privations as well as its successes. He was one of those that knew something of the privations of war, aligning himself with the cause of the Confederacy. But the greater battles were fought in the service of his Lord and Master, of which service he never became tired. His home was the preacher's home. He loved the Church and that for which it stood. We are glad that those left behind are following in his footsteps, showing that he left his impress. May the good Spirit comfort the heart of that companion who went with him through the sunshine and the cloud and bring them together again in the sweet by and by. B. C. ANDERSON, P. C.

WARTHAN.—Rupert, son of John and Emma Warthan, was born December 9, 1905, and died July 8, 1908. Rupert was a bright, sweet child and very intelligent for one of his age, and the almost constant companion of his aged grandpa, who, with his papa and mamma, sadly miss this sweet, precious child; but he is not dead. He has gone to be with Jesus, who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Grieve not, precious ones, for you have this sweet promise that in heaven the angels do always behold the face of our Father which is in heaven, and in the sweet by-and-by you can meet your darling where sorrows never come. CLAUDE WARTHAN.

BALLANFANT.—Benjamin Burton Ballanfant, son of B. B. and Florence Ballanfant, was born March 11, 1906, was given back to God in holy baptism May 13, 1906, and died February 12, 1909. Little Burton was here but a short time, but he impressed himself in a remarkable way upon the minds and hearts of all who knew him. He was so bright and so manly. He was so devoted to his parents. His mother was always his "sweetheart," and his father his idol. He was your friend if you did not come between him and his father. The moment you did that you did it at the sacrifice of Burton's friendship. When well, and the weather at all permitted, he was in his place at Sunday-school. But little Burton, with his blue eyes, curly hair and sweet face, is gone. We hated to see him leave. He had given so much comfort and pleasure; but parents and friends know where to find him. "Of such is the kingdom of God," and after awhile we will all meet in that beautiful home where the sad farewell will never be spoken. G. S. WYATT.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Mattie Jane Boone, the loving and beloved wife of Rev. E. F. Boone, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and one of the fairest and sweetest flowers of earth, has been gathered into the paradise of God to bloom in the beauty of the Lord forever. She was born in Lebanon, Tenn., December 10, 1842, and was the youngest of the five children of Thomas and Minerva Caroline (Smith) Wherry. Her father died before she was born, hence she never knew a father's love or care. When she was about ten years of age she came with her mother to Texas, and after stopping for a few months in the eastern part of Cherokee County. Here, in the summer of 1865, she met E. F. Boone, a young ex-Confederate soldier, farmer and school teacher, to whom she was married March 15, 1866. About six months after her marriage, largely through the influence of her youthful husband, she was very happily converted and brought into the Methodist Church. In 1867 her husband was licensed to preach. In December, 1868, she entered with him the Methodist itinerancy, and for more than forty years endured the toils, trials and privations incident to an itinerant preacher's career. To her loving and delicate nature this was a hard life, but she bore it as well as she could, and won for herself a crown of fadeless beauty. She became the mother of ten children, all of whom are living, and stand as monuments of her loving care and constant devotion. Her highest ambition was to rear her children for the Savior and see them useful members of the Church and good citizens of the world. To achieve these ends she toiled and suffered to the last, and now that she is gone her children rise up and call her blessed, and declare that nothing is too good to be said of her. Pure as a lily, lovely as a rose, modest as a violet, her life was sweet and beautiful, and has left its impress upon her loved ones. On December 21, 1908, about 10:30 in the forenoon, after a brief illness of only fifty-two and a half hours, our dear one very suddenly vacated the Methodist parsonage of Bartlett, Texas, to occupy a place in "the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Two days afterward the dust of the jewel was deposited in the cemetery at Waxahatchie to await the resurrection of the just, when the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, "shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself." Well done, good, sweet wife and mother. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; the Lord make thee ruler over many things, and the joy of thy Lord be thine forever. HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

PRYOR.—Charlie Blanton Pryor was born in Dallas County July 2, 1873, and died at Hood, Cook County, Texas, January 24, 1909. From his very childhood he was religious, and understood and appreciated the privilege of prayer. So many said to me during his long illness: "I never knew Charlie to do anything that I considered wrong." His father has been dead for several years, and Charlie being the oldest one of the children, the management of the business affairs fell upon him, and right well did he perform those duties. His name was a synonym for the pure and the good wherever he was known. Just before he died he sent for his mother to come to his room. When she came he said: "It was mean in me sending for you, for I know you are worn out, but I thought you might get me to sleep." Before he died he said to his mother: "It will not be long till you will come home." We took his remains to the Oak Grove Cemetery where, surrounded by one of the largest crowds that ever gathered at that lonely place, we laid his body to rest to await the resurrection morn at the last day. May the blessings of heaven rest upon his broken-hearted mother, brothers and sisters, and be well assured that if you are faithful to the end you will meet Charlie again. H. BASCOM JOHNSON.

BREEDING.—Sister L. A. Breeding was born February 2, 1855, and died January 18, 1909. She had been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, thirty-three years. She was sick seven days with pneumonia, when her spirit took its flight back to God. She leaves a devoted husband, who is a devout Christian, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. A kind friend, a loving wife and devoted Christian has gone to receive her reward. We laid her body away at Driftwood to await the resurrection. As we write these lines our thoughts are about the time when there will be a happy reunion of all who while on earth have loved and trusted God. May God bless the lonely husband and may that peace that passeth knowledge be his while he waits on the Lord. C. F. MCKINNEY, P. C. Drifting Springs, Texas.

FIELDS.—Mrs. Martha A. Fields was born June 10, 1851, and died January 24, 1909, in Van Alstyne, Texas. She was married to J. W. Fields February, 1870. To this union were born five children—three boys and two girls—two of whom preceded her to the better world, one of the living being Rev. Ralf H. Fields, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is now pastor of our Second Church there. Sister Fields was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of ten years. She lived a faithful member of the same until her death. All during her life she was an active member, working constantly for the good of the Church. She was always ready to sacrifice her interests for the good of others. She was a good wife, a kind mother and a true Christian. She told her husband just before death that she was ready to go. Living as she did, her death was one of triumph and victory. May God's richest blessings rest upon Bro. Fields and the children, grandchildren and one day may they make an unbroken family in heaven. "She has solved the wonderful problem, the deepest, the strongest, the last, and into the school of the angels with the answer forever has passed." R. F. BRYANT, P. C. Van Alstyne, Texas.

GREEN.—Charles Green was born in Lafayette County, Missouri, June 10, 1848. He was the first son of Ira and Ara Green. Came to Texas with his parents in December, 1859. He was married to Miss Rosa Smock May 20, 1870. Of this union four boys were born; only one survives him. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life and am sorry to say did not live up to his Christian duty. He was afflicted with two abscesses last October, from which he never recovered. He lay flat of his back for nearly four months. He died February 4, 1909. On his death bed he often spoke of dying; said he was prepared to die. He leaves a wife and one son, three brothers and four sisters to mourn his departure. But we look beyond this vale of tears and hope to meet at God's right hand, where sickness, sorrow, pain or death can never come. God bless and save us all at last in heaven. His sister, FANNIE FORRESTER.

DOWNS.—Daniel Norwood Downs was born in Dallas County, Alabama, November 20, 1839. While he was a boy his parents, Dr. W. R. and Hannah Downs, moved to Harrison County, Texas, which section became his home for all his after life. When the Civil War began he enlisted in the ranks of the Confederacy, serving through the entire war. He was married to Miss Sue Stants September 1, 1864. While a young man he professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South. He died at the home of his son, D. C. Downs, in Fort Worth, Texas, November 29, 1908, where he had gone to be treated. For years he lived a true and consistent Christian life, loving the Church and her institutions. He loved the Texas Christian Advocate; to its leadership he attributed much of his success in a Christian life. A good man has gone to be with God and the angels and while we shall miss his godly example and his wise counsel, he leaves his noble life as an heritage to comfort and cheer us on in our pilgrimage. He leaves a wife, three daughters and one son to mourn their loss. To these we would say meet him in heaven. J. H. CROUSE.

REEDY.—Truly in the midst of life are we in death. Sister Reedy, mother of our beloved Sunday-school superintendent, has been translated to the higher life, to live forever in the mansions prepared by our Heavenly Father for his faithful followers. We shall cherish her memory and will endeavor to emulate her sweet Christian life. We shall miss her pleasant face in the Bible class at Trinity Sunday-school, for she was a regular attendant when in Dallas. May God's blessings sustain and keep the bereaved ones. MRS. M. E. BOYER. MRS. E. C. MORGAN. MRS. J. H. SMITH. MR. CARDEN.

BREEDING.—Lucretia A. Breeding was born in Lavaca County, Texas, February 2, 1855. Her maiden name was Dunham. She was married to R. B. Breeding February 17, 1876. She professed religion in the summer of 1879; joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member of the same till her death, January 17, 1909. For about three years before her death she read nothing but the Bible and religious literature. She leaves a husband and a host of friends to mourn her death. Many friends sympathize with the sad and lonely husband as he bows beneath the terrible

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weight of sorrow, but a good God knows best; and now while a beautiful Christian life has come to an end here on earth and a devoted wife and Christian has gone to her reward, and while the husband must see the vacant chair and no more on earth hear the voice of this one so dearly loved, yet the thoughts turn heavenward, and as he thinks of the time of the reunion of loved ones in heaven, the sorrow will become lighter or more easy to bear. We laid the body of Sister Breeding away in the Driftwood Cemetery to await the resurrection. Her pastor, C. F. MCKINNEY.

PARTAIN.—Miss Alma Partain died January 11, 1909, at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Rankin. She early in her school days became ambitious to be a teacher, and was binding every enemy to prepare herself in mind and heart for this great work; but in the midst of her preparation—while she was making a high rank for herself in the senior class at the High School—the terrible disease laid its relentless hand on her; only twenty-two short years were given her. This young woman was a faithful member of the Methodist Church. All who knew her bear testimony to the purity and sweetness of her Christian life. Patiently she bore her long suffering. Her dear ones did all they could for her, and her sweet resignation and affection touched all who were privileged to come into her presence. She was carried back to her old home in Taylor and buried by the side of her mother. With many tears she was put away to await the resurrection morn. Sadly her friends and loved ones turned away from the new-made grave; but they cherish the sweet assurance that they will meet her again when the mists have cleared away. C. W. HEARON.

WILLIAMS.—Mary M. Williams was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, December 6, 1830, and died near Laveria, Texas, February 5, 1909. She was converted in early life and joined the Methodist Church, South, and lived a long and useful life for her Master. She was married to McDonald M. Williams in 1848, and to this union eleven children were born, two of whom and the father and now the mother are on the other shore. Sister Williams was a stranger to the writer, but those who knew her best unite in saying she was a good Christian woman. Her home was the home of the preachers for many years. It can truly be said of her, "She hath done what she could." A cheerful disposition enabled her to scatter sunshine along her pathway. To the sick and the needy she always gave a helping hand. May the blessings of God rest upon her sons and daughters and grandchildren. C. G. HILL, P. C. Laveria, Texas.

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HARPER.—Mrs. M. C. Harper was born July 8, 1839; came from Georgia to Texas in childhood; was married to W. F. Harper December 31, 1857. They settled at Leesville, Gonzales County, Texas, just after the war. Here her husband died and her children grew to manhood and womanhood. As they drifted away she, too, left the old home to live with them. In January last, at the call of a sick sister-in-law, she came back, only to yield her own life to the fell destroyer. Taken with pneumonia, lived one week and died February 4, 1909. Mrs. Harper became a member of the Methodist Church in 1863. She never moved her membership, but lived and died a member of the Leesville Church. Her children who survive her—three girls and two boys—with a number of grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives, mourn their loss. Aunt Callie is dead, but it is good to feel that she lives again. May God bless the memory of her to all those who loved her.

E. Y. S. HUBBARD.

McCRACKEN.—Mrs. Sarah Caroline McCracken (nee Robertson) was born in North Carolina, December 7, 1822, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Thomas, in Pecos City, January 27, 1909. Sister McCracken had been a member of the Methodist Church for seventy-five years. She was a faithful Christian, loyal to her Church and was greatly loved by all who knew her. During her last illness she often expressed a hope of a glorious immortality beyond the grave. For years she had been a subscriber for the Texas Christian Advocate, and when she was no longer able to attend Church, its weekly visits were a great blessing to her. For several years she was almost blind, but she would have her daughter read it to her, and then she would thank God for the progress that was being made in the Lord's work. She was the mother of thirteen children, eight of whom are still living. Also there are one hundred and eighteen grandchildren and great-grandchildren living. After great suffering she closed her eyes and went sweetly to sleep. We feel that a great woman has joined the ransomed millions in glory. J. H. MESSER.

HUDGENS.—Mrs. Caroline Hudgens (nee Maloney) was born in Cobb County, Georgia, October 16, 1845; was converted in 1864 or 1865, and joined the Presbyterian Church; moved to Chattanooga County, Georgia, in 1868; was married to P. E. Hudgens in 1868; moved to Texas in 1870, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1872, and departed this life February 13, 1909. She was the mother of eight children, two of whom preceded her to heaven. She leaves six children, a devoted husband and a host of friends to mourn. Sister Hudgens was a devoted Christian, always in her place at Church when it was possible. She had prepared the elements for the sacraments for thirty years, and when our quarterly meeting came she asked who would prepare the elements. Her great love for the Church was often expressed. A loving mother, a devoted wife, a faithful member of the Church is gone, but not forever. We will meet her again. That Savior who said he thought faithful until death came for her. Oh how hard to give mother up, but look up, dear friends, mother will be waiting for you at the beautiful gate. S. N. ALLEN, P. C.

MANN.—Mrs. Louella Fountain Duke Mann was born of godly parents April 16, 1862, in Dyer County, Tenn. While yet a little child her mother died, so she could not remember a mother's face, a mother's care and a mother's love. Her father, Jimmie Duke, was one of the early Methodist preachers, and so successful was he in raising his little girl up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord that she was no more conscious of the time when she began to love her Heavenly Father than of the time when she began to love her earthly father. She was baptized in early childhood, and those who knew her best said she was always a Christian. She was married to O. D. Mann in her 18th year, January 7, 1880. She died in Brady, Texas, January 5, 1909, within two days of the 29th anniversary of her marriage. Her husband and three children survive and mourn her departure. She was a woman of faith

in God, given to prayer and good works. So she was hopeful and cheerful under discouragements, patient in trouble and pain, kind and gentle to those about her, and with Christian joy and love in her heart. Her home was always the preacher's home. Her home life was beautiful in her watchful and helpful devotion to her loved ones, and she was the center of attraction in her joyful home of love. She is gone to live with the angels. We will miss her in the home, in the church, in the community. Comforts and blessings and heavenly reunion to the bereaved. L. C. MATTHIS.

REAGOR.—Mrs. Lillie Belle Reagor, a daughter of I. F. and J. P. Powers, was born in Navarro County, Texas, December 29, 1881. She was married to A. Reagor at Claiborne, Erath County, Texas, March 20, 1898. She died in Brady, Texas, February 6, 1909. She gave her heart to God and united with the Methodist Church in Brady about five years ago. Her death was unexpected and greatly shocked and grieved the many who loved her well. Her brief life of 27 years was nobly spent and now she is at rest in heaven. She loved God and was always found in her place at church. She did what she could. She was a faithful Sunday-school teacher, League worker, member of the Missionary Society, attendant upon all the services of the church, helpful to the sick, and whenever and wherever opportunity offered her pure type of spiritual, practical Christianity found expression in helpful service. Her faith was simple and strong; her hope buoyant and inspiring; her tender Christian love found expression in patient gentleness and meek forbearance, and now the fruitage of her earthly religion is being reaped in glory. L. C. MATTHIS.

BURNETT.—Milford Burnett was born February 25, 1882, and left this world for a home in heaven November 6, 1908. He was converted when 16 years old and attached himself to the Church and lived a Christian life and became a very active worker, and was seen and heard everywhere he went, being licensed to exhort. He stirred up some opposition on account of his dislike for the common sins of the people. He was a young man of strong faith and loved the doctrines and discipline of the Church, and one of his main themes was justification by faith and the witness of the Spirit. These were his favorites. He loved God and his Bible, and had many friends at his death. People came twenty miles to see him during his continued illness. His remains were laid to rest by the kind hands of Balmora Church, of which he was a member in Pecos County, Texas. He leaves a father, mother and four brothers to mourn his death, and hope to reunite with him in heaven. Good-bye, Milford, till we meet at Jesus' feet. R. D. MOON.

NEWMAN.—When I was assigned to the pastorate of Hereford Station in the fall of 1904 I found among that noble band of stewards—the subject of this sketch—J. C. Newman. Two years later Mr. Newman moved with his family to Plainview, Texas, and when I arrived in Plainview as pastor, it was this same faithful man who was still in the active service of his Church as steward, who met me at the depot and with his carriage took me to his home, which was always open to the Methodist preacher. J. C. Newman was born at Moundsville, W. Va., August 2, 1869, and died at his home in Plainview, Texas, October 31, 1908. His father, Rev. B. B. Newman, who was a faithful local preacher in the Methodist Church, died at Collinsville, Texas, only a few months before his son. Brother Newman leaves an aged mother, two sisters, a brother, a wife and three precious children to mourn his death. Brother Newman was always a true friend to the Church and stood loyally by his pastor. Having a large frame and seemingly in good health, he gave promise of a long life, but in October of last year he was stricken with paralysis and on the last day of the month passed away. To me the going of this good man was a personal grief, and with his wife and precious children and relatives I said good-bye for a little while. May our kind Father tenderly care for his family and bring them all safely home where there will be no more partings forever. THOMAS S. BARCUS, P. C. Plainview, Texas.

MARRIED.

Graves-Sullivan.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sullivan, Goldthwaite, Feb. 10, 1909. Mr. Tonie Graves and Miss Amber Sullivan, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Brock-Rosco.—At the parsonage in Thornton, Texas, in the presence of many friends, Mr. Arthur Brock and Miss Bertha Rosco, February 7, 1909. Rev. J. O. Jordan officiating.

Taylor-Cook.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, three miles east of Vera, Texas, at 7 o'clock p. m., December 1, 1908. Mr. Ben E. Taylor and Miss Johnnie Cook, both of Knox County, Texas. Rev. M. D. Hill, officiating.

Oliver-Morgan.—On December 22, 1908, at the Methodist parsonage in Midlothian, Texas, Mr. Ernest Oliver and Miss Leta Morgan, both of Midlothian, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Grimes-Blair.—On December 24, 1908, at the residence of the bride's parents, two miles north of Midlothian, Texas, Mr. L. T. Grimes and Miss Freda Blair, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Holland-Morris.—On Jan. 3, 1909, at the Methodist parsonage in Midlothian, Texas, Mr. J. L. Holland and Miss Lela Mae Morris, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Wilson-Hamilton.—On February 10, 1909, at the residence of W. W. Major, in Midlothian, Texas, in the presence of a large number of friends, Mr. A. Taylor Wilson and Miss Mattie Hamilton, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Durbin-Dyer.—At the residence of the bride's parents near Vernon, Tex., on February 4, 1909, Mr. W. P. Durbin and Miss Ethel Dyer, Rev. A. S. Doak officiating.

Wood-Terrell.—At the residence of the bride's parents near Vernon, Texas, Mr. Will Wood and Miss Mary Terrell, Rev. A. S. Doak officiating.

Powell-DeBerry.—At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. C. Miller, Feb. 14, 1909, Mr. Luther Powell and Miss Mary DeBerry, Rev. C. F. Carmack officiating.

Tyson-Stone.—At the district parsonage in Gatesville, Texas, Feb. 17, 1909, 1:30 p. m., Rev. J. F. Tyson, of Oglesey charge, and Mrs. Maggie Stone, of Station Creek, Rev. J. M. Sherman officiating.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Second Round. Cedar Park, at Cedar P., Feb. 27, 28. Manor, at Manor, March 5, 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. N. B. READ, P. E.

San Augustine Dist.—Second Round. (In part.) Shelbyville, at Carroll's Chap., March 20, 21. Center Sta., Monday, March 22. Laurelia Sta., Thursday, March 25. Camden, at Chester, March 27, 28. Tenaha, at Lone Oak, April 3, 4. Center Cir., at Good Hope, April 7. Corizan, at Moscow, April 10, 11. Timpson, Wednesday, April 14. Nacogdoches, Thursday, April 15. Minden, at Glenfawn, April 17, 18. Geneva, at Sexton, Wed., April 21. San Augustine, Thursday, April 22. Gary, at Tennessee, April 24, 25. C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round. 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. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round. 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. Fort 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. R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round. 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.

San Antonio District—Second Round. (In part.) 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.

San Marcos District—Second Round. 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. Wacelder and Thompsonville, at T., April 10, 11. 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. 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. Eden, 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.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Sherman District—Second Round. 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. Tom Bean Cir., at Cedar, April 2-4. Trinity and Preston, at Trinity, April 11, 12. Waples Memorial Sta., April 14-18. Pottshoro 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.

Greenville District—Second Round. Quinlan Mis., at Quinlan, Feb. 27, 28. Fairlie Cir., at Wesley Ch., Mar. 6, 7. Greenville Mis., at Shady Grove, Mar. 13, 14. Leonard and Orange Grove, at Orange Grove, Mar. 20, 21. Wolfe City, at Wolfe City, Mar. 27, 28. Lone Oak Cir., at Lone Oak, April 3, 4. Lee Street and Jones Bethel, at Jones Bethel, Apr. 10, 11. Campbell Cir., at Caney, Apr. 17, 18. Floyd Cir., at Caddo Mills, Apr. 24, 25. Merit Cir., at Harrel's Ch., May 1, 2. Wesley Sta., May 8, 9. Commerce Mis., at Center Ch., May 15, 16. Commerce Sta., May 22, 23. Kingston Mis., White Rock, June 5, 6. Kavanaugh Sta., June 13, 14. Celeste and Lane, Celeste, June 20, 21. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs Dist.—Second Round. Como Cir., at Pine Forest, Feb. 27, 28. Brashear Cir., at Bonanza, March 6, 7. Purley Cir., at Picton, March 13, 14.

Cumby Cir., at Cumby, March 20, 21. Pecan 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 Brusay Mound May 8. Ceoee Sta., May 9, 10. Klondike Cir., May 15. Yow-H Cir., May 16. Riley Springs Cir., May 22, 23. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

McKinney District—Second Round. McKinney Sta., Feb. 27, 28. Prosper Cir., at Zion, March 6, 7. Allen Cir., at Whitts Grove, Mch. 13, 14. Plano Sta., March 14, 15. Renner Cir., at Frankfort, Mch. 20, 21. Frisco Cir., at Lebanon, March 27, 28. Farmersville Sta., April 3, 4. Princeton Cir., at V. G., April 10, 11. Nevada Sta., April 17, 18. Josephine, at Copeville, Apr. 24, 25. Farmers Branch and Carrollton, at F. B., May 1, 2. Wylie Cir., at St. Paul's, May 8, 9. Weston Cir., at Rosland, May 15, 16. Ceina Sta., May 16, 17. Blue Ridge Cir., at Henslee Ch., May 22, 23. Anna Cir., at Melissa, May 29, 30. District Conference will convene at Wylie, June 25. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round. Ervay, 11 a. m., Feb. 28. Trinity, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 28. Lewisville, March 5-7. Fairland, 7:30 p. m., March 7. Grand Prairie, at Bethel, Mar. 13, 14. West Dallas, 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 27, 28. Wesley Chap., 7:30 p. m., Mch. 28. 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, 7:30 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. Oak Cliff, 11 a. m., May 16. Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., May 16. Hutchins and Wilbur, at Hutchins, May 22, 23. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Decatur District—Second Round. Rhame, 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. L. S. BARTON, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Lamar Avenue, Feb. 27, 28. Centenary, Feb. 28-March 1. JNO. M. SWEETON, P. E. Bonham District—First Round. South Bonham and Savoy, Feb. 27, 28. Dodd City Cir., Mar. 6, 7. Honey Grove Sta., March 13, 14. J. B. GOBER, P. E. Bowie District—First Round. Henrietta Mis., at Willow, Feb. 27, 28. Henrietta Sta., Feb. 28, March 1. Bowie Mis., at Stoneburg, March 6, 7. JNO. E. ROACH, P. E. Terrell District—First Round. 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.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

El Paso District—Second Round. 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.

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE.

These exercises (the bracketed parts of the Sunday service) "have the very great recommendation that they bring into unity of action and attention the whole company of worshippers. The value of this can scarcely be overestimated." Now we have for the first time, so far as I know, the real reason for introducing the gloria, the creed and the responsive reading. This must be the real reason because it is given by one of our commissioners, who, with the others, exercised plenary power and gave us the bracketed parts of the order of worship. I had thought the real reason for introducing these liturgical parts was to conform the M. E. Church, South, to the habits of the M. E. Church and I thought so merely because our commissioners did take on the forms before used in the M. E. Church.

But we have a definite statement now. It gives the one thing in which the Church is benefited by the parts of liturgical service. They "bring into unity of action and attention the whole company of worshippers."

"The value of this can not be overestimated." Now, that is the one argument for the liturgy of the Episcopalian and the Catholic Churches. That is exactly the value of them in the Catholic service and the Catholic Church gets the full value, a far greater value than can the Methodist Church get with a small piece of the service. If that reason is adequate to justify the introduction of a part of liturgical service, it is also adequate grounds for introducing the entire liturgy. No Church but the Catholic Church can claim a service that brings "into unity of action and attention the whole company of worshippers," so that if that is the one thing to be gained why not learn from the Catholic hierarchy how to institute and conduct that magnificent liturgy which does indeed preserve the unity of action and attention of the whole company of worshippers? If we allow validity to this reason for our poor little liturgical venture, we admit the validity of argument for the ancient and honorable ceremonies of the Catholic Church, for that is what they are expected to do, and that is what they really do in a most remarkable manner. They do it to perfection.

But is the bringing "into unity of action and attention the whole company of worshippers" the thing that Methodism needs? She went forth in her early days like a conquering host and saved America to Christ without this "unity of action and attention." John Wesley tried to get them to secure this unity of action by using the Sunday service, and it would probably have given it—but they would not use it—yet they made the greatest record of the world's history for saving people and making a Christian nation. If we need this "unity of action" did not the fathers of Methodism in America need it also? What change has come over Methodism that she needs to get unity of action in worship?

Methodism does not need unity of action in worship. It needs unity of action in holy living, unity of action in Christian work, unity of action in separating themselves from the world. The securing of unity of action in a company of worshippers in Methodism with its present state of worldliness is like tithing mint and cummin and overlooking the weightier matters of living consecrated lives and being separated from the world. We need more devout living rather than more devout worship. We need more "unity of action" against sin rather than more "unity of action" in worship. If to "bring into unity of action and attention the whole company of worshippers" is the one thing we need, then liturgical worship is the desideratum, but the Roman Catholic Church is ahead of us, for they have that "unity of action and attention in the whole company of worshippers" to perfection.

J. E. HARRISON.

GET THIS.

Having been called to Austin on other matters, I took advantage of my opportunity and paid a visit to our University Church. To let that fine fellow, Booth, know that I was in town meant for me to obey his call to the parsonage, where I stretched my nether extremities under his mahogany, and consulted the substantial set before me, which, being interpreted, means—

The situation is one that appeals to all of Texas Methodism. The plant is a magnificent one, with all modern orderings and conveniences. The cut which was circulated was a travesty. It had not prepared me to look upon such a splendid structure, with not a single ungraceful line on it, nor a harsh feature about it. It stands up—a proud thing—side by side with the State University buildings, well knowing that the Methodism that put it there was University born. It is the very embodiment of architectural beauty.

But what this structure stands for is of more concern to Methodists, adjoining, as it does, the grounds of the State University, where there are over fifteen hundred young men and young women being educated, and of these, over thirty-two per cent are Methodists. Get that.

Our Church in the State has not done its duty by Methodism at the capital. We waited almost too long and had to pay big money for what we have—a splendid property—that is, the Austin people had it to pay. And now is the opportunity of the Church at large, and it seems to me that Texas Methodism has not, at this time, a more urgent or meritorious call.

Booth and his people must have \$15,000, and if every preacher in the State will half try, we shall be able to hand it to them out of receipts on March 14.

"Too much," says one. All right. Listen. A "Fraternity House" was pointed out to me (and I am a fraternity man). It cost \$30,000. And there are others almost as handsome, beau-

tiful club rooms, which are frequented by the students of the university, and where revelry runs high by way of the dance. Get that.

Somebody must intervene. Several Church organizations are at work with strong plans, but none of them so well situated as ours. A wonderful work is possible. Let Texas Methodism untie the hands of the officials of University Church, so that they can engage in a still larger work.

Cleburne Methodism wants to help. Booth says Sensabaugh and his Amarillo folk are going to do something nice. The West never fails.

Now, Methodist preachers, we know our duty. We have our work cut out for us. If we can do no more, let us at least press a "dollar collection" for all that's in it. If you could see the case you would know the need. Who speaks?

JOHN R. MORRIS.

Cleburne, Texas.

MEN OF ISRAEL, HEAR!

During the last session of the North Texas Conference Dr. McMurry, the General Secretary of our Church Extension Board, came before our Conference Board and gave us much assistance in the way of suggestion concerning our work in the conference. He informed us, moreover, that the Parent Board had planned a meeting of representatives from all the Conference Boards, to take place some time next spring in the city of Memphis, Tenn., and just before the meeting of the General Board, which was to hold its session in the same city.

A few days since I received a circular letter from Dr. M., stating that the meeting of the conference representatives would begin April 29 and continue until May 2. He insists on the members remaining over to attend the meeting of the General Board, saying that entertainment will be furnished by the Memphis Methodists. Our Conference Board elected its President and Secretary as delegates to that meeting, and I write this mainly to ask the brethren of our conference, and especially the members of our Conference Board, to furnish me with any suggestion they may think wise with reference to what that meeting should consider, as Dr. McMurry insists on our airing all our grievances and bringing forward all our suggestions for the general good of the Church extension interests. Now, brethren, please do this. Write me just what you think concerning any needed reform in our work, for the findings of that meeting will be considered by our next General Conference. Our suggestions will be in the nature of platform demands and will no doubt be adopted by our Church Congress without much, if any, opposition.

Examine our law as to Church extension and tell me what changes you think ought to be made.

J. W. HILL.

President of Board of Church Extension, North Texas Conference, 152 Sanger Avenue, Dallas, Tex.

Bonham District—Second Round.

Honey Grove Cir., Me. Ch., Mar. 20, 21.
Ector Cir., at Ravenna, Mar. 27, 28.
Telephone Mis., at Telephone, Apr. 3, 4.
Randolph Mis., at Edhub, Apr. 10, 11.
Bonham Sta., April 11, 12.
Gober Mis., at Center Point, Apr. 17, 18.
Ladonia Sta., April 18, 19.
Trenton Cir., at B. Ch., Apr. 24, 25.
Brookston and High, at B., May 1, 2.
Petty and Whiteoak, at P., May 2, 3.
Petty Mis., at Maxey, May 8, 9.
South Bonham and Savoy, at B., May 15, 16.
Dodd and Windom, at Dodd City, May 22, 23.
Honey Grove Sta., May 23, 24.
Bailey Cir., at B., May 26.
District Conf., at Bailey, May 27-30.
Conference will convene at Bailey at 9 a. m. The opening sermon will be preached Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Brethren, come prepared to stay over Sunday.

J. B. GOBER, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

Clarendon Sta., Feb. 27, 28.
Memphis Sta., Mar. 5.
Lakeview Cir., Mar. 6, 7.
Hedley Mis., at Giles, Mar. 10.
Claude Sta., Mar. 13, 14.
Canyon City Sta., Mar. 20.
Amarillo Sta., Mar. 21, 22.
Panhandle Mis., at Pampa, Mar. 24.
Miami Cir., at Mobeetle, Mar. 26.



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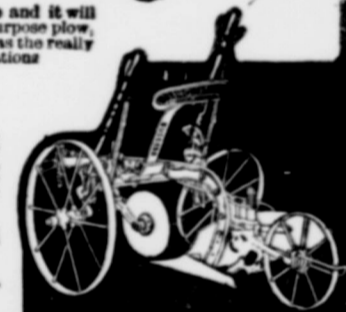
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Big Sandy, at Gladewater, Mar. 13, 14.
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Canton, at Todd Hill Apr. 10, 11.
Edgewood Sta., Apr. 17, 18.
Mineola, Apr. 18, 19.
Murchison, at Wanda, Apr. 24, 25.
Edom, at Sexton Ch., May 1, 2.
Colfax, at Oakland May 8, 9.
Tyler Cir., May 15, 16.
Cedar Street, May 16, 17.
Alba, May 21.
Emory, May 22, 23.
Marvin Church, May 26.
Whitehouse, May 29, 30.

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Nederland and Sabine Pass, at S. P.
Mar. 13, 14.
Sour Lake and China, at C., Mar. 20, 21.
First Ch., Beaumont, Mar. 28.

Cartwright and Spindletop, at S., Mar. 28, 29.
Port Bolivar and A., at Stowell, Apr. 3, 4.
Silsbee, at Silsbee June, Apr. 10, 11.
Jasper Sta., Apr. 16.
Brownell and Brookland, at B'k'nd, Apr. 17, 18.
Kirbyville, Apr. 23, 25.
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Kountze, at Olive, Apr. 28.
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Orange, May 5.
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